

A BRIEF HISTORY AND TESTIMONY OF JAY P. GREEN, SR. FOUNDER OF SOVEREIGN GRACE PUBLISHERS, INC.

As you may have noted, the Lord has marked me as a sort of pioneer. None of the things that SGP has done could have been done without the blessings of the Lord and his leading of many Christian brothers and sisters to lend a helping hand financially or volunteer work. When I was suddenly made alive in Christ Jesus in 1949, my past was dissolute. In no way was I prepared to do Christian work. Yet being moved to read the Bible through and through, and being put under the tutelage of a sound, godly preacher who introduced me to the Puritans, and then being accepted as a student-by-mail by A. W. Pink, all this within 2 years of my conversion at age 30, my first effort was to put out a bi-monthly magazine (I trust this is not presuming on your time too much), in which I reprinted Puritan works, and Pink's works by his permission.

In 1955 the Lord moved me to start reprinting Puritan works (Prayer, Bunyan; Keeping the Heart, Flavel). At that time the U.S.A. had very little access to Puritan works. This accelerated quickly.

In 1957 I suggested to Iain Murray that he do the same thing in England. He established the Banner of Truth Trust, aided by Dr. Lloyd-Jones. I shared the printing of Alleine's Alarm (which we had newly typeset) with them, and I also loaned them some negatives for another title. Immediately, upon their starting, we promoted their books and sold a great many of them.

This new emphasis on the Classics caused me to sell two titles to Baker Book House. They became interested and eventually printed 40 of so of the titles in mass paperback, and sold more than a half-million copies before dropping them.

My own publishing was hampered by lack of funds, but from time to time others helped. Our first cloth back was Haldane on Romans, but we had to print only a third of it at a time, then later another third, etc. Then eventually we did it in 2 vols., and finally got it into one volume. We did the same with The Saints' Everlasting Rest. Altogether we published over 150 titles between 1955 and 1973, several editions of some of the titles.

Until 1959 I was secularly employed, selling typewriters. I worked 40 hours for Remington, then put in 40 hours or more on the fledgling publishing effort. By 1959 I was only having to work 20 hours to keep my sales up, and spent 60 hours on publishing. When I resigned, my boss begged me to continue, and said that it would be all right to work only 20 hours a week.

The occasion for leaving secular work was the call for me to put out *The Children's King James New Testament*.

This was started because my second child kept asking me as I nightly read the King James Version Bible to my children, "Daddy, What means that?" (She was 4 years of age). So I continued reading the King James Version to my children while removing the Elizabethan English difficulties. When she first began to read, she immediately challenged me, saying, "Daddy, if that is what it means, then why doesn't they put out the Bible that way." So for my children I did put out the Book of Acts that way. So the Modern King James is a word for word translation from the King James Version with the thees, thous, and other Elizabethan English replaced with modern English words.

It escalated and in 1960, the Lord caused Harper Publishing (NY) to become interested in the Children's King James New Testament. We sold the publishing rights to Harper. They contracted me to do the Children's Old Testament, a Teen-Age Version, and The Modern King James Version.

Harper thereafter merged with Peterson-Row, and some projects had to be dropped. They jettisoned the Bibles, though all three titles were already being typeset. After six weeks of negotiation, I sold McGraw-Hill the rights, and they published all three titles in 1962. But my wife became so seriously ill that I no longer could travel to market the Bibles to bookstores. The largely Roman Catholic salesmen for McGraw simply refused to sell them, so McGraw-Hill donated some 50,000 of them to Family Radio.

Ever since 1963 Family Radio has read The Modern King James Version over the air on their radio stations (31 of them) daily.

In 1963 (if this wearies you, I am sorry, but it seems that you may be interested in the nurture of the saints in the same way that I am), we attempted to publish the first Biblically sound, Reformed, Encyclopedia of Christianity. Remember, I did not have any funds for such a huge project, but by this and that lift at the right time, we managed to publish the first volume in 1964. It was praised by those who read it. Naturally it was my thought that all these scholars would then recommend the work to their students. They simply refused to do it, saying, Yes, it is very well done, and it will be a great thing when it is completed, but I can't recommend that my students buy it until the set is complete. Yet we struggled and got out Vol. II in 1968, and again Volumes III and IV in 1971, 72. Still it seems the people who needed or desired these most would not buy them, waiting for completion. After having lost over

\$100,000.00 on the project, we had to stop. But, God willing, we will do it again.

From *The Encyclopedia of Christianity*, in 1973 I selected the Bible dictionary items from the first 4 volumes (A thru G), then the best articles from other dictionaries, and my daughter typeset the 1116 pages of it. Yet having no money to print it, set it aside until 1988 when we did manage to publish it as *The Classic Bible Dictionary*, the first truly Reformed dictionary for 100 years (Fausset's was the last). It sold out quickly. We finally managed to print it in 1988.

In 1964, being at home to take care of my sick wife, and 3 children, and the Sovereign Grace books insufficient to support us, I started The Religious Book Discount House, which was the first nation-wide, comprehensive religious book discount operation at that time. This accelerated very quickly, and between 1964 and 1973 we established 14 religious book supermarkets, with shelves filled with books, thousands of feet of Christian books. We put two semi-trailers on the road, outfitted as air-conditioned bookstores and visited campuses around the nation.

Our sales in 1972 reached 3 million dollars. But the margins were thin, of course. It was at that time I selected the articles and content for the Classic Bible Dictionary.

In 1970 we published the *King James II Bible*, and altogether sold 250,000 of them. This was an updating of the Modern King James Version, again working from the King James Version English.

It was in 1975 that He moved me to undertake the *Interlinear Hebrew-Greek-English Bible*. This was prompted after being approached by a number of Christians asking me why the Modern King James and the King James II didn't correct the errors in the KJV. I asked what errors upon which they pointed some out to me. It became obvious that to enable a more correct translation, I would have to work directly from the Greek and Hebrew. To accommodate this, I went back to school to learn Greek and Hebrew and engaged the efforts of Dr. Maurice Robinson, a world renown Biblical Language scholar to assist me. It was while attempting to work with the Greek and Hebrew Lexicons and concordances, that I came to recognize the difficulty in locating the Greek and Hebrew words within the reference books, It was especially difficult with the Hebrew where the root of the word is frequently found in the middle of the word. It was at this time we decided that what was need was to place Strong's

Concordance numbers alongside the reference work entries to enable us to more quickly reference the needed Greek or Hebrew word.

We then proceeded to build the first ever complete Interlinear Hebrew-Greek-English Bible. We pre-sold the whole set for \$15.00 in order to raise the funds to do the work (which was built by pasting individual Hebrew and Greek lines on a page, and then making a photo copy of the pasted up pages, and then typing the English words underneath the Greek or Hebrew words. In the side column we assembled the sentences from the Interlinear in correct English order which was the beginning of the Literal Translation of the Bible.

In 1977 we produced Volume I. Response was large, and immediate. In 1979, Vol. II, 1980 Vol. III, and 1981 Vol. IV, and also the One-Volume edition appeared. We delivered over 4,000 sets, and a like number of the One Volume copies, but really at a loss. After four years of upgrading these volumes, and having to sell them by mail, in 1985 we contracted with Hendrickson on a royalty basis. This gave us a steady income which we could use to produce other titles: The Literal Translation of the Bible, and were the first to add Strong's number to other reference works other Strong's Concordance & Dictionary. We added Strong's numbers to The New Brown-Driver Briggs Hebrew Lexicon, New Thayer's Greek Lexicon, New Englishman's Greek Concordance and Lexicon, New Englishman's Hebrew Concordance, The Concise Lexicon to the Biblical Languages (first time ever for a lexicon to have both the Greek and Hebrew words).

In 1988 CLW was started, the only in-depth review magazine (outside the scholarly journals which did not have a wide distribution).

In 1988 also we initiated The Fifty Greatest Classics Series, and so far have done five volumes. Classics on the Trinity is still awaiting funds from the Lord.

In 1990 the Modern King James Version was published again, a revision in 1993 and again in 1999. In 1990 the Unholy Hands Series began. Telling the truth about Textual Criticism in the public arena had just about ceased.

In 1992 the second volume appeared. The scholar who was supposed to do the third volume became ill and was unable to finish it. So I decided to write the third volume myself. We also have Dr. Pickering's revised *The Identity of the New Testament Text* due out yet this year.

In 1992 we printed our first four years of CLW book reviews in a paperback book.

In 1993 we also published the LITV in the ONLINE Computer Bible, and also a bonded leather edition. Since then we have published *The Gnostics, The New Versions, and The Deity of Christ*, and have revised the *Interlinear Greek-English New Testament*.

To hurry on, please allow me to list the unique projects with which the Lord has blessed me: The first Interlinear Bible ever accomplished. The first literal translation of the Bible since Young's in the last century. The first Reformed encyclopedia ever attempted, with four volumes done. God willing, we will print these in two volumes, and complete the set in three more volumes.

The first world-wide religious book discount operation, the forerunner of today's discounters.

The first to put Strong's numbers into the Bible, the concordances, and the lexicons to the biblical languages.

The first to publish large numbers of titles of the Puritan writers in the U.S.A. in this century.

The first to publish in-depth reviews in a review magazine, over 200 titles a year, over 1,200 to date.

The first to number all the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek words in the Bible itself, which is the basis for all of the computer bibles now available, making it possible to quickly access the Scriptures, and study aids easily, quickly.

The first lexicon which has both Hebrew and Greek entries, with grammatical helps, etc.

Forgive me if I have been presumptuous in laying all this out to you. Never before have I put it all together in a list as above, and it is not my intention to commend myself, but to always wait to allow the Lord to issue whatever He might consider worthy of commendation (2 Cor. 10:17, 18). If I glory, it is in the Cross of Christ that I glory, that He might be magnified.

Now and again He has some dear soul send an encouraging letter, and I know that there has been some good done by something He has enabled me to do.

Dear brother and sister, you can see the kind of work that our precious Lord has given to me, a person you would have said was an unlikely choice if you had known my background.

A dedicated plugger on behalf of the saints, but a poor financial manager with it all. As you will sense, these are huge projects, costly, time and energy consuming. Along the way there are individuals who have helped us with prayers and finances. Much of the financing has come from pre-selling what we are working on, and people have had to wait as long as 5 years on the Interlinear volumes. Yet few have ever complained, for which I thank the Lord fervently.

These days we have about eight beloved saints who have taken part in financing our projects, several had to drop out, but others have taken their place, each time rolling over their money into a new project. This has been a tremendous help. Really, there are advantages in working hand to mouth, so to speak, for it forces one to lean upon the breast of the Lord day by day.

One learns to pray, and to exercise faith according to the Scriptures. Presently, I am working on the revision of the Interlinear Old Testament volumes. Then this past month I have been putting the final touches on Classics on the Trinity. It is a tremendous collection, one that it is hoped will be around through re-printings until the Lord Jesus comes to gather up His elect saints.

In closing, I am now asking for your prayers and help in continuing this ministry.

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December 1, 1918 - May 20, 2008
He finished the KJ3 Bible two weeks before going home to Our Lord and
Saviour
at which time he stated it is finished.*

The LITV Being Published by Sovereign Grace Publishers as the KJ3:

This is the translation that appears in the side margins of Jay P. Green, Sr.'s best-selling series of The Interlinear Hebrew-Greek-English Bible. This is the fourth edition of this most accurate of all versions. Due to additional intense study, and the suggestions of others, we feel confident that this version has now been perfected.

The difference between the KJ3 Bible and all other English versions ever created in the past is this: This is the first time that any version has contained all of God's words, as He wrote them, with no words added, and no words deleted. Note that God has commanded this several times. See Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Proverbs 30:6, Revelation 22:18, 19. KJ3/LITV "You shall not add onto the Word I command you, neither shall you take away from it, to keep the commandments which I have commanded you." When a version adds words to the words that God breathed out or fails to translate what God has written, and hides from the reader what they have added or subtracted from God's word, they are deceiving the reader by in effect saying, "These are the words that God wrote," when the truth is that God did not write many of the words that they have put into their Bibles.

This is especially grievous in the Bibles like the NIV that use "Dynamic Equivalence" as their translation methodology. Basically, "Dynamic Equivalence" is storytelling or a short commentary of what God has breathed out to us. The alleged translator reads a passage of the Bible in its native language (Greek or Hebrew), perceives or interprets the meaning, and writes in his own words what the alleged translator believes the Bible is saying. There is no effort to translate each word of the Hebrew or Greek. For example, the translator; "uses the Greek genitive-case form with the corresponding use of the English preposition "of" to illustrate how to eliminate ambiguities. "Cup of the Lord" (1 Cor 10:21) is rendered "the cup by which we remember the Lord," "wisdom of words" (1 Cor 1:17) is taken to be "well arranged words," and "sons of wrath" (Eph 2:3) becomes "those with whom God is angry"" Nida, *Toward a Science* 207-208; cf. also Nida and Taber, *The Theory* 35-37; Wonderly, *Bible Translations* 163. This is directly from the works that our seminaries are using in teaching our future Christian leaders, pastors, professors, headmaster, teachers, et al. We are not talking about the luke-warm religions or the luke-warm seminaries, but rather virtually every seminary in the free world has been infected with this rationale.

It is the modern world Pharisees and Scribes at work. Only they may interpret what the Word of God truly states and then they tell us in their own words. Martin Luther would roll over in his grave. He and our other forefathers fought to bring the Word of God out of the priests and monks hands directly to the hands of Christ's flock. Now our modern day Pharisees and Scribes are trying to take the Word of God back away from that flock. Kid yourself not, this is a Holy War we are fighting.

The amazing thing is how many sound Christian leaders have fallen for this rationale. We have not been able to discern whether they just don't know any better, haven't had time to investigate these translations, or what other reason they continue using the NIV. But the NIV has penetrated and been accepted by some very good churches with pastors sound in every area except the use of God's text. The whole foundation of Christianity lies in the Bible and what God has written to us. If we can't trust that, then what can we trust. Another example of this mistranslation is found as follows: Jesus said to his brothers, "I am not yet going up to the feast, for my time has not yet been fulfilled." (John 7:8) Despite the overwhelming evidence of all but two Egyptian manuscripts, the New Versions follow the Gnostic Egyptian codices which deliberately remove the word "yet" leaving Jesus saying "I am not going up to the feast." In the first example, Jesus says that I am not going to the feast yet, which implies that he will be going to the feast later. In the second example, Jesus will not be going to the feast at all. This makes Jesus lie to His brothers. But

Jesus is God, and "It is impossible for God to lie" (Hebrews 6:18) It is just one more way to deny that Jesus is God.

This new KJ3 version is the version that lovers of God and His Word can safely use with the approval of God. You and every person will be judged by ALL of the words that God has written. Add to this, that God wrote in grammatical forms (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, etc.)

Our Lord Jesus was always careful to keep the grammar of the Old Testament words He quoted in the New Testament. No other Bible version has ever strictly given the reader these grammatical forms as God has written them. In all other versions printed before there is a consistent failure to report to the reader the precise use of these word forms (verbs have been falsely translated as nouns, and vice versa; adjectives have been largely ignored; when reported the previous translations do not tell the reader whether they are plural or singular. Hundreds of adverbs have been inserted which are not in the original Greek of Hebrew words.

When a verse contains two verbs, invariably they falsely add an adverb, saying "you shall surely die", but there is no adverb in the Hebrew here, but correctly translated it says "Dying you shall die". Hundreds of times the other translations mistranslate "seed" as offspring or other plurals. Verses containing double negatives (not, not) have been mistranslated by inserting words that falsely translate one of these emphatic words such as "By all means"; or, "not at all" words that are not in the Greek, or they will not translate the second negative ("not, not"). In an attempt to avoid the English rule that two negatives make a positive. But there is a way to avoid this violation: e.g. "And the light of a lamp will not still shine in you, not ever" (Revelation 18:23); using both "nots." In Isaiah 24:19 there are four verbs that need no added words, but the New Versions do it anyhow: NIV: "The earth is utterly broken up, the earth is [split asunder], the earth is [thoroughly shaken]. The earth [reels] like a drunkard" The adverbs are added without cause. KJ3/LITV: "The earth is breaking, breaking! The earth is crashing, crashing! The earth is tottering, tottering! The earth is staggering, staggering; like a drunkard the earth is staggering." The worst mistranslations: "Lord" for the divine name ("I am Jehovah, that is my name,"). God's name is mistranslated more than 6,000 times.

Every nation had their lords, but only Israel had Jehovah as their God. All other countries were "the nations." In the New Testament "Gentiles" is falsely put for the "nations." "Church" is a word God never wrote: instead he called the meeting place "the assembly" both in the New and Old Testament. "The children of Israel" never existed as such, for "sons" is badly translated as "children." In many versions this occurs more than 500 times. Dead is either an adjective ("dead ones") or a verb ("to die"), (e.g. "he has died"). Also ("put to death") is from this verb, and most often translated as "cause to die". Usually, with most translations which have the same verb twice, one of the verbs will be replaced with an adverb. Charles Spurgeon had the following to say about translation:

"Concerning the fact of difference between the Revised and Authorized Versions, I would say that no Baptist should ever fear any honest attempt to produce the correct text, & an accurate interpretation of the Old/New Testaments. For many years Baptists have insisted upon it that we ought to have the Word of God translated in the best possible manner, whether it would confirm certain religious opinions and practices, or work against them. All we want is the exact mind of the Spirit, as far as we can get it. Beyond all other Christians we are concerned in this, seeing we have no other sacred book; we have no prayer book or binding creek, or authoritative minutes of conference — we have nothing but the Bible — and we would have that as pure as ever we can get it. By the best and most honest scholarship that can be found we desire that the common version may be purged of every blunder of transcribers, or addition of human ignorance, or human knowledge, that so the Word of God may come to us as it came from his own hand." [Src: Charles H. Spurgeon from Heart-Disease Curable MTP Vol 27, Year 1881, pgs. 341, 342-3, Isaiah 61:1]

Only by going back to the each and every word of the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts can we ever attempt to have the pure translation that Charles Spurgeon above desires. This is what we have tried to do with the KJ3 – Literal Translation of the Bible.

*The First Book of Moses,
Called Genesis*

Genesis 1

1 Creation of Heaven and Earth, 3 of light, 6 of the Heavens, 9 land separated from the waters, 11 made fruitful, 14 the sun, the moon, and the stars, 20 of fish and fowl, 24 of beasts and cattle, 26 of man in image of God, 29 and the appointment of food.

1 ¶ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth;

2 and the earth being without form and empty, and darkness *being* on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovering on the face of the waters,

3 ¶ and God said, Let light be! And there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good, and God separated between the light and between the darkness.

5 And God called the light, Day. And He called the darkness, Night. And it was evening, and it was morning, day one.

6 ¶ And God said, Let an expanse be in the midst of the waters, and let it be dividing between the waters and waters.

7 And God made the expanse, and *He* separated between the waters which *were* under the expanse and the waters which *were* above the expanse. And it was so.

8 And God called the expanse, Heavens. And it was evening, and it was morning, a second day.

9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be collected to one place, and let the dry land be seen. And it was so.

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

11 And God said, Let the earth cause to sprout grass, the plant seeding seed, the fruit tree producing fruit according to its kind, which seed *is* in it on the earth. And it was so.

12 And the earth bore grass, the green plant seeding seed according to its kind, and the fruit tree producing fruit according to its kind, which seed *is* in it. And God saw that *it was* good.

13 And it was evening, and it was morning, a third day.

14 ¶ And God said, Let luminaries be in the expanse of the heavens, to divide between the day and between the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years.

15 And let them be for luminaries in the expanse of the heavens, to give light on the earth. And it was so.

16 And God made the two great luminaries: the great luminary to rule the day, and the small luminary and the stars to rule the night.

17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens, to give light on the earth,

18 and to rule over the day and over the night; and to divide between the light and between the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good.

19 And it was evening, and it was morning, a fourth day.

20 ¶ And God said, Let the waters swarm *with* swarmers having a soul of life; and let the birds fly over the earth *and* the expanse of the heavens.

21 And God created the great sea monsters, and all that moves, having a living body, which abounds the waters, according to its kind; and every bird with wing according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

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

23 And it was evening, and it was morning, a fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth *the* living soul according to its kind:

cattle, and creepers, and *the* living things of *the* earth, according to their kind. And it was so.

25 And God made *the* beasts of the earth according to its kind, and cattle according to its kind, and every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 ¶ And God said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing creeping on the earth.

27 And God created the man in His own image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female.

28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the seas, and over birds of the heavens, and over every living creature moving on the earth.

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every green plant seeding seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree which *is* in it, *the* fruit of *the* tree seeding seed; it shall be food for you.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to all birds of the heavens, and to every creeping thing on the earth which *is* in it *having* a living soul, every green plant *is* for food. And it was so.

31 ¶ And God saw all that He had made and behold, *it was* very good. And it was evening, and it was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2

1 The first Sabbath, 4 manner of the creation, 8 planting of the Garden of Eden, 10 river out of Eden, 17 tree of knowledge forbidden, 19 naming of the creatures, 21 making of woman and marriage.

1 ¶ And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their host.

2 And on the seventh day God completed His work that He had made. And He ceased on the seventh day from all His work that He had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, for He ceased from all His

work on it, which God had created to bring forth.

4 ¶ These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they *were* created in the day that Jehovah God *was* making earth and heavens.

5 And every shrub of the field was not yet on the earth, and every green plant of the field had not yet sprung up; for Jehovah God had not sent rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground.

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

7 And Jehovah God formed the man *out of* dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 ¶ And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden to the east; and He put the man whom He had formed there.

9 And out of the ground Jehovah God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. And the Tree of Life *was* also in the middle of the garden, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it *was* divided and became four heads.

11 The name of the first was Pishon; it is the one surrounding all the land of Havilah where gold *is*;

12 the gold of that land *is* good; there *is* bdellium gum resin, and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon. It *is* the one surrounding all the land of Cush.

14 And the name of the third river *is* Tigris; it *is* the one going east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* *the* Euphrates.

15 And Jehovah God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden, to work it and to keep it.

16 ¶ And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Eating you may eat of every tree in the garden;

17 but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you may not eat, for in the day of the eating of it, dying you shall die.

18 ¶ And Jehovah God said, *It is* not good, the man being alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him.

19 And Jehovah God formed every animal of the field, and every bird of the heavens out of the ground. And He brought *each one* to the man, to see what he would call it. And all that the man might call it, each living soul, that *was* its name.

20 And the man called names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every animal of the field. But no helper corresponding to him *was* found for a man.

21 ¶ And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead of it.

22 And Jehovah God formed the rib which He had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man.

23 And the man said, This now, at last, *is* bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh. For she shall be called Woman, because this has been taken out of man.

24 Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed.

Genesis 3

1 The serpent deceives Eve. 6 Man's shameful fall. 9 God judges them. 14 Serpent is cursed.

15 Promised Seed. 16 Mankind's punishment.

21 First clothing. 22 Their casting out of Eden.

1 ¶ And the serpent was cunning above every animal of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, *Is it true* that God has said, You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden,

3 but of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, and you shall not touch it, lest you die.

4 And the serpent said to the woman, Dying you shall not die,

5 for God knows that in the day you eat of it, even your eyes shall be opened, and you shall become like God, knowing good and evil.

6 ¶ And the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that to the eyes it *was*

to be desired, and the tree *was* desirable to make *one* wise. And she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked. And they sewed leaves of the fig tree, and made girdles for themselves.

8 And they heard the sound of Jehovah God walking up and down in the garden at the breeze of the day. And the man and his wife hid themselves from the face of Jehovah God in the middle of the trees of the garden.

9 ¶ And Jehovah God called to the man and said to him, Where *are* you?

10 And he said, I have heard Your sound in the garden, and I was afraid, for I *am* naked, and I hid myself.

11 ¶ And He said, Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she has given to me of the tree, and I ate.

13 And Jehovah God said to the woman, What *is* this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.

14 ¶ And Jehovah God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you *are* cursed above all beasts, and more than every animal of the field. You shall go on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

16 ¶ He said to the woman, I will greatly increase your pain and your conception; you shall bear sons in sorrow, and your desire shall be toward your husband; and he shall rule over you.

17 ¶ And He said to the man, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat *from* it, the ground *shall be* cursed because of you; you shall eat of it in pain all the days of your life.

18 And it shall bring forth thorns and

thistles for you, and you shall eat the plant of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until your return to the ground. For you have been taken out of it; for you *are* dust, and to dust you shall return.

20 ¶ And the man called the name of his wife, Eve; because she became the mother of all living.

21 ¶ And Jehovah God made coats of skin for the man and his wife, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And Jehovah God said, Behold! The man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and also take from the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever,

23 Jehovah God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground out of which he was taken.

24 And He drove the man out. And He lodged the cherubs at the east of the Garden of Eden, and the flaming sword whirling around to guard the way of the Tree of Life.

Genesis 4

1 Birth of Cain and Abel. 8 Murder of Abel. 11 Curse of Cain. 17 Enoch the first city. 19 Lamech and his two wives. 25 Birth of Seth, 26 and Enos.

1 ¶ And the man knew his wife Eve. And she conceived and bore Cain; and she said, I have gotten a man *with the help* of Jehovah.

2 And she added to bear his brother, Abel. And Abel became a feeder of a flock. And Cain became a tiller of the ground.

3 ¶ And in the end of days, it happened that Cain brought an offering to Jehovah from the fruit of the ground.

4 And Abel brought, he also, from the firstlings of his flocks, even from their fat. And Jehovah looked to Abel and to his offering.

5 And He did not look to Cain and to his offering. And Cain burned greatly, and his face fell.

6 ¶ And Jehovah said to Cain, Why have you burned, and why has your face fallen?

7 If you do well, is there not exaltation? And if you do not do well, sin is crouch-

ing at the door; and its desire *is* toward you; but you should rule over it.

8 ¶ And Cain talked with his brother Abel. And it happened as they were in the field, Cain rose up against His brother Abel, and killed him.

9 ¶ And Jehovah said to Cain, Where *is* your brother Abel? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And He said, What have you done? The voice of the blood of your brother cries to Me from the ground.

11 And now you are cursed more than the ground which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 When you till the ground, it will not again give its strength to you. You shall be a vagabond and a fugitive on the earth.

13 ¶ And Cain said to Jehovah, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

14 Behold! You have driven me out from the face of the earth today. And I shall be hidden from Your face. And I shall be one moving about and wandering on the earth. And it will be *that* anyone who finds me shall kill me.

15 And Jehovah said to him, If anyone kills Cain, he shall be avenged sevenfold. And Jehovah set a mark on Cain, so that anyone who found him should not kill him.

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of Jehovah. And he lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and he called the name of the city according to the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And Irad was born to Enoch; and Irad fathered Mehujael. And Mehujael fathered Methusael; and Methusael fathered Lamech.

19 ¶ And Lamech took two wives to himself: the name of the first *was* Adah; and the name of the second *was* Zillah.

20 And Adah bore Jabal; he *was* the father of those living in tents, and *had* cattle.

21 And the name of his brother *was* Jubal; he was the father of all who handle the harp and the pipe.

22 And Zillah also bore Tubalcain, *the* hammerer of every engraving tool of cop-

per and iron. And the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.

23 ¶ And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice, wives of Lamech; listen to my words; for I have killed a man because of my wound, and a young man because of my hurt.

24 For Cain is avenged sevenfold, and Lamech seventy seven.

25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son. And she called his name, Seth, for God has appointed to me another seed in place of Abel because Cain killed him.

26 And a son was also born to Seth, and he called his name, Enosh. Then it was begun to call on the name of Jehovah.

Genesis 5

1 The genealogy, age and death of the patriarchs from Adam to Noah. 24 Godliness and translation of Enoch.

1 ¶ This is the book of the generations of Adam: In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

2 He created them male and female, and blessed them, and called their name Adam in the day when they were created.

3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and fathered a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and called his name Seth.

4 And the days of Adam after he fathered Seth were eight hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years. And he died.

6 ¶ And Seth lived one hundred and five years, and fathered Enosh.

7 And after he fathered Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

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

9 And Enosh lived ninety years and fathered Cainan.

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

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

12 And Cainan lived seventy years and fathered Mahalaleel.

13 And after he fathered Mahalaleel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

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

15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty-five years and fathered Jared.

16 And after he fathered Jared, Mahalaleel lived eight hundred and thirty years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety-five years. And he died.

18 And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years and fathered Enoch.

19 And after he fathered Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

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

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty-five years and fathered Methuselah.

22 And Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he fathered Methuselah. And he fathered sons and daughters.

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

24 And Enoch walked with God. Then he was not, for God took him.

25 ¶ And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years and fathered Lamech.

26 And after he fathered Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

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

28 ¶ And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years and fathered a son.

29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This one shall comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands because of the ground which the Lord has cursed.

30 And after he fathered Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

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

32 And Noah was five hundred years old. And Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6

1 The wickedness of the world, which provoked God's wrath, and caused the flood. 8 Noah finds grace. 14 The order, form, and end of the ark.

1 ¶ And it was that men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them.

2 The sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* good, and they took wives for themselves from all those whom they chose.

3 ¶ And Jehovah said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man; in their erring he is flesh. And his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

4 ¶ The giants were in the earth in those days, and even afterwards when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore to them; they were mighty *ones* which *existed* from ancient time, the men of name.

5 And Jehovah saw that the evil of man *was* great on the earth, and every purpose of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil all the day.

6 ¶ And Jehovah repented that He had made man on the earth, and He *was* grieved to His heart.

7 And Jehovah said, I will wipe off man whom I have created from the face of the earth, from man to cattle, to the creeping thing for I am sorry that I made them.

8 ¶ And Noah found grace in the eyes of Jehovah.

9 *These are* the generations of Noah: Noah, a righteous man, had been blameless among his generations. Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 ¶ And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupted. For all flesh had corrupted its way on the earth.

13 ¶ And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And behold, I will destroy them along with the earth.

14 Make an ark of cyprus timbers for yourself. You shall make rooms in the ark; and you shall cover it with asphalt inside and out.

15 And you shall make it this way: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

16 You shall make a window in the ark, and you shall finish it above to a cubit. And you shall set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third stories.

17 And behold, I, even I, am bringing a flood of waters on the earth in order to destroy all flesh in which *is* the breath of life from under the heavens. Every *thing* which *is* on the earth shall die.

18 And I will establish My covenant with you. And you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

19 And you shall bring into the ark two of every kind, of every living thing of all flesh, to keep alive with you; they shall be male and female;

20 from the birds according to its kind, and from the cattle according to its kind, from every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind. Two from each shall come in to you to keep alive.

21 And take for yourself all food that is eaten, and gather to yourself. And let it be for you and for them for food.

22 ¶ And Noah did so, according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7

1 Noah, with his family, and the living creatures enter into ark. 11 The beginning, increase, and continuance of flood.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Noah, You and all your house come into the ark, for I have seen you a righteous *one* before Me in this generation.

2 You shall take to yourself from every clean animal by sevens, male and female, and from the animal that *is* not clean by two, male and female.

3 And take of the fowl of the heavens by sevens, male and female, to keep alive seed on the face of the earth.

4 For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights and will wipe out every living substance that I have made from off the face of the earth.

5 ¶ And Noah did according to all that Jehovah commanded him.

6 Noah *was* a son of six hundred years, and the flood of waters was on the earth.

7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 And they went in to Noah into the ark, male and female of clean animals, and of animals that *are* not clean, and of fowl, and of every thing that creeps on the earth,

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

10 And it was after the seven days, the waters of the flood came into being on the earth.

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, in the seventeenth day of the month, in this day all the fountains of the great deep were risen, and the windows of the heavens were opened up.

12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 ¶ In this same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark;

14 they, and every animal according to its kind, and every beast according to its kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth according to its kind; and every fowl according to its kind, every bird of every wing.

15 And they went in to Noah and to the ark, two and two of all flesh, in which *is* the breath of life.

16 And those going in went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him. And Jehovah shut him within.

17 ¶ And the flood was on the earth forty days. And the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were greatly increased on the earth. And the ark lifted on the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed, exceedingly

violent on the earth, and all the high mountains under the heavens were covered.

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

21 ¶ And all flesh that moved on the earth died: the fowl, and cattle, and beast, and every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, and all mankind.

22 All died in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry land.

23 And every living thing which *was* on the face of the earth was wiped out, from man to cattle, and to the creeping things, and the fowl of the heavens. And they were wiped out from the earth, and only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed over the earth a hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8

1 The waters subside. 4 The ark rests on Ararat.

7 The raven and the dove. 15 Noah, being commanded, 18 leaves the ark. 20 Builds an altar, and offers sacrifice, 21 which God accepts, and promises never again to curse the land.

1 ¶ And God remembered Noah and every living thing, and all the cattle which were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

2 And the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were stopped, and the rain from the heavens was returned.

3 And the waters turned back from the earth, going and turning back. And the waters diminished at the end of a hundred and fifty days.

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

5 And the waters were going and falling until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

6 ¶ And it happened, at the end of forty days, even Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

7 And he sent out a raven, and it went out, going out and returning until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 He also sent out from him the dove, to

see if the waters had gone down from off the face of the earth.

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of all the earth. And he put out his hand and took her, and pulled her in to him into the ark.

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

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening. And, behold! In her mouth *was* a newly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had gone down from off the earth.

12 And he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove. And she did not return again to him any more.

13 ¶ And it happened in the six hundred and first year, at the beginning, on the one of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked. And, behold! The face of the earth was dried.

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

15 ¶ And God spoke to Noah, saying,

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

17 Bring out from you every living thing that *is* with you, of all flesh, of fowl, of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creeps on the earth; and let them swarm on the earth, and bear, and multiply on the earth.

18 And Noah went out, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons wives with him;

19 every animal, every creeping thing, and every fowl; all which creeps on the earth. They went forth out of the ark according to their families.

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

21 And Jehovah smelled the soothing fragrance, and Jehovah said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for the sake of man, because the purpose of the heart of man *is* evil from his youth. Yea, I

will not again smite every living thing as I have done.

22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 9

1 God blesses Noah. 4 Blood and murder are forbidden. 8 God's covenant, 13 signified by the rainbow. 18 Noah replenishes world, 20 plants a vineyard, 21 is drunken, and mocked by son, 25 curses Canaan, 26 blesses Shem, 27 prays for Japheth, 29 and dies.

1 ¶ And God blessed Noah and his sons. And He said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 And your fear and your dread shall be on all the animals of the earth, and on every bird of the heavens, on all that moves on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hands.

3 Every creeping thing which *is* alive shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green plant.

4 But you shall not eat flesh in its life, its blood.

5 And surely the blood of your lives I will demand. At the hand of every animal I will demand it, and at the hand of man. I will demand the soul of man at the hand of every man's brother.

6 Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood shall be shed by man. For He made man in the image of God.

7 And you, be fruitful and multiply. Swarm over the earth and multiply in it.

8 ¶ And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 Behold! I, even I, am establishing My covenant with you, and with your seed after you,

10 and with every living soul which *is* with you, among fowl, among cattle, and among every animal of the earth with you, from all that go out from the ark, to every animal of the earth.

11 And I have established My covenant with you, and all flesh shall not be cut off again by the waters of a flood; nor shall there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 ¶ And God said, This *is* the sign of the

covenant which I am about to make between Me and you, and between every living soul which *is* with you, for everlasting generations:

13 I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

14 And it will be when I gather the clouds on the earth, then the bow shall be seen in the clouds.

15 And I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you, and between every living soul in all flesh. And the waters shall not again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the clouds, and I shall see it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living soul, in all flesh on the earth.

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

18 ¶ And the sons of Noah that went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *is* the father of Canaan.

19 These *are* the three sons of Noah, and the whole earth was overspread from them.

20 And Noah, a man of the ground, began and planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank from the wine, and was drunk. And he uncovered himself inside his tent.

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

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment and put it on both their shoulders. And they went backward and covered the nakedness of their father, their faces backward. And they did not see the nakedness of their father.

24 ¶ And Noah awoke from his wine. And he came to know what his younger son had done to him.

25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan. He shall be a slave of slaves to his brothers.

26 And he said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of Shem; and may Canaan be his slave.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall live in the tents of Shem, and Canaan shall be their slave.

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

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

Genesis 10

1 The generations of Noah. 2 The sons of Japheth.

6 The sons of Ham. 8 Nimrod the first monarch. 21 The sons of Shem.

1 ¶ And these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And Gomer's sons were Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And Javan's sons were Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 The coasts of the nations were divided by these in their lands each by his tongue, by their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And Ham's sons were Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And Raamah's sons were Sheba and Dedan.

8 And Cush fathered Nimrod; he began to be a mighty *one* in the land.

9 He was a mighty hunter before Jehovah; so it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before Jehovah.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 From that land he went forth to Assyria and built Nineveh, and Rehoboth the city, and Calah,

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah, which *is* a great city.

13 And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim, from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim.

15 ¶ And Canaan fathered his first-born Sidon, and Heth,

16 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Gergashite,

17 and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 and the Arvadite and the Zemarite, and

the Hamathite. And afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you come to Gerar, as far as Gaza, as you go in towards Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even to Lasha.

20 These *were* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their tongues, in their countries, in their nations.

21 ¶ And to Shem was born, even to him, the father of all the sons of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder.

22 The sons of Shem were Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And Aram's sons were Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

24 And Arpachshad fathered Salah; and Salah fathered Eber.

25 And two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one *was* Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

26 And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. These all were the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go to Sephar, an eastern mountain.

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

32 These *were* the families of the sons of Noah, by their generations, in their nations. And from these the nations were divided in the earth after the flood.

Genesis 11

1 One language in the world. 3 The building of Babel. 5 The confusion of tongues. 10 The generations of Shem.

1 ¶ And the whole earth was of one lip and of one speech.

2 And it happened, as they pulled up *stakes* from the east, they found a level valley in the land of Shinar. And they lived there.

3 And man said to his neighbor, Come, let us make brick, and burning burn them.

And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

4 And they said, Come, let us build a city and a tower with its head in the heavens, and make a name for ourselves, that we not be scattered on the face of all the earth.

5 ¶ And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of Adam had built.

6 And Jehovah said, Behold, the people *is* one, and the lip one to all of them, and this they are beginning to do, and now all which they have purposed to do will not be restrained from them.

7 Come, let Us go down and confuse their language so that they cannot understand one another's speech.

8 And Jehovah dispersed them from there, over the face of all the earth. And they stopped building the city.

9 On account of this its name is called Babel, because Jehovah confused the language of all the earth there. And Jehovah scattered them abroad from there on the face of all the earth.

10 ¶ These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* a son of a hundred years and fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.

11 And after he fathered Arpachshad, Shem lived five hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

12 And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years and fathered Salah.

13 And after he fathered Salah, Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years and fathered Eber.

15 And after he fathered Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived thirty-four years and fathered Peleg.

17 And after he fathered Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years and fathered Reu.

19 And after he fathered Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived thirty-two years and fathered Serug.

21 And after he fathered Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years and fathered Nahor.

23 And after he fathered Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived twenty-nine years and fathered Terah.

25 And after he fathered Terah, Nahor lived a hundred and nineteen years. And he fathered sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years and fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran fathered Lot.

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

29 And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai. And the name of Nahor's wife *was* Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30 And Sarai was barren; there was no child to her.

31 And Terah took his son Abram, and Lot, Haran's son, his grandson and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife. And he went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan. And they came to Haran and lived there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12

1 God calls Abram, and blesses him with a promise of Christ. 6 He travels through Canaan, a land promised to him in a vision. 10 He goes to Egypt. 11 Fear makes him disguise his wife as his sister. 14 Pharaoh is forced to restore her.

1 ¶ And Jehovah had said to Abram, Go out from your land and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you.

2 And I will make of you a great nation.

And I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing.

3 And I will bless those who bless you, and curse the one despising you. And in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.

4 ¶ And Abram went out, even as Jehovah had spoken to him. And Lot went with him. And Abram *was* a son of seventy-five years when he went out from Haran.

5 And Abram took his wife Sarai, and his brother's son, Lot, and all their substance that they had gained, and the persons they had gotten in Haran. And they went out to go into the land of Canaan. And they came into the land of Canaan.

6 ¶ And Abram passed over the land as far as the place of Shechem, to the Oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your seed. And he built an altar there to Jehovah, who appeared to him.

8 And he moved from there to a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and stretched his tent *with* Beth-el toward the sea, and Ai on the east. And he built an altar there to Jehovah, and called on the name of Jehovah.

9 And Abram pulled up *stakes*, going on and pulling up *stakes* toward the Negeb.

10 ¶ And a famine was in the land, so Abram went down into Egypt to stay there. For the famine *was* heavy in the land.

11 And it happened when he had drawn near to come to Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, Behold, please, I know that you *are* a beautiful woman to look upon.

12 And it will be, when the Egyptians see you, then they will say, This *is* his wife, and they will kill me, and they will save you alive.

13 Please say that you *are* my sister, so that it may be well with me for your sake, and my soul shall live because of you.

14 ¶ And it happened, when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians saw the woman, that she *was* very beautiful.

15 And Pharaoh's princes saw her, and they praised her before Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 And he did good to Abram because of her. And he had sheep, and oxen, and he-

asses, and male slaves, and slave-girls, and she-asses, and camels.

17 And Jehovah touched Pharaoh and his house with great plagues; it was on account of Sarai, Abram's wife.

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

19 Why did you say, She *is* my sister? And so I took her for my wife. Now, then, see your wife. Take her and go.

20 And as Pharaoh commanded *his* men as to him, even they sent away him and his wife and all that he had.

Genesis 13

1 Abram and Lot return from Egypt. 7 They disagree and separate. 10 Lot goes to wicked Sodom. 14 God renews the promise to Abraham. 18 Abraham builds an altar in Hebron.

1 ¶ And Abram went up out of Egypt into the Negeb, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot being with him.

2 And Abram *was* very heavy *in riches*, in livestock, in silver and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Beth-el, to the place where his tent had been there at the beginning, between Beth-el and Ai,

4 to the place of the altar which he had made there at the first. And Abram called on the name of Jehovah there.

5 ¶ And also to Lot, who went with Abram, were sheep and oxen and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, for dwelling together, for their wealth was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was strife between the *ones* tending Abram's livestock and the *ones* tending Lot's livestock. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite lived then in the land.

8 And Abram said to Lot, Please let there be no strife between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we *are* men, brothers.

9 *Is* not all the land before you? Please separate from me. If *you go* to the left, then I will go to the right. Or if *you go* to the right, then I will go to the left.

10 ¶ And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the circuit of Jordan, that it *was* well-watered before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and

Gomorrah; even like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt as you come to Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose all the circuit of Jordan for himself. And Lot pulled up *stakes* toward the east. And they were separated, each one from his brother.

12 And Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the circuit, and tented as far as Sodom.

13 And the men of Sodom were evil and sinners before Jehovah, greatly so.

14 ¶ And after Lot had separated from him, Jehovah said to Abram, Now lift up your eyes and look northward and southward and eastward and westward from the place where you are.

15 For all the land which you see I will give to you, and to your seed until always.

16 And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can count the dust of the earth, then your seed also will be counted.

17 Rise up! Walk through the land, in its length and in its breadth, for I will give it to you.

18 Then Abram moved *his* tent and came and lived among the oaks of Mamre, which were in Hebron; and he built an altar to Jehovah there.

Genesis 14

1 The battle of four kings against five. 12 Lot is taken prisoner. 14 Abram rescues him. 18 Melchizedek blesses Abram. 20 Abram gives him tithes. 22 The rest of the spoil he returns to the king of Sodom.

1 ¶ And it happened in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and Tidal king of the nations;

2 they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which *is* Zoar.

3 All these were joined together to the valley of Siddim, which *is* the Salt Sea.

4 They served Chedorlaomer for twelve years, and the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer

and the kings that were with him came and struck the giants in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 and the Horites in the hills of Seir, as far as the oak of Paran, which *is* by the wilderness.

7 And they turned back and came to Enmishpat which *is* Kadesh, and struck all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who lived in Hazazon-Tamar.

8 And the king of Sodom went out, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which *is* Zoar. And they set the battle with them in the valley of Siddim,

9 with Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal the king of the nations, and Amraphel the king of Shinar, and Arioch the king of Ellasar; four kings with the five.

10 And the valley of Siddim was pitted with asphalt pits, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there. And they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and went away.

12 And they took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, and his goods, and left; and he *was* living in Sodom.

13 ¶ And one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew; for he *was* living among the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and Aner. And they *were* possessor of a covenant with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was captured, even then he led out his trained men, born of his household, three hundred and eighteen. And they pursued as far as Dan.

15 And he divided against them by night, he and his slaves, and he struck them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which *is* on the left of Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot, and also the women and the people.

17 ¶ And the king of Sodom went out to

meet him, after he returned from smiting Chedorlaomer and the kings which were with him, to the valley of Shaveh, it being the valley of the king.

18 And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth;

20 and blessed *be* the most high God, who has delivered your adversaries into your hand. And he gave him a tithe of all.

21 ¶ And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons and take the goods for yourself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, the most high God, the possessor of Heaven and earth,

23 that I *will not* take from all that *is* yours, from a thread to a shoe latchet, and that you may not say, I have made Abram rich.

24 Nothing for me; only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Genesis 15

1 God encourages Abram. 2 Abram asks for an heir. 4 God promises him a son, and a multiplying of his seed. 6 Abram is justified by faith. 7 Canaan is promised again, and confirmed by a sign, 12 and a vision.

1 ¶ After these things the Word of Jehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not fear, Abram; I am your shield, your reward will increase greatly.

2 ¶ And Abram said, Lord Jehovah, what will You give to me since I *am* going childless and the son of the inheritance of my house *is* Eleazar of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold! You have given no seed to me; and behold, the son of the acquisition of my house is he of Damascus, Eleaser!

4 And behold! The Word of Jehovah *came* to him saying, This one shall not be inheriting. But he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir.

5 And He brought him outside and said, Look now at the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your seed be.

6 And he believed in Jehovah. And He counted it to him for righteousness.

7 ¶ And He said to him, I *am* Jehovah who caused you to come out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, My Lord Jehovah, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And He said to him, Take for Me a heifer three years of age, and a she-goat three years of age, and a ram three years of age, and a turtledove, even a nestling.

10 And he took all these for Him, and he divided them in the middle; and he laid each piece against one another, but he did not divide the bird.

11 And the birds of prey came down on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 ¶ And it happened, the sun was going, and a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, a terror of great darkness *was* falling on him!

13 And He said to Abram, Knowing you must know that your seed shall be a sojourner in a land not theirs; and they shall serve them. And they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 and I also will judge that nation whom they shall serve; and afterward they shall come out with great substance.

15 And you shall come to your fathers in peace. You shall be buried in good old age.

16 And in the fourth generation they shall come here again; for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.

17 ¶ And it happened, the sun had gone down, and it was dark. Behold! A smoking furnace and a torch of fire that passed between those pieces!

18 On that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

19 the Kenite, and the Kenizzite, and the Kadmonite,

20 and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the giants,

21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Jebusite.

Genesis 16

1 Sarai, barren, gives Hagar to Abram. 4 Hagar despises her mistress. 6 Hagar flees. 7 An angel sends her back to submit herself, 11 and tells her of her child. 15 Ishmael is born.

1 ¶ And Sarai, Abram's wife, did not bear to him; and to her belonged a female slave, an Egyptian, and her name *was* Hagar.

2 And Sarai said to Abram, See, now, Jehovah has kept me from bearing; go in now to my slave-girl; perhaps I may be built up from her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai, Abram's wife, took her slave-girl, Hagar, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan.

4 ¶ And he went in to Hagar and she conceived; and she saw that she had conceived, and her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sarai said to Abram, My injury *be* upon you; I gave my slave-girl into your bosom, and she saw that she had conceived, and I was despised in her eyes. Let Jehovah judge between me and you.

6 But Abram said to Sarai, See, your slave girl *is* in your hand. Do to her what is good in your eyes. And Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from before her.

7 ¶ And the Angel of Jehovah found her by a well of water in the wilderness; by the well in the way of Shur.

8 And He said, Hagar, Sarai's slave-girl, from where did you come? And where do you go? And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress, Sarai.

9 And the Angel of Jehovah said to her, Return to your mistress and submit yourself under her hand.

10 ¶ And the Angel of Jehovah said to her, I will exceedingly multiply your seed, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the Angel of Jehovah said to her, Behold! You *are* with child and shall bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because Jehovah has listened to your affliction.

12 And he shall be a wild ass of a man, his hand against all, and the hand of everyone against him; and he shall live before all his brothers.

13 And she called the name of Jehovah, the One speaking to her, You, a God of vision! For she said, Even here have I looked after the One seeing me?

14 On account of this, the well was called, The Well of the Living One Seeing Me. Behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

15 ¶ And Hagar bore a son to Abram, and Abram called the name of his son whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

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

Genesis 17

1 God renews the covenant. 5 Abram's name is changed. 10 Circumcision is instituted. 15 Sarai's name is changed, and she is blessed. 17 Isaac is promised. 23 Abraham and Ishmael are circumcised.

1 ¶ And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, *I am* the Almighty God! Walk before me and be perfect;

2 and I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you very much.

3 And Abram fell on his face. And God spoke with him, saying,

4 ¶ As for Me, behold, My covenant *is* with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

5 And your name no longer shall be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham. For I have made you a father of many nations.

6 And I will make you very fruitful, exceedingly. And I will give you for nations. And kings shall come out of you.

7 ¶ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be [for] God to you and to your seed after you.

8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession and I will be to them *for* God.

9 And God said to Abraham, You shall

keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations.

10 This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin. And it shall be a token of the covenant between Me and you.

12 And a son of eight days shall be circumcised among you, every male in your generation, he that is born in the house, or bought with silver from any son of a foreigner who *is* not of your seed.

13 The child of your house and the purchase of your money circumcising must be circumcised. And My covenant shall be in your flesh for a perpetual covenant.

14 And an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, his soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.

15 ¶ And God said to Abraham, You shall not call your wife Sarai *by* her name Sarai, for Sarah *shall be* her name;

16 and I have blessed her and have also given to you a son from her. Yea, I have blessed her and she shall become nations; kings of people shall be from her.

17 And Abraham fell on his face and laughed. And he said in his heart, Shall *one* be born to a son of a hundred years? And shall Sarah bear, a daughter of ninety years?

18 And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You!

19 And God said, Your wife Sarah truly shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. And I have established My covenant with him for a perpetual covenant with his Seed after him.

20 And as to Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall father twelve chiefs, and I will make him a great nation.

21 And I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.

22 And He finished talking with him. And God went up from Abraham.

23 ¶ And Abraham took his son Ishmael,

and all the ones born of his house, and all that were bought with his silver, every male among the men of the house of Abraham. And he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins in that same day, even as God spoke to him.

24 And Abraham *was* a son of ninety nine years when being circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And his son Ishmael *was* a son of thirteen years *when* being circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the same day that Abraham was circumcised, Ishmael his son also *was*.

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with silver from a son of a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Genesis 18

1 Abraham entertains three angels. 9 Sarah is reproved for laughing at the promise. 17 The destruction of Sodom is revealed to Abraham.

1 ¶ And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre. And he *was* sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day.

2 And *he* lifted up his eyes and looked; and, behold, three men were standing by him. And he saw, and *he* ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent. And he bowed to the ground.

3 And *he* said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not leave from near Your servant.

4 Please allow a little water to be taken and You wash Your feet, and rest under the tree.

5 And I will bring a bite of bread and will sustain Your heart. Then You may pass on, for this is why You have passed over to Your servant. And they said, Do so, as you have said.

6 And Abraham ran into the tent to Sarah and said, Hurry, *prepare* three measures of fine meal, knead it and make cakes.

7 And Abraham ran to the herd and brought a son of the herd, tender and good, and gave *it* to a youth. And he hurried to prepare *it*.

8 And he took curds and milk and the son of the herd which he had prepared, and he set before them. And he stood by them under the tree. And they ate.

9 ¶ And they said to him, Where *is* your wife Sarah? And he said, See, in the tent.

10 And He said, Returning I will return to you at the time of life; and, Behold! A son *shall be* to your wife Sarah. And Sarah *was* listening at the entrance to the tent, and it *was* behind Him.

11 And Abraham and Sarah *were* aged, going on in days. The custom as to women had ceased to be to Sarah.

12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After my being old, shall there be pleasure to me; my lord also being old?

13 And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why has Sarah laughed at this, saying, Indeed, truly shall I bear, even I who am old?

14 Is anything too difficult for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, at the time of life, and *there will be* a son to Sarah.

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

16 ¶ And the men rose up from there and looked on the face of Sodom. And Abraham *was* going with them, to send them away.

17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing?

18 And Abraham shall become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I have known him, so that whatever he may command his sons and his house after him, even they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the intent that Jehovah may bring on Abraham that which He has spoken of him.

20 And Jehovah said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and their sin is exceedingly heavy.

21 I will go down and see if they have at all done according to the cry coming to Me. And if not, I will know.

22 And the men faced around from there and went toward Sodom. And Abraham *was* still standing before Jehovah.

23 ¶ And Abraham drew near and said, Is it so? Will You cut off the righteous *one* with the wicked *one*?

24 Perhaps there are fifty righteous *ones* within the city; is it so You will cut off and

will not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous *ones* that *are* within it?

25 Far be it from You to act in this way, to put to death the righteous *one* with the wicked *one*. Far be it from You. The Judge of all the earth, shall He not do justice?

26 And Jehovah said, If I find fifty righteous *ones* within the city, in Sodom, then I will spare all the place because of them.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold, I pray, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, and I am dust and ashes.

28 Perhaps there will be lacking five *from* the fifty righteous *ones*, will You destroy all the city for the five? And He said, If I find forty-five there, I will not destroy.

29 And he continued still to speak to Him and said, Perhaps forty will be found there. And He said, I will not do *it* because of the forty.

30 And he said, Please do not my Lord be angry, that I may speak; perhaps thirty will be found there. And He said, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold, please, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord; perhaps twenty will be found there. And He said, I will not destroy because of the twenty.

32 And he said, I pray, let not my Lord be angry that I may speak only this time; perhaps ten will be found there. And He said, I will not destroy because of the ten.

33 And was ended that which Jehovah was speaking to Abraham, He *was* finished. And Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19

1 Lot entertains two angels. 4 The lustful Sodomites are stricken with blindness. 12 Lot is sent safely to the mountains. 18 He obtains leave to go to Zoar. 24 Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed.

26 Lot's wife turns back and is covered by the salt that made the Salt Sea.

1 ¶ And the two angels came into Sodom at evening. And Lot *was* sitting at the gate of Sodom. And Lot saw, and *he* rose up to meet them and bowed his nose to the ground.

2 And he said, Behold, now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and lodge, and wash your feet; and rise early

and go to your way. And they said, No, for we will lodge in the street.

3 And he much urged them, and they turned in to him and came into his house. And he made a feast for them. And he baked unleavened *cakes*, and they ate.

4 ¶ Before they had laid down, even the men of the city, the men of Sodom, circled the house; from the young to the aged, all the people from its limits.

5 And they called to Lot and said to him, Where *are* the men who came to you to-night? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out to them, to the door, and he closed the door behind him.

7 And he said, My brothers, please do not act evilly.

8 Behold, now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please let me bring them out to you and do to them as you see fit; only do not do a thing to these men, on account of this they came into the shade of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back! And they said, This one came in to visit, and judging must he judge? Now we will do evil to you rather than to them. And they pressed on the man, upon Lot exceedingly and drew near to break the door.

10 But the men put out their hands and brought Lot in to them, into the house, and shut the door.

11 And they struck the men at the door of the house with blindness, from the small to the great; and they struggled to find the door.

12 ¶ And the men said to Lot, Who still *is* here to you? Bring out of this place your sons and your sons-in-law and your daughters, and whoever *belongs* to you in the city.

13 For we are about to destroy this place, for the cry of them is great before Jehovah, and Jehovah has sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out to speak to his sons-in-law, those taking his daughters. And he said, Rise up, go out from this place, for Jehovah is about to destroy the city. And he seemed as one joking to his sons-in-law.

15 ¶ And when the dawn rose, even the angels urged Lot, saying, Rise up, take your wife and your two daughters who *are*

found, lest you be cut off in the depravity of the city.

16 And he lingered. And the men lay hold of his hand and his wife's hand, and on the hand of his two daughters, Jehovah having mercy on him. And they caused him to go out, and they put him down outside the city.

17 And it happened as they led them outside, he said, Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay in all the plain. Escape to the mountain, lest you be swept away.

18 And Lot said to them, Lord, please, no!

19 Behold, now, Your servant has found grace in Your sight, and You have magnified Your mercy which You have done to me in saving my life. And I am not able to escape to the mountain lest some evil overtake me and I die.

20 Please, now, this city *is* near, to flee there, and it is a little one. Please let me escape there! Is it not a little thing, that my soul may live?

21 And He said to him, See, I have lifted up your face also as to this thing, without overthrowing the city for which you have spoken.

22 Hurry, escape there, for I am not able to do a thing until you have come there. On this *account* the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun had gone forth on the earth, and Lot came into Zoar.

24 ¶ And Jehovah rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from Jehovah out of the heavens.

25 And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all those living in the cities, and the produce of the ground.

26 ¶ And his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 ¶ And Abraham started up early in the morning, going to the place where he had stood there before Jehovah.

28 And he looked toward the face of Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain. And he saw. And, behold, the smoke of the country went up like the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it happened when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham; and He sent Lot out from the

overthrow when overturning the cities in which Lot lived.

30 ¶ And Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the mountain. And his two daughters were with him. For he feared to live in Zoar. And he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 And the first-born said to the younger, Our father *is* old, and there is no man in the land to come in to us as is the way of all the earth.

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him, that we may keep alive seed of our father.

33 And they caused their father to drink wine that night. And the first-born went in and lay with her father. And he did not know when she lay down, and not when she rose up.

34 And on the next day it happened, the first-born said to the younger, Behold, I lay with my father last night. Let us cause him to drink wine tonight also. And you go in and lie with him, so that we may keep alive seed of our father.

35 And they caused their father to drink wine that night also. And the younger rose up and lay with him. And he did not know when she lay down, and not when she rose up.

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

37 And the first-born bore a son and called his name Moab; he *is* the father of Moab to this day.

38 And the younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi; he *is* the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

Genesis 20

1 Abraham sojourns at Gerar, 2 says his wife is his sister. 3 Abimelech takes her, but in a dream is reproved for taking her. 9 He rebukes Abraham, 14 he restores Sarah, and reproveth her. 17 Abraham's prayer honored by God.

1 ¶ And Abraham pulled up *stakes* from there to the land of the Negeb, and lived between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said with regards to his wife Sarah, She *is* my sister. And Abimelech the king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

3 ¶ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, Behold, you *are* about to die because of the woman you have taken, she being married to a husband.

4 And Abimelech had not come near her. And he said, O Lord, will You slay even a righteous nation?

5 And did he not say to me, She *is* my sister? And she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother. In the honor of my heart and the purity of my hands I have done this.

6 And God said to him in a dream, Yes, I know that you did this in the honor of your heart, and I also withheld you from sinning against Me. On account of this I did not allow you to touch her.

7 And now return the wife of the man, for he *is* a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you shall live. And if you do not return her, know that dying you shall die, you and all that *are* yours.

8 ¶ And Abimelech started up early in the morning and called for all his servants. And he spoke all these words in their ears. And the men were greatly afraid.

9 And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, What have you done to us? And in what have I offended you that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done things to me that ought not to be done.

10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, What did you see that you have done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place, and they will kill me for my wife's sake.

12 And yet she really *is* my sister, daughter of my father; only not daughter of my mother. And she became my wife.

13 And it happened when God made me wander from my father's house, even I said to her, This *is* your kindness which you do to me: at every place where we come there, say of me, He *is* my brother.

14 ¶ Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male slaves, and slave-girls, and gave to Abraham. And he returned his wife Sarah to him.

15 Abimelech said, Behold, my land *is* before you. Live where it pleases you.

16 And he said to Sarah, I, behold, I have

given a thousand of silver to your brother. Behold, it *is* for you a covering of the eyes to all who *are* with you. And with all this you are reproved.

17 And Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his concubines, and they gave birth.

18 For Jehovah had completely closed up every womb of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

Genesis 21

1 Isaac is born and is circumcised. 6 Sarah's joy.

9 Hagar and Ishmael are cast out. 15 Hagar is distressed. 17 The angel comforts her.

1 ¶ And Jehovah visited Sarah as He had said. And the Lord did to Sarah as He had spoken.

2 And Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time appointed, that which God had spoken with him.

3 And Abraham called the name of the son who was born to him, whom Sarah had borne to him, Isaac.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, a son of eight days, as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham *was* a son of a hundred years when his son Isaac was born to him.

6 And Sarah said, God has made laughter for me; all who hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said to Abraham, Will Sarah suckle sons? For I have borne a son to his old age.

8 And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, *he* whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

10 And she said to Abraham, Drive away this slave-girl and her son, for the son of this slave-girl shall not inherit with my son, with Isaac.

11 And the thing was very evil in the eyes of Abraham, on account of his son.

12 And God said to Abraham, Let it not be evil in your eyes because of the boy, and on account of your slave-girl. All that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac your Seed shall be called.

13 And also I will make a nation of the

son of the slave-girl, for he *is* your seed.

14 ¶ And Abraham started up early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave *them* to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away. And she left and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 And the water from the skin was finished, and she put the boy under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went and sat down opposite him, about a bow shot away. For she said, Let me not see the death of the boy. And she sat opposite and raised her voice and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the young boy. And the angel of God called to Hagar out of the heavens. And He said to her, What ails you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the boy, there where he *is*.

18 Rise up, lift up the boy and make your hand strong on him, for I will make of him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin *with* water, and gave drink to the young boy.

20 And God was with the boy. And he grew up. And he lived in the wilderness and became a great archer.

21 And he lived in the wilderness of Paran. And his mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it happened at that time Abimelech and Phicol, the general of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, God *is* with you in all that you do.

23 And now swear to me here by God, that you will not lie to me, and to my son, and to my heir, according to the kindness which I have sworn to you. Do to me and to the land in which you have lived.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech on account of a well of water which the slaves of Abimelech had seized.

26 And Abimelech said, I do not know who has done this thing; and also you have not told me; even I have not heard, except today.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave to Abimelech, and both of them cut a

covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said to Abraham, What *are* these seven ewe lambs which you have set by yourselves?

30 And he said, You shall take the seven ewe lambs from my hand so that it may become *for* me a witness that I dug this well.

31 On account of this that place is called The Well of Sheba (*Beer-sheba*), because the two of them swore there.

32 And they cut a covenant in Beer-sheba. And Abimelech and Phicol, the general of his army, rose up; and they returned to the land of the Philistines.

33 ¶ And he planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and there he called on the name of Jehovah the everlasting God.

34 And Abraham lived in the land of the Philistines many days.

Genesis 22

1 As a test, God tells Abraham to offer Isaac.

11 The angel stops him. 13 A ram is exchanged for Isaac. 14 The place is called Jehovah-jireh.

15 Abraham is blessed again. 20 The generation of Nahor unto Rebekah.

1 ¶ And it happened after these things, testing Abraham, God said to him, Abraham! And he said, Behold me.

2 And He said, Now take your son, Isaac, your only one whom you love, and go into the land of Moriah. And there offer him for a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will say to you.

3 ¶ And Abraham started up early in the morning and saddled his ass, and *he* took two *of* his youths with him, and his son Isaac. And he split wood for a burnt offering, and rose up and went to the place which God had said to him.

4 And on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, You stay here with the ass. I and the boy will go over there that we may worship and may return to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac; and he took the fire and the knife in his hand.

And the two went together.

7 And Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, My father. And he said, Behold me. And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood! But where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will see *to* the lamb for Himself for a burnt offering. And the two of them went together.

9 And they came to the place which God had said to him. And Abraham built there the altar, and arranged the wood. And he bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on the wood.

10 And Abraham put out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 ¶ And the Angel of Jehovah called to him from the heavens and said, Abraham! Abraham! And he said, Behold me.

12 And He said, Do not lay your hand on the boy, and do not do anything to him. For now I know that you *are* God-fearing, and you have not withheld your son, your only one, from Me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked. And behold! A ram behind *him* was entangled in a thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah Sees (*Jehovah-Jireh*); so that it is said until this day, In the mount of Jehovah it will be seen.

15 ¶ And the Angel of Jehovah called to Abraham out of the heavens a second time.

16 And He said, I have sworn by Myself, a statement of Jehovah, that because of this thing you have done, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 that blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which *is* on the lip of the sea. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies.

18 And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because you have obeyed My voice.

19 And Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba. And Abraham lived at Beer-

sheba.

20 ¶ And it happened after these things it was told to Abraham, saying, Behold! Milcah, she also, has borne sons to your brother Nahor:

21 Uz, his first-born, Buz, and his brother Kemuel, the father of Aram,

22 and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And Bethuel fathered Rebekah. Milcah bore these eight to Nahor, the brother of Abraham.

24 And his concubine, whose name *was* Reumah, she also bore Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

Genesis 23

1 *The age and death of Sarah. 3 The purchase of Machpelah, 19 where Sarah was buried.*

1 ¶ And the life of Sarah *was* a hundred and twenty-seven years, the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba (*The City of Arba*), it *is* Hebron, in the land of Canaan. And Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 ¶ And Abraham rose up from before his dead and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,

4 I am a sojourner and a stranger with you. Give to me a burial possession among you, so that I may bury my dead from before the eyes.

5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

6 Hear us, my lord. You *are* a prince among us. Bury your dead in the best of our burying places. Not a man of us will withhold his burying place from you, from burying your dead.

7 And Abraham rose up and bowed himself to the people of the land, to the sons of Heth.

8 And he spoke with them, saying, If it is your desire to bury my dead from before me, hear me. Ask for me of Ephron the son of Zohar,

9 that he may give to me the cave of Machpelah which he has, which *is* in the edge of his field. In full silver let him give it to me among you, for a possession of a burying place.

10 And Ephron was sitting among the sons

of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite replied to Abraham in the ears of the sons of Heth, to all those entering the gate of his city, saying,

11 No, my lord, hear me. I have given the field to you; also the cave that *is* in it. I have given it to you. Before the eyes of the sons of my people I have given it to you. Bury your dead.

12 And Abraham bowed before the people of the land,

13 and spoke to Ephron in the ears of the people of the land, saying, Only if you would hear me. I have given the silver for the field; take *it* from me, that I may bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

15 My lord, hear me; the land *is worth* four hundred shekels of silver; what *is* that between me and you? Even bury your dead.

16 ¶ And Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver of which he had spoken in the ears of the sons of Heth, four hundred silver shekels which *passes* with the merchant.

17 And was certified the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the cave and the field in it, and all the trees in the field, which *were* in all its borders around it,

18 to Abraham for a purchase before the sons of Heth, with all entering the gate of his city.

19 And after this Abraham buried his wife Sarah at the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre; it *is* Hebron, in the land of Canaan.

20 And the field was certified, and the cave in it, to Abraham for a burial possession from the sons of Heth.

Genesis 24

1 Abraham's slave makes an oath. 10 His journey:

12 His prayer: 15 Rebekah meets him, 18 fulfills his sign, 22 reveals her kindred, 26 The slave blesses God. 34 The slave's message.

58 Rebekah consents to go. 62 Isaac meets her.

1 ¶ And Abraham was old, going on in days, and Jehovah had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said to his slave, oldest in

his house, the one who governed in all that was to him, Please put your hand under my thigh.

3 And I will cause you to swear by Jehovah, God of the heavens and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanite, among whom I dwell.

4 But you shall go to my land and to my kindred and take a wife for my son, for Isaac.

5 And the slave said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to go after me to this land; shall I indeed bring back your son into the land from out of which you came?

6 And Abraham said to him, Take heed for yourself that you not take my son back there.

7 Jehovah, the God of Heaven, who took me from the house of my father and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, I will give this land to your seed; He shall send His Angel before you, and you shall take a wife from there for my son.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to go after you, then you shall be clear from this oath of mine; only do not take my son back there.

9 And the slave put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore to him concerning this thing.

10 ¶ And the slave took ten camels from his master's camels and left. And all his master's goods were in his hand. And he rose up and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

11 And he made the camels kneel outside the city, by a well of water at the time of the evening, the time that women go out to draw.

12 And he said, Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, I pray, cause *her* to meet before me this day, and do kindness to my master Abraham.

13 Behold! I *am* standing by the well of water, and the daughters of *the* men of the city are coming out to draw water.

14 And let the girl to whom I shall speak *this*: Please let down your pitcher that I may drink; and she will say, Drink and also I will water your camels; *let it be her*

You have approved for Your servant, for Isaac. And by this I shall know that You have shown kindness to my master.

15 And it happened before he had finished speaking. Behold! Rebekah came out, *she* who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, the brother of Abraham, *with* her pitcher on her shoulder.

16 And the girl *was* very good of form, a virgin, a man not having known her. And she went down to the well and filled her pitcher and came up.

17 And the slave ran to meet her and said, Please let me sip a little water from your pitcher.

18 And she said, Drink, my lord. And she hurried and let down her pitcher on her hand and gave him *a* drink.

19 And she finished giving drink to him. And she said, I also will draw for your camels until they have finished drinking.

20 And she hurried and emptied her pitcher into the trough. And she again ran to the well to draw and drew for all his camels.

21 And watching her, the man kept silent in order to know if Jehovah had prospered his way, or not.

22 And it happened when the camels had finished drinking, the man took a golden ring, its weight a half shekel, and two bracelets for her hands, ten of gold their weighing.

23 And he said, Whose daughter *are* you? Please tell me, is there room for us to stay in your father's house?

24 And she said to him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.

25 And she said to him, Both straw and fodder *are* plentiful with us, also a room to pass the night.

26 And the man bowed and worshiped Jehovah.

27 And he said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, who has not left off His kindness and His truth with my master, I *being* in the way, Jehovah guided me to the house of the brother of my master.

28 And the girl ran and told these things to the house of her mother.

29 ¶ And Rebekah *had* a brother, his name *being* Laban. And Laban ran out to the

man, to the well.

30 And it happened when he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's hands, and when he heard his sister's words, Rebekah, saying, So the man spoke to me, then he came to the man and saw him standing by the camels at the fountain.

31 And he said, Come in, blessed of Jehovah! Why are you standing outside? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.

32 And the man came into the house. And he unloaded the camels and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.

33 And *food* was set before him to eat, but he said, I will not eat until I have spoken my message. And he said, Speak.

34 And he said, I *am* the slave of Abraham.

35 And Jehovah has blessed my master much, and he is great. And He has given to him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and male slaves and slave-girls, and camels and asses.

36 And my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given to him all that *is* his.

37 And my master caused me to swear, saying, You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanite, in whose land I live.

38 But you shall go to the house of my father and to my family and you shall take a wife for my son.

39 And I said to my master, Perhaps the woman will not go after me.

40 And he said to me, Jehovah, before whom I walk, will send His Angel with you and prosper your way. And you shall take a wife for my son from my family, from my father's house.

41 Then you shall be released from my oath, when you have come to my family, and if they do not give *one* to you; then you shall be released from my oath.

42 And today I came to the well. And I said, Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, I pray, if You will, prosper the way in which I am about to go.

43 Behold! I stand at the well of water, and when the virgin comes out to draw water, and I say to her, Please let me drink

a little water from your pitcher,

44 and she says to me, Both you drink and also I will draw for your camels, may she be the woman whom Jehovah has approved for my master's son.

45 Before I had finished speaking within my heart, even behold, Rebekah was coming out, her pitcher on her shoulder. And she went down to the well and drew. And I said to her, Please let me drink.

46 And she hurried and let down her pitcher from her and said, Drink, and I also will water your camels. And I drank, and also she watered the camels.

47 And I asked her and I said, Whose daughter *are* you? And she said, The *daughter* of Bethuel the son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him. And I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her hands.

48 And I bowed and worshiped Jehovah, and I blessed Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, who had guided me in the true way, to take for his son the daughter of the brother of my master.

49 And now, if you are going to do kindness and truth with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me so that I may turn to the right or to the left.

50 And Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing has come from Jehovah; we are not able to speak to you good or evil.

51 Behold! Rebekah *is* before you, take *her* and go. And let her become the wife of the son of your master, as Jehovah has spoken.

52 And it happened when the slave of Abraham heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth to Jehovah.

53 And the slave brought out vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments, and he gave to Rebekah. And he gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

54 ¶ And they ate and drank, he and the men who were with him; and they stayed the night. And they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master.

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the girl stay with us, perhaps ten days. Afterwards she may go.

56 And he said to them, Do not delay me, for Jehovah has prospered my way. Send

me away that I may go to my master.

57 And they said, We will call the girl and ask of her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away their sister Rebekah, and her nurse, and Abraham's slave and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, Our sister, may you become myriads of thousands, and may your seed possess the gate of *ones* hating them.

61 And Rebekah and her young women rose up, and they rode on the camels and went after the man. And the slave took Rebekah and went.

62 ¶ And Isaac had come from the gate of the Well of the Living One, My Beholder. And he was dwelling in the land of the Negeb.

63 And Isaac had gone out to meditate in the field as *it* turned evening. And he raised his eyes and looked. And behold, camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted her eyes and she saw Isaac. And she dismounted from the camel.

65 And she said to the slave, Who *is* this man walking in the field to meet us? And the slave said, It *is* my master. And she took the veil and covered herself.

66 And the slave told Isaac all the things that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah. And he took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother.

Genesis 25

1 The sons of Abraham by Keturah. 8 Death of Abraham. 12 The generations of Ishmael.

17 His age, and death. 19 Isaac prays for Rebekah, being barren. 22 The children strive in her womb. 24 The birth of Esau and Jacob.

1 ¶ And Abraham added and took a wife, and her name *was* Keturah.

2 And she bore to him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

3 And Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and

Letushim and Leummim.

4 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Ephher, and Hanoah, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *were* the sons of Keturah.

5 And Abraham gave all that was his to Isaac.

6 And to the sons of the concubines who were to Abraham, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away eastward, from his son Isaac, while still alive, to an eastern land.

7 And these *are* the days of the years of the life of Abraham, which he lived, one hundred seventy-five years.

8 And Abraham expired and died in a good old age, aged and satisfied, and was gathered to his people.

9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him at the cave of Machpelah, at the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite which *is* before Mamre,

10 the field which Abraham bought from the sons of Heth. Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried there.

11 ¶ And it happened after the death of Abraham, God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac lived by The Well of the Living One, My Beholder.

12 And these *are* the generations of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, the slave-girl of Sarah, bore to Abraham.

13 And these *are* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the first-born of Ishmael *was* Nebajoth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

14 and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,

15 Hader, and Tema, and Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

16 These *were* the sons of Ishmael, and these their names in their settlements and in their camps, twelve chiefs according to their nations.

17 And these *were* the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred thirty-seven years. And he expired and died, and was gathered to his people.

18 And they lived from Havilah to Shur, which *is* facing Egypt *as* you come toward Assyria; he settled facing all his brothers.

19 ¶ And these *were* the generations of Isaac, the son of Abraham: Abraham fa-

thered Isaac.

20 And Isaac was a son of forty years when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Padan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to him for a wife.

21 And Isaac prayed to Jehovah for his wife, for she *was* barren. And Jehovah was entreated for him, and his wife Rebekah conceived.

22 And the sons struggled together within her. And she said, If *this is* right, why am I this way? And she went to ask of Jehovah.

23 And Jehovah said to her, Two nations *are* in your womb; even two peoples shall break from your body. And one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

24 And her days were fulfilled to bear. And behold! Twins *were* in her womb.

25 And the first came out, all of him red like a hairy robe; and they called his name Esau.

26 And afterward his brother came out, and his hand *was* holding to the heel of Esau; and his name *was* called Jacob. And Isaac *was* a son of sixty years when she bore them.

27 And the boys grew up. And Esau became a man knowing hunting, a man of the field. And Jacob *was* a quiet man, living in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, for game was in his mouth. And Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 ¶ And Jacob boiled soup. And Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Please let me eat of the red, this red *soup*, for I am faint. On account of this his name is called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me your birth-right today.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* going to die, and what *good is* this, a birthright to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me today. And he swore to him and sold his birth-right to Jacob.

34 And Jacob gave bread and soup of lentils to Esau. And he ate and drank, and rose up and left. And Esau despised the birth-

right.

Genesis 26

1 Isaac goes to Gerar. 2 God instructs, and blesses him. 7 He is reproved by Abimelech for saying Rebekah is his sister. 18 He digs the wells Esek, Sitnah, and Rehoboth. 34 Esau's wives.

1 ¶ And a famine was in the land besides the famine in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, to Gerar.

2 And Jehovah appeared to him and said, Do not go down into Egypt; stay in the land which I shall say to you.

3 Reside in this land, and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands. And I will cause to rise My oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

4 And I will increase your seed like the stars of the heavens, and I will give to your seed all these lands. And all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves in your Seed,

5 because Abraham listened to My voice and heeded My charge, My commands, My statutes, and My laws.

6 ¶ And Isaac lived in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, She *is* my sister, for he was afraid to say, My wife, lest the men of the place kill me on account of Rebekah, for she was good of form.

8 And it happened when his days were many to him there, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through the window and saw; and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting with his wife Rebekah.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac and said, See, surely she *is* your wife, and how have you said, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, lest I die on account of her.

10 And Abimelech said, What *is* this you have done to us? One of the people had in a little lain with your wife, and you would have brought on us guilt.

11 And Abimelech commanded all the people, saying, Anyone touching this man and his wife dying shall die.

12 ¶ And Isaac sowed in that land. And a hundredfold *was* found in that year, and

Jehovah blessed him.

13 And the man grew great, and he went on, going on to be great, until he became exceedingly great.

14 And possessions of flocks and possessions of herds, and many slaves were his. And the Philistines envied him.

15 And all the wells which the slaves of his father dug in the days of his father Abraham, the Philistines had stopped them and filled them with dust.

16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go from us, for you are stronger than we.

17 And Isaac went from there and camped in Gerar Valley, and lived there.

18 And Isaac returned and dug the wells of water which they dug in the days of his father Abraham; and the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he called names to them like the names which his father had called them.

19 And Isaac's slaves dug in the torrent-bed, and they found there a well of flowing water.

20 And the shepherds of Gerar fought with the shepherds of Isaac, saying, The water *is* ours; and he called the name of the well, Contention, for they had contended with him.

21 And they dug another well, and *they* also fought over it; and he called its name, Opposition.

22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not fight over it; and he called its name, Broad Places. And he said, For now Jehovah has broadened for us and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went from there to Beer-sheba.

24 And Jehovah appeared to him in the same night, and said, I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you; and I will bless you and increase your seed, because of My servant Abraham.

25 And he built an altar there and called on the name of Jehovah. And he pitched his tent there. And the slaves of Isaac dug a well there.

26 ¶ And Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and his aide Ahuzzath, and Phicol the general of his army.

27 And Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, since you hate me and sent

me away from you?

28 And they said, Since seeing we have seen that Jehovah has been with you, and we have said, Let there be an oath now between us, between us and you, and let us cut a covenant with you,

29 whether you will do with us evil, as we did not touch you, and as we did only good with you, and we sent you away in peace, you now *being* blessed of Jehovah.

30 And he made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

31 And they started up early at dawn, and each swore to his brother. And Isaac sent them away, and they left him in peace.

32 And it happened on that day Isaac's slaves came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, We found water.

33 And he called it Shebah; so the name of the city *is* The Well of Sheba (*Beer-sheba*) until this day.

34 ¶ And Esau was a son of forty years. And he took a wife, Judith, the daughter of Beeri the Hittite; also Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

35 And they were a grief of spirit to Isaac and to Rebekah.

Genesis 27

1 Isaac sends Esau for game.. 6 Rebekah instructs Jacob how to obtain the blessing. 15 Jacob under the person of Esau obtains it. 30 Esau brings game, and by pleading obtains a lesser blessing. 41 He threatens Jacob.

1 ¶ And it happened when Isaac *was* old and his eyes were dim for seeing, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, My son! And he said to him, Behold me.

2 And he said, Behold! Now, I am old; I do not know the day of my death.

33 And now please lift up your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go to the field and hunt game for me.

4 And make for me delicious things, such as I love, and bring to me, and I will eat; so that my soul may bless you before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. And Esau went to the field to hunt game, to bring *it* in.

6 ¶ And Rebekah spoke to her son Jacob, saying, Behold, I heard your father speak-

ing to your brother Esau saying,

7 Bring game to me and make delicious *things* that I may eat, that I may bless you before Jehovah before my death.

8 And now my son hear my voice, that which I command you.

9 Go now to the flock and bring me from there two good kids of the goats. And I will make them into delicious *things* for your father which he loves;

10 and you shall bring it to your father and so that he may eat, and he may bless you before his death.

11 And Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, See, my brother Esau *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man.

12 Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall be like a deceiver in his eyes, and I shall bring a curse on me, and not a blessing.

13 And his mother said to him, Your curse *be* on me, my son; only listen to my voice and go, take for me.

14 And he went and took and came to his mother. And his mother made delicious *things*, such as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took the clothing of her elder son Esau, the costly ones which were with her in the house. And she dressed her younger son Jacob;

16 and she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands, and on the smoothness of his neck.

17 And she put the delicious *things* and the bread which she had made in the hand of her son Jacob.

18 ¶ And he went in to his father and said, My father. And he said, Behold me. Who *are* you, my son?

19 And Jacob said to his father, I *am* your first-born, Esau. I have done as you said to me. Rise up now, sit and eat of my game, so that your soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said to his son, How then have you *quickly* found *it*, my son? And he said, Because Jehovah your God made it come to me.

21 And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near now and let me feel you, whether then you *are* my son Esau, or not.

22 And Jacob came near to his father Isaac. And he felt him, and he said, The voice *is* the voice of Jacob and the hands

are Esau's hands.

23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were like the hairy hands of his brother Esau. And he blessed him.

24 And he said, *Are* you then my son Esau? And he said, *I am*.

25 And he said, Bring to me and let me eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you. And he came near to him; and he took and he ate. And he came to him, and he drank wine.

26 And his father Isaac said to him, Now come and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his clothes. And *he* blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which Jehovah has blessed.

28 And may God give you of the dew of the heavens, and of the fatness of the earth, and much grain and wine.

29 May the nations serve you and peoples bow to you; be a ruler to your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow to you, and cursed *be* those who curse you, and blessed *be* those who bless you.

30 ¶ And it happened that when Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, even it came about that Jacob had hardly gone out from the face of his father Isaac, and his brother Esau came in from his hunting.

31 And he also made delicious *things* and came to his father. And he said to his father, Let my father rise and eat from the game of his son, so that your soul may bless me.

32 And his father Isaac said to him, Who *are* you? And he said, *I am* your son, your first-born, Esau.

33 And Isaac was terrified with a very great anxiety. And he said, Who then *was* the one who hunted game and came to me; and I ate from *it* all before you came; and I blessed him? Yea, he shall be blessed.

34 When Esau heard the words of his father he cried out a great and very bitter cry. And he said to his father, Bless me, me also, my father.

35 And he said, Your brother came with deceit and took your blessing.

36 And he said, *Is* that *why* his name *is* called Jacob and has supplanted me these two times? He took me by the heel; he took

my birthright and, behold, now he has taken my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me?

37 And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold, I have set him over you as a ruler, and I have given him all his brothers for servants; I have girded him with grain and wine. And what then can I do for you, my son?

38 And Esau said to his father, Is one blessing *left* to you, my father? Bless me, me also, my father. And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

39 And his father Isaac answered and said to him, Behold, your dwelling shall be from the fat of the earth and from the dew of the heavens above;

40 and you shall live by your sword, and you shall serve your brother; and when it shall be that you *are* restless, you shall break his yoke from your neck.

41 ¶ And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him. And Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning *for* my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.

42 And the words of her older son Esau were told to Rebekah. And she sent and called her younger son Jacob. And she said to him, Behold! Your brother Esau is going to ease himself on you, to kill you.

43 And now, my son, listen to my voice, and rise, flee for yourself to my brother Laban, to Haran.

44 And stay with him some days until your brother's fury turns back,

45 until your brother's anger turns back from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. And I will send and take you from there. Why should I also be bereaved of two of you *in* one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life from the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these from the daughters of the land, what is *my* life to me?

Genesis 28

1 Isaac blesses Jacob, and sends him to Padan-aram. 6 Esau marries Ishmael's daughter 10 The vision of Jacob's ladder. 20 Jacob's vow.

1 ¶ And Isaac called Jacob. And he blessed

him and commanded him, and said to him, You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

2 Go up, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father. And take a wife for yourself from there, from the daughters of Laban the brother of your mother.

3 And may God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful, and add to you; and may you become an assembly of nations.

4 And may He give to you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your seed with you, for you to possess the land of your travels, which God gave to Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob. And he went to Padan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 ¶ And Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and had sent him away to Padan-aram to take a wife for himself from there. In his blessing he had commanded him, saying, You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan;

7 and that Jacob listened to his father and his mother, and went to Padan-aram.

8 And when Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan were evil in the eyes of his father Isaac,

9 then Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, Nebajoth's sister. To his wives he *added her* for his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.

11 And he came on a place and stayed the night there, for the sun had gone. And he took stones of the place and placed *them* at his head; and he lay down in that place.

12 And he dreamed. And, behold, a ladder was placed on the earth, its top reaching to the heavens. And, behold, the angels of God *were* going up and going down on it!

13 And, behold, Jehovah stood above it and said, I *am* Jehovah the God of your father Abraham, and the God of Isaac; the land on which you are lying, I will give it to you and to your seed.

14 And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread to the west

and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your Seed.

15 And, behold, I *will be* with you and will guard you in every *place* in which you may go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not forsake you until I have surely done that which I have spoken to you.

16 ¶ And Jacob awakened from his sleep, and said, Surely Jehovah is in this place, and I did not know.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How fearful *is* this place! This *is* nothing except the house of God, and this *is* the door to Heaven.

18 And Jacob started up early in the morning and took the stone which he had placed at his head, and *he* placed it *as* a pillar; and he poured oil on the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el [*The House of God*]. And yet the name of the city *was* at first Luz.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God is with me and keeps me in this way which I *am* going, and gives to me bread to eat and clothing to wear,

21 and I return in peace to the house of my father, then Jehovah shall be my God,

22 and this stone which I have placed as a *memorial* pillar shall become the house of God; and all which You shall give to me, I will tithe the tenth to You.

Genesis 29

1 Jacob comes to the well of Haran. 9 He meets Rachel. 13 Laban entertains him. 18 Rachel is promised to Jacob. 23 He is deceived with Leah. 30 He marries Rachel also. 32 Leah bears Reuben, 33 Simeon, 34 Levi, 35 and Judah.

1 ¶ And Jacob lifted his feet and went to the land of the sons of the east.

2 And he looked, and, behold, a well in the field. And, behold, three flocks of sheep *were* lying by it; for from that well they watered the flocks, and the stone on the mouth of the well *was* great.

3 And all the flocks were usually gathered there, and they rolled the stone off the mouth of the well and watered the sheep, and replaced the stone on the mouth

of the well, to its place.

4 And Jacob said to them, My brothers, from where *are* you? And they said, We *are* from Haran.

5 And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.

6 And he said to them, Well-being to him? And they said, Well-being. And, behold, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep.

7 And he said, Behold, the day *is* still high; *it is* not time to gather the livestock. Water the cattle and go feed *them*.

8 And they said, We are not able until all the flocks are gathered and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.

9 ¶ He still *was* speaking with them, and Rachel came with the sheep which *were* her father's; for she *was* tending *them*.

10 And it happened when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban, brother to his mother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well and watered the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted up his voice and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* the son of Rebekah. And she ran and told her father.

13 And it happened when Laban heard the report of Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him. And he took him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, Truly you *are* my bone and my flesh. And he lived with him a month of days.

15 ¶ And Laban said to Jacob, *Are* you not my brother? And should you serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *shall be* your wages?

16 And Laban *had* two daughters, the name of the older, Leah, and the name of the younger, Rachel.

17 And the eyes of Leah were weak, and Rachel was beautiful of form and beautiful of appearance.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel, and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your

younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, *It is* better for me to give her to you *than* to give her to another man; live with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they were in his eyes like a few days, in his love for her.

21 And Jacob said to Laban, Give my wife, for my days are completed. And let me go in to her.

22 And Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.

23 And it happened in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to him; and he went in to her.

24 And Laban gave to her Zilpah, his slave-girl, to his daughter Leah as a slave.

25 And it happened in the morning; behold! She *was* Leah. And he said to Laban, What have you done to me? *Did* I not serve with you for Rachel? And why have you tricked me?

26 And Laban said, It is not done this way in our place, to give the younger before the first-born.

27 Fulfill the week of this one and we will also give you this *other* one, for the service which you will serve with me, yet another seven years.

28 And Jacob did so, and he fulfilled the week of this one, and he gave to him his daughter Rachel, to him for a wife.

29 And Laban gave his slave-girl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel, to her for a slave-girl.

30 And he also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with him yet another seven years.

31 ¶ And Jehovah saw that Leah *was* hated. And He opened her womb, but Rachel *was* barren.

32 And Leah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Reuben; for she said, Surely Jehovah has looked on my affliction, for now my husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, Surely Jehovah has heard that I am hated and has given this one to me also. And she called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceived again and bore a son. And she said, Now, *this* time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne to him three sons. So his name was

called Levi.

35 And she conceived again and bore a son. And she said, This time I praise Jehovah. So she called his name Judah. And she ceased from bearing.

Genesis 30

1 Rachel gives Bilhah, her maid, to Jacob. 5 She bears Dan and Naphtali. 9 Leah gives her maid, Zilpah, who bears Gad and Asher. 117 Leah bears Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah. 22 Rachel bears Joseph. 25 Jacob desires to depart. 27 Laban's promise causes him to stay.

1 ¶ And Rachel saw that she did not bear to Jacob, and Rachel was jealous of her sister. And she said to Jacob, Give me sons; and if there *is* none, I shall die.

2 And Jacob's anger was hot against Rachel, and he said, Am I in God's place, who has kept back from you the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold my servant Bilhah! Go in to her and let her bear on my knees; yea, let me be built up from her, me also.

4 And she gave her slave-girl Bilhah to him for a wife. And Jacob went in to her.

5 And Bilhah conceived and bore a son to Jacob.

6 And Rachel said, God has judged and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son. So she called his name Dan.

7 And Bilhah, Rachel's slave-girl, conceived again, and bore a second son to Jacob.

8 And Rachel said, With struggles of God I have wrestled with my sister; yea, I have been able. And she called his name Naphtali.

9 And Leah saw that she had ceased from bearing. And she took Zilpah, her slave-girl, and gave her to Jacob for a wife.

10 And Leah's slave-girl Zilpah bore a son to Jacob.

11 And Leah said, With fortune. And she called his name Gad.

12 And Zilpah, Leah's slave-girl, bore a second son to Jacob.

13 And Leah said, In my happiness; for the daughters shall call me happy. And she called his name Asher.

14 ¶ And in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went out and found love-apples in

the field. And he brought them to his mother Leah. And Rachel said to Leah, Please give to me from the love-apples of your son.

15 And she said to her, *Is* your taking my husband a little *thing*? Will you also take my son's love-apples? And Rachel said, So he shall be with you tonight, for your son's love apples.

16 And Jacob came in from the field at evening. And Leah went out to meet him. And she said, You must come in to me, for hiring I have hired you with my son's love-apples. And he lay with her during that night.

17 And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore a fifth son to Jacob.

18 And Leah said, God has given my hire; I gave my slave-girl to my husband. And she called his name Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

20 And Leah said, God has given me a good present. This time my husband will live with me, because I have borne six sons to him. And she called his name Zebulun.

21 And afterwards she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

22 And God remembered Rachel; and God listened to her and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived and bore a son. And she said, God has taken away my reproach.

24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, May Jehovah add to me another son.

25 ¶ And it happened when Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, Send me away so I may go to my own place and to my land.

26 Give my wives and my children, *for* whom I have served you, and let me go. For you know my service with which I have served you.

27 And Laban said to him, Please, if I have found favor in your eyes, stay. I have seen omens, also Jehovah has blessed me because of you.

28 And he said, Set your wages on me and I will give.

29 And he said to him, You know how I have served you and what your livestock has become with me.

30 For little *was* yours before my pres-

ence, and it has spread out into a host. And Jehovah has blessed you at my foot. And now when shall I work for my house, I also?

31 And he said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will turn back; I will feed your flock and keep it.

32 I will pass among all your flock today, taking from there every speckled and spotted sheep, and every black sheep among the lambs, also the spotted and speckled goats; these shall be my wages.

33 And my righteousness shall testify for me in the day to come. When you come in about my wages, before your face every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the lambs, it is stolen with me.

34 And Laban said, Yes, if it be so let it be as you speak.

35 And he turned out in that day all the striped and spotted lambs, and all the speckled and spotted goats, every one which had white, and every black one among the lambs. And he gave *them* into the hands of his sons.

36 And he put three days journey between himself and Jacob. And Jacob was feeding the remaining flocks of Laban.

37 ¶ And Jacob took for himself white rods of a fresh tree, and the almond and plane tree. And he peeled white stripes in them, laying bare the white on the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had peeled by the troughs, by the water troughs where the flocks came to drink, across from the flocks. And they were in heat when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks were in heat before the rods and bore striped *ones*, speckled *ones* and spotted *ones*.

40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and he set the faces of the flock toward the striped, and every black *one* in the flocks of Laban. And he put his own droves by themselves, and did not put them with the flock of Laban.

41 And it happened that whenever the strong flocks conceived, Jacob placed the rods before the eyes of the flocks, before the troughs, that they might conceive by

the rods.

42 And the flocks being feeble, he did not set *them*. And usually it happened that the weak *were* for Laban, and the strong for Jacob.

43 And the man increased very much, and many flocks *were* his, and slave-girls, and male slaves, and camels and asses.

Genesis 31

1 Jacob leaves secretly. 19 Rachel steals her father's idols. 22 Laban pursues him and complains 34 Rachel hides the idols. 36 Jacob's complaint. 43 Their covenant at Gilead.

1 ¶ And he heard the words of the sons of Laban, saying, Jacob has taken away all that *was* to our father, and from that which *was* to our father he has gotten all this wealth.

2 And Jacob saw the face of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

3 And Jehovah said to Jacob, Go back to the land of your fathers and to your kindred. And I will be with you.

4 And Jacob sent and called for Rachel and for Leah to come to the field, to his flocks.

5 And he said to them, I see your father's face, that it *is* not toward me as before. But the God of my father has been with me.

6 And you know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father has cheated me and has changed my wages ten times. And God has not let him do evil to me.

8 And if he said this: The speckled shall be your wages, then all the flocks bore speckled *ones*. And if he said this, The striped *ones* shall be your wages, then all the flocks bore striped *ones*.

9 And God has taken away the livestock of your father and has given to me.

10 And it happened at the time the flock was in heat, I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream: And behold! The rams leaping on the flock were striped *ones*, speckled *ones*, and spotted *ones*.

11 And the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, Jacob! And I said, Behold me.

12 And He said, Lift up your eyes and see all the rams leaping on the flock; *they are* striped, speckled and spotted. For I have

seen all that Laban is doing to you.

13 I *am* the God of Beth-el, there where you anointed the pillar, where you vowed a vow to Me. Now rise up; go out of this land and go back to the land of your kindred.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, *Is there* yet to us a portion and an inheritance in the house of our father?

15 Are we not counted strangers by him. For he has sold us, and selling he has sold *us* for silver.

16 For all the wealth which God has taken from our father, it *is* for us and for our sons. And now all that which God has said to you, do.

17 ¶ And Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels.

18 And he drove all the livestock, and *he took* all his goods which he had gotten, livestock of his property which he had gotten in Padan-aram, to come to his father Isaac, to the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep. And Rachel stole the household idols which were her father's.

20 And Jacob stole the heart of Laban the Syrian, for he did not tell him that he *was* about to flee.

21 And he and all that *was* to him fled. And he rose up and crossed the River and set his face to Mount Gilead.

22 And on the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled.

23 And he took his brothers with him and pursued him, seven days journey. And he overtook him in Mount Gilead.

24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream of the night, and said to him, Be on guard for yourself, lest you speak with Jacob from good to evil.

25 ¶ And Laban overtook Jacob. And Jacob had pitched his tent at the Mount. And Laban with his brothers had pitched at Mount Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done? And you have stolen my heart and have taken my daughters like captives of the sword.

27 Why did you hide so as to flee, and have stolen *from* me and have not told me. And I would have sent you away with rejoicing and with music, with tabret and with

harp.

28 And you have not let me kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have been foolish to do *this*.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you harm. But the God of your fathers spoke to me last night, saying, Be on guard for yourself that you do not speak with Jacob from good to evil.

30 And now longing you have gone because you have longed after your father's house. Why have you stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I *was* afraid. For I said, Lest by force you take your daughters from me.

32 With whomever you find your gods, he shall not live before our brothers here. See for yourself what *is* with me, and take *it* to you. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two slave-girls; and he did not find. And he went out of Leah's tent and came into Rachel's tent.

34 And Rachel had taken the household idols and put them into the camel's saddle; and she sat on them. And Laban felt around all the tent, but did not find.

35 And she said to her father, Let no anger be in the eyes of my lord, for I am not able to rise before your face, for the way of women is to me. And he searched for and did not find the household idols.

36 ¶ And Jacob was angry, and he contended with Laban. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my transgression; what my sin that you have hotly pursued me?

37 For you have felt around all my articles; what have you found from all the articles of your house? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers and let them decide between the two of us.

38 Now I *was* with you twenty years. Your ewes and your she-goats have not failed to bear, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock.

39 I did not bring to you the mangled; I replaced it. From my hand you exacted it, that stolen *by* day and that stolen *by* night.

40 I was there; by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night. And my sleep

fled from my eyes.

41 Now I have been twenty years in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock. And you have changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been for me, surely now you would have sent me away empty. God has seen my affliction and the toil of my palm, and last night He judged.

43 ¶ And Laban answered and said to Jacob, The daughters *are* my daughters and the sons my sons. And the flocks *are* my flocks; yea, all which you see, it *is* mine and my daughters'. What can I do to these today, or to their sons whom they have borne?

44 And now come, let us cut a covenant, you and me; and let it be a witness between you and me.

45 And Jacob took a stone and set it up as a memorial.

46 And Jacob said to his brothers, Gather stones. And they took stones and they made a heap.

47 And Laban called it, Heap of the Testimony. And Jacob called it in Hebrew, Heap of Testimony.

48 And Laban said, This heap *is* a witness between you and between me today; so he called its name Heap of Testimony;

49 also, Watchtower; for he said, May Jehovah watch between you and me, for we are hidden, when we are out of sight, each from his neighbor.

50 If you will afflict my daughters, and if you will take wives above my daughters, no man *is* with us. See now, God *is* a witness between you and me.

51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar which I have set between you and me.

52 This heap *is* a witness, and the pillar *is* a testimony. As for me, I will not pass over this heap to you; and as for you, you will not pass over this heap and this pillar for evil to me.

53 The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, the God of their father, let judge between us. And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.

54 And Jacob sacrificed a sacrifice on the

mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and lodged on the mountain.

55 And Laban rose up early in the morning and kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them. And Laban went away and returned to his own place.

Genesis 32

1 Jacob's vision. 3 He fears Esau and sends him gifts. 9 He prays for deliverance. 24 He wrestles an angel at Peniel, and is called Israel.

1 ¶ And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when he saw them, Jacob said, This *is* the camp of God. And he called the name of that place, Two Camps.

3 ¶ And Jacob sent messengers before his face to his brother Esau, to the land of Seir, the field of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, You shall say to my lord, to Esau: Your servant Jacob says this: I have sojourned with Laban and remained until now.

5 And it is mine *to have* oxen, and asses, flocks, and slaves and slave-girls. And I have sent to tell my lord, to find favor in your eyes.

6 And the messengers came back to Jacob, saying, We came to your brother Esau, and also he *is* coming to meet you, and four hundred men *are* with him.

7 And Jacob was afraid, and he was very distressed. And he divided the people with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two camps.

8 And he said, If Esau comes to the one company and strikes it, then it will be, the company that is left shall escape.

9 ¶ And Jacob said, Oh God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, Jehovah, who said to me, Go back to your land and to your kindred and I will deal well with you.

10 I am not worthy of all the mercies and all the truth which You have done for Your servant, for I passed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.

11 Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and strike me,

mother to sons.

12 And You said, dealing I will deal well with you, and I will make your seed like the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 ¶ And he remained there that night. And he took a present from what came into his hand, for his brother Esau:

14 two hundred she-goats, twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,
15 thirty nursing camels with their thirty colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten young asses.

16 And he gave into the hand of his slaves every drove by itself. And he said to his slaves, Pass over before my face and put a space between drove and drove.

17 And he commanded the first ones, saying, When my brother Esau meets you and asks, saying, Whose *are* you, and where do you go, and whose *are* these before your face?

18 Then you will say, Your servant Jacob's. *It is* a present sent to my lord, to Esau; and, behold, also he *is* behind us.

19 And he also commanded the second, also the third, even all the ones going after the droves, saying, You shall speak this word to Esau when you find him.

20 And you shall also say, Behold, your servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will cover his face by the present, the one going before my face, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will lift up my face.

21 And the present passed before his face, and he remained in the camp that night.

22 And he rose up that night and took his two wives, and his two slave-girls, and his eleven children. And he passed over the ford Jabbok.

23 And he took them and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which *was* his.

24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the ascending of the dawn.

25 And He saw that He had not prevailed against him. And He touched on his hip socket, and Jacob's hip socket was unhinged as he wrestled with Him.

26 And He said, Send Me away, for the dawn has ascended. And he said, I will not let You go unless You bless me.

27 And He said to him, What *is* your

name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And He said, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, because you have wrestled with God and with men, and have prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked and said, Please reveal Your name. And He said, Why do you ask this about My name? And He blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Face of God, because I saw God face to face, and my life is delivered.

31 And the sun rose on him as he passed over Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh.

32 On account of this the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that *is* on the hip socket until this day, because He touched on Jacob's hip socket, *on* the sinew of the thigh.

Genesis 33

1 The kindness of Jacob and Esau at their meeting. 18 At Shechem he buys a field, and builds an altar called El, the God of Israel.

1 ¶ And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two slave-girls.

2 And he put the slave-girls and their children first; and Leah and her children behind: and Rachel and Joseph last.

3 And he passed over in front of them and bowed himself to the ground seven times until he came even to his brother.

4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

5 ¶ And he lifted up his eyes and saw the women and the children. And he said, Who *are* these *with* you? And he said, The children *with* whom God has favored your servant.

6 And the slave-girls came near, they and their children; and they bowed.

7 And Leah and her children also came near and bowed. And afterward Rachel and Joseph came near and bowed.

8 And he said, Whose *is* all this camp which I met? And he said, To find favor in the eyes of my lord.

9 And Esau said, I have much, my brother.

Let what you have be to yourself.

10 And Jacob said, No, please, if I now have found favor in your eyes, take my present from my hands. For I have seen your face, like seeing the face of God; and you are pleased with me.

11 Please take my blessing which has been brought to you, because God has favored me, and because I have all things. And he urged him; and he accepted.

12 And he said, Let us depart and go, and I will go with you.

13 And he said to him, My lord knows that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and the herds with me *are* sucklings and nursers. *If* they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die.

14 Please let my lord go before the face of his servant, and I will move on by stages at my ease, according to the feet of the livestock which *are* before me, and according to the pace of the boys, until I come into my lord to Seir.

15 And Esau said, Please let me place with you *some* of the people who *are* with me. And he said, Why, then? Let me find favor in the eyes of my lord.

16 ¶ And Esau returned on his way toward Seir that day.

17 And Jacob traveled to Succoth. And he built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. For this reason he called the name of the place Succoth.

18 And Jacob came in peace to the city of Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, as he came from Padan-aram. And he camped in front of the city.

19 And he bought that part of the field where he had pitched his tent, from the hand of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for a hundred pieces of money.

20 And he set up an altar there. And he called it, El, the God of Israel.

Genesis 34

1 Dinah is raped by Shechem. 4 He asks to marry her. 13 Jacob's sons say no unless all of the men of the city are circumcised. 20 Lusting for Jacob's wealth, they agree. 25 Simeon and Levi kill all the men. 27 and plunder their city.

1 ¶ And Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out to see

the daughters of the land.

2 And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, and took her, and lay with her, and humbled her.

3 And his soul clung to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob. And he loved the girl, and spoke to the heart of the girl.

4 And Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, Take this girl for me for a wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. And his sons were with his livestock in the field. And Jacob kept silent until they had come.

6 ¶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard, and the men were furious, and they were very angry, because he had done disgraceful folly in Israel, to lie with the daughter of Jacob; and it should not be done in this way.

8 And Hamor spoke with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem's has longed for your daughter. Please give her to him for a wife.

9 And you intermarry with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves.

10 And live with us, and the land is before you; live and trade *in* it, and get property in it.

11 And Shechem said to her father, and to her brothers, Let me find favor in your eyes, and what you say to me I will give.

12 Heap on me ever so much bride-price and gift, and I will give as you say to me; but give me the girl for a wife.

13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor, speaking with deceit because he had defiled their sister Dinah.

14 And they said to them, We are not able to do this thing, to give our sister to a man who is uncircumcised. For it *is* a reproach to us.

15 Only on this *condition* will we consent to you; If you will become like us, to have every male of you circumcised.

16 Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will live with you and will be-

come one people.

17 And if you do not listen to us, to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will go.

18 ¶ And their words pleased Hamor and the son of Hamor, Shechem.

19 And the young man did not hesitate to do the thing, for he delighted in Jacob's daughter. And he *was* more honorable than all the house of his father.

20 And Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city. And they spoke with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men *are* peaceable with us; and, Let them live in the land and trade in it. And, behold, the land *is* wide *on* both hands before them. Let us take their daughters for ourselves for wives, and let us give our daughters to them.

22 Only in this *way* will the men consent to us to live with us, to become one people: that every male of us be circumcised as they *are* circumcised.

23 Shall not their livestock, and their property, and all their beasts of burden be ours? Only let us consent to them, and let them live with us.

24 And all those going out of the gate of the city listened to Hamor, and to his son Shechem. And every male was circumcised, all those going out of the gate of the city.

25 ¶ And it happened on the third day, they being pained, that the two sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword. And they came on the city in *its* security, and killed every male.

26 And they killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword. And they took Dinah from the house of Shechem, and went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came on the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their flocks and their herds and their asses, and whatever *was* in the city, and whatever *was* in the field.

29 And they took all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives, and plundered all that *was* in the house.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi, You have troubled me, to make me stink

among those living in the land, among the Canaanites, and among the Perizzites. And *I being* few in number, and they gathering against me, they will strike me, and I and my house shall be wasted.

31 And they said, Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?

Genesis 35

1 God sends Jacob to Beth-el. 6 He builds an altar there. 9 God blesses Jacob at Bethel. 16 Rachel travails with Benjamin, and dies near Ephrath.

23 Jacob's sons. 27 Jacob comes to Isaac at Hebron. 28 The age, death, and burial of Isaac.

1 ¶ And God said to Jacob, Rise up, go to Beth-el and live there. And make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled before your brother Esau.

2 And Jacob said to his house, and to all those with him, Put away the strange gods in your midst, and purify yourselves, and change your clothing.

3 And let us rise up and go up to Beth-el. And I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress. And He was with me *in* the way in which I went.

4 And they gave all the strange gods in their hand to Jacob, and the earrings which *were* in their ears. And Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* near Shechem.

5 And they pulled up *stakes*. And the terror of God was on the cities all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

6 ¶ And Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan; it *is* Beth-el, he and all the people with him came.

7 And he built an altar there and called the place El-beth-el; because God revealed Himself to him there when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 And Deborah died, the nurse of Rebekah, and *she* was buried below Beth-el, under the oak. And he called its name, Oak of Weeping.

9 And God appeared to Jacob again when he came out of Padan-aram, and *He* blessed him.

10 And God said to him, Your name *is* Jacob; your name will not any more be called Jacob, but Israel will be your name. And He called his name Israel.

11 And God said to him, I *am* God Al-

mighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall be from you. And kings shall go forth from your loins.

12 And the land which I gave to Abraham and to Isaac, I will give it to you; and after you I will give the land to your seed.

13 And God went up from him, in the place where He had spoken with him.

14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. And he poured out a drink offering on it; and he poured oil on it.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place, there where God had spoken with him, Beth-el.

16 ¶ And they pulled up *stakes* from Beth-el. And there was yet a length of land to come to Ephrath. And Rachel bore; and she had hard labor in her bearing.

17 And it happened, when she had hard labor in her bearing, even the midwife said to her, Do not fear, for this also *is* a son for you.

18 And it happened, when her soul was going forth (for she died) even she called his name Son of Sorrow [*Ben-oni*]. But his father called him Son of the Right [*Ben-jamin*].

19 And Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, it *is* Beth-lehem.

20 And Jacob set up a pillar on her grave; it *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave until today.

21 ¶ And Israel pulled up *stakes* and pitched his tent beyond the Tower of the Flocks.

22 And it happened after Israel lived in that land, even Reuben went and lay with Bilhah, his father's concubine. And Israel heard. And the sons of Jacob were twelve.

23 The sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born; and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun.

24 The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's slave-girl: Dan and Naphtali.

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's slave-girl: Gad and Asher. These were Jacob's sons who were born in Padan-aram.

27 And Jacob came to his father Isaac, to Mamre, to the City of Arba; it *is* Hebron,

where Abraham and Isaac resided.

28 And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years.

29 And Isaac expired and died and was gathered to his people, old and satisfied of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 36

1 Esau's three wives. 6 His moving to Mount Seir.

9 His sons. 20 The sons and chiefs of Seir.

24 Anah finds the hot springs. 31 The kings of Edom.

1 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Esau; that *is*, Edom.

2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite; and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; 3 and Basemath, the daughter of Ishmael, sister of Nebajoth.

4 And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau. And Basemath bore Reuel.

5 And Oholibamah bore Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. These *were* the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his livestock, and all the beasts of burden, and all his property which he had gained in Canaan, and he went to a land away from his brother Jacob.

7 For their possessions had become too great *for* them to dwell together. And the land was not able to bear their travels, in the presence of their livestock.

8 And Esau dwelt on Mount Seir. Esau *is* Edom.

9 ¶ And these were the generations of Esau, the father of Edom on Mount Seir;

10 these the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Adah, Esau's wife; Reuel, the son of Basemath, Esau's wife.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was a concubine to Esau's son, Eliphaz, and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These *were* the sons of Esau's wife Adah.

13 And the sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These *were*

the sons of Basemath, the wife of Esau.

14 And these were the sons of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, the wife of Esau; even she bore Jeush to Esau, and Jaalam, and Korah.

15 These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz, the first-born of Esau: Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz,

16 Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, Chief Amalek. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Adah.

17 And these *were* the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, Chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

18 And the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jaalam, Chief Korah. These were the chiefs of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

19 These *were* the sons of Esau, and these their chiefs; he *is* Edom.

20 ¶ These *were* the sons of Seir the Horite living in the land: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,

21 and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.

22 And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Heman; and Lotan's sister, Timna.

23 And these *were* the sons of Shobal: Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these *were* the sons of Zibeon, even Aiah and Anah; he *is* the Anah who found the hot springs in the desert as he fed the asses for his father Zibeon.

25 And these *were* the sons of Anah: Dishon; and Oholibamah *was* the daughter of Anah.

26 And these *were* the sons of Dishan: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27 These *were* the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.

28 These *were* the sons of Dishan: Uz, and Aran.

29 These *were* the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon,

Chief Anah,

30 Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, Chief Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And these *were* the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before the reigning of a king over the sons of Israel.

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city, Dinhabah.

33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah, from Bozrah, reigned in his place.

34 And Jobab died, and Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city, Avith.

36 And Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place.

37 And Samlah died, and Shaul from Rehoboth *by* the River reigned in his place.

38 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.

39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place. And the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's name, Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these *were* the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families, according to their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,

41 Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,

42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,

43 Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These *were* the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwellings, in the land of their possession; he *is* Esau, the father of Edom.

Genesis 37

1 Joseph is hated by his brothers, 13 He is sent to visit his brothers. 18 His brothers conspire to kill him. 26 They sell him to the Ishmaelites.

31 His father, deceived by the bloody robe, mourns for him. 36 He is sold to Potiphar in Egypt.

1 ¶ And Jacob lived in the land of his father's travels, in the land of Canaan.

2 These *are* the generations of Jacob: Joseph, a son of seventeen years, was feed-

ing the flock with his brothers, with Bilhah's sons and with Zilpah's sons, his father's wives. And he was a youth. And Joseph brought an evil report of them to their father.

3 And Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he *was* a son of old age to him. And he made a tunic *reaching to the soles of his feet*.

4 And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, and they hated him. And they were not able to speak to him for peace.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and told *it* to his brothers. And they added to hate him still more.

6 And he said to them, Now hear this dream which I have dreamed:

7 And, behold! We *were* binding sheaves in the middle of the field. And, behold, my sheaf rose up and even stood up. And, behold, your sheaves came around and bowed themselves to my sheaf.

8 And his brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us, or shall you really rule over us? And they went still more to hate him because of his dreams, and because of his words.

9 And he dreamed still another dream, and told *it* to his brothers. And he said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream: And, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars were bowing themselves to me.

10 And he told *it* to his father, and to his brothers. And his father rebuked him, and said to him, What *is* this dream which you have dreamed? Shall we indeed come to bow ourselves to the earth to you, I, your mother, and your brothers?

11 And his brothers were jealous of him; but his father observed the word.

12 ¶ And his brothers went to feed the flock of their father in Shechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, *Are* not your brothers feeding *the flock* in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Behold me.

14 And he said to him, Now go, see the welfare of your brothers, and the welfare of the flock, and bring word back *to* me. And he sent him out of the valley of

Hebron. And he came to Shechem.

15 And a man found him. And, behold, *he was* wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, What do you seek?

16 And he said, I *am* looking for my brothers. Please tell me where they *are* feeding *the flock*.

17 And the man said, They have left here, for I heard *them* say, Let us go towards Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

18 And they saw him from a distance. And before he came near to them, they plotted against him, to cause him to die.

19 And they said, each to his brother, Behold, this master of dreams is coming.

20 And, Come now, and let us cause him to die, and throw him into one of the pits. And let us say, An evil beast has eaten him. And let us see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reuben heard, and *he* delivered him from their hands, and said, Let us not smite his soul.

22 And Reuben said to them, Do not shed blood. Throw him into this pit in the desert, but do not lay a hand on him (so that he might deliver him from their hands, to return him to his father).

23 ¶ And it happened when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped his robe which *was* on him, from Joseph, the tunic *reaching to the soles of his feet*.

24 And they took him and threw him into the pit, the pit being empty, no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread. And they lifted up their eyes and looked. And, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead! And their camels were bearing spices, and balsam gum, and myrrh, going down to take them to Egypt.

26 And Judah said to his brothers, What gain *is it* that we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and do not let our hand be on him. For he *is* our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened.

28 And men, Midianites, traders, passed. And they drew up and took Joseph out of the pit, and they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And

they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 And Reuben came back to the pit. And, behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit; and he tore his clothes.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, The child, he *is* not. And I, where shall I go?

31 ¶ And they took Joseph's tunic, and killed a ram of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

32 And *they* sent the tunic reaching to the soles of *his feet*, and they took it to their father, and said, We have found this. Now look, *is* it your son's tunic?

33 And he knew it, and said, My son's tunic! An evil beast has eaten him. *Being* torn Joseph is torn in pieces.

34 And Jacob tore his clothing and put sackcloth on his loins. And he mourned many days for his son.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him. And he refused to be comforted, and said, I will go down to Sheol mourning for my son. And his father wept for him.

36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt, to Potiphar, a eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the executioners.

Genesis 38

1 Judah begets Er, Onan, and Shelah. 6 Er marries Tamar. 13 Posing as a prostitute she deceives Judah, for he has promised Shelah to her.

27 She bears twins, Pharez and Zarah.

1 ¶ And it happened at that time that Judah went down, away from his brothers, and turned aside to a man of Adullam, *his* name, Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a Canaanite man named Shuah. And he took her, and went in to her.

3 And she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Er.

4 And she conceived again and bore a son and called his name Onan.

5 And she continued still and bore a son. And she called his name Shelah. And he was at Chezib when she bore him.

6 And Judah took a wife for his first-born, Er, and *her* name, Tamar.

7 And Er, Judah's first-born, was evil in the eyes of Jehovah. And Jehovah caused

him to die.

8 And Judah said to Onan, Go in to your brother's wife and marry *her*, and raise up seed to your brother.

9 And Onan knew that the seed would not be his. And it happened when he went in to his brother's wife, he wasted *his semen* to the ground, not giving seed to his brother.

10 And what he did was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and He also caused him to die.

11 And Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, Live *as* a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah is grown. For he said, Lest he also die like his brothers. And Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

12 ¶ And the days were many, and the wife of Judah, the daughter of Shuah, died. And Judah was comforted, and *he* went up to the shearers of his flocks, he and his friend Hirah of Adullam, to Timnah.

13 And Tamar was told, saying, Behold, your father-in-law *is* going up to Timnah to shear his flocks.

14 And she took off her widow's robes from her, and veiled herself with a veil, and disguised herself. And *she* sat at the entrance of the fountains, which *is* on the way to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him for a wife.

15 And Judah saw her. And he thought her *to be* a prostitute, because she had veiled her face.

16 And he turned aside to her by the roadway, and said, Come now, let me come in to you. For he did not know that she *was* his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me that you may come in to me?

17 And he said, I will send a kid of the goats from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge until you send *it*?

18 And he said, What pledge shall I give to you? And she said, Your signet ring, and your bracelet and your staff in your hand. And he gave to her, and came in to her. And she conceived by him.

19 And she rose up and left, and took off her veil from her face. And *she* put on her widow's robes.

20 And Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend, the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand.

And he did not find her.

21 And he asked the men of her place, saying, Where *is* the prostitute that *was* at The Fountains by the roadway? And they said, There *was* no prostitute here.

22 And he returned to Judah and said, I have not found her. And also the men of the place said, There *was* no prostitute here.

23 And Judah said, Let her take *them* for herself, that we not become a laughing stock. See, I sent this kid, and you did not find her.

24 ¶ And after three months, it happened. It was told to Judah, saying, Your daughter-in-law Tamar has committed adultery, and also, behold, *she* is pregnant by fornication. And Judah said, Bring her out and let her be burned.

25 She was being brought out, and she sent to her father-in-law, saying, I am pregnant by a man to whom these *belong*. And she said, Notice now whose *are* these, the signet ring, the bracelet, and the staff?

26 And Judah knew and said, She is more righteous than I, because I did not give her to my son Shelah. And he never knew her again.

27 And in the time of her bearing, behold, it happened! Twins *were* in her womb.

28 And in her bearing, it happened that one put forth a hand, and the midwife took it and tied crimson on his hand, saying, This one came out first.

29 And it happened as he withdrew his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, How have you broken a break for yourself? And one called his name Pharez.

30 And then his brother came out, on whose hand *was* the crimson. And one called his name Zarah.

Genesis 39

1 Joseph advanced in Potiphar's house. 7 He resists his mistress's seduction. 13 He is falsely accused. 20 He is cast in prison. 21 God is with him there.

1 ¶ And Joseph was carried down to Egypt. And Potiphar, a eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief of the executioners, an Egyptian man, bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites who had carried him down

there.

2 And Jehovah was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. And he was in the house of the Egyptian, his master.

3 And his master saw that Jehovah *was* with him, and Joseph was prospering in his hand everything which he did.

4 And Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. And he appointed him over his house, and he gave all he owned into his hand.

5 And it came about that from the time he appointed him over his house and over all he owned, Jehovah blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. And the blessing of Jehovah *was* on all that he had, in the house and in the field.

6 And he left all he owned in Joseph's hand. And he did not know anything that he had, except the bread which he *was* eating. And Joseph was beautiful in form and beautiful of appearance.

7 ¶ And after these things, it happened that his master's wife lifted up her eyes to Joseph, and said, Lie with me.

8 And he refused, and said to his master's wife, Behold, my master does not know what *is* in the house with me, and all that he owns he has given into my hand.

9 No one in this house *is* greater than I, and he has not withheld anything from me except you, because you *are* his wife. And how should I do this great evil and sin against God?

10 And it happened, as she spoke to Joseph day *after* day, he did not listen to her, to lie beside her, to be with her.

11 And it happened on this day, that he went into the house to do his work. And none of the men of the house *were* there in the house.

12 And she caught him by his robe, saying, Lie with me! And he left his robe in her hand and fled, and went outside.

13 ¶ And it happened, when she saw that he had left his robe in her hand, and had fled outside,

14 she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, Behold! He has brought to us a Hebrew man in to sport with us. He came in to me to lie with me,

and I cried with a loud voice.

15 And it happened when he heard that I raised my voice and cried, he left his robe by me and fled, and went outside.

16 And she kept his robe beside her until the coming of his master to his house.

17 And she spoke these same words to him, saying, The Hebrew slave whom you brought in to us came in to sport with me.

18 And it happened at my raising my voice and crying out, he left his robe beside me and fled outside.

19 ¶ And it happened, when his master heard his wife's words which she spoke to him, saying, According to these words your slave did to me, his anger was hot.

20 And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison house, the place where the king's prisoners were bound. And he was there in the prison house.

21 And Jehovah was with Joseph, and extended kindness to him. And He gave him favor in the eyes of the warden of the prison house.

22 And the warden of the prison house gave all the prisoners in the prison house into Joseph's hand. And all which they did there, he was doing.

23 There was no looking of the warden of the prison house to anything in his hand, in that Jehovah was with him, and Jehovah was prospering what he was doing.

Genesis 40

1 The cupbearer and baker of Pharaoh in prison.

4 Joseph has charge of them. 5 He interprets their dreams. 20 They occur according to his interpretation. 23 The cupbearer's ingratitude.

1 ¶ And after these things, it happened, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt sinned against their lord, against the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was angry against his two eunuchs, against the chief of the cupbearers and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And he gave them into his guard, in the house of the chief of the executioners, into the prison house, the place where Joseph was bound.

4 And the chief of the executioners assigned Joseph to be with them, and he served them. And they were under his

guard many days.

5 ¶ And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the cupbearer and the baker who belonged to the king of Egypt, who were bound in the prison house.

6 And Joseph came in to them in the morning. And he looked at them, and, behold, they were sad.

7 And he asked the eunuchs of Pharaoh who were with him under guard in the house of his lord, saying, Why are your faces sad today?

8 And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is not one to interpret. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Now tell it to me.

9 And the chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me.

10 And in the vine were three branches. And at its budding, it went up into blossom, its clusters ripened into grapes.

11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into the cup of Pharaoh; and I gave the cup into the hand of Pharaoh.

12 And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation: the three branches, they are three days.

13 Yet within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and will return you to your place. And you will give the cup of Pharaoh into his hand according to the former privilege when you were his cupbearer.

14 But make mention of me along with yourself, when it is well with you; and please do kindness with me and mention me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.

15 For stealing I was stolen from the land of the Hebrews; and here also I have not done anything that they should have put me into the pit.

16 And the chief of the bakers saw that the interpretation was good. And he said to Joseph, I also in my dream saw three baskets of white bread on my head.

17 And in the top basket some from all the food of Pharaoh, the work of a baker. And the birds were eating them from the

basket from on my head.

18 And Joseph answered and said, This *is* its interpretation: the three baskets *are* three days.

19 Yet within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh off you.

20 ¶ And it happened, on the third day, the day of Pharaoh's birth, he made a feast for all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers in the midst of his servants.

21 And he restored the chief of the cupbearers to his cupbearer office; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's palm.

22 And he hanged the chief of the bakers, as Joseph interpreted to them.

23 And the chief of the cupbearers did not mention Joseph, but forgot him.

Genesis 41

1 Pharaoh's two dreams. 25 Joseph interprets them. 33 He gives Pharaoh advice. 38 Joseph is made ruler next to Pharaoh. 50 He begets Manasseh and Ephraim. 54 The famine begins.

1 ¶ And it happened at the end of two years of days, Pharaoh was dreaming. And, lo, he was standing by the River!

2 And, behold! Seven cows *were* going up from the River, beautiful of appearance and fat of flesh; and they were feeding in the reeds.

3 And, behold, seven other cows *were* going up after them from the River, evil of appearance and lean of flesh! And they were standing beside the cows on the lip of the River.

4 And the evil-appearing and lean-fleshed cows were eating the seven cows of beautiful and fat appearance. And Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed a second time. And, behold, seven ears of grain were coming up on one stalk, fat and good.

6 And, behold, seven ears of grain, *being* lean and blasted *by* the east *wind*, sprouting forth after them.

7 And the seven lean ears were swallowing the seven fat and full ears. And Pharaoh awakened; and, lo, *it was* a dream.

8 And it happened in the morning, his

spirit was troubled. And he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise *men*. And Pharaoh told them his dream, and *there was* no interpreter of them to Pharaoh.

9 ¶ And the chief of the cupbearers spoke with Pharaoh, saying, I mention my sin today.

10 Pharaoh was angry against his servants, and gave me into custody in the house of the chief of the executioners, me and the chief of the bakers.

11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, he and I; we *each* man dreamed according to the interpretation of his dream.

12 And a Hebrew youth *was* with us, a slave to the chief of the executioners. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams to us; he interpreted to *each* man according to his dream.

13 And it happened, as he had interpreted to us, so it was; he returned me to my position, and he hanged him.

14 And Pharaoh sent and called Joseph; and they rushed him from the prison. And he shaved and changed his clothing and came in to Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one to interpret it; and I have heard about you, saying, you hear a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph replied to Pharaoh, saying, Not I! God will answer the welfare of Pharaoh.

17 ¶ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, behold, I was standing on the lip of the River.

18 And, behold, seven cows were going up from the River, fat of flesh and beautiful of form, and were feeding in the reeds.

19 And, behold, seven other cows *were* going up after them, poor and very evil of form, and lean of flesh; I have not seen *any* like them in all the land of Egypt for badness.

20 And the lean and evil cows ate the first seven fat cows.

21 And they went into their stomachs, and it could not be seen that they had gone into their stomachs; and their appearance *was* as evil as at the beginning.

And I awakened.

22 And I looked in my dream. And, behold, seven ears of grain were coming up on one stalk, full and good.

23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, lean, blasted *by* the east *wind*, sprouting forth after them.

24 And the lean ears were swallowing the seven good ears. And I spoke to the magicians, but not one *is* making known *the meaning* to me.

25 And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one. God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do.

26 The seven good cows, they *are* seven years and the seven good ears, they *are* seven years; it *is* one dream.

27 And the seven lean and evil-appearing cows going up after them, they *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted *with* the east *wind* will be seven years of famine.

28 This *is* the word that I spoke to Pharaoh: what God *is* about to do, He has made Pharaoh see.

29 Behold! Seven years of great plenty *are* coming in all the land of Egypt.

30 And seven years of famine will rise up after them and all the plenty of the land of Egypt will be forgotten; and the famine will consume the land.

31 And the plenty in the land will not be remembered *because of* that famine afterwards; for it *will be* a very heavy one.

32 And as to the dream being repeated to Pharaoh twice, the thing *is* settled because it *is* from God, and God is hastening to do it.

33 ¶ And now let Pharaoh look for a man who *is* intelligent and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh act and let him appoint rulers over the land and take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven years of plenty.

35 And let them gather all the food of these coming good years. And let them heap up grain under Pharaoh's hand as food in the cities, and let them keep *it*.

36 And let the food be for a store for the land, for the seven years of famine which will be in the land of Egypt and let not the land be cut off by famine.

37 And the word was good in Pharaoh's

eyes, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find *any* man like this, *in* whom *is* the Spirit of God?

39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has taught you all this, there *is* no one wise and intelligent like you.

40 You shall be over my house, and at your mouth all my people shall kiss *the hand*. Only in respect to the throne will I be greater than you.

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Behold, I have put you over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand and put it on the hand of Joseph; and he clothed him with fine linen robes, and put a golden chain on his neck.

43 And he caused him to ride in a chariot which *was* the second to him. And they cried before him, Bow the knee! And he put him over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without *a word* from you not a man shall lift his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph by the name of Zaphnath-paaneah. And He gave him Asenath the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On, for a wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ And Joseph *was* a son of thirty years as he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the face of Pharaoh and passed over in all the land of Egypt.

47 And the land produced by handfuls in the seven years of plenty.

48 And he gathered all the food of the seven years which *were* in the land of Egypt, and he put food in the cities, the food of the field which is around *each* city he put into the middle *of it*.

49 And Joseph heaped up grain like the sand of the sea, exceedingly much, until he ceased to count it, because it was without number

50 And two sons were born to Joseph before the year of the famine came in, whom Asenath the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On, bore to him.

51 And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasseh; for *he said*, God has made me forget all my toil, and all the house of

my father.

52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim; for *he said*, God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 And the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt were ended.

54 And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said. And the famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And all the land of Egypt hungered and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all Egypt, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.

56 And the famine was on the face of all the land. And Joseph opened all which *was* in them, and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine was strong in the land of Egypt.

57 And all the earth came to Egypt to buy, to Joseph. For the famine was strong in all the earth.

Genesis 42

1 Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to buy grain.

16 Joseph treats them as spies. 18 They are released if they return with Benjamin. 26 Simeon is kept as hostage. They return home and report to Jacob. 36 Jacob will not send Benjamin.

1 ¶ And Jacob saw that grain was in Egypt. And Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look at each other?

2 And he said, Behold! I have heard grain is in Egypt. Go down there and buy for us from there, that we may live and not die.

3 And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

4 And Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he said, Lest harm meet with him.

5 And among those coming, the sons of Israel came to buy. For the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph *was* the potentate over the land, the *one* selling to all the people of the earth. And Joseph's brothers came in and bowed to him, noses to the earth.

7 ¶ And Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them; but *he* remained a stranger to them and spoke harsh things to them, and said to them, From where have you come? And they said, From the land of

Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them. And he said to them, You *are* spies! You have come in to see the barrenness of the land.

10 And they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

11 We *are* all of us sons of one man; we *are* honest; your servants are not spies.

12 And he said to them, No, but you have come to see the barrenness of the land.

13 And they said, Your servants *are* twelve brothers; we *are* sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, lo, the youngest *is* with our father today; and one *is* not.

14 And Joseph said to them, This *is* that which I have spoken to you, saying, You *are* spies!

15 By this you shall be tested. As Pharaoh lives you shall not go out from here except your younger brother comes in here.

16 Send one of you and let him bring your brother; and you be bound, and let your words be proven, whether truth *is* with you. and if not, *as* Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.

17 And he gathered them *under* guard three days.

18 And on the third day Joseph said to them, Do *this* and live. I fear God.

19 If you *are* honest, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison house, and you go bring grain *for* the famine of your houses.

20 And you bring your youngest brother to me, and let your words be true, and you shall not die. And so they did.

21 ¶ And they said *each* man to his brother, We *are* truly guilty because of our brother whom we saw *in* distress of his soul, when he begged us, and we did not hear. So this distress has come to us.

22 And Reuben replied to them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Do not sin against the youth, and you did not listen? And, behold, his blood is also required.

23 And they did not know that Joseph heard, for the interpreter *was* between them.

24 And he turned away from them and

wept, and returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

25 And Joseph commanded, and they filled their vessels *with* grain and returned their silver, each into his sack, and gave to them food for the way; and he did so to them.

26 And they lifted their grain on their asses and walked from there.

27 And one opened his sack to give fodder to his ass in the camp, and he saw his silver. And, behold! It *was* in the mouth of his sack!

28 And he said to his brothers, My silver has been put back, and also look in my sack. And their hearts went out, and they were *each* man terrified, saying to his brother, What *is* this God has done to us?

29 ¶ And they came to their father Jacob to the land of Canaan. And *they* told him all that met them, saying,

30 The man, the lord of the land, spoke harsh things to us and considered us as spies in the land.

31 And we said to him, We *are* honest; we *are* not spies.

32 We *are* twelve brothers, sons of our father; the one *is* not, and the youngest *is* with our father today in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, By this I shall know that you *are* honest; leave your one brother with me, and take and go for the famine of your houses.

34 And bring your youngest brother to me, and I may know that you *are* not spies, but you *are* honest. I will give your brother to you and you may trade in the land.

35 And it happened. They were emptying their sacks, and, behold, each one's bundle of silver *was* in his sack; and they saw the bundles of their silver, and they were afraid.

36 And their father Jacob said to them, You have bereaved me. Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and you will take Benjamin? All of these are against me.

37 And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Give him into my hand, and I will return him to you.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he

alone is left. And *if* harm should happen to him in the way in which you go, you would bring down my gray hair in sorrow to the grave.

Genesis 43

1 Jacob resists sending Benjamin. 15 Joseph entertains his brothers. 31 He makes them a feast.

1 ¶ And the famine *was* severe in the land.

2 And it happened, when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, Go back; buy a little food for us.

3 And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man fiercely protested, saying to us, You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.

4 And if you are sending our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for you.

5 And if you are not sending, we will not go; for the man said to us, You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.

6 And Israel said, Why did you do evil to me to tell the man you still *had* a brother?

7 And they said, The man keenly asked about us and about our kindred, saying, *Is* your father still alive? Is there a brother to you? And we said to him on the mouth of these words. Knowing *could* we know that he would say, Bring down your brother?

8 And Judah said to his father Israel, Send the youth with me, and let us rise up and go, that we may live and not die, both we, and you, and our little ones.

9 I will be surety for him; you may require him from my hand. If I do not bring him to you and set him before you, I shall be a sinner against you all the days.

10 If we had not delayed, truly now we would have returned this twice.

11 ¶ And their father Israel said to them, If *it be* so, then do this: take from the produce of the land in your vessels and bring down a present to the man, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts and almonds.

12 And take double silver in your hand, and the silver they put back in the mouth of your sacks, take back in your hand; perhaps it *was* an oversight.

13 And take your brother and rise up; re-

turn to the man.

14 And may God Almighty give mercy to you before the man; and may he send your other brother to you, and Benjamin. And I, if am bereaved, I am bereaved.

15 ¶ And the men took this present, and they took double silver in their hand, and Benjamin. And they rose up and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

16 And Joseph saw Benjamin with them. And he said to the one over his house, Bring the men into the house and slaughter and prepare an animal; for the men shall eat with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Joseph said. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house. And they said, Because of the silver that was returned in our sacks before, we are being brought in, to throw himself on us and to fall on us, and to take us and our asses for slaves.

19 And they came near to the man who was over Joseph's house and spoke to him at the door of the house.

20 And they said, Oh my lord, coming we came down to buy food.

21 And it happened, when we came to the camp and opened our sacks, behold, the silver of each man was in the mouth of his sack; our silver in its weight. And we bring it back in our hand.

22 And we have brought other silver in our hand to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace to you; do not fear; your God and the God of your father has given a treasure to you in your sacks; your silver came to me. And he brought Simeon out to them.

24 And the man led out the men to Joseph's house. And he gave water, and they washed their feet. And he gave fodder for their asses.

25 And they prepared the present for the coming of Joseph at noon. For they had heard that they would eat bread there.

26 ¶ And Joseph came into the house. And they brought the present in their hand to him, into the house. And they bowed to him, to the earth.

27 And he asked them of their welfare,

and said, *Is* there peace to your father, the old man of whom you spoke? *Is* he still alive?

28 And they said, Peace *is* to your servant, to our father; he still lives. And they fell down and bowed.

29 And he raised his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, the son of his mother. And he said, *Is* this your youngest brother of whom you spoke to me? And he said, May God favor you, my son.

30 And Joseph hurried, for he was stirred, and *he* was deeply moved toward his brother. And he sought for a *place* to weep; and he came into the inner room and wept there.

31 And he washed his face and controlled himself, and went out and said, Set out bread.

32 And they set out for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians eating with him by themselves. For the Egyptians cannot eat bread with the Hebrews; for it *is* a disgusting thing in Egypt.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the younger according to his youth. And the men were astonished, *each* man to his neighbor.

34 And one carried portions from before him to them, and Benjamin's portion was greater than the portions of all of them, five hands. And they drank and were drunken with him.

Genesis 44

1 Joseph deceives his brother, orders his cup put in. 16 Judah's humble supplication to Joseph.

1 ¶ And he commanded the one over his house, saying, Fill the sacks of the men with food, as much as they are able to carry; and put the silver of each man in the mouth of his sack.

2 And put my cup, the cup of silver, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and the silver for his grain. And he did according to Joseph's word, that which he spoke.

3 At the morning light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 They had gone out from the city, not having gone far, and Joseph said to the one over his house, Rise up, pursue the men and overtake them, and say to them, Why

have you repaid evil for good?

5 *Is* this not *that* in which my lord is accustomed to drink, and divining he divines by it? You have done evil in what you have done.

6 And he overtook them and spoke these words to them.

7 And they said to him, Why should my lord speak according to these words? Far be it from your servants to do according to this word.

8 Behold! The silver which we found in the mouth of our sacks, we returned to you from the land of Canaan. And how should we steal silver or gold from the house of your lord?

9 *With* whomever it may be found, with him of your servants, he shall die; and we also will become slaves to my lord.

10 And he said, Now also *let it be* according to your words; with whomever it *is* found with him, he shall become a slave to me, and you shall be innocent.

11 And they hurried, and *each* man brought down his sack to the earth. And *each* man opened his sack.

12 And he searched, with the oldest first, and with the youngest last, and the cup was found in the sack of Benjamin.

13 And they tore their clothes; and they *each* man loaded his ass and returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he *was* still there. And they fell before him to the earth.

15 And Joseph said to them, What *is* this deed which you have done? Did you not know that a man like me would practice divination?

16 And Judah said, What can we say to my lord? What can we speak, and in what can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we *are* slaves to my lord, both we and he in whose hand the cup was found.

17 And he said, Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose hand the cup was found, he shall become a slave to me; and you go up in peace to your father.

18 ¶ And Judah came near to him and said, O my lord, please let your servant speak a word in the ears of my lord, and let not your anger be hot *on* your servant, for you

are like Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, *Is there* a brother or a father to you?

20 And we said to my lord, An aged father remains to us, and a boy of *his* old age; and his brother is dead; and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loves him.

21 And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, and let me see him.

22 And we said to my lord, The youth is not able to leave his father; and *if* he should leave his father, he will die.

23 And you said to your servants, If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you shall not see my face any more.

24 And it happened, when we had gone up to your servant, my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father said, Go back, buy a little food for us.

26 And we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, we will go down. For we cannot see the face of the man *if* our youngest brother *is* not with us.

27 And your servant, my father, said to us, You know that my wife bore two to me.

28 And one went out from me. And I said, Indeed, tearing he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him until now.

29 And *if* you take this one also from my face, and harm happen to him, you will bring down my gray hair to the grave in sorrow.

30 And now when I come to your servant, my father, and the youth *is* not with us and his soul being bound to his soul,

31 it will be when he sees that the youth *is* not, he will die. And your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father to the grave in sorrow.

32 For your servant was surety for the youth *with* my father, saying, If I do not bring him to you, I shall be a sinner against my father all the days.

33 And now please let your servant remain as a slave to my lord instead of the youth; and let the youth go up with his brothers.

34 For how can I go to my father, and the youth not *be* with me, lest I look on the

evil which will find my father?

Genesis 45

1 Joseph reveals his secret to his brothers. 5 He comforts them in God's providence. 9 He sends for his father. 21 Joseph furnishes them for their journey. 25 Jacob is revived with the news.

1 ¶ And Joseph was not able to control himself in regard to those standing beside him. And he called out, Cause every man to go out from me. And no man stood before him *as Joseph was making himself known to his brothers.*

2 And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph. *Is my father still alive?* And his brothers were not able to answer him, for they trembled before him.

4 And Joseph said to his brothers, Now come near to me. And they came near. And he said, *I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.*

5 And now do not be grieved, and let no anger be in your eyes because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to save life.

6 For the famine *has been* in the midst of the land for two years. And *there are* still five years in which no plowing and harvest *will be.*

7 And God sent me before you to put a remnant in the land for you, and to keep alive for you a great deliverance.

8 And now you did not send me here, but God. And He has placed me for a father to Pharaoh, and for a lord in all his house, and a ruler in all the land of Egypt.

9 Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, So says your son Joseph, God has placed me as a lord to all Egypt. Come down to me, do not delay.

10 And you shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your sons and sons of your sons, and your flocks, and your herds, and all you have.

11 And I will nourish you there, for *there are* still five years of famine; lest you be made poor, you and your house and all which abides with you.

12 And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that my mouth

is speaking to you.

13 And you tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and all that you have seen. And hurry and bring down my father here.

14 And he fell on the neck of his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers, and wept on them. And afterwards his brothers spoke with him.

16 ¶ And the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, The brothers of Joseph have come. And it *was* good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants.

17 Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brothers, Do this; load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan.

18 And take your father, and your houses, and come to me. And I will give to you the good of the land of Egypt; and you shall eat the fat of the land.

19 And you are commanded; do this: Take for yourselves wagons from the land of Egypt, for your little ones, and for your wives. And take your father and come.

20 And your eye, let it have no regard for your vessels, for the good of all the land of Egypt *is yours.*

21 And the sons of Israel did so. And Joseph gave wagons to them according to the mouth of Pharaoh, and he gave provision to them for the way.

22 He gave to all of them, to *each* man, changes of clothing. And he gave to Benjamin three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of clothing.

23 And to his father he sent this: ten asses bearing the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses bearing grain, and bread, and food for his father for the way.

24 And he sent his brothers away; and they went. And he said to them, Do not quarrel along the way.

25 ¶ And they went up from Egypt and came *into* the land of Canaan, to their father Jacob.

26 And they told him, saying, Joseph *is* still alive, and he *is* ruler in all the land of Egypt. And his heart froze up, for he did not believe them.

27 And they spoke to him all Joseph's words which he had spoken to them. And

he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to bear him; and the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

28 And Israel said, *It is* enough! My son Joseph *is* alive; I will go and see him before I die.

Genesis 46

1 Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-sheba. 5 He goes into Egypt with his company. 8 His family is numbered. 29 Joseph meets Jacob.

1 ¶ And Israel and all which *were* to him departed, and he came to Beer-sheba. And he sacrificed sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God said to Israel in visions of the night, and He spoke, Jacob! Jacob! And he answered, Behold me.

3 And He said, I *am* God, the God of your fathers. Do not fear to go down into Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.

4 I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely return you. And Joseph shall put his hand on your eyes.

5 ¶ And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba; and the sons of Israel lifted up their father Jacob, and their little ones, and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to bear him.

6 And they took their livestock and their property which they had acquired in the land of Canaan. And they came into Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him.

7 His sons and the sons of his sons *were* with him, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him into Egypt.

8 And these *were* the names of the sons of Israel, those coming into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: the first-born of Jacob *was* Reuben.

9 And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

10 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanitess.

11 And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah. And Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

And the sons of Pharez: Hezron, and

Hamul.

13 And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

14 And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

15 These *were* the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan-aram, and his daughter Dinah. All the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty three.

16 And the sons of Gad: Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

17 And the sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and their sister Serah. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.

18 These *were* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore these to Jacob, sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rachel the wife of Jacob: Joseph and Benjamin.

20 And Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt, whom Asenath the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On, bore to him.

21 And the sons of Benjamin: Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, and Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

22 These *were* the sons of Rachel which were born to Jacob; all the souls *were* fourteen.

23 And the son of Dan *was* Hushim.

24 And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

25 These were the sons of Bilhah whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel; and she bore these to Jacob, all the souls *were* seven.

26 All the souls belonging to Jacob coming into Egypt, those springing from his loins, besides the wives of the sons of Jacob, all the souls were sixty-six.

27 And the sons of Joseph which were born to him in Egypt, two souls. All the souls belonging to the house of Jacob coming into Egypt were seventy.

28 ¶ And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to give directions before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph prepared his chariot and

went up to meet his father Israel to Goshen. And he appeared to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.

30 And Israel said to Joseph, This time let me die after seeing your face, because you *are* still alive.

31 And Joseph said to his brothers, and to the house of his father, I will go up and report to Pharaoh. And I will say to him, my brothers and the house of my father, who *were* in the land of Canaan, have come in to me.

32 And the men *are* shepherds of flocks for they have been men of livestock. And their flocks and their herds, and all which belongs to them they have brought in.

33 And it shall be, when Pharaoh calls to you and says, What *is* your occupation?

34 You shall say, Your servants have been men of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers. *This is so* that you may live in the land of Goshen. For every shepherd of flocks *is* a disgusting thing in Egypt.

Genesis 47

1 Joseph presents five of his brothers, 7 and his father to Pharaoh. 11 He settles them in Goshen.

13 Joseph sells food to all the Egyptians for all their possessions. 28 Jacob's age. 29 He asks Joseph to bury him with his fathers.

1 ¶ And Joseph came in and made known to Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks and their herds, and all which is theirs, have come in from the land of Canaan.

2 And, behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen. And he took five men from among his brothers and set them before Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What *is* your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants *are* shepherds of flocks, both we and our fathers.

4 And they said to Pharaoh, We have come in to stay in the land, because there is no pasture for the flocks which belong to your servants, for the famine is heavy in the land of Canaan. And now please let your servants live in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come

in to you.

6 The land of Egypt *is* before you; cause your father and your brothers to live in the best of the land; let them live in the land of Goshen. And if you know men of ability among them, make them chiefs of livestock over what *is* mine.

7 And Joseph brought in his father Jacob and placed him before Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many *are* the days of the years of your life?

9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my camps *are* a hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life and they have not reached the days of the years of the life of my fathers, in the days of their camps.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 And Joseph caused his father and his brothers to live, and gave them a place in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father and his brothers, and all his father's house *with* bread for the mouth of the little ones.

13 ¶ And no bread *was* in the land, because the famine *was* very heavy. And the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan were exhausted from the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered up all the silver found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan in return for the grain they were buying. And Joseph brought in the silver to the house of Pharaoh.

15 And the silver failed from the land of Egypt, and from the land of Canaan. And all Egypt came in to Joseph, saying, Give us bread; and, Why should we die before you? For the silver has failed.

16 And Joseph said, Give your livestock, and I will give to you for your livestock, if silver has failed.

17 And they brought in their livestock to Joseph. And Joseph gave bread to them for the horses, and for the livestock of the flocks, for the livestock of the herds, and for the asses. And he satisfied them with bread in that year for all their livestock.

18 And that year ended, and they came in

to him in the second year and said to him, We cannot conceal from my lord *that* the silver and the herds of cattle have failed, *going* to my lord. Nothing is left before my lord except our bodies and our lands.

19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread; and let us, we and our land, become slaves to Pharaoh. And give seed so that we may live and not die, and the land not be desolate.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, because *each* man in Egypt sold his field, because this famine was severe on them; and the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And *as for* the people, he caused them to pass over into the cities, and from the end of the border of Egypt to its *other* end.

22 Only he did not buy the land of the priests; for Pharaoh had appointed a portion for the priests, and they usually ate their appointed portion which Pharaoh gave to them. For this reason they did not sell their land.

23 And Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought you and your land today. Behold! *Here is* seed for you; and you sow the land.

24 And it shall be, as you gather you shall give a fifth part to Pharaoh; and four parts shall be yours, for the seed of the field and for your food, and for those in your houses, and for food for your little ones.

25 And they said, You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the eyes of my lord, and we will become slaves to Pharaoh.

26 And Joseph made it a law until this day on the land of Egypt, the fifth *part is* for Pharaoh; only the land of the priests *being* excepted; it did not become Pharaoh's.

27 ¶ And Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they owned in it, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. And the days of Jacob, the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven years.

29 And the days of Israel to die drew near.

And he called to his son Joseph and said to him, Now if I have found favor in your eyes, please put your hand under my thigh, and do kindness and truth with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt;

30 but let me lie with my fathers, and lift me up from Egypt, and bury me in their burying place. And he said, I will do according to your words.

31 And he said, Swear to me. And he swore to him. And Israel bowed on the head of the bed.

Genesis 48

1 Joseph and his sons visit his sick father. 3 Jacob repeats the promise. 9 He blesses Ephraim and Manasseh. 21 He prophesies their return to Canaan.

1 ¶ And after these things it happened, one said to Joseph, Behold, your father *is* sick. And he took his two sons with him, Manasseh and Ephraim.

2 And *one* spoke to Jacob and said, Behold, your son Joseph has come to you. And Israel took strength and sat on the bed.

3 And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me in Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

4 and said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful and will multiply you, and will make you a multitude of peoples. And I will give this land to your seed after you *as* a possession forever.

5 And now your two sons, those born to you in the land of Egypt before my coming to you in Egypt, *are* mine, Ephraim and Manasseh, like Reuben and Simeon, even they shall be mine.

6 And your offspring which you father after them, they shall be yours. According to the name of their brothers they shall be called in their inheritance.

7 And I, when I came from Padan, Rachel died on me in the land of Canaan in the way, with only a little way to come to Ephrath. And I buried her there in the way to Ephrath, *it being* Beth-lehem.

8 ¶ And Israel saw the sons of Joseph, and he said, Who *are* these?

9 And Joseph said to his father, They *are* my sons, whom God has given to me here. And he said, Now bring them to me and I

will bless them.

10 And the eyes of Israel were heavy from age, he not being able to see. And he brought them near to him. And he kissed them and embraced them.

11 And Israel said to Joseph, I did not think to see your face, and, behold, God also causes me to see your seed.

12 And Joseph brought them out from his knees; and he bowed his face to the earth.

13 And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim in his right hand, to the left of Israel; and Manasseh in his left hand, to the right of Israel. And he brought them to him.

14 And Israel sent forth his right hand and put *it* on the head of Ephraim; and he *was* the younger. And *he put* his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands; for Manasseh *was* the first-born.

15 And he blessed Joseph and said, The God *before* whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me since I was born until today;

16 The Angel that redeemed me from every evil, may He bless the youths; and may my name be called on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and like the fishes may they increase into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 And Joseph saw that his father was putting his right hand on the head of Ephraim; and it was evil in his eyes. And he took hold of his father's hand to turn it from Ephraim's head to the head of Manasseh.

18 And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father! For this one *is* the first-born; put your right hand on his head.

19 And his father refused and said, I know, my son, I know. He also shall be a people, and he shall become great. But his younger brother shall become greater than he, and his seed shall become the fullness of the nations.

20 And he blessed them in that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.

21 And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I am dying; and God will be with you, and will return you to the land of your fathers.

22 And I will give to you one spur of land

beyond your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

Genesis 49

1 Jacob calls his sons to bless them. 29 He instructs them about his burial. 33 He dies.

1 ¶ And Jacob called his sons and said, Gather yourselves and I will tell you *that* which will meet you in the days to come.

2 Gather yourselves and hear, sons of Jacob; yea, listen to your father Israel:

3 Reuben, you *are* my first-born, my strength and the firstfruit of my power; excellence of dignity and excellence of might.

4 Like boiling water you shall not excel, for you went up to the bed of your father; then you defiled it; he went up to my couch.

5 ¶ Simeon and Levi, brothers; their weapons *are* instruments of violence.

6 Let not my soul come into their counsel; let not my honor be joined to their company. For in their anger they killed a man; and in self-will they hamstrung a bull.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for *it was* cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and I will scatter them in Israel.

8 ¶ Judah, may your brothers praise you, your hand *be* on the neck of your enemies. May the sons of your father bow themselves to you.

9 Judah *is* a lion's whelp. My son, you have risen up from the prey; he stoops, he crouches like a lion; and like a lioness, who can rouse him?

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawmaker from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and the obedience of the peoples to Him.

11 Binding his foal to the vine, and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washes his clothing in wine, and his covering in the blood of grapes.

12 His eyes *shall be* dark from wine and his teeth white from milk.

13 ¶ Zebulun shall live at the seashore, and he *shall be* a haven of ships, even his border beside Sidon.

14 Issachar *is* a strong ass, crouching be-

tween the sheepfolds.

15 And he saw a resting place that *it was* good, and that the land was pleasant. And he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a tribute slave.

16 Dan shall judge *his* people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Let Dan be a serpent on the way, a horned snake on the path that bites the horses' heels, and its rider falls backward.

18 I have waited for your salvation, O Jehovah.

19 Gad, a raiding band shall attack him, and he shall attack *their* heel.

20 Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall give a king's delicacies.

21 Naphtali *is* a deer let loose giving one beautiful sayings.

22 ¶ Joseph *is* a fruitful son, a fruitful son by a spring; *his* branches run over a wall.

23 And the masters of arrows harass him, and shoot, and an archer lurks for him.

24 His bow abides in strength, and the hands of his arms are made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, from the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel.

25 From the God of your father, may He help you. And may the Almighty bless you with blessings of Heaven from above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and womb.

26 The blessings of your father are above the blessings of my offspring, to the limit of everlasting hills; may they be for the head of Joseph and for the crown of the leader of his brothers.

27 Benjamin *is* a wolf that tears. In the morning he devours the prey, and at evening he divides the spoil.

28 ¶ All these *were* the tribes of Israel, two and ten. And this *is* what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them, *each* man with what was according to his blessing, he blessed them.

29 And he commanded them, and said to them, I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me beside my fathers, at the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

30 in the cave in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, the field which Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite for a burying

place.

31 They buried Abraham and his wife Sarah there, and they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah; and I buried Leah there;

32 the purchase of the field and the cave in it, from the sons of Heth.

33 And Jacob finished commanding his sons, and he gathered his feet into the bed. And he died, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 50

1 *Jacob's mourning.* 4 *Joseph allowed to bury him.* 7 *The funeral.* 22 *His age.* 23 *He sees the third generation of his sons.* 24 *He prophesies to his brothers of their return.* 26 *He dies.*

1 ¶ And Joseph fell on the face of his father and wept on him, and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded the physicians, his servants, to embalm his father; and the physicians embalmed Israel.

3 And forty days were fulfilled, for so are fulfilled the days of those embalmed. And Egypt wept for him seventy days.

4 And the days of his weeping passed by, and Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, Now if I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I am dying; you shall bury me there in the grave which I have dug for myself in the land of Canaan. And now please let me go up and bury my father, and return.

6 And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear.

7 ¶ And Joseph went up to bury his father; and all the servants of Pharaoh went up with him, the elders of his house, even all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 and all the house of Joseph and his brothers, and the house of his father. Only, they left their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen.

9 And both horsemen and chariots went up with him; and the company was very great.

10 And they came as far as the threshing-floor of thorns, which is on the other side of the Jordan. And they mourned there with a great and very heavy mourning. And he made a lamentation for his father seven

days.

11 And those living in the land, the Canaanites, saw the wailing in the threshing-floor of thorns. And they said, This *is* a very great wailing to Egypt; for this reason its name was called The Meadow of Egypt, which *is* on the other side of Jordan.

12 And his sons did to him as he had commanded them.

13 And his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah; the field which Abraham bought for a burying place from Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

14 And after he buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all those going up with him to bury his father.

15 ¶ And Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead. And they said, What if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and repaying should repay us all the evil which we did to him?

16 And they sent a message to Joseph, saying,

17 Your father commanded before his death, saying, So you shall say to Joseph, Please lift up now the transgression of your brothers, and their sin; for they did evil to you. And now please lift up the transgres-

sion of the servants of the God of your father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 His brothers also went and fell down before his face. And they said, Behold, we *are* your servants.

19 And Joseph said to them, Do not fear. For *am* I in the place of God?

20 And you, you intended evil against me, *but* God meant it for good, in order to make it as it is this day, to keep a great many people alive.

21 And now do not fear; I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke to their hearts.

22 ¶ And Joseph lived in Egypt, he and the house of his father. And Joseph lived a hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw the sons of Ephraim to the third generation. Also the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh were born on Joseph's knees. And Joseph said to his brothers, I am dying, and God visiting will visit you and bring you up from this land to the land which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, God visiting will visit you, and you will bring up my bones from here.

26 And Joseph died, a son of a hundred and ten years. And they embalmed him and him in a coffin in Egypt.

The Second Book of Moses called *Exodus*

Exodus 1

1 The children of Israel multiply. 15 The midwives save the baby boys. 22 Pharaoh commands the boys be thrown in river.

1 ¶ And these *were* the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob; they *each* man came in with his house:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls, Joseph being in Egypt.

6 And Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

7 And the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased very much, and multiplied, and became very strong; and the land was filled *with* them.

8 ¶ And a new king arose over Egypt, who had not known Joseph.

9 And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the sons of Israel *are* many and stronger than we.

10 Come, let us deal craftily towards them, lest they multiply and it shall be that when war occurs they will also add to our enemies, and will fight against us and go up from the land.

11 And they put over them taskmasters in order to afflict them with their burdens. And he built store cities for Pharaoh: Pithon and Raamses.

12 And as much as they afflicted them, so much they multiplied and so much they spread. And they were afraid before the sons of Israel.

13 And Egypt made the sons of Israel to serve with harshness.

14 And they made their lives bitter by hard service, in clay, and in bricks, and in all work in the field; all their work which they made them do with harshness.

15 ¶ And the king of Egypt said to the midwives of the Hebrews, of whom the name of one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the second, Puah;

16 and he said, When you midwife the Hebrew women, and look on the birthstools, if it *is* a son, you will kill him; and if it *is* a daughter, it shall live.

17 And the midwives feared God, and they did not do as the king of Egypt said to them. And they kept the male children alive.

18 And the king of Egypt called to the midwives and said to them, Why do you do this thing and keep alive the male children?

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not like the Egyptian women, for they *are* vigorous. Before the midwives come to them they bear.

20 And God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became exceedingly strong.

21 And it was, because the midwives feared God, He made houses for them.

22 And Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, Every son that *is* born, you shall cast him into the river. And you shall keep alive every daughter.

Exodus 2

1 Moses is born 3 and placed in a basket among the reeds by the lip of the Nile. 5 Discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, she adopts him. 11 He slays an Egyptian. 15 He flees into Midian.

1 ¶ And a man from the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi *as* his wife.

2 And the woman conceived and bore a son; and she saw him, that he was beautiful. And she concealed him three months.

3 And she was not able to hide him any longer, and she took a basket *made of* papyrus *for* him, and she daubed it with bitumen

and with pitch. And she put the child in it, and placed it in the reeds by the lip of the Nile.

4 And his sister took her stand from a distance, to know what would be done to him.

5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh went down to bathe at the Nile. And her slave women were walking on the side of the Nile. And she saw the basket in the midst of the reeds, and sent her slave-girl and took it.

6 And she opened *it* and saw the child, and, behold, a boy crying! And she had pity on him and said, This *one is* of the children of the Hebrews.

7 And his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call a woman for you, a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the girl went and called *the* boy's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this boy away and nurse him for me, and I will give your wages. And the woman, *Moses' mother*, took the boy and nursed him.

10 And the boy grew, and she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh. And he became a son to her, and she called his name Moses, and said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11 ¶ And it happened in those days, even Moses was grown, and he went out to his brothers and looked upon their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian man strike a Hebrew man of his brothers.

12 And he turned here and there and saw that no man was there. And he struck the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13 And he went out on the second day, and, behold, two men, Hebrews, were fighting. And he said to the guilty one, Why should you strike your neighbor?

14 And he said, Who appointed you as a man, a ruler and a judge over us? *Are* you saying to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely the thing is known.

15 And Pharaoh heard this word, and he sought to kill Moses. And Moses fled from before Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian. And *he* sat down by the well.

16 ¶ And the priest of Midian *had* seven daughters. And they came and drew and filled the troughs to water their father's flocks.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away; and Moses rose up and saved them, and watered their flocks.

18 And they came to their father Reuel; and he said, Why have you hurried to come today?

19 And they said, An Egyptian man rescued us from the hand of the shepherds, and drawing he also drew for us and watered the flock.

20 And he said to *his* daughters, And where *is* he? Why then have you left the man? Call him, and let him eat bread.

21 And Moses consented to live with the man; and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses.

22 And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, I have become an alien in a foreign land.

23 ¶ And it happened during these many days that the king of Egypt died, and the sons of Israel groaned from the slavery. And they cried, and their cry went up to God from the slavery.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God saw the sons of Israel, and God knew *them*.

Exodus 3

1 Moses tending Jethro's flock. 2 God appears to him in a burning bush. 9 He sends him to deliver Israel. 14 The name of God. 15 His message to Israel.

1 ¶ And Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock behind the wilderness and came to the mountain of God, to Horeb.

2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire from the middle of a thorn-bush. And he looked, and behold, the thorn-bush *was* burning with fire, and the thorn-bush *was* not burned up!

3 And Moses said, I will turn aside now and see this great sight, why the thorn-bush is not burned up.

4 And Jehovah saw that he turned aside to see, and God called to him from the midst of the thorn-bush, and said, Moses! Moses! And he said, Behold me.

5 And He said, Do not come near here. Pull off your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you *are* standing *is* holy ground.

6 And He said, I *am* the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he feared to look upon God.

7 ¶ And Jehovah said, Seeing I have seen the affliction of My people who *are* in Egypt, and I have heard their cry from before their taskmasters; for I know his sorrows.

8 And I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and broad land, to a land flowing *with* milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Jebusite.

9 And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me, and I also have seen the oppression *with* which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 And now, come, and I will send you to Pharaoh, and you bring My people out, the sons of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And Moses said to God, Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt?

12 And He said, I will be with you, and this *shall be* the sign for you that I have sent you, when you bring out the people from Egypt: You shall serve God on this mountain.

13 And Moses said to God, Behold, I *shall* come to the sons of Israel and say to them, the God of your fathers has sent me to you; and they will say to me, What *is* His name? What shall I say to them?

14 And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and He said, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.

15 And God said to Moses again, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial from generation to generation.

16 ¶ Go, and gather the elders of Israel and say to them, Jehovah, the God of your fathers has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, Visiting I have visited you and *have seen what* is done to you in Egypt.

17 And I have said, I will bring you up from the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; to a land flowing *with* milk and honey.

18 And they shall listen to your voice; and you shall come in, you and the elders of Israel to the king of Egypt. And you shall say to him, Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews has met us; and now, please let us go for a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Jehovah our God.

19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, not even by a strong hand.

20 And I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders, which I will do in its midst, and afterward he will send you away.

21 And I will give this people favor in the eyes of Egypt; and it will come to pass, when you go, you will not go empty.

22 And *each* woman shall ask of her neighbor, and from the stranger in her house, articles of silver, and articles of gold, and garments; and you shall put *these* on your sons and on your daughters. And you shall plunder Egypt.

Exodus 4

1 Moses' rod is turned into a serpent. 6 His hand is leprous. 14 Aaron is appointed to assist him.

18 Moses departs from Jethro. 21 God's message to Pharaoh. 27 Aaron is sent to meet Moses.

1 ¶ And Moses answered and said, And, behold, they will not believe me and will not listen to my voice. For they will say, Jehovah has not appeared to you.

2 And Jehovah said to him, What *is* this in your hand? And he said, A staff.

3 And He said, Throw it to the ground. And he threw it to the ground, and it became a snake. And Moses fled before it.

4 And Jehovah said to Moses, Send out your hand and take it by the tail. And he

sent out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand;

5 so that they may believe that Jehovah the God of their fathers has appeared to you, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

6 And Jehovah said to him again, Now put your hand into your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom, and he brought it out, and, behold, his hand *was* leprous like snow.

7 And He said, Put your hand back into your bosom. And he put his hand back into his bosom, and he brought it out from his bosom; and, behold, it had returned like his flesh!

8 And it shall be, if they will not believe you and will not listen to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the latter sign.

9 And it shall be, if they will not believe these two signs also, and will not listen to your voice, you shall take of the water of the Nile and pour *it on* the dry land. And the water which you take from the Nile shall become blood on the dry land.

10 ¶ And Moses said to Jehovah, O Lord, I *am* not a man of words, either from yesterday or the third day, or since You have been speaking to Your bondsman. For I *am* heavy of mouth and heavy of tongue.

11 And Jehovah said to him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute *ones*, or *the deaf one*, or *the seeing one*, or *the blind one*? Is it not I, Jehovah?

12 And now go, and I will be with your mouth, and will teach you what you shall speak.

13 And he said, O Lord, please send by the hand *of him whom* You will send.

14 And the anger of Jehovah was hot against Moses. And He said, Do I not know your brother, Aaron the Levite, that he can speak well? And, behold, he also is coming out to meet you, and he will see you and be glad in his heart.

15 And you shall speak to him, and you shall put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do.

16 And he shall speak for you to the people. And it shall be, he shall be a mouth for you, and you shall be a god for him.

17 And you shall take this staff in your hand *by* which you do the signs.

18 ¶ And Moses went and returned to his father-in-law Jethro, and said to him, Please let me go and return to my brothers who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they *are* still alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19 And Jehovah said to Moses in Midian, Go! Return to Egypt. For all the men have died, those seeking your life.

20 And Moses took his wife and his sons and made them ride on an ass. And he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

21 And Jehovah said to Moses, As you go to return to Egypt, see all the wonders which I have put in your hand, and do them before Pharaoh. And I will make strong his heart, and he will not send the people away.

22 And you shall speak to Pharaoh, So says Jehovah, My son, My first-born *is* Israel.

23 And I said to you, Send My son away, and let him serve Me; and you refused to send him. Behold, I *am* about to kill your son, your first-born!

24 ¶ And it happened on the way, in the lodging place, Jehovah met him and sought to kill him.

25 And Zipporah took a stone and cut off her son's foreskin, and caused *it* to touch his feet. And she said, You *are* a bridegroom of blood to me.

26 And He pulled back from him. Then she said, A bridegroom of blood, for the circumcision.

27 And Jehovah said to Aaron, Go to the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went and met him in the mountain of God; and he kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of Jehovah *with* which He had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.

29 And Moses and Aaron went on and gathered all the elders of the sons of Israel.

30 And Aaron spoke all the words which Jehovah had spoken to Moses. And he did the signs before the people.

31 And the people believed. And they heard that Jehovah had visited the sons of Israel, and that He had seen their affliction. And they bowed and worshiped.

Exodus 5

1 Pharaoh refuses Moses' request to send the Israelites away. 5 He increases the Israelites' task. 20 They cry out against Moses and Aaron. 22 Moses questions God.

1 ¶ And afterward Moses and Aaron came in and said to Pharaoh, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, Send away My people, and they shall hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who *is* Jehovah that I should listen to His voice to send away Israel? I do not know Jehovah, and I also will not send Israel away.

3 ¶ And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us go a journey of three days into the wilderness and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, that He not strike us with plague or with sword.

4 And the king of Egypt said to them, Moses and Aaron, why do you loose the people from their work? You go to your burdens.

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land *are* many now, and you make them cease from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, and their overseers, that day, saying,

7 You shall not go on giving straw to the people to make bricks, as yesterday *and* the day before. They shall go and pick up straw for themselves.

8 And the fixed number of bricks which they *were* making yesterday and the day before you shall put on them. You shall not diminish from it. For they *are* being slack, so they *are* crying, saying, Let us go, let us sacrifice to our God.

9 Let the bondage be heavy on the men, that they may work in it, and may not trust in the lying words.

10 ¶ And the taskmasters of the people, and their overseers went out and spoke to

the people, saying, Pharaoh has said this, I will not give you straw.

11 You go take straw for yourselves from wherever you may find it. For not a thing will be reduced from your work.

12 And the people scattered in all the land of Egypt to pick up stubble for straw.

13 And the taskmasters *were* demanding, saying, Finish your work, the matter of a day in its day, as when there was straw.

14 And the overseers of the sons of Israel were beaten, those whom the taskmasters of Pharaoh had put over them, saying, Why have you not finished your appointed task, to make bricks as a day ago *and* the day before, both yesterday and today?

15 ¶ And the overseers of the sons of Israel came in and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you do this way to your slaves?

16 No straw is given to your slaves, and they are saying to us, Make bricks. And, behold, your slaves are beaten, but your people *are* at fault.

17 And he said, You *are* lazy *and* idle. So you *are* saying, Let us go, let us sacrifice to Jehovah.

18 Therefore, go now *and* work. And straw will not be given to you; and a certain number of bricks you shall deliver.

19 And the overseers of the sons of Israel saw themselves in affliction, saying, You shall not diminish from your bricks, the matter of a day in its day.

20 And they met Moses and Aaron standing to meet them when they came from Pharaoh.

21 And they said to them, May Jehovah look on you and judge, you who have made our odor to stink in Pharaoh's eyes and in the eyes of his servants, to give a sword in their hands to kill us.

22 And Moses returned to Jehovah and said, Lord, why have You done evil to this people? Why then have You sent me?

23 And since I came in to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people. And delivering You did not deliver Your people.

Exodus 6

1 God renews his promise by his name JEHOVAH. 14 The genealogy of Reuben, 15 of Simeon, 16 of Levi.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. For he will send them away with a strong hand, yea, he will drive them out from his land with a strong hand.

2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him, I *am* Jehovah.

3 And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob *as* God Almighty, and *by* My name JEHOVAH I have not been known to them.

4 And I also established My covenant with them to give to them the land of Canaan, the land of their travels, in which they abode.

5 And I also have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving. And I have remembered My covenant.

6 Therefore, say to the sons of Israel, I *am* Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of Egypt, and will deliver you from their slavery. And I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

7 And I will take you to Myself for a people, and I will be to you for God. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah your God, the *One* bringing you out from under the burdens of Egypt.

8 And I will bring you into the land which I raised My hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you for a possession. I *am* Jehovah!

9 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel. And they did not listen to Moses, from anguish of spirit and from hard bondage.

10 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

11 Go, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he may send away the sons of Israel from his land.

12 And Moses spoke before Jehovah, saying, Behold the sons of Israel have not listened to me. And how should Pharaoh hear me, I *being* of uncircumcised lips?

13 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron and He commanded them as to the sons of Israel, and as to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These *were* the heads of the houses of their fathers: The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi; these *were* the families of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanitess; these *were* the families of Simeon.

16 And these *were* the names of the sons of Levi by their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi *were* a hundred and thirty-seven years.

17 The sons of Gershon: Libni, and Shimei, by their families.

18 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath *were* a hundred and thirty-three years.

19 And the sons of Merari: Mahli, and Mushi. These *were* the families of Levi according to their generations.

20 And Amram took his aunt Jochebed to him for a wife. And she bore to him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram *were* a hundred and thirty-seven years.

21 And the sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 And Aaron took Elisheba the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, to him for a wife. And she bore to him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24 And the sons of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These *were* the families of the Korahites.

25 And Aaron's son Eleazar took of the daughters of Putiel for his wife. And she bore to him Phinehas. These *were* the heads of the fathers of the Levites by their families.

26 That *is the* Aaron and Moses to whom Jehovah said, Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, according to their armies.

27 Those *were* the ones speaking to Pharaoh king of Egypt to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt; it *was* Moses and Aaron.

28 And it happened on the day Jehovah spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt:

29 Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, I *am* Jehovah! Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all which I am about to speak to you.

30 And Moses said before Jehovah, Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips. How *could* Pharaoh listen to me?

Exodus 7

1 Moses is encouraged to go to Pharaoh. 8 His staff is turned into a serpent. 11 The ones divining do the same. 13 Pharaoh's heart is hardened. 19 The river is turned to blood.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, See, I have made you a god to Pharaoh; and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

2 You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh. And he will send away the sons of Israel from his land.

3 And I will harden the heart of Pharaoh. And I will multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaoh will not listen to you. And I will put My hand on Egypt, and will bring My armies, My people, the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt with great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I send forth My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst.

6 And Moses and Aaron did that which Jehovah commanded them, so they did.

7 And Moses *was* a son of eighty years, and Aaron *was* a son of eighty-three years when they spoke to Pharaoh.

8 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

9 When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, Give a wonder for yourselves, you shall say to Aaron, Take your staff and throw it before Pharaoh; and let it become a snake.

10 And Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and they did so, as Jehovah had commanded. And Aaron threw his staff before Pharaoh and before his servants. And it became a snake.

11 And Pharaoh also called wise *men* and the sorcerers. And they, the diviners of Egypt, also performed by their secret arts.

12 And they *each* man threw down his staff, and they became snakes. But Aaron's staff swallowed their staffs.

13 And the heart of Pharaoh *was* hardened, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said.

14 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, The heart of Pharaoh *is* a heavy *one*; he refuses to send away the people.

15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Behold, he is about to go out to the water. And you stand to meet him on the lip of the river. And you shall take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake.

16 And you shall say to him, Jehovah the God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Send away My people, so that they may serve Me in the wilderness. And, behold, you have not listened until now.

17 So says Jehovah, By this you shall know that I *am* Jehovah: Behold, I *am* about to strike the water in the river with the staff in My hand, and it shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish in the river will die, and the river will stink, and the Egyptians will become weary *of* drinking water from the river.

19 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over the rivers, over their canals, and over their pools, and over every body of their waters, so that they may become blood. And blood shall be in all the land of Egypt, both in wooden and in stone vessels.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as Jehovah had commanded. And he lifted up the staff and struck the water which *was* in the river before Pharaoh's eyes, and before his servants' eyes. And all the water in the river turned to blood.

21 And the fish in the river died, and the river stunk. And the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the Nile. And the blood was in all the land of Egypt.

22 And the diviners of Egypt did so by their secret arts. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. And he did not set his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians dug around the river to drink water, for they were not able to drink from the water of the river.

25 And seven days went by after Jehovah smote the river.

Exodus 8

1 Frogs are sent. 8 Pharaoh sends for Moses, 12 and Moses prays for their removal. 16 The dust is turned to swarms of flies, but the diviners cannot do so. 32 Pharaoh is still hardened.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, So says Jehovah, Send away My people that they may serve Me.

2 And if you refuse to send *them* away, behold, I *am* about to smite all your territory *with* frogs.

3 And the river will swarm with frogs. And they shall go up and enter into your house, and into your bedroom, and on your couch, and into your servants' house, and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading troughs.

4 And the frogs will come up on you, and on your people, and on all your servants.

5 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals, and over the pools. And bring up frogs on the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And the diviners did so with their secret arts. And they brought up the frogs on the land of Egypt.

8 And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, and said, Pray to Jehovah that He may remove the frogs from me and from my people. And I will send away the people that they may sacrifice to Jehovah.

9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, Glory over me. For when shall I pray for you and for your servants and for your people, to cut off the frogs from you, and from your house, *that* they may be left only in the river?

10 And he said, For tomorrow. And he said, According to your word, so that you may know that none *is* like Jehovah our God.

11 And the frogs will depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They will only be in the river.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried to Jehovah concerning the frogs which He had set on Pharaoh.

13 And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died from the houses, from the courts, and from the fields.

14 And they gathered them *in* heaps *and* heaps; and the land stunk.

15 And Pharaoh saw that there was relief. And he hardened his heart, and he did not listen to them.

16 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, and let it become swarms *of flies* in all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so, and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth. And the swarms *of flies* were on man and on beast. All the dust of the earth became swarms *of flies* in the land of Egypt.

18 And the diviners performed with their secret arts to bring forth swarms *of flies*, and they could not. And the swarms *of flies* were on man and on beast.

19 And the diviners said to Pharaoh, It *is* the finger of God. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said.

20 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Rise early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh. Behold, he *is* about to go out to the water. And say to him, So says Jehovah, Send away My people that they may serve Me.

21 And if you do not send away My people, behold, I *am* about to send swarms *of flies* on you, and on your servants, and on your people, and on your house. And the houses of the Egyptians will be full of swarms *of flies*, and also the ground on which they *are*.

22 And in that day I will separate the land of Goshen with My people resting on it, that there be no swarms *of flies*, so that you may know that I *am* Jehovah in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put redemption between My people and your people. This *miraculous* sign shall be for tomorrow.

24 And Jehovah did so. And teeming swarms of *flies* came into Pharaoh's house, and the house of his servants, and into all the land of Egypt. And the land was destroyed before the swarms of *flies*.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go! Sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not right to do so, for we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to Jehovah our God. Behold, *If* we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us?

27 We will go into the wilderness, a journey of three days, and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, as He may say to us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will send you away, and you may sacrifice to Jehovah your God in the wilderness; only do not go very far off. Pray for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I am about to go out from you, and to pray to Jehovah. And the swarms of *flies* will depart from Pharaoh, and from his servants, and from his people tomorrow. But do not let Pharaoh continue to deceive, not to send the people to sacrifice to Jehovah.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh. And he prayed to Jehovah.

31 And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses, and the swarms of *flies* departed from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; and not one was left.

32 And Pharaoh made heavy his heart this time also, and he did not send away the people.

Exodus 9

1 Jehovah plagues the livestock with a very heavy murrain. 8 With boils. 22 With hail. 27 Pharaoh sends for Moses, 35 his heart is made heavy.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh and speak to him, So says Jehovah the God of the Hebrews, Send away My people that they may serve Me.

2 And if you refuse to send away, and you still hold onto them,

3 behold the hand of Jehovah is going to be on your livestock in the field, on the

horses, on the asses, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks, a very heavy murrain.

4 And Jehovah will make a distinction between Israel's livestock and Egypt's livestock. Also of all *that belongs* to the sons of Israel, not a thing will die.

5 And Jehovah set a time, saying, Tomorrow Jehovah will do this thing in the land.

6 And Jehovah did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died. And from the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not even one was dead from Israel's livestock! And Pharaoh's heart was made heavy, and he did not send away the people.

8 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses and to Aaron, Take for yourselves the fullness of your hands of soot from the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven before Pharaoh's eyes.

9 And let it become dust on all the land of Egypt, and let it become boils breaking out into a boil on man and on livestock in all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took soot of the furnace and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses sprinkled it toward the heavens, and it became a boil breaking out into boils on man and on livestock.

11 And the diviners were not able to stand before Moses, before the boil. For the boil was on the diviners and on all the Egyptians.

12 And Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, as Jehovah had said to Moses.

13 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Get up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, So says Jehovah the God of the Hebrews, Send away My people that they may serve Me.

14 For at this time I *am* going to send all My plagues to your heart, and on your servants, and on your people, so that you may know that none *is* like Me in all the land.

15 For now I have stretched out My hand and have stricken you and your people with plague, and you have been destroyed from the earth.

16 And for this cause I have made you stand, in order to cause you to see My power, and in order to declare My name in all the land.

17 You still are exalting yourself against My people, *so as* not to send them away.

18 Behold! I will rain very heavy hail about this time tomorrow, *such as* has never been in Egypt from the day of *its* foundation until now.

19 And now send out, bring your livestock to safety, and all belonging to you in the field. All men and livestock found in the field, and not brought to the house, the hail will come on them, and they will die.

20 Of the servants of Pharaoh, the one who feared the Word of Jehovah made his slaves and his livestock flee to the houses.

21 And the one who did not set his heart on the Word of Jehovah left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

22 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand to the heavens, so that hail may be in all the land of Egypt, on man, and on livestock, and on every plant of the field in the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched out his staff to the heavens. And Jehovah gave thunder and hail. And fire came down to the earth, and Jehovah rained hail on the land of Egypt.

24 And *there* was hail, and fire flashing in the midst of the hail, very heavy, which never had been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail struck in all the land of Egypt, all that *was* in the field, from men and to livestock. And the hail struck every plant of the field, and it broke in pieces every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel *lived*, there was no hail.

27 And Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned *this* time. Jehovah *is* the righteous *One*, and I and my people the wicked ones.

28 Pray to Jehovah and *let it be* enough of the thunders and hail of God. And I will send you away and you shall not continue any longer.

29 And Moses said to him, As I go out of the city I will spread out my palms to Jehovah. The thunder will cease, and the hail

will not still be, so that you may know that the earth *is* Jehovah's.

30 And *as for* you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear before Jehovah God.

31 And the flax and the barley were stricken. For the barley *was in* head, and the flax in bud.

32 And the wheat and the spelt were not stricken, for they *were* late.

33 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, *from* the city, and *he* spread out his palms to Jehovah. And the thunder and the hail ceased. And rain was not poured out toward the earth.

34 And Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, and he continued to sin. And he made his heart strong, he and his servants.

35 And Pharaoh's heart was made heavy, and he did not send away the sons of Israel, as Jehovah had said by the hand of Moses.

Exodus 10

1 God threatens to send locusts. 8 Pharaoh negotiates who may go. 12 The plague of locusts.

16 Pharaoh sends for Moses. 21 The plague of darkness. 24 Pharaoh sends for Moses.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, for I have made his heart heavy and the heart of his servants, so that I may set these signs of Mine in their midst;

2 and so that you may recount in the ears of your son and the son of your son what I exerted Myself to do against Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, and you may know that I *am* Jehovah.

3 And Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, So says Jehovah the God of the Hebrews, Until when will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Send away My people so that they may serve Me.

4 For if you refuse to send away My people, behold, I am going to bring locusts into your territory tomorrow.

5 And they will cover the eye of the land, and no one will be able to see the land. And they will eat the rest of that which escaped, that which is left to you from the

hail. And they will eat every tree that sprouts to you from the field.

6 And your houses will be full, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of the Egyptians, which neither your fathers nor the fathers of your fathers have seen; from the day of their being on the earth until this day. And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaoh's servants said to him, Until when shall this one be a snare to us? Send away the men that they may serve Jehovah their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is perishing?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, Go, serve Jehovah who *is* your God. And who *are* the ones going?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters. We will go with our flocks and with our herds. For *it is* a feast of Jehovah to us.

10 And he said to them, May Jehovah be so with you, as I send you away, and your little ones. Consider, for evil *is* before your face!

11 Not so! You and the men go now. Serve Jehovah, for you *were* seeking it. And he drove them out from the face of Pharaoh.

12 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand for the locusts over the land of Egypt, so that they may go up on the land of Egypt and may eat every plant of the land, all that the hail left.

13 And Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt. And Jehovah drove an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. And *when* it was morning the east wind lifted up the locusts.

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested on all the territory of Egypt, exceedingly many. Never were there locusts like them before, and afterward none will be like them.

15 And they covered the eye of the earth, and the land became dark. And they ate every plant of the land, and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. And no green thing was left in the

trees and in the plants of the field in all the land of Egypt.

16 And Pharaoh hurried to call Moses and Aaron. And he said, I have sinned against Jehovah your God and against you.

17 And now please forgive my sins only this time, and pray *to* Jehovah your God that He may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and he prayed *to* Jehovah.

19 And Jehovah changed *to* a west wind, very strong. And it carried the locusts and threw them into the Sea of Reeds. Not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt. And Jehovah made strong the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not send away the sons of Israel.

21 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand to the heavens so that darkness may be on the land of Egypt, and one may feel darkness.

22 And Moses stretched out his hand to the heavens, and darkness of gloom was in all the land of Egypt three days.

23 They did not see *each* man his brother, and they did not rise up, *each* man from his place *for* three days. Yet to all the sons of Israel there was light in their dwellings.

24 And Pharaoh called to Moses and said, Go, serve Jehovah. Only leave your flocks and your herds behind. Your little ones may go with you.

25 And Moses said, You must also give into our hands sacrifices and burnt offerings so that we may prepare for Jehovah our God.

26 And also our livestock shall go with us. Not a hoof shall be left. For we shall take from them to serve Jehovah our God. And we do not know *with* what we shall serve Jehovah until we come there.

27 And Jehovah made strong the heart of Pharaoh, and he was not willing to send them away.

28 And Pharaoh said to him, Go away from me. Be careful for yourself. Do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die.

29 And Moses said, You have spoken rightly. I will not see your face again.

Exodus 11

1 God tells the Israelites to ask for articles of silver and gold from the Egyptians. 4 Moses tells Pharaoh all the first-born in Egypt will die.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, I will bring still one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will send you away from here. When he sends you away completely; driving he will drive you out from here.

2 Now speak in the ears of the people, and let them ask, *each* man from his neighbor, and *every* woman from her neighbor articles of silver and articles of gold.

3 And Jehovah gave favor in the eyes of the Egyptians *toward* the people. And the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of the servants of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of the people.

4 ¶ And Moses said, So says Jehovah, About the middle of the night I will go out in the midst of Egypt.

5 And every first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh, the one sitting on his throne, to the first-born of the slave-girl who *is* behind the handmills, and every first born of animals.

6 And a great cry of distress shall be in all the land of Egypt, such as never has been, and nothing like it shall be again.

7 And a dog shall not sharpen his tongue against all the sons of Israel, toward man and toward livestock, so that you may know that Jehovah distinguishes *between* Egypt and Israel.

8 And all these servants of yours will come down to me, and bow to me, saying, Go out, you and all the people at your feet. And afterward I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in the heat of anger.

9 And Jehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders may multiply in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these *miraculous* signs before Pharaoh. And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not send away the sons of Israel from his land.

Exodus 12

1 The beginning of the year is changed. 3 The Passover is instituted. 15 Unleavened bread.

29 The first-born are slain. 31 The Israelites are driven out. 43 The ordinance of the Passover.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses and to Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month *shall be* the chief of months for you. It *shall be* the first of the months of the year for you.

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month, they shall *each* man take for themselves an animal of the flock for a father's house, a flock animal for a house.

4 And if the house is too small for a flock animal, he and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of souls, *each* man according to the mouth of his eating, you shall count concerning the flock animal.

5 A flock animal, a male without blemish, a son of a year, shall be to you. You shall take from the sheep or from the goats.

6 And it shall be for you to keep until the fourteenth day of this month. And all the assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the evenings.

7 And they shall take from the blood, and put *it* on the two side doorposts and on the lintel, on the houses *in* which they eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in this night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened *bread* and bitter herbs.

9 Do not eat it raw, or boiling, boiled in water, but roasted with fire; its head with its legs and with its inward parts.

10 And you shall not leave any of it until morning. And you shall burn with fire that left from it until morning.

11 And you shall eat it this way: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It *is the* Passover to Jehovah.

12 And I will pass through in the land of Egypt in this night. And I will strike every first-born in the land of Egypt, from man even to livestock. And I will execute judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I *am* Jehovah!

13 And the blood shall be a sign to you, on the houses where you *are*. And I will see the blood, and I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be on you to destroy, when I strike in the land of Egypt.

14 And the day shall be a memorial for you. And you shall celebrate it *as* a feast to Jehovah, for your generations. You shall celebrate it *as* a law forever.

15 You shall eat unleavened *bread* seven days. Indeed, on the first day you shall cause leaven to cease from your houses. For anyone eating any leaven, that soul shall be cut off from Israel, from the first day until the seventh day.

16 And on the first day *shall be* a holy gathering, and in the seventh day a holy gathering shall be to you. Not any work may be done on them. Only what must be eaten by your soul, that alone may be done by you.

17 And you shall observe the unleavened *bread*, for on this very day I brought out your armies from the land of Egypt. And you shall observe this day for your generations, a statute forever.

18 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening you shall eat unleavened *bread*, until the twenty-first day of the month, at evening.

19 *For* seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For anyone eating *any* leaven, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, among the aliens, and among the natives of the land.

20 You shall eat no leaven, not *any*. You shall eat unleavened *bread* in all your dwellings.

21 ¶ And Moses called to all the elders of Israel and said to them, Draw out and take of the flock for you *and* for your families, and kill the passover.

22 And take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood in the basin. And touch some of the blood in the basin to the lintel and on the two doorposts. And you shall not go out, anyone from the door of his house until morning.

23 And Jehovah will pass through to strike Egypt. And He will see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and Jehovah will pass over the door. And He will

not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

24 And you shall observe this Word for an ordinance for you, and for your sons forever.

25 And it shall be, when you come into the land which Jehovah shall give to you, as He has spoken, you shall observe this service.

26 And it shall be, when your sons say to you, What *is* this service to you?

27 Then you shall say, A sacrifice of a passover of Jehovah, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He struck Egypt. And He delivered our houses. And the people bowed and worshiped.

28 And the sons of Israel went out and did as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron. So they did.

29 ¶ And it happened at midnight. Jehovah struck every first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh, the one sitting on the throne, to the first-born of the captive who *was* in the prison house, and every first-born of animals.

30 And Pharaoh arose by night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And *there was* a great cry in Egypt, for *there was* not a house where there was not one who had died.

31 And he called to Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Arise, go out from the midst of my people, both you and the sons of Israel. And go serve Jehovah according to your word.

32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as you said, and go. And bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were strong on the people, to hasten to send them away from the land. For they said, All of us *are* about to die.

34 And the people took up their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothing on their shoulders.

35 And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing.

36 And Jehovah gave favor to the people in the eyes of the Egyptians. And they granted their requests. And they plundered Egypt.

37 ¶ And the sons of Israel traveled from Rameses to Succoth, the men being about six hundred thousand on foot, apart from little ones.

38 And also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks, and herds, very many livestock.

39 And they baked the dough which they brought out from Egypt into unleavened cakes. For it was not leavened, because they were driven out from Egypt, and they were not able to delay. And also they had not prepared food for a journey for themselves.

40 And the time of the dwelling of the sons of Israel, which they dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it happened, from the end of four hundred and thirty years; it was on this very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.

42 *It is* a night of celebration to Jehovah, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This night *is* a celebration for all the sons of Israel to their generations.

43 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the Passover. No stranger may eat of it.

44 And every man's slave, a purchase of silver, you shall circumcise him, then he may eat of it.

45 A foreigner and a hired servant may not eat of it.

46 It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not carry any of the flesh outside from the house. And you shall not break a bone in it.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall prepare it.

48 And when a sojourner shall stay with you, and will do the Passover to Jehovah, let every male to him be circumcised, and then he may come near to prepare it. And he shall be like a native of the land. But any uncircumcised one may not eat of it.

49 One law shall be to the native, and to the sojourner, the one staying in your midst.

50 And all the sons of Israel did as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did.

51 And it happened on this day, Jehovah brought out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt by their armies.

Exodus 13

1 The first-born are promised to God. 3 The memorial of the Passover is commanded. 17 The Israelites leave Egypt with Joseph's bones.

21 God guides them by pillars of a cloud, and fire.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Set apart to Me every first-born, the one opening the womb among the sons of Israel, among men and among livestock; they *shall be* Mine.

3 And Moses said to the people, Remember this day *in* which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slaves. For by the might of *His* hand Jehovah brought you out from here. And no leaven shall be eaten.

4 Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out.

5 And it shall be when Jehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give to you, a land flowing *with* milk and honey, you shall observe this service in this month.

6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day *keep* a feast to Jehovah.

7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten the seven days. And leavened bread for you shall not be seen; yea, no leaven shall be seen among you in all your boundaries.

8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, *It is* because of what Jehovah did for me when I came out from Egypt.

9 And it shall be for a sign to you on your hand, and a memorial between your eyes, so that a law of Jehovah may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand Jehovah brought you out from Egypt.

10 And you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time, from days to days.

11 ¶ And it shall be when Jehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,

12 you shall set apart to Jehovah every one opening the womb, and every firstling, the offspring of animals which are yours; the males *are* Jehovah's.

13 And every firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a flock animal. And if you do not redeem, you shall break its neck. And

every first-born of men among your sons you shall redeem.

14 And it shall be when your son asks you in the future, saying, What *is* this? You shall say to him, Jehovah brought us out from Egypt by the might of *His* hand, from the house of slaves.

15 And it happened when Pharaoh hardened himself against sending us away, Jehovah killed every first-born one in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of men even to the first-born of animals. On account of this I sacrifice to Jehovah every one *of* the males opening the womb, and I redeem every first-born of my sons.

16 And it shall be for a sign on your hand, and frontlets between your eyes. For Jehovah brought us out from Egypt by the might of *His* hand.

17 ¶ And it happened, in Pharaoh's sending away the people, God did not lead them *by* the way of the land of the Philistines, though it *was* near. For God said, Lest the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt.

18 But God made the people turn toward the way of the wilderness, to the Sea of Reeds. And the sons of Israel went up armed from the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him. For taking an oath he made the sons of Israel swear, saying, visiting God will visit you, and you shall cause my bones to go up from here with you.

20 And they pulled up *stakes* from Succoth, and they camped at Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And Jehovah was going before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them in the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give light to them, to go by day and by night.

22 The pillar of cloud did not cease by day, and the pillar of fire by night, before the people.

Exodus 14

1 God instructs the Israelites in their journey.

5 Pharaoh pursues them. 19 The cloud goes behind the camp. 21 The Israelites cross through the Red sea, 23 The Egyptians drown.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Speak to the sons of Israel, and let them

return and camp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon. You shall camp opposite *it*, by the sea.

3 And Pharaoh will say as to the sons of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land, the wilderness has shut them in,

4 And I will make Pharaoh's heart strong, and he will pursue you. And I will be honored through Pharaoh, and through all his armies. And the Egyptians shall know that *I am* Jehovah. And they did so.

5 And it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned as to the people. And they said, What *is* this we have done? For we have sent away Israel from serving us.

6 And he prepared his chariots. And he took his people with him.

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, even all the chariots of Egypt, and officers over all of them. And Jehovah made Pharaoh king of Egypt's heart strong. And he pursued the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel *were* going out with a high hand.

9 And the Egyptians pursued them. And they overtook them camping by the sea, all the horses *and* the chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, by Pihahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

10 ¶ And Pharaoh came near, and the sons of Israel raised their eyes, and, behold! The Egyptians were pulling up after them! And they were greatly afraid. And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah.

11 And they said to Moses, *Were* there no graves in Egypt, that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What *is* this you have done to us, to bring us out from Egypt?

12 *Is* this not the word which we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, Go away from us, and let us serve the Egyptians. For *it is* good for us to serve the Egyptians, than to die in the wilderness.

13 And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid. Take your stand and see the salvation of Jehovah, which He will prepare for you today. For as you see the Egyptians today, you shall not continue to see them again forever.

14 Jehovah will fight for you, and you be silent.

15 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the sons of Israel, and let them pull up *stakes*.

16 And you, raise your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it so that the sons of Israel may go in the midst of the sea on dry ground.

17 And behold! I *am* hardening the heart of the Egyptians. And they will go after them. And I will be honored through Pharaoh and through his armies, through his chariots, and through his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* Jehovah, in My being honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots, and through his horsemen.

19 And the Angel of God withdrew, the One going before the camp of Israel. And He went behind them. And the pillar of cloud withdrew from before them, and it stood behind them.

20 And it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. And it was cloudy and dark. And it lit up the night; and this one did not come near to that one all night.

21 ¶ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and Jehovah caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all night. And He made the sea dry land, and the waters divided.

22 And the sons of Israel came into the middle of the sea on dry ground, the waters *being* a wall to them from their right and from their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and all the horses of Pharaoh came after them, his chariots and his horsemen, into the middle of the sea.

24 And it happened in the morning watch: Jehovah looked on the camp of the Egyptians in the pillar of fire and cloud. And He confused the camp of the Egyptians.

25 And He took off the wheels of their chariots, and made them drive with difficulty. And the Egyptians said, I will flee from the face of Israel, for Jehovah *is* fighting for them against the Egyptians.

26 And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, and let the

waters return on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its usual flow, at the turning of the morning, and the Egyptians *were* fleeing to meet it. And Jehovah shook off the Egyptians into the middle of the sea.

28 And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, together with all the army of Pharaoh, those going after them, into the sea. And not even one was left among them.

29 And the sons of Israel walked on dry ground in the middle of the sea, the waters *being* a wall for them, from their right and from their left.

30 And Jehovah saved Israel in that day from the hand of Egypt. And Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the lip of the sea.

31 And Israel saw the great hand with which Jehovah worked against Egypt. And the people feared Jehovah, and they believed in Jehovah and in His servant Moses.

Exodus 15

1 Moses' song. 22 The people want water. 23 The waters are bitter at Marah. 25 A tree sweetens them. 27 Twelve wells and seventy palm trees at Elim.

1 ¶ Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to Jehovah, and spoke, saying, I will sing to Jehovah, for He is highly exalted. He has thrown *the* horse and his rider into the sea.

2 My strength and song *is* Jehovah, and it happened, He was salvation to me; this *is* my God and I will glorify Him; the God of my father, and I will exalt Him.

3 Jehovah *is* a Man of war; Jehovah *is* His name.

4 He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army in the sea; and the choice ones of his officers are drowned in the Sea of Reeds, 5 the depths cover them; they have dropped into the depths like a stone.

6 Your right *hand*, O Jehovah, *is* glorious in power; O Jehovah, Your right *hand* dashes the enemy to pieces.

7 And in Your majesty's greatness You pull down those rising up against You; You

send forth Your wrath; it consumes them like stubble.

8 And by the spirit of Your anger waters were heaped up; the running waters stood like a wall; the depths congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my soul shall be filled *with* them; I will draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.

10 You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in mighty waters.

11 Who *is* like You among the gods, O Jehovah? Who *is* like You, glorified in holiness, fearful *in* praises, O Worker of wonders?

12 You stretched out Your right *hand*; the earth swallowed them.

13 In Your mercy You led the people whom You redeemed; You guided in Your strength to Your holy dwelling.

14 Peoples heard; they tremble; trembling seized those dwelling *in* Philistia.

15 Then the chiefs of Edom *were* terrified; the leaders of Moab *were* seized by trembling; all those dwelling in Canaan were melted.

16 Terrors and dread fell on them; by the greatness of Your arm they are silent as a stone, until Your people pass through, O Jehovah, until pass through the people *whom* You have bought.

17 You shall bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place You have made for Your dwelling place, O Jehovah; the sanctuary which Your hands have prepared, O Lord.

18 Jehovah reigns forever and ever!

19 For the horses of Pharaoh had gone in with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and Jehovah brought back the waters of the sea on them; and the sons of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea.

20 And the sister of Aaron, Miriam the prophetess, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered to them, Sing to Jehovah, for triumphing He has triumphed gloriously; He has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea.

22 ¶ And Moses pulled up Israel from the Sea of Reeds. And they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they went into the wilderness three days and did not find water.

23 And they came to Marah. And they were not able to drink water from Marah, for it *was* bitter. Therefore, one called its name Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah showed him a tree. And he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. He made a statute and an ordinance for them there, and He tested them there.

26 And He said, If listening you listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, and do *what is* right in His eyes, and you give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will not put on you all the diseases which I have put on Egypt; for I *am* Jehovah your Healer.

27 And they came to Elim. And there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. And they camped by the waters.

Exodus 16

1 The Israelites come to Sin. 2 They murmur for lack of bread. 11 Quails are sent, 14 and manna 16 The ordering of manna. 25 not to be found on the Sabbath. 32 They preserve an omer.

1 And they pulled up *stakes* from Elim. And all the congregation of the sons of Israel came into the Wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month *after* their going out from the land of Egypt,

2 And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the sons of Israel said to them, Would that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, in our sitting by the fleshpots, in our eating bread to satisfaction. For you have brought us out into this wilderness to cause all this assembly to die with hunger.

4 And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from the heavens for you. And the people shall go out and gather the matter of a day in its day, so that I may

test them, whether they will walk in My Law or not.

5 And it shall be on the sixth day they shall prepare what they bring in. And it shall be double what they gather day by day.

6 And Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, At evening you shall know that Jehovah has brought you from the land of Egypt;

7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of Jehovah, in His hearing your murmurings against Jehovah. And we, what *are* we that you murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, When Jehovah gives you flesh to eat in the evening, and bread in the morning, to satisfaction; when Jehovah hears your murmurings which you *are* murmuring against Him, *you will see*. And what *are* we? Your murmurings *are* not against us, but against Jehovah.

9 And Moses spoke to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, Come near before Jehovah; for He has heard your murmurings.

10 And it happened, as Aaron was speaking to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, they turned toward the wilderness. And, behold! The glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud!

11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them, saying, Between the evenings you shall eat flesh; and in the morning you shall be satisfied *with* bread; and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah your God.

13 ¶ And it happened in the evening: the quail came up and covered the camp. And in the morning a layer of dew was around the camp.

14 And the layer of dew went up, and, behold, *something* small *was* on the face of the wilderness, scalelike, small like the hoarfrost on the earth.

15 And the sons of Israel looked. And they said, *each* man to his brother, What *is* that? For they did not know what it *was*. And Moses said to them, That *is* the bread which Jehovah has given to you for food.

16 This *is* the thing which Jehovah commanded. Gather from it, *each* man according to the mouth of his eating; an omer for

a head. *By* the number of your souls you shall take for *each* man who *is* in your tent.

17 And so the sons of Israel did. And they gathered; the one gathering much and the one gathering little.

18 And they measured with an omer. And the one gathering much did not have too much. And the one gathering little did not have any need. *Each* man gathered according to the mouth of his eating.

19 And Moses said to them, Do not let anyone leave from it until morning.

20 And they did not listen to Moses. And some left from it until morning; and it became rotten *with* maggots, and stunk. And Moses was angry against them.

21 And they gathered it in the morning, *each* man in the morning according to the mouth of his eating. And it melted *in* the heat of the sun.

22 ¶ And it came about on the sixth day, they gathered double bread, two omers for one. And all the leaders of the congregation came and reported to Moses.

23 And he said to them, That *is* what Jehovah said, Tomorrow *is* a rest, a holy sabbath to Jehovah. What you will bake, bake. And boil what you will boil. And lay up for yourselves all that *is* left over, to keep it until the morning.

24 And they laid it up until the morning, as Moses commanded. And it did not stink and no maggot was in it.

25 And Moses said, Eat it today, for today *is* a sabbath to Jehovah. Today you will not find it in the field.

26 You shall gather it six days, and on the seventh *is* a sabbath; in it none shall be found.

27 And it happened on the seventh day, *some* of the people went out to gather, and did not find *any*.

28 And Jehovah said to Moses, Until when do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?

29 Behold! Because Jehovah has given the sabbath to you, therefore He is giving to you two days of bread on the sixth day. *Each* man of you remain in his place. Do not let anyone go out from his place on the seventh day.

30 And the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called its name, Manna. And it *was* like the seed of coriander, white; and its taste like cakes with honey.

32 ¶ And Moses said, This *is* the thing which Jehovah has commanded, Fill an omer from it, to keep for your generations, so that they may see the bread which I caused you to eat in the wilderness, as I brought you out from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said to Aaron, Take one pot, and put there the fullness of an omer of manna, and lay it up before Jehovah, to keep for your generations.

34 Even as Jehovah commanded Moses, Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to keep *it*.

35 And the sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until their coming into an inhabited land. They ate the manna until their coming to the border of the land of Canaan.

36 And the omer *was* the tenth of an ephah.

Exodus 17

1 The people murmur for water at Rephidim.

5 God sends Moses to a rock in Horeb, 8 By Aaron and Hur holding up Moses' hands Amalek is overcome. 15 Moses builds an altar.

1 ¶ And all the congregation of the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* from the Wilderness of Sin, according to their journeys, by the mouth of Jehovah. And they camped in Rephidim. And *there was* no water

2 for the drinking of the people quarreled with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you tempt Jehovah?

3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why, then, have you caused us to go up from Egypt, to cause me and my sons and my livestock to die with thirst?

4 And Moses cried to Jehovah, saying, What shall I do to this people? Yet a little and they will stone me.

5 And Jehovah said to Moses, Pass on in front of the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. And take in your hand your staff with which you smote the River, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb. And you shall

smite the rock, and water will come out of it; and the people will drink. And Moses did so before the eyes of the elders of Israel.

7 And one called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the sons of Israel, and because of their testing of Jehovah, saying, Is Jehovah in our midst, or not?

8 ¶ And Amalek came and fought against Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill, and the staff of God in my hand.

10 And Joshua did as Moses had said to him, to fight against Amalek. And Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And so it was that when Moses lifted his hand, Israel prevailed. And when he rested his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 And the hands of Moses *became* heavy. And they took a stone and put *it* under him. And he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one from this and one from that *side*. And his hands were steady until the going of the sun.

13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people by the mouth of the sword.

14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this, a memorial in a book, and set *it* in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly wipe away the remembrance of Amalek under the heavens.

15 And Moses built an altar. And he called its name, Jehovah My Banner.

16 And he said, A hand *is* on the throne of Jehovah; war *is* to Jehovah with Amalek from generation to generation.

Exodus 18

1 Jethro meets Moses with his wife and sons.

7 Moses entertains him.. 27 Jethro departs.

1 ¶ And Jethro the priest of Midian, the father-in-law of Moses, heard all that which God had done for Moses and for His people Israel, that Jehovah had caused Israel to go out from Egypt.

2 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife (after *Moses* had sent her away,)

3 and her two sons; one's name *was* Gershom (for he said, I have become an alien in a foreign land);

4 and one's name *was* Eliezer (for the God of my father *was* my Help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh).

5 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, and his sons and his wife came to Moses, to the wilderness where he camped, at the mount of God.

6 And he said to Moses, I, your father-in-law Jethro, and your wife, and your two sons with her have come to you.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed, and kissed him. And they asked *each* man to his neighbor, as to *their* welfare. And they came into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that Jehovah had done to Pharaoh and to Egypt on account of Israel, all the trouble which they had found in the way, and Jehovah had delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced regarding all the good which Jehovah had done to Israel whom He had delivered from the hand of Egypt.

10 And Jethro said, Blessed *be* Jehovah who has delivered you from the hand of Egypt, and from the hand of Pharaoh; *He* who delivered the people from under the hand of Egypt.

11 Now I know that Jehovah *is* greater than all the gods; truly, in the way in which *He* acted proudly against them.

12 And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, took a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. And Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat bread before God with Moses' father-in-law.

13 ¶ And it happened on the next day that Moses sat to judge the people. And the people stood beside Moses from the morning until the evening.

14 And Moses' father-in-law saw all he *was* doing to the people. And he said, What *is* this thing which you *are* doing to the people? Why are you sitting by yourself, and all the people standing beside you from morning until evening?

15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to seek God.

16 When they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his

neighbor. And I make known the statutes of God, and His laws.

17 And the father-in-law of Moses said to him, The thing which you do *is* not good.

18 Wearing you will wear out, both you and this people with you. For the thing *is* heavy for you. You are not able to do it by yourself.

19 Now listen to my voice. I will counsel you, and may God be with you. You be for this people before God, and you bring the matters to God.

20 And you warn them *as to* the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they should walk, and the work which they should do.

21 And you, you shall look on men of ability out of all the people, who fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain. And you place *these* over them as rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

22 And let them judge the people at all times. And it shall be that every great matter they shall bring to you, and every small matter they shall judge. And you make it easy on yourself, and let them bear with you.

23 If you do this thing, and God command you, you will be able to stand; and also this people will go in peace to their place.

24 And Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and he did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose men of ability from all Israel and gave them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all times; the hard matters they brought to Moses, and every small matter they judged themselves.

27 And Moses sent his father-in-law away, and he went to his own land.

Exodus 19

1 The people come to Sinai. 3 God's message to the people. 10 The people are sanctified. 16 The fearful presence of God on the Mount.

1 ¶ In the third month of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, on this day they came *to* the wilderness of Sinai.

2 And they pulled up *stakes* from Rephidim and came *to* the wilderness of Sinai. And

they camped in the wilderness. And Israel camped there before the mountain.

3 And Moses went up to God. And Jehovah called to him from the mountain, saying, You shall say this to the house of Jacob, and tell *it* to the sons of Israel.

4 You have seen what I did to Egypt; and I bore you on wings of eagles and brought you to Me.

5 And now if listening you will listen to My voice, and will keep My covenant, you shall become a special possession to Me above all the nations, for all the earth *is* Mine.

6 And you shall become a kingdom of priests for Me, a holy nation. These *are* the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called the elders of the people. And he put all these words before them which Jehovah commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together and said, All which Jehovah has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people to Jehovah.

9 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, I come to you in a darkness of clouds, so that the people may hear My speaking with you, and in you they may believe forever. And Moses returned the words of the people to Jehovah.

10 And Jehovah said to Moses, Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow. And let them wash their clothes.

11 And be ready for the third day. For on the third day Jehovah will go down before the eyes of all the people on the mountain of Sinai.

12 And you shall set limits to the people all around, saying, Be careful for yourselves, not going up into the mountain and touching its border; everyone touching the mountain dying shall die.

13 Not a hand shall touch him, but stoning he shall be stoned, or piercing he shall be pierced. He shall not live, whether animal or man. At the sounding of the rams' horn, they shall go up into the mountain.

14 And Moses went from the mountain to the people. And he sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said to the people, Be ready for the third day. Do not approach a woman.

16 ¶ And on the third day, it being morning, it happened: There *were* thunders and lightnings, and a heavy cloud on the mountain, and the sound of a rams' horn, very strong! And all the people in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses caused the people to go up from the camp to meet God. And they took their stand at the lower part of the mountain.

18 And the mountain of Sinai was smoking, all of it, because Jehovah came down on it in fire. And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace; and the mountain quaked exceedingly.

19 And it happened while the sound of the rams' horn was sounding, and becoming very strong, Moses spoke. And God answered him by a voice.

20 And Jehovah came down on the mountain of Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and Jehovah called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 And Jehovah said to Moses, Go down, warn the people lest they break through to gaze at Jehovah, and many of them fall.

22 And also the priests, those approaching Jehovah, let them sanctify themselves that Jehovah not burst forth among them.

23 And Moses said to Jehovah, The people are not able to come up to the mountain of Sinai. For You warned us, saying, Set limits to the mountain and sanctify it.

24 And Jehovah said to him, Come, go down. And you come up, and Aaron with you. And let not the priests and the people break through to come up to Jehovah, lest He burst forth among them.

25 And Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

Exodus 20

1 The Ten Commandments. 18 The people are afraid. 20 Moses comforts them. 22 Idolatry is forbidden. 24 An altar shall be made.

1 ¶ And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 I *am* Jehovah your God, who has brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

3 You shall not have any other gods before Me.

4 You shall not make a graven image for yourself, or any likeness in the heavens

above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth;

5 you shall not bow to them, and you shall not serve them; for I am Jehovah your God, a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of fathers on sons, on the third and on the fourth generation, to those that hate Me;

6 and doing kindness to thousands, to those loving Me, and to those keeping My commandments.

7 You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain; for Jehovah will not leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain.

8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;

9 six days you shall labor and do all your work;

10 and the seventh day is a sabbath to Jehovah your God; you shall not do any work, you, and your son, and your daughter, your male slave and your slave-girl, and your livestock, and your stranger who is in your gates.

11 For *in* six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all which *is* in them, and He rested on the seventh day; on account of this Jehovah blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it.

12 ¶ Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land which Jehovah your God *is* giving to you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not testify a witness of falsehood against your neighbor.

17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male slave, or his slave-girl, or his ox, or his ass, or anything which *belongs* to your neighbor.

18 ¶ And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the sound of the rams' horn, and the smoking mountain. And the people looked, and they trembled, and they stood from a distance.

19 And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will hear. And let us not speak with God, that we not die.

20 And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid, for God has come in order to

test you, and so that His fear may be on your faces, that you may not sin.

21 And the people stood from a distance, and Moses went near the thick darkness where God *was*.

22 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, You have seen that I have spoken with you from the heavens.

23 You shall not make gods of silver along with Me, and you shall not make gods of gold for yourselves.

24 You shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on it, your sheep and your cattle. In every place *in* which I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you and will bless you.

25 And if you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build them of cut stones. When you swing your tool on it, you defile it.

26 And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be uncovered on it.

Exodus 21

1 *Laws for servants.* 12 *For manslaughter.*

16 *For thieves.* 17 *For cursing parents.* 18 *For striking another.* 22 *For an accidental injury.*

1 ¶ And these *are* the judgments which you shall put before them:

2 When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years And in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he comes in with his body, he shall go out with his body. If he *was* the husband of a wife, his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master gives him a wife, and she bears sons or daughters to him, the wife and her children shall belong to her master; and he shall go out with his body.

5 And if saying the slave says, I love my master, my wife and my children; I do not desire to go out free,

6 his master shall bring him to God, and one shall bring him to the door, or to the doorpost; and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.

7 And when a man sells his daughter for a slave-girl, she shall not go out as the male slaves go out.

8 If she *is* bad in the eyes of her master who has appointed her for himself, he shall allow her redemption. He shall not have power to sell her to a foreign people, in his deceiving her.

9 And if he chooses her for his son, he shall do to her as *is* the custom of daughters.

10 If he takes another for himself, her flesh, her clothing, and her conjugal right shall not be diminished.

11 And if he does not do these three for her, she shall go out for nothing, without silver.

12 ¶ He that strikes a man so that he dies, dying he shall die.

13 But he who does not lie in wait, and God lets fall into his hand, I will appoint a place for you where he may flee.

14 And when a man seethes insolently against his neighbor, to kill him by deceit, you shall take him from My altar to die.

15 And he who strikes his father or his mother dying shall die.

16 And he that steals a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, dying he shall die.

17 And he who curses his father or his mother, dying he shall die.

18 And when men strive, and one strikes his neighbor with a stone, or with a fist, and he does not die, but falls on his bed,

19 if he rises and walks about in the street on his staff, the one who struck *him* shall be innocent; only he shall pay *his* sitting; giving he shall give for his healing.

20 And if a man strikes his male slave or his slave-girl with a rod, and he dies under his hand, avenging he shall be avenged.

21 But if he continues a day or two, he shall not be avenged, for he *is* his silver.

22 ¶ And when men fight, and they strike a pregnant woman, and her child goes forth, and there is no injury, being fined he shall be fined. *As much as* the husband of the woman shall put on him, even he shall give through the judges.

23 But if injury occurs, you shall give life for life,

24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 branding for branding, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And when a man strikes the eye of his male slave, or the eye of his slave-girl and destroys it, he shall send him away free for his eye.

27 And if he causes the tooth of his male slave, or the tooth of his slave-girl, to fall out, he shall send him away free for his tooth.

28 And when an ox gores a man so that he dies, the ox stoning shall be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten, and the owner of the ox *is* innocent.

29 And if he *was* an ox apt to gore from yesterday and the day before, and its owner is given warning, and he does not watch him, and he causes a man or a woman to die, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall die.

30 If a ransom is put on him, he shall give the redemption of his life, according to all which is put on him.

31 Whether he gores a son or he gores a daughter, according to this judgment it shall be done to him.

32 If the ox gores a male slave or a slave-girl, he shall give thirty silver shekels to his master, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 And when a man opens a pit, or when a man digs a pit, and does not cover it, and an ox or an ass falls into it,

34 the owner of the pit shall pay; he shall give silver to its owner, and the dead shall be his.

35 And when a man's ox strikes against the ox of his neighbor, and it dies, they shall sell the living ox, and they shall divide the silver; and they shall also divide the dead.

36 Or if it *was* known that he *was* an ox apt to gore from yesterday and the third day, and his owner does not watch him, he shall pay ox for ox, and the dead shall be his.

Exodus 22

1 Of theft. 5 Of damage. 7 Of trespasses. 14 Of borrowing. 16 Of fornication. 18 Of witchcraft. 19 Of bestiality. 20 Of idolatry. 21 Of strangers, widows, and fatherless.

1 ¶ When a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it, or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox, and four sheep for the sheep.

2 If the thief is found breaking in, and is stricken and dies, no blood *shall be* shed for him.

3 If the sun has risen on him, blood *is* due for him; repaying he shall repay. If he has nothing, then he should be sold for his theft.

4 If finding the stolen thing is found in his hand alive, from ox to ass to flock animal, he shall pay double.

5 When a man burns a field or a vineyard, and he lets loose his beast and it feeds another's field, he shall repay the best of his field and the best of his vineyard.

6 When a fire breaks out and finds thorns, and a stack *of grain*, or standing grain, or the field is burned up, repaying the one kindling the fire shall repay.

7 ¶ When a man gives silver or vessels to his neighbor to keep, and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall repay double.

8 If the thief is not found, the master of the house shall be brought to God, *to see* whether or not he put out his hand to his neighbor's goods.

9 In every matter of transgression, for ox, for ass, for sheep, for clothing, for anything lost of which it *is* said that it is his, the case of both of them shall come to God. Whom God declares guilty, he shall repay double to his neighbor.

10 When a man gives an ass or an ox to his neighbor, or a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, or is injured, or is captured, no *one* seeing it,

11 an oath of Jehovah shall be between them both, that he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods. And its owner shall take it, and he shall not repay.

12 And if it is indeed stolen from him, he shall repay to its owner.

13 If it is completely torn in pieces, he shall bring it as a witness; he shall not repay that which was torn.

14 And when a man borrows from his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies, its owner not being with it, paying he shall repay.

15 If its owner is with it, he shall not repay. If it *is* hired, it comes for its hire.

16 ¶ And when a man lures a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, paying he shall pay her bride-price for a wife to himself.

17 If refusing her father refuses to give her to him, he shall weigh money according to the bride-price of virgins.

18 You shall not allow a sorceress to live.

19 Anyone lying with an animal, dying he shall die.

20 One sacrificing to a god shall be destroyed, unless *it is* only to Jehovah.

21 You shall not be violent toward a sojourner. You shall not oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

22 You shall not afflict an orphan or a widow.

23 If afflicting you afflict him, if he at all cries to Me, hearing I will hear his cry.

24 and My anger shall glow, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall become widows, and your sons orphans.

25 If you lend money to my people, the poor *one* with you, you shall not be a creditor to him; you shall not put interest on him

26 If you indeed take the clothing of your neighbor as a pledge, you shall return it to him by the going of the sun,

27 for that is his only covering, that *is* his garment for his skin. In what shall he lie down? And it shall be, when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I *am* compassionate.

28 You shall not revile God, and you shall not curse a ruler among your people.

29 You shall not delay *giving* the fullness of *your crops* and *juices of your vintage*. You shall give to Me the first-born of your sons.

30 So you shall do to your oxen, to your sheep: it shall be seven days with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me.

31 And you shall be holy men to Me. And you shall not eat flesh torn in pieces; you shall throw it to the dogs.

Exodus 23

1 *Of slander and lies.* 3, 6 *Of justice.* 4 *Of charitableness.* 10 *Of the year of rest.* 12 *Of the Sabbath.* 13 *Of idolatry.* 14 *Of the three feasts.*

20 *An Angel is promised.*

1 ¶ You shall not utter a false report; You shall not put your hand with the wicked *one*, to become a violent witness.

2 You shall not *run* after many to *gain* evil *things*. And you shall not testify as to a lawsuit, to turn aside after many in order to pervert *justice*.

3 And you shall not favor the lowly *one* in his lawsuit.

4 When you happen on the ox of your enemy, or his wandering ass, returning you shall return it to him.

5 When you see the ass of your enemy crouching under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving *the matter* to him; loosing you shall loose *it* from him.

6 You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor *one* in his lawsuit.

7 You shall keep far away from a false matter. And do not kill the innocent *one* and the righteous *one*; for I will not justify the wicked *one*.

8 And you shall not take a bribe, for the bribe blinds the seeing *ones*, and *it* perverts the words of the righteous *ones*.

9 And you shall not oppress a sojourner; and you know the life of a sojourner, since you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ And you shall sow your land six years, and you shall gather its produce.

11 And the seventh year you shall let it rest and let *it* alone, and the needy *one* of your people shall eat. And what they leave, the animals of the field shall eat. So you shall do to your vineyard, to your oliveyard.

12 You shall do your work six days, and on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your ass may rest, and the son of your slave-girl and your sojourner may be refreshed.

13 And be watchful in all that I have said to you. And you shall not mention another god by name; it shall not be heard from your mouth.

14 Three times in the year you shall feast to Me.

15 You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*. Seven days you shall eat unleavened *bread*, as I have commanded you, at the set time of the month of Abib. For in it you came out from Egypt, and they shall not appear before Me empty.

16 Also the Feast of Harvest, the first fruits of your labor, *of* what you sow in the field. Also the Feast of Ingathering, at the end of the year, at your gathering your work from the field.

17 Three times in the year every one of your males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah.

18 You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven. And the fat of My feast shall not pass the night until morning.

19 The first, the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring *to* the house of Jehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

20 ¶ Behold, I am sending an Angel before you, to guard you in the way, and to bring you to the place which I have prepared.

21 Be on guard before Him, and listen to His voice. Do not be rebellious against Him, for He will not lift up your transgressions; for My name *is* in Him.

22 For if listening you listen to His voice, and do all which I speak, I will be an enemy to your enemies, and will distress *ones* distressing you.

23 For My Angel shall go before you and bring you in to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I will cut them off.

24 You shall not bow down to their gods, and you shall not serve them. And you shall not do according to their works. But tearing you shall tear them down, and smashing you shall smash their pillars.

25 And you shall serve Jehovah your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will remove sickness from your midst.

26 There shall not be one miscarrying, and not one barren in your land. I will fulfill the number of your days.

27 I will send My terror before you, and I will confound all the people among whom you come. And I will give the neck of your enemies to you.

28 And I will send hornets before you which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite before you.

29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become a waste, and the beast of the field multiply on you.

30 I will drive them out before you little by little, until you are fruitful and possess the land.

31 And I will set your border from the Sea of Reeds as far as the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness as far as the River. For I will give the people of the land into your hand. And you shall drive them out before you.

32 You shall not cut a covenant for them and for their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they cause you to sin towards Me. If you serve their gods, then it will be a snare to you.

Exodus 24

1 Moses is called into the mountain. 4 Moses builds an altar and twelve pillars. 6 He sprinkles the blood of the covenant. 9 The glory of God appears. 14 Aaron and Hur are left in charge.

1 ¶ And He said to Moses, Come up to Jehovah, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy from the elders of Israel. And bow yourselves from a distance.

2 And let Moses approach by himself to Jehovah, and they shall not approach. And the people shall not go up with him.

3 And Moses came and told all the words of Jehovah to the people, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, We will do all the words which Jehovah has spoken.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah. And he rose early in the morning and built an altar below the mountain, and twelve memorial pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the sons of Israel. And they offered up burnt offerings, and sacrificed sacrifices of bulls, peace offerings to Jehovah.

6 And Moses took half of the blood, and he put it in basins. And he sprinkled half of the blood on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said, We will do all that Jehovah has spoken, and we will hear.

8 And Moses took the blood and sprinkled on the people, and said, Behold, the blood of the covenant which Jehovah has cut with you concerning these words.

9 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went up with Nadab and Abihu, and seventy from the elders of Israel.

10 And they saw the God of Israel. And under His feet *was* as the work of a pavement of sapphire, and the same as the essence of the heavens for clearness.

11 And He did not stretch out His hand to the chiefs of the sons of Israel. And they saw God, and they ate and drank.

12 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Come up to Me to the mountain, and be there. And I will give to you the tablets of stone, and the Law, and the commandments which I have written, to teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and Joshua his attendant. And Moses went up to the mountain of God.

14 And he said to the elders, Wait for us in this *place* until we return to you. And, behold, Aaron, who *is* a master of matters, and Hur, are with you; let him *with difficulties* approach to them.

15 And Moses went up into the mountain. And a cloud covered the mountain.

16 And the glory of Jehovah dwelt on the mountain of Sinai. And the cloud covered it six days. And He called to Moses on the seventh day from the midst of the cloud.

17 And the appearance of the glory of Jehovah *was* like fire burning on the top of the mountain before the eyes of the sons of Israel.

18 And Moses came into the midst of the cloud, and he went up into the mountain. And Moses was in the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 25

1 What the Israelites must offer to make the tabernacle. 10 The form of the ark. 17 The mercy seat and the cherubs. 23 The table and the furniture.

31 The candlesticks and instruments.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Speak to the sons of Israel, and let them take an offering for Me. From every man whose heart impels him, let them take My offering.

3 And this *is* the offering which you shall take from them: gold, and silver, and bronze;

4 and blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and goats' hair;

5 and rams' skin dyed red, and dugong skins, and acacia wood;

6 oil for the light, spices for the oil of anointing, and for the incense of perfumes;

7 onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod, and for the breast-piece.

8 And let them make a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell in their midst.

9 According to all which I am going to reveal to you, the plan of the tabernacle, and the plan of all its vessels, even so you shall do.

10 ¶ And they shall make an ark of acacia wood, two and a half cubits long, and a cubit and a half its width and a cubit and a half its height.

11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold; you shall overlay it inside and outside. And you shall make a wreath of gold all around on it.

12 And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and shall put it on its four feet; two rings on the one side, and two rings on the second side.

13 And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and you shall overlay them with gold.

14 And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to lift up the ark by them.

15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not depart from it.

16 And you shall put the testimony into the ark, which I shall give to you.

17 And you shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, its length two and a half cubits, and its width a cubit and a half.

18 And you shall make two cherubs of gold; you shall make them of beaten work from the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 And make one cherub from the end here, and one cherub from the end there. You shall make the cherubs from the mercy seat, on its two ends.

20 And the cherubs shall be spreading out wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces each toward its brother; the faces of the cherubs shall be toward the mercy seat.

21 And you shall put the mercy seat on the ark from above. And you shall put the testimony into the ark, which I shall give to you.

22 And I will meet you there, and will speak with you, above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubs which are on the ark of testimony, all which I shall command you concerning the sons of Israel.

23 ¶ And you shall make a table of acacia wood, its length two cubits, and its width a cubit, and its height a cubit and a half.

24 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and you shall make on it a wreath of gold all around.

25 And you shall make a border of a hand's breadth for it all around. And you shall make a wreath of gold all around on its border.

26 And you shall make four rings of gold for it, and you shall put the rings on the four corners which are to its four feet.

27 The rings shall be near the border for housings for the poles to lift up the table.

28 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and you shall overlay them with gold. And the table shall be lifted up by them.

29 And you shall make its platters, and its bowls, and its pitchers, and its sacrificial cups with which to pour out a drink offering. You shall make them of pure gold.

30 And you shall put the Bread of the Presence on the table before Me continually.

31 ¶ And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of beaten work; its base and its shaft, its calyxes, its knobs, and its blossoms shall be from it.

32 And six branches shall go out from its sides, three branches of the lamp from its one side and three branches of the lampstand from its second side;

33 three almond-like calyxes on the one branch with knob and blossom; and three almond-like calyxes on the one branch with knob and blossom, so for the six branches, those going out from the lampstand.

34 And on the lampstand shall be four almond-like calyxes, each with its knobs and its blossoms;

35 and a knob under two branches of it; and a knob under two branches of it; and a knob under two branches of it, to the six branches, those going from the lampstand.

36 Their knobs and their branches *shall be* of it, all of it one beaten work of pure gold.

37 And you shall make its seven lamps, and one shall set up its lamps, and they shall give light on its face.

38 And its tongs, and its pans *shall be* of pure gold.

39 One shall make it *of* a talent of pure gold, with all these vessels.

40 And see *that they are* made by their patterns which you *were* caused to see in the mountain.

Exodus 26

1 The ten curtains of the tabernacle. 7 The eleven curtains of goats' hair. 14 The covering of rams' skins. 15 The boards of the tabernacle. 31 The veil for the ark. 36 The hanging for the door.

1 ¶ And you shall make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains. You shall make them *with* cherubs, the work of a skilled workman, of twined linen, and blue and purple and crimson.

2 The length of one curtain *shall be* twenty eight by the cubit; and the width four by the cubit, for the one curtain; one measure to all the curtains.

3 Five curtains shall be joined together, each to its sister-piece. And five curtains *shall be* joined each to its sister-piece.

4 And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the end at the juncture; and so you shall do at the edge of the last curtain, at the second juncture.

5 You shall make fifty loops on the one curtain; and you shall make fifty loops in the end of the curtain at the second juncture; the corresponding loops each to its sister-piece.

6 And you shall make fifty hooks of gold. And you shall join the curtains, each to its sister-piece, by the hooks. And it shall become one tabernacle.

7 ¶ And you shall make curtains *of* goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains.

8 The length of the one curtain *shall be* thirty by the cubit; and the width four by the cubit for the one curtain; one measure to the eleven curtains.

9 And you shall join the five curtains separately, and the six curtains separately. And

you shall double the six curtains before the front of the tabernacle.

10 And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain, the last at the juncture; and fifty loops on the edge of the second curtain that joins.

11 And you shall make fifty hooks of bronze. And you shall put the hooks in the loops and join the tent together. And it shall become one.

12 And the overlapping part of the rest of the curtains of the tabernacle, the half curtain that remains, shall hang on the back of the dwelling place *of* God.

13 And the cubit from this side, and the cubit from that side that remains in the length of the curtains of the tent shall be hung over the sides of the tabernacle from this and from that side, to cover it.

14 And you shall make a cover for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of dugong skins from above.

15 ¶ And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood standing up.

16 Ten cubits *shall be* the length of one board; and a cubit and a half the width of one board.

17 Two pins *shall be* in one board, each connected to her sister. So you shall do to all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards on the south side, southward.

19 And you shall make forty sockets of silver *for* the twenty boards; two sockets under the one board for its two pins, and two sockets under the one board for its two pins.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side twenty boards;

21 and their forty silver sockets; two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the one board.

22 And you shall make six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward.

23 And you shall make two boards for the corners of the dwelling place *of* God, in the sides.

24 And they shall be double from beneath. And in like manner they shall be joined on the top, to the one ring. So it shall be to both of them; they shall be for the two corners.

25 And *there* shall be eight boards, and their silver sockets, sixteen sockets, two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the one board.

26 And you shall make bars of acacia wood, five to the boards of the one side of the dwelling place of God;

27 and five bars to the boards of the second side of the dwelling place of God; and five bars to the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the rear, westward.

28 And *there shall be* a middle bar in the midst of the boards, going through from end to end.

29 And you shall overlay the boards with gold and you shall make their rings gold, housings for the bars. And you shall overlay the bars with gold.

30 And you shall set up the dwelling place of God according to the decree which you were made to see in the mountain.

31 ¶ And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and crimson, and twined linen. One shall make it by the work of the skilled workman, with cherubs.

32 And you shall put it on four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, on four sockets of silver.

33 And you shall hang the veil under the hooks. And you shall bring the ark of the testimony there inside to the veil. And the veil shall divide for you between the sanctuary and the Holy of Holies.

34 And you shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony, in the Holy of Holies.

35 And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lamp across from the table on the side of the dwelling place of God southward. And you shall put the table on the north side.

36 And you shall make a screen for the door of the tent of blue, and of purple and crimson, and twined bleached linen, the work of an embroiderer.

37 And you shall make five pillars of acacia wood for the screen. And you shall overlay them with gold, their nails gold. And you shall cast for them five sockets of bronze.

Exodus 27

1 The altar of burnt offering and the vessels.

9 The court of the tabernacle inclosed with hangings and pillars. 18 The size of the court.

20 The oil for the lamp.

1 ¶ And you shall make the altar of acacia wood; five cubits long and five cubits wide. The altar shall be square, and its height three cubits.

2 And you shall make its horns on its four corners. Its horns shall be a part of itself. And you shall overlay it with bronze.

3 And you shall make its pots to remove its ashes, and its shovels and its sacrificial bowls, and its flesh forks, and its firepans. You shall make all its vessels to be bronze.

4 And you shall make a grating for it, a network of bronze. And you shall make four rings of bronze on the four ends of the net.

5 And you shall put it under the ledge of the altar from beneath. And the net shall be as far as half of the altar.

6 And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood. And you shall overlay them with bronze.

7 And its poles shall be brought into the rings. And the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar, for lifting it up.

8 You shall make it hollow with boards; as you were made to see in the mountain, so they shall make it.

9 ¶ And you shall make the court of the dwelling place of God; for the south side southward, hangings for the court of twined linen, a hundred by the cubit in length, for the one side.

10 And its pillars shall be twenty, and their sockets twenty in bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver.

11 And so for the north side in length, hangings a hundred in length; and its pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty in bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver.

12 And the width of the west side of the court shall have fifty cubits of hangings; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the width of the court for the east side eastward fifty cubits;

14 and the hangings to the side fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And to the hangings for the second side, fifteen; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 And for the gate of the court a screen of twenty cubits, blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined linen; the work of an embroiderer; their pillars four and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars of the court round about shall be banded with silver, their hooks silver, and their sockets bronze.

18 The length of the court shall be a hundred by the cubit, and the width fifty by fifty, and the height five cubits, twined linen; and their sockets bronze.

19 As to all the vessels of the tabernacle, in all its service, and all its pins, and all the pins of the court, bronze.

20 ¶ And you shall command the sons of Israel, and let them bring to you pure oil of olive beaten for the light, to set up lamps perpetually.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation from outside the veil which is by the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall arrange them from evening until morning before Jehovah; a never-ending statute for their generations, from the sons of Israel.

Exodus 28

1 Aaron and his sons are set apart for the priest's office. 6 The ephod. 15 The breast pocket with twelve precious stones. 30 The Urim and Thummim. 31 The robe of the ephod. 36 The plate of the miter. 39 The embroidered coat. 40 The garments for Aaron's sons.

1 ¶ And you shall take to yourself your brother Aaron, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, for him to serve as priest to Me; Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron.

2 And you shall make holy garments for your brother Aaron, for glory and for beauty.

3 And you shall speak to all the wise-hearted whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom; and they shall make the gar-

ments of Aaron to sanctify him for his serving as priest to Me.

4 And these are the garments which they shall make: a breast-piece, and an ephod, and a robe, and a tunic of woven stuff, a miter, and a girdle. And they shall make holy garments for your brother Aaron and for his sons, even for him to serve as priest to Me.

5 And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the crimson, and the bleached linen.

6 ¶ And they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, crimson and bleached, twined linen, work of one who invents.

7 It shall have two shoulder-pieces at its two ends; and it shall be joined together.

8 And the band of the ephod which is on it, like its work, shall be of it, gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and bleached, twined linen.

9 And you shall take two onyx stones; and you shall engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel.

10 Six of their names shall be on the one stone, and six of the remaining names on the second stone, according to their birth.

11 You shall engrave the two stones, the work of a stone engraver, the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall make them set in plaited work of gold.

12 And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the face of Jehovah, on his two shoulders for a remembrance.

13 And you shall make plaited work of gold:

14 and two chains of pure gold, you shall make them twisted, a work of cord; and you shall put chains of the cords on the plaited work.

15 ¶ And you shall make a breast-piece of judgment, skilled work, like the work of the ephod you shall make it: gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and bleached, twined linen you shall make it.

16 It shall be square, being doubled, its length a span and its width a span.

17 And you shall fill in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of ruby, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row.

18 And the second row: emerald, sapphire and diamond.

19 And the third row: jacinth, agate and amethyst.

20 And the fourth row: chrysolite, onyx and jasper. They shall be plaited with gold in their settings.

21 And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel, twelve according to their names, the engraving of a signet; they shall be *each* man according to his name for the twelve tribes.

22 And you shall make chains of woven work on the breast-piece.

23 And you shall make two rings of gold on the breast-piece. And you shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-piece.

24 And you shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings, at the end of the breast-piece.

25 And you shall put the two ends of the two cords on the two plaitings. And you shall put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to the front of it.

26 And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two ends of the breast-piece, on its edge, inward aside from the ephod.

27 And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod, from beneath, at its front, near its joining, above the band of the ephod.

28 And they shall fasten the breast-piece from its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue ribbon, to be above the band; and the breast-piece may not move itself from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel sons of Israel on the breast-piece of judgment on his heart, in his going into the holy place, for a memorial before the face of Jehovah continually.

30 And you shall put the Urim and the Thummim into the breast-piece of judgment; and they shall be on the heart of Aaron in his going before the face of Jehovah. And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel on his heart before the face of Jehovah continually.

31 ¶ And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32 And the mouth in its top shall be in its middle; a binding shall be all around its mouth, of woven work; it shall be like the mouth of a corselet; it may not be torn.

33 And you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and crimson on its hem, all around on its hem; also bells of gold *shall be* among them round about:

34 a bell of gold and a pomegranate; a bell of gold and a pomegranate, on the hem of the robe round about.

35 And it shall be on Aaron for ministering; and its sound shall be heard in his going into the sanctuary before the face of Jehovah, and in his coming out, that he should not die.

36 And you shall make a plate of pure gold. And you shall engrave on it the engravings of a signet: HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH.

37 And you shall put a ribbon of blue on it, and it shall be on the miter, to the front of the miter it shall be.

38 And it shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things which will sanctify the sons of Israel to all their holy gifts. And it shall be on his forehead continually, for acceptance for them before the face of Jehovah.

39 And you shall weave the tunic of bleached *linen*, and you shall make a miter of bleached *linen*, and you shall make a girdle, the work of an embroiderer.

40 ¶ And you shall make tunics for the sons of Aaron; and you shall make girdles for them; and you shall make turbans for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And you shall clothe your brother Aaron *with* them, and his sons with him; and you shall anoint them, and you shall consecrate them, and you shall sanctify them. And they shall minister as priests to Me.

42 And make bleached *linen* breeches for them, to cover the naked flesh, from the loins as far as the thighs they shall be.

43 And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons in their going into the tabernacle of the congregation, or in their drawing near to the altar to minister in the sanctuary,

and so that they shall not raise up iniquity and die. *It is* a never-ending statute to him and to his seed after him.

Exodus 29

1 The sacrifice and ceremonies of consecrating the priests. 38 The continual burnt offering.

45 God's promise to dwell among the sons of Israel.

1 ¶ And this *is* the thing which you shall do to them, to sanctify them to minister as priests to Me: take one bull, the son of the herd, and two rams without blemish,

2 and unleavened *bread*, and unleavened cakes poured over with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil; you shall make them *of* fine wheat flour.

3 And you shall put them into one basket and shall bring them near in the basket, and the bull and the two rams.

4 And you shall take Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall wash them in water.

5 And you shall take the garments, and you shall clothe Aaron with the tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast-piece. And you shall bind it to him with the band of the ephod.

6 And you shall put the miter on his head; and you shall put the holy crown on the miter.

7 And you shall take the oil of anointing and shall pour on his head, and shall anoint him.

8 And you shall take his sons and clothe them *with* tunics.

9 And you shall gird them *with* girdles, Aaron and his sons; and you shall bind on turbans for them; and *it* shall be a never-ending statute for them *in* the priest's office. And you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.

10 And you shall bring near the bull before the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull.

11 And you shall slaughter the bull before the face of Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And you shall take of the bull's blood and shall put *it* on the horns of the altar

with your finger. And you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.

13 And you shall take all the fat that covers the inward parts, and the lobe on the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, and you shall burn *them* on the altar.

14 And you shall burn the flesh of the bull, and its skin, and its dung, with fire outside the camp; *it is* a sin offering.

15 And you shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

16 And you shall slaughter the ram, and you shall take its blood and shall sprinkle it on the altar all around.

17 And you shall cut the ram into pieces; and you shall wash its inward parts, and its legs, and shall place *them* on its pieces and on its head.

18 And you shall burn all the ram on the altar; *it is* a burnt offering to Jehovah, a soothing fragrance; *it is* a fire offering to Jehovah.

19 And you shall take the second ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

20 And you shall slaughter the ram; and you shall take of its blood and shall put *it* on the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot; and you shall sprinkle the blood on the altar all around.

21 And you shall take of the blood on the altar, and the oil of anointing, and you shall sprinkle on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him and he is holy, he and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments.

22 And you shall take the fat from the ram, and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the inward parts, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, and the right leg; for *it is* a ram of consecration; 23 also one loaf of bread, and one cake of oil bread, and one wafer, from the basket of unleavened *bread* which *is* before the face of Jehovah.

24 And you shall put all on the palms of Aaron and on the palms of his sons. And you shall wave them, a wave offering before the face of Jehovah.

25 And you shall take them from their hands, and you shall burn the burnt offering on the altar for a soothing fragrance before the face of Jehovah; it *is* a fire offering to Jehovah.

26 And you shall take the breast from the ram of consecration which *is* on Aaron. And you shall wave it a wave offering before the face of Jehovah; it shall be your portion.

27 And you shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the leg of the heave offering, which is waved and which is lifted from the ram of consecration, from what *is* Aaron's, and from what is to his sons.

28 And it shall be for Aaron and for his sons for a never-ending statute from the sons of Israel; it *is* for a heave offering, and it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, their heave offering to Jehovah.

29 And the holy garments which *are* Aaron's shall be his sons' after him, for anointing in them and for filling their hands in them.

30 The priest shall put them on seven days, the *one* from his sons taking his place; the *one* who comes into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the sanctuary.

31 And you shall take the ram of consecration, and you shall boil its flesh in a holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread which *is* in the basket at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

33 And they shall eat those things by which atonement is made to consecrate them, to sanctify them; and a stranger shall not eat, for they *are* holy.

34 And if any is left of the flesh of consecration, and of the bread, until the morning, you shall burn what is left with fire; it shall not be eaten, for it *is* holy.

35 And so you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all which I have commanded you; you shall consecrate them seven days.

36 And you shall offer a bull of a sin offering daily for atonement; and you shall purify the altar in your making atonement for it; and you shall anoint it to sanctify it.

37 You shall make atonement seven days for the altar, and shall sanctify it; and the altar shall become most holy, all touching the altar becomes holy.

38 ¶ And this *is* what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs daily, sons of a year, continually.

39 The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer between the evenings.

40 And a tenth of fine flour anointed with beaten oil, a fourth of a hin; and a drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine, for the one lamb.

41 And you shall offer the second lamb between the evenings; you shall do to it like the morning food offering and its drink offering, for a soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah.

42 *This shall be* a continual burnt offering to your generations, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the face of Jehovah; there where I meet you to speak to you there.

43 And I will meet the sons of Israel here and it shall be sanctified by My glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And I will sanctify Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me.

45 And I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel; and I will be to them for God.

46 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God, who brought them out from the land of Egypt, that I may dwell in their midst. I *am* Jehovah their God.

Exodus 30

1 The altar of incense. 11 The ransom of souls.

17 The bronze laver. 22 The holy anointing oil.

34 The ingredients of the perfume.

1 ¶ And you shall make an altar, a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.

2 It *shall be* a cubit in length and a cubit in width; it shall be square. And its height *shall be* two cubits, its horns from itself.

3 And you shall overlay it *with* pure gold, its top, and its walls all around, and its horns. And you shall make a wreath of gold for it all around.

4 And you shall make two rings of gold for it under its wreath; on its two sides you shall make its two corners on its two sides; and they shall be housings for poles, to lift them up by it.

5 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood; and you shall overlay them *with* gold.

6 And you shall put it in front of the veil which *is* beside the ark of the testimony; in front of the mercy seat which *is* over the testimony, there where I meet you.

7 And Aaron shall burn incense of perfume on it morning by morning; when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it.

8 And when Aaron sets up the lamps between the evenings he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the face of Jehovah for your generations.

9 You shall not offer up strange incense on it, and burnt offering and food offering; and you shall not pour out a drink offering, to go up on it.

10 And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once in a year; from the blood of the sin offering of the atonement once in the year he shall make atonement on it for your generations; it *is* most holy to Jehovah.

11 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12 When you lift up the head of the sons of Israel, of those numbered, *each* man shall give the ransom of his soul to Jehovah when numbering them; and there shall not be a plague among them when numbering them.

13 They shall give this, everyone passing over to those numbered: half a shekel, by the shekel of the sanctuary, twenty gerahs *being* a shekel; half a shekel as an offering to Jehovah.

14 Every one passing over to those numbered, from a son of twenty years and upward, shall give the offering of Jehovah.

15 The rich *one* shall not give more, and the poor one shall not give less than half a shekel, to give the offering of Jehovah, to make atonement for your souls.

16 And you shall take the silver of atonement from the sons of Israel and you shall give it to the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and it shall be for the sons of Israel for remembrance before the

face of Jehovah, to make atonement for your souls.

17 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

18 And you shall make a bronze laver for washing, and its base bronze. And you shall put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar; and you shall put water there.

19 And Aaron and his sons shall wash from it, their hands and their feet;

20 as they go into the tabernacle of the congregation they shall wash *with* water, and shall not die; or as they draw near to the altar to minister, to burn a fire offering to Jehovah.

21 And they shall wash their hands and their feet, and shall not die. And it shall be a never-ending statute to them, to him and to his seed for their generations.

22 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

23 And you take spices for yourself, the best, five hundred of pure myrrh, and its half of spicy cinnamon, two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and two hundred and fifty of aromatic calamus;

24 and five hundred of cassia, by the shekel of the sanctuary; and a hin of olive oil.

25 And you shall make it an oil of holy anointing, ointment compound, the work of a perfumer, an oil of holy anointing it shall be.

26 And you shall anoint with it the tabernacle of the congregation and the ark of the testimony,

27 and the table and all its vessels and the altar of incense,

28 and the altar of burnt offering, and all its vessels, and the laver and its base.

29 And you shall sanctify them, and they shall become most holy; everything touching them shall become holy.

30 And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and you shall consecrate them to minister as priests to Me.

31 And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil for Me for your generations.

32 It shall not be poured on the flesh of man, and you shall not make *any* like it in its proportion; it *is* holy. It shall be holy to you.

33 If a man prepares *any* like it, or who gives from it to a stranger, *he* shall be cut off from his people.

34 And Jehovah said to Moses, Take perfumes for yourself, spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, spices, and pure frankincense, a part shall be for a part.

35 And you shall make it incense, an ointment, a work of a perfumer, salted, pure and holy.

36 And you shall grind *some* of it fine, and put *some* of it in front of the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I meet you. It shall be most holy to you.

37 And the incense which you make, in its proportion, you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for Jehovah.

38 If a man makes *any* like it, to smell of it, he shall be cut off from his people.

Exodus 31

1 Bezaleel and Aholiab are called for the work on the tabernacle. 12 The observation of the Sabbath is commanded. 18 Moses receives the two tablets.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: 2 Behold, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, to the tribe of Judah.

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God in wisdom, and in intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all workmanship,

4 to devise designs, to work in gold and in silver and in bronze,

5 and in carving of stones for finishings, and in carving of wood, to work in all workmanship.

6 And behold! I have given with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan; and in the heart of every wise-hearted one I have given wisdom; and they shall make all which I have commanded you:

7 the tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat which *is* going up over it, and all the vessels of the tabernacle,

8 and the table and its vessels, and the pure lampstand and all its vessels, and the altar of incense;

9 and the altar of burnt offering and all its vessels, and the laver and its base;

10 and the woven garments, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests;

11 and the oil of anointing, and the incense of perfumes for the sanctuary; according to all which I have commanded you, they shall do.

12 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

13 And you speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Keeping you shall keep My sabbaths; for it *is* a sign between Me and you for your generation; to know that I *am* Jehovah your sanctifier.

14 And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it *is* holy for you; the profaners of it dying shall die; for everyone doing work in it, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of his people.

15 Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day *is* a sabbath of rest, holy to Jehovah; everyone doing work on the Sabbath day dying shall die.

16 And the sons of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to do the Sabbath for their generations; *it is* a never-ending covenant.

17 It *is* a sign forever between Me and the sons of Israel; for in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

18 And when He finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave to Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

Exodus 32

1 The people asked Aaron to make a calf. 7 God is angered. 11 Moses prays to God. 15 Moses comes down with the tablets. 19 He breaks them.

20 He destroys the calf. 25 Moses causes the idolaters to be killed. 30 He prays for the people.

1 ¶ And the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain. And the people gathered to Aaron. And they said to him, Rise up, make for us gods who may go before our face. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.

2 And Aaron said to them, Break off the rings of gold which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons and your daughters; and bring them to me.

3 And all the people broke off the rings of gold in their ears, and they brought to Aaron.

4 And he took *them* from their hand and formed it with an engraving tool. And he made it a molten calf. And they said, These *are* your gods, O Israel, who made you go up from the land of Egypt.

5 And Aaron saw, and he built an altar before it. And Aaron called and said, A feast to Jehovah tomorrow.

6 And they rose early on the morrow, and they offered burnt offerings and brought near peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

7 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Come, go down, for your people whom you caused to go up from Egypt are corrupted;

8 they have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they made for themselves a molten calf and have bowed to it, and have sacrificed to it. And *they* have said, These *are* your gods, O Israel, who made you go up from the land of Egypt.

9 And Jehovah said to Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people.

10 And now leave Me alone that My anger may be hot against them, that I may consume them. And I will make you a great nation.

11 And Moses prayed before the face of Jehovah his God, and he said, Why, O Jehovah, does Your anger be hot against Your people whom You caused to go up from the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians say, For evil He has caused them to go up, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them on the face of the earth? Turn from Your fierce anger and be moved to pity as to the evil to Your people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and You spoke to them, I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and all this land which I have said, I will give to your seed. And they shall possess it forever.

14 And Jehovah was moved to pity concerning the evil which He had spoken to do to His people.

15 ¶ And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets written on their two sides, on this and on that *side* they *were* written.

16 And the tablets *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God; it *was* engraved on the tablets.

17 And Joshua heard the voice of the people in their shouting. And he said to Moses, A sound of war in the camp!

18 And he said, *It is* not a sound of a cry of might, nor a sound of a cry of defeat; I *am* hearing the sound of singing.

19 And it happened, as he came near to the camp and saw the calf and dances, the anger of Moses was hot. And he threw the tablets from his hands, and he broke them below the mountain.

20 And he took the calf which they had made and burned *it* with fire and ground *it* until it *was* fine, then he scattered *it* on the face of the water. And he made the sons of Israel to drink *it*.

21 ¶ And Moses said to Aaron, What has this people done to you that you have made to come on them a great sin?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord be hot. You know the people, that it *is* in evil.

23 And they said to me, Make for us gods who may go before us; as for Moses, the man who caused us to go up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.

24 And I said to them, Whoever has gold, let them break off. And they gave to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.

25 And Moses saw the people, that it *was* unloosed, for Aaron had let it loose for a derision among their enemies.

26 And Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who *is* for Jehovah? *Come* to me! And all the sons of Levi assembled to him.

27 And he said to them, So says Jehovah, God of Israel, *each* man put his sword on his thigh; pass to and fro from gate to gate in the camp, and *each* man kill his brother, and *each* man his neighbor, and *each* man his kindred.

28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell on that day.

29 And Moses said, Fill your hand today for Jehovah, since *each man has been* against his son and against his brother, and so as to give you a blessing today.

30 ¶ And it happened on the morrow, Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to Jehovah; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses went back to Jehovah and said, Oh, this people has sinned a great sin, and they have made for themselves gods of gold.

32 And now, if You will, lift up their sin. And if not, I pray, blot me out from Your book which You have written.

33 And Jehovah said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him from My book.

34 And now go, lead the people to *that* place which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before your face. And in the day of My visitation I will visit their sin on them.

35 And Jehovah plagued the people because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Exodus 33

1 Jehovah refuses to go with the people. 4 The people mourn. 7 The tabernacle is removed from the camp. 9 Jehovah talks with Moses. 12 Moses desires to see His glory.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Come, go up from this *place*, you and the people whom you have caused to go up out from the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed.

2 And I will send an Angel before your face, and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite;

3 to a land flowing *with* milk and honey. For I will not go up among you, for you *are* a stiffnecked people, lest I consume you in the way.

4 And the people heard this evil word, and they mourned, and did not put any ornaments on themselves.

5 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to the sons of Israel, You *are* a stiffnecked people; in one instant I will go up among you and I will consume you. And now lay off from you your ornaments, that I may know what I shall do to you.

6 And the sons of Israel pulled off their ornaments, from Mount Horeb.

7 ¶ And Moses took the tent and pitched it outside the camp, far off from the camp. And he called it the tabernacle of the congregation. And it happened that everyone seeking Jehovah went to the tabernacle of the congregation which *was* outside the camp.

8 And it happened as Moses went to the tabernacle, the people all rose and stood, *each man at* the door of his tent. And *they* looked after Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it happened as Moses went into the tabernacle, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand *at* the door of the tabernacle. And He spoke with Moses.

10 And all the people would see the pillar of the cloud standing *at* the door of the tabernacle. And rising all the people rose up and bowed themselves, *each man at* the door of his tent.

11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp. And his attendant, Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the middle of the tabernacle.

12 ¶ And Moses said to Jehovah, Behold, You *are* saying to me, Cause this people to go up. And You, You have not told me whom You will send with me. And yet You have said, I know you by name, and also you have found favor in My eyes.

13 And now, if I have found favor in Your eyes, I pray, make me see Your ways, and let me know You, so that I may find favor in Your eyes, and see that this nation *is* Your people.

14 And He said, My presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.

15 And he said to Him, If Your presence does not go, do not cause us to go up from here.

16 And now by what can it be known that I and Your people have found favor in Your eyes? *Is it* not in Your going with us? And we are distinguished, I and Your

people, from all the nations which *are* on the face of the earth?

17 And Jehovah said to Moses, This thing which you have spoken I will do. For you have found favor in My eyes, and I know you by name.

18 And he said, I pray, let me see Your glory.

19 And He said, I will cause all My goodness to pass before your face. And I will call out the name of Jehovah before your face. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy.

20 And He said, You are not able to see My face; for no man can see Me and live.

21 And Jehovah said, Behold, a place by Me! And you shall stand on a rock.

22 And as My glory is passing it will be that I will put you in a cleft of the rock; and I will cover My palm over you during My passing.

23 And I will remove My palm, and you shall see My back; but My face cannot be seen.

Exodus 34

1 The tablets are renewed. 5 The name of Jehovah proclaimed. 8 Moses asks God to go with them.

10 God makes a covenant with them. 28 Moses comes down from the mount with the tablets.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone, like the former. And I will write on the tablets the words which were on the former tablet, which you broke.

2 And be prepared in the morning, and go up in the morning to Mount Sinai. And place yourself here by Me, on the top of the mountain.

3 And a man shall not go up with you. And also let no man be seen on all the mountain. Also do not allow the flocks and the herds to feed before that mountain.

4 And he cut out two tablets of stone like the former. And Moses rose early in the morning and went up into Mount Sinai, as Jehovah had commanded him. And he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

5 ¶ And Jehovah came down in the cloud. And he placed himself there with Him, and he called on the name of Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah passed by before his face and called out: Jehovah! Jehovah God! Merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and great in goodness and truth,

7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and not leaving entirely unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on sons, and on sons of sons, to the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Moses hurried and bowed to the earth and worshiped.

9 And he said, If now I have found favor in Your eyes, O Lord, please let my Lord go in our midst, for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and You forgive our iniquity and our sin, and take us as a possession.

10 ¶ And He said, Behold, I *am* cutting a covenant; I will do wonderful things before all your people which have not been done in all the earth, and among all nations. And all the people in whose midst you *are* shall see the work of Jehovah, for that which I *am* about to do with you *is* awesome.

11 Take heed for yourself what I *am* commanding you today. Behold, I *am* about to drive out from before your face the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 Take heed to yourself, that you not cut a covenant with the people of the land to which you are going in, that it not be a snare in your midst.

13 But you shall cut down their altars, break their pillars, and you shall cut off their Asherahs.

14 For you shall not bow to another god, for Jehovah whose name *is* Jealous, He *is* a jealous God;

15 that you not cut a covenant with the people of the land, and they fornicate with their gods, and they sacrifice to their gods, and they call to you, and you eat from his sacrifice;

16 and you take from their daughters for your sons, and their daughters fornicate with their gods, and they lead your sons to fornicate with their gods.

17 You shall not make for yourself molten gods.

18 ¶ You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*; seven days you shall eat unleavened *bread*, which I commanded you,

at the time appointed, the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you went out from Egypt.

19 All opening the womb *is* Mine, and all your male livestock, a firstling of ox or sheep,

20 and a firstling of an ass, you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you do not redeem, you shall break its neck. You shall redeem every first-born of your sons, and they shall not be seen before My face empty.

21 You may work six days, and on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

22 And you shall observe a Feast of Weeks for yourself, the firstfruits of the harvest of wheat; also the Feast of In-gathering at the turn of the year.

23 Three times in the year every male of yours shall be seen before the face of the Lord Jehovah, the God of Israel.

24 For I will dispossess nations from before your face and will make broad your territory; and no one shall covet your land, as you go up to appear before Jehovah your God three times in the year.

25 You shall not slaughter the blood of my sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Passover Feast pass the night until morning.

26 You shall bring the first of the firstfruits of your ground to the house of Jehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in the milk of its mother.

27 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write these words for yourself, for on the mouth of these words I will cut a covenant with you and with Israel.

28 ¶ And he was there with Jehovah forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread and he did not drink water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

29 And it happened as Moses was going down from Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony being in Moses' hand as he went down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face had begun shining *brilliantly* through His speaking with him.

30 And Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses. And, behold! The skin of his face had begun shining *brilliantly*. And they were afraid to draw near to him.

31 And Moses called to them. And Aaron and all the leaders among the congregation turned back to him. And Moses spoke to them.

32 And afterwards all the sons of Israel drew near. And he commanded them all *that* which Jehovah had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

33 And Moses finished speaking with them, and he put a veil on his face.

34 And as Moses came in before Jehovah to speak with Him, he took off the veil until he went out. And he would go out and speak to the sons of Israel that which he was commanded.

35 And the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face had begun shining *brilliantly*. And Moses would put back the veil on his face until he went in to speak with Him.

Exodus 35

1 *The sabbath.* 4 *The free gifts for the tabernacle.*

20 *The readiness of the people to offer.*

30 *Bezaleel and Aholiab are called to the work.*

1 ¶ And Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel and said to them, These *are* the words which Jehovah has commanded, to do them:

2 Work may be done six days and on the seventh day it shall be holy to you, a sabbath of rest to Jehovah; everyone doing work in it dying shall die.

3 You shall not kindle a fire in all your dwellings on the day of the Sabbath.

4 And Moses said to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which Jehovah commanded, saying,

5 Take from among you an offering to Jehovah. Everyone willing of heart shall bring it, the offering of Jehovah: gold and silver and bronze,

6 and blue, and purple, and crimson, and bleached *linen*, and goats' *hair*,

7 and rams' skins dyed red, and dugong skins, and acacia wood,

8 and oil for the light, and spices for the oil of anointing, and for the incense of perfumes;

9 and onyx stones, and stones of settings, for the ephod and for the breast-piece.

10 And every wise-hearted one among you, let them come and make all which Jehovah has commanded;

11 the tabernacle, its tent, and its cover, its hooks, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets;

12 the ark, and its poles, the mercy seat and the veil of the covering,

13 the table and its poles, and all its vessels, and the Bread of the Presence;

14 and the lampstand of the light, and its vessels, and its lamps, and the oil of the light;

15 and the incense altar and its poles, and the oil of anointing, and the incense of perfumes, and the screen of the door, at the door of the tabernacle;

16 the altar of burnt offering, and its bronze grating, its poles, and all its vessels, the laver and its base;

17 the screens of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court;

18 the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords;

19 the woven garments to minister in the sanctuary, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments for his sons, to serve as priests.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the sons of Israel went out from Moses.

21 And they came, every man whose heart was lifted up, and everyone whose spirit made him willing. They brought the offering of Jehovah for the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.

22 And the men came in together with the women, everyone willing of heart. They brought in bracelets, and nose rings, and rings, and ornaments, every gold article, and every man who waved a wave offering of gold to Jehovah.

23 And every man *with* whom blue was found, and purple, and crimson, and bleached *linen*, and goats' *hair*, and rams' skins dyed red, and dugong skins, they brought.

24 Every one rising up with an offering of silver and bronze, they brought the offering of Jehovah; and everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, they brought.

25 And every wise-hearted woman spun with her hands; and they brought spun

yarn, blue, and purple, and crimson and bleached *linen*.

26 And all the women whose hearts *were* lifted up in wisdom spun the goats' *hair*.

27 And the leaders brought the onyx stones, and stones for the setting, for the ephod and for the breast-piece,

28 and the spice, and the oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the incense of the perfumes.

29 And every man and woman whose hearts made them willing to bring for all the work which Jehovah commanded to be done by the hand of Moses; the sons of Israel brought a willing offering to Jehovah.

30 ¶ And Moses said to the sons of Israel, Behold! Jehovah has called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

31 And He has filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all workmanship,

32 and to devise designs, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,

33 and in cuttings of stones for finishings, and in carving of wood, to work in all workmanship of design.

34 And He has put in his heart to teach, he and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan,

35 He has filled them *with* wisdom of heart, to do every work of a smith, and an artisan, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in crimson, and in bleached *linen*, and a weaver; doers of every work and devisers of designs.

Exodus 36

1 The offerings are given to the workmen. 5 The liberality of the people restrained. 8 The curtains of cherubs. 14 The curtains of goats' hair, 19 the covering of skins. 20 The boards with their sockets. 31 The bars. 35 The veil.

1 ¶ And Bezaleel and Aholiab shall work with every man wise of heart, to whom Jehovah has given wisdom and intelligence, they who know how to do every work of the service of the sanctuary, concerning all which Jehovah had commanded.

2 And Moses called to Bezaleel, and to Aholiab, and to every man wise of heart, to whom Jehovah had given a heart of wisdom,

everyone whose heart had lifted him up to come near the work, to do it.

3 And they took every offering before Moses which the sons of Israel had brought for the work of the service *in* the holy place, to do it. And they brought to him still more willing offerings morning *by* morning.

4 And all the wise *men* came, those doing every kind of work *for* the sanctuary, *each* man a man from his work they *were* doing.

5 And they spoke to Moses, saying, The people are bringing more than enough *for* the service of the work that Jehovah commanded, to do it.

6 And Moses commanded, and they caused it to be voiced in the camp, saying, And *let* no man and woman make any more offering for the sanctuary; and the people were held back from bringing.

7 And their property was sufficient for all the work, to do it, and *it was* too much.

8 ¶ And every wise-hearted one among the doers of the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains, twined, bleached *linen*, and blue, and purple, and crimson; he made them with cherubs, the work of an artisan.

9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty eight by the cubit; and the width *was* four by the cubit; the one curtain *was* the same measure for all the curtains.

10 And he joined five curtains one to one; and he joined five curtains one to one.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain, from the end to the juncture; so he did at the edge of the last curtain at the second juncture.

12 He made fifty loops on one curtain; and he made fifty loops on the end of the curtain which *was* at the second juncture; the loops corresponded, one with one.

13 And he made fifty hooks of gold; and he joined the curtains by the hooks, one to one. And the tabernacle became one.

14 ¶ And he made curtains *of* goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle; he made them eleven curtains.

15 The length of the one curtain *was* thirty by the cubit, and four cubits the width of the one curtain; one measure to the eleven curtains.

16 And he joined the five curtains separately, and the six curtains separately.

17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the last curtain at the juncture; and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that joined the second.

18 And he made fifty bronze hooks to join the tent, to unite it in one.

19 And he made a cover for the tent of rams' skins dyed red; and a cover of dugong skins from above.

20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle, standing planks *of* acacia wood.

21 The length of the board *was* ten cubits, and a cubit and a half *was* the width of the one board.

22 The one board *was* connected by two pins, one to another; so he did to all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward.

24 And he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under the one board for its two pins.

25 And for the second side of the tabernacle, to the north side, he made twenty boards,

26 and their forty silver sockets; two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the one board.

27 And he made six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward.

28 And he made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle, in the sides.

29 And they were double from below, and in like manner they were complete to its top, to the first ring. So he did to both of them, for the two corners.

30 And there were eight boards, and their silver sockets, sixteen sockets; two sockets *and* two sockets under the one board.

31 And he made bars *of* acacia wood; five to the boards of the second side of the tabernacle;

32 and five bars to the boards of the sides of the tabernacle westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to go through the middle of the boards, from end to end.

34 And he overlaid the boards *with* gold. And he made the rings gold, housing for the poles; and he overlaid the bars *with* gold.

35 ¶ And he made a veil *of* blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined, bleached

linen. He made it the work of an artisan, with cherubs.

36 And he made four pillars *of* acacia for it. And he overlaid them *with* gold, their hooks gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them.

37 And he made a screen for the door of the tabernacle, blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined, bleached *linen*, the work of an embroiderer;

38 and its five pillars, and their hooks; and they overlaid their tops and their bands *with* gold; and their five sockets bronze.

Exodus 37

1 The ark. 6 The mercy seat with cherubs. 10 The table with the vessels. 17 The lampstand, and instruments. 25 The altar of incense. 29 The anointing oil and sweet incense.

1 ¶ And Bezaleel made the ark *of* acacia wood; two cubits and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

2 And he overlaid it *with* pure gold, inside and outside. And he made for it a wreath of gold all around.

3 And he cast four rings of gold for it, on its four feet; two rings on its one side and two rings on its second side.

4 And he made poles *of* acacia wood; and he overlaid them *with* gold.

5 And he put the poles into the rings, on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark.

6 And he made a mercy seat of pure gold; two cubits and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide.

7 And he made two cherubs *of* gold; he made them of beaten work, from the two ends of the mercy-seat;

8 one cherub here at one end, and one cherub here at the *other* end. He made the cherubs from the mercy seat, from its two ends.

9 And the cherubs were spreading out wings above, covering the mercy seat *with* their wings, their faces *each* man toward the other; the faces of the cherubs were toward the mercy seat.

10 ¶ And he made the table *of* planks *of* acacia; two cubits long, and a cubit wide, and a cubit and a half high.

11 And he overlaid it *with* pure gold; and he made for it a wreath of gold all around.

12 And he made for it a border of a hand's breadth all around. And he made a wreath of gold for its border all around.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold; and he put the rings on the four corners, which *were* to its four feet.

14 The rings were near the border, the housings for the poles, to lift up the table.

15 And he made the poles *of* acacia wood; and he overlaid them *with* gold, to lift up the table.

16 And he made the vessels which *were* on the table, its platters and its bowls, and its sacrificial cups, and its pitchers by which a drink offering *is* made, with pure gold.

17 And he made the lampstand *of* pure gold; he made the lampstand *of* beaten work, its side, and its branch, its calyxes, its knobs and its blossoms were from it.

18 And six branches went out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from one side, and three branches of the lampstand from its second side.

19 Three almond-like bowls *were* on the one branch, with knob and blossom; and three almond-like bowls on the one branch, *with* knob and blossom; so for the six branches, those going out from the lampstand.

20 And on the lampstand *were* four almond-like bowls, its knobs and its blossoms.

21 And a knob *was* under two branches of it, to the six branches, those going out from it.

22 The knobs and the branches of it were one beaten work of pure gold.

23 And he made its seven lamps and its snuffers and its pans *of* pure gold.

24 He made it and all its vessels *from* a talent of pure gold.

25 ¶ And he made the altar of incense *of* acacia wood; its length a cubit, and its width a cubit, square. And its height *was* two cubits; its horns were of it.

26 And he overlaid it *with* pure gold, its top and its sides and its horns all around. And he made for it a wreath of gold all around.

27 And he made for it two rings of gold, from beneath its wreath, on its two corners, on its two sides, for housings for poles, to lift it.

28 And he made its poles *of* acacia wood; and he overlaid them *with* gold.

29 And he made the holy oil of anointing, and the pure incense of fragrant spices, the work of a perfumer.

Exodus 38

1 The altar of burnt offering. 8 The laver of bronze.

9 The court. 21 The sum of what the people offered.

1 ¶ And he made the altar of the burnt offering *of* acacia wood; five cubits its length and five cubits its width, square; and its height *was* three cubits.

2 And he made its horns on its four corners; its horns were of it. And he overlaid it *with* bronze.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots and the shovels and the sacrificial bowls, the flesh-forks and the firepans. He made all its vessels *of* bronze.

4 And he made a network of bronze grating for the altar, from below under its ledge, as far as its middle.

5 And he cast four rings in its four ends to the bronze grating, housings for the poles.

6 And he made the poles *of* acacia wood; and he overlaid them *with* bronze.

7 And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, to lift it with them. He made it hollow *with* planks.

8 And he made the laver bronze, and its base bronze, from the mirrors of the serving women, those assembling, who served at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9 ¶ And he made the court. To the side of the Negeb, to the south, the curtains of the court *were* twined bleached *linen*, a hundred by the cubit.

10 Their pillars *were* twenty and their sockets twenty, of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* silver.

11 And for the north side, a hundred by the cubit, their pillars *were* twenty and their sockets twenty, *of* bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* silver.

12 And for the west side, curtains of fifty cubits; their pillars ten and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* silver.

13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits,

14 curtains of fifteen cubits to the side, their pillars three and their sockets three.

15 And for the second side on *this* side and on that side to the opening of the court, curtains of fifteen cubits, their pillars three and their sockets three.

16 All the curtains of the court all around *were* twined bleached *linen*.

17 And the sockets for the pillars *were* bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands *of* silver. And the overlaying of their capitals *were* silver; and all the pillars of the court *were* banded with silver.

18 And the screen of the opening of the court *was* an embroiderer's work, blue and purple and crimson, and bleached twined *linen*, and twenty cubits long, and the height *was* five cubits in width; the curtains of the court joining.

19 And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets four, *of* bronze; their hooks silver, and the overlaying of their capitals and their bands *were* silver.

20 And all the pins for the tabernacle and for the court all around *were* bronze.

21 ¶ These *are* the numbered things of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, which *were* numbered at the mouth of Moses *for* the service of the Levites in the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

23 And with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a craftsman, and an embroiderer in blue and in purple and in crimson and in bleached *linen*.

24 All the gold used was for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary; and it *was* the gold of the wave offering, twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of those numbered of the assembly *was* a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary,

26 a bekah for a head, half a shekel, by the shekel of the holy place, for everyone

passing over to those numbered, from a son of twenty years and upward, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty *persons*.

27 And the hundred talents of the silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary, and for the sockets of the veil, a hundred sockets for a hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And the thousand, seven hundred and seventy-five *shekels* he made into hooks for the pillars; and he overlaid their capitals and joined them.

29 And the bronze of the wave offering was seventy talents and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And he made with it the sockets of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the bronze altar and its bronze grating, and all the vessels of the altar.

31 And the sockets of the court all around, and the sockets of the opening of the court, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all of the pins of the court round about were *bronze*.

Exodus 39

1 *The cloths of service and holy garments. 2 The ephod. 8 The breast-piece. 22 The robe of the ephod. 27 The coats, mitre, and girdle of fine linen. 30 The plate of the holy crown.*

1 ¶ And from the blue and the purple and the crimson they made woven garments for serving in the sanctuary. And they made the holy garments which were for Aaron, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

2 And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined bleached *linen*.

3 And they beat out sheets of gold, and cut threads to work into the midst of the blue, and into the midst of the purple, and into the midst of the crimson, and into the midst of the bleached *linen*, the work of an artisan.

4 They made shoulder-pieces for it, joined together; it was joined on its two ends.

5 And its fastening band was on it; it was of it, like its work, gold, blue, and purple, and crimson, and twined bleached *linen*, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

6 And they made stones of onyx set in plaited work of gold, engraved with engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

8 And he made the breast-piece, a work of an artisan, like the work of the ephod: gold, blue, purple, and crimson, and twined bleached *linen*;

9 it was square. They made the breast-piece double; its length a span and its width a span, doubled.

10 And they set it in four rows of stones: one row, the first row: a ruby, a topaz and an carbuncle.

11 The second row: an emerald, a sapphire and a diamond.

12 And the third row: a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row: a chrysolite, an onyx, and a jasper; *these* set in their settings, plaited work of gold.

14 And the stones were according to the names of the sons of Israel; *they were* twelve according to their names, the engravings of a signet, each according to his name, for the twelve tribes.

15 And they made cords of chains on the breast-piece, a work of pure gold cords.

16 And they made two gold plaitings and two golden rings; and they put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-piece.

17 And they put the two golden cords on the two rings, on the ends of the breast-piece.

18 And they put the two ends of the two cords on the two plaitings. And they put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, on the front of its face.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and they put *them* on the two ends of the breast-piece, on its edge, on the inward side of the ephod.

20 And they made two rings of gold, and they put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod from beneath, on the front of its face, near its joining; from above to the band of the ephod.

21 And they fastened the breast-piece from its rings to the rings of the ephod

with a blue ribbon, to be on the ephod band, that the breast-piece not move itself from the ephod, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

22 And he made the robe of the ephod, skilled work, all of blue.

23 And the mouth of the robe in its middle *was* like the mouth of a corselet, the edge of its mouth all around, that it might not be torn.

24 And they made on the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and crimson, bleached, twined *linen*.

25 And they made bells *of* pure gold, and they put the bells in the midst of the pomegranates, all around on the hem of the robe, all around, among the pomegranates,

26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate on the hem of the robe all around for ministering, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

27 And they made the tunics *of* bleached *linen*, skilled work, for Aaron and for his sons;

28 also the miter *was of* bleached *linen*, and the turban of the caps *of* bleached *linen*, and the breeches *of* bleached, twined *linen*.

29 And the girdle *was of* twined bleached *linen*, and blue, and purple, and crimson, the work of an embroiderer, even as Jehovah commanded Moses.

30 And they made the plate of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and they wrote on it the writing of the engravings of a signet: HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH.

31 And they put a blue ribbon on it, to fasten *it* on the miter from above, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

32 ¶ And all the work of the tabernacle of the congregation was finished, And the sons of Israel did according to all which Jehovah commanded Moses; so they did.

33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its vessels, its hooks, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets,

34 and the cover of rams' skins dyed red, and the cover of dugong skins, and the veil of the covering,

35 the ark of the testimony, and its poles, and the mercy seat,

36 the table and all its vessels, and the Bread of the Presence;

37 the pure lampstand, its lamps the lamps of arrangement and all its vessels, and the oil of the light,

38 and the altar of gold, and the oil of anointing, and the incense of fragrant spices, and the screen of the door of the tabernacle,

39 the bronze altar and bronze grating which *was* to it, its poles and all its vessels, the laver and its base,

40 the screen of the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the screen for the opening of the court, its cords and its pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle for the tabernacle of the congregation,

41 the woven garments for serving in the sanctuary, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons for serving as priests.

42 According to all which Jehovah commanded Moses, so did the sons of Israel, all the work.

43 And Moses saw all the work. And behold, they had done it; as Jehovah commanded Moses, so they had done. And Moses blessed them.

Exodus 40

1 *The tabernacle is commanded to be raised, 9 and anointed. 13 Aaron and his sons to be sanctified. 16 Moses performs all things accordingly. 34 A cloud covers the tabernacle.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the month, on the first of the month, you shall raise up the tent of the tabernacle of the congregation.

3 And you shall put there the ark of testimony. And you shall cover the ark with the veil.

4 And you shall bring in the table and set in order its arrangement. And you shall bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps.

5 And you shall put the altar of gold for incense before the ark of testimony. And you shall set up the screen of the door of the tabernacle.

6 And you shall set up the altar of burnt offerings before the door of the tent of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And you shall put the laver between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And you shall put water there.

8 And you shall set up the court all around. And you shall place the screen of the opening of the court.

9 And you shall take the oil of anointing, and you shall anoint the tabernacle and all that *is* in it. And you shall sanctify it and all its vessels. And it shall become holy.

10 And you shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its vessels. And you shall sanctify it and the altar shall become most holy.

11 And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and you shall sanctify it.

12 And you shall cause to draw near Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall wash them with water.

13 And you shall clothe Aaron *with* the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and sanctify him. And he shall serve as priest to Me.

14 And you shall cause his sons to draw near. And you shall clothe them *with* tunics.

15 And you shall anoint them as you anointed their father. And they shall serve as priests to Me. And their anointing shall be for an everlasting priesthood for their generations.

16 ¶ And Moses did so, according to all *that* Jehovah commanded him; so he did.

17 And it happened in the first month, in the second year, on the first of the month, the tabernacle was raised up.

18 And Moses raised up the tabernacle, and he gave its sockets, and he set up its boards, and he gave its bars, and he raised up its pillars.

19 And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle. And he put the cover of the tent over it from above, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

20 And he took and gave the testimony into the ark. And he put the poles on the ark. And he set the mercy seat on the ark from above.

21 And he caused the ark to go in into the tabernacle. And he placed the veil of the covering, and he covered over the ark of the testimony, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

22 And he gave the table into the tabernacle of the congregation, on the side of the tabernacle, northward outside the veil.

23 And he set the bread in order on it before the face of Jehovah, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

24 And he put the lampstand in the tabernacle of the congregation, opposite the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

25 And he set up the lamps before Jehovah, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

26 And he set up the altar of gold in the tabernacle of the congregation, before the veil.

27 And he burned on it incense of fragrant spices, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

28 And he set up the screen of the door to the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt offering *at* the door of the tent of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he offered up on it the burnt offering and the food offering, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

30 And he put the laver between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And he gave there water for washing.

31 And from it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

32 As they came into the tabernacle of the congregation, and as they drew near to the altar, they would wash, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

33 And he raised up the court all around the dwelling place *of God* and the altar. And he gave the screen of the opening of the court. And Moses finished the work.

34 ¶ And the cloud covered the tabernacle of the congregation; and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to come into the tabernacle of the congregation because the cloud dwelt on it. And the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

36 And as the cloud went up from the tabernacle, the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* in all their travels.

37 And if the cloud did not go up, then they did not pull up *stakes* until the day it went up.

38 For the cloud of Jehovah *was* on the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel in all their pullings up *of stakes*.

The Third Book of Moses Called **LEVITICUS**

Leviticus 1

1 The burnt offerings. 3 Of the herd, 10 of the flocks, 14 of the fowls.

1 ¶ And Jehovah called to Moses and spoke to him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, If any one of you brings an offering to Jehovah, from livestock of the herd, or from the flock, you shall bring near your offering.

3 ¶ If his offering *is* out of the herd, a male, without blemish, he shall bring it to the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation, at his pleasure, before the face of Jehovah.

4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it is accepted for him to make atonement for him.

5 And he shall slaughter the son of the herd before the face of Jehovah. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall bring near the blood and sprinkle the blood on the altar round about, at the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he shall skin the burnt offering, and shall cut it into pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall arrange the pieces, with the head and the fat, on the wood on the fire, which *is* on the altar.

9 And he shall wash its inward parts, and its legs, with water. And the priest shall burn as incense the whole *of it* on the altar for a burnt offering, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

10 ¶ And if his offering *is* out of the flock, out of the sheep, or out of the goats, for a burnt offering, a male, without blemish, he shall bring it near.

11 And he shall slaughter it by the side of the altar northward, before the face of Je-

hovah. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood round about on the altar.

12 And he shall cut it to pieces with both its head and its fat, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood which *is* on the fire on the altar.

13 And he shall wash the inward parts and the legs with water, and the priest shall bring near all *of it* and burn it as incense on the altar; it *is* a burnt offering, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

14 And if the burnt offering *is* a burnt offering out of the fowls to Jehovah, then he shall bring near his offering, of turtle-doves or of the offspring of the dove.

15 And the priest shall bring it near to the altar and shall nip off its head. And *he* shall burn *it* as incense on the altar; its blood shall be drained by the side of the altar.

16 And he shall remove its crop with its feathers, and shall throw it near the altar eastward, to the place of the ashes.

17 And he shall cleave it with its wings, not dividing *it*, and the priest shall burn it as incense on the altar, on the wood which *is* on the fire; a burnt offering; it *is* a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

Leviticus 2

1 The food offering of flour, oil and incense, 4 baked in the oven, 7 or fried in a pan, 12 or of the first fruits. 13 The salt of the food offerings.

1 ¶ And when a person brings near an offering, a food offering to Jehovah, his offering shall be *of* flour. And he shall pour oil on it; and he shall put on it frankincense.

2 And he shall bring it to the sons of Aaron the priest, And he shall take from it *the* fulness of his handful from its flour, and from its oil, with all its frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as incense on the altar, a memorial offering, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

3 And the rest of the food offering *is* for Aaron and for his sons, most holy, of the fire offerings of Jehovah.

4 And when you bring near an offering, a food offering baked in an oven, *it shall be* of fine flour, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, or unleavened thin cakes anointed with oil.

5 And if your offering *is* a food offering baked in a pan, *it shall be* of unleavened fine flour, mixed with oil.

6 You shall divide it into bits, and you should pour oil on it; *it is* a food offering.

7 And if your offering *is* a food offering on a griddle, your offering *shall be* fine flour mixed with oil;

8 And you shall bring the food offering made of these *things* to Jehovah, and shall bring it to the priest. And the priest shall bring it near to the altar.

9 And the priest shall lift up the food offering, its memorial offering, and shall burn *it* as incense on the altar, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

10 And the rest of the food offering *is* for Aaron and his sons, most holy, of the offerings of Jehovah.

11 ¶ Any food offering which you shall bring near to Jehovah, you shall not make *with* leaven; for all leaven and all honey you shall not burn it as incense, a fire offering to Jehovah.

12 As an offering of firstfruits, you shall bring them to Jehovah, but they shall not go up on the altar for a soothing fragrance.

13 And every offering of your food offering you shall season with salt, and you shall not let the salt of the covenant of your God be lacking from your food offering; you shall offer salt with all your offerings.

14 And if you bring near a food offering of firstfruits to Jehovah, fresh ears roasted with fire, grains from a garden, you shall bring near your firstfruits for a food offering.

15 And you shall put oil on it, and lay on it frankincense; *it is* a food offering.

16 And the priest shall burn it as incense, with its memorial offering from its grains, and from its oil, besides all its frankincense, a fire offering to Jehovah.

Leviticus 3

1 The peace offering of the herd, 6 of the flock, 7 either a lamb, 12 or a goat.

1 ¶ And if his offering *is* a sacrifice of peace offering, if he is offering it from the herd, whether male or female, without blemish, he shall bring it near before the face of Jehovah.

2 And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it *at* the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood on the altar round about.

3 And he shall bring near from the sacrifice of the peace offering a fire offering to Jehovah, the fat which covers the inward parts, and all the fat on the inward parts,

4 and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, on the loins, and the fatty lobe by the liver beside the kidneys, he shall remove.

5 And the sons of Aaron shall burn it as incense on the altar, on the burnt offering on the wood on the fire, a fire offering of a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

6 ¶ And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings *is* from the flock, male or female, without blemish, he shall bring it near.

7 If he is bringing near a sheep for his offering, then he shall bring it near before the face of Jehovah.

8 And *he* shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and shall slaughter it in front of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood on the altar all around.

9 And he shall bring near from the sacrifice of the peace offerings a fire offering to Jehovah, its fat; he shall remove the entire fat tail close by the backbone, and all the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that *is* on the inward parts,

10 and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, on the loins, and he shall remove the lobe by the liver, beside the kidneys; he shall remove it.

11 And the priest shall burn it as incense on the altar, bread of the fire offering to Jehovah.

12 And if his offering *is* a goat, then he shall bring it near before the face of Jehovah.

13 And *he* shall lay his hand on its head and shall slaughter it in front of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood round about on the altar.

14 And he shall bring near from it his offering, a fire offering to Jehovah, the fat covering the inward parts, and all the fat on the inward parts,

15 and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, on the loins, and the lobe on the liver, beside the kidneys, he shall remove.

16 And the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar, bread of the fire offering for a soothing fragrance; all the fat *is* Jehovah's.

17 *It shall be* a never-ending statute for your generations in all your dwellings. You shall not eat any fat or any blood.

Leviticus 4

1 The sin offering of ignorance, 3 for the priest, 13 for the congregation, 22 for the ruler, 27 for any of the people.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Speak to the sons of Israel saying, When a person sins against any of the commands of Jehovah through error, which *is* not to be done, and shall do any one of them;

3 if the priest who is anointed sins, resulting in guilt to the people, then he shall bring near for his sin which he has sinned, a bull, a son of the herd, without blemish, to Jehovah for a sin offering.

4 And he shall bring the bull into the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the face of Jehovah. And *he* shall lay his hand on the head of the bull and shall slaughter the bull before the face of Jehovah.

5 And the priest who is anointed shall take of the blood of the bull and shall bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the face of Jehovah, at the front of the veil of the holy place.

7 And the priest shall put of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense, at

the opening of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the face of Jehovah.

8 And all the fat of the bullock of the sin offering, he shall lift up from it the fat which is covering over the inward parts, and all the fat which *is* on the inward parts,

9 and the two kidneys, and the fat which *is* on them, which *is* on the flanks, and he shall remove the lobe on the liver beside the kidneys.

10 As it is raised up from the sacrifice of the peace offerings of the bull, the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar of burnt offering.

11 And the skin of the bull, and all its flesh with its head, and with its legs, and the inward parts, and its dung,

12 he shall bring out all the bull to the outside of the camp, to a clean place, to the place of the pouring of ashes; and he shall burn it on the wood with fire; it shall be burned at the place of pouring of ashes.

13 ¶ If all the company of Israel shall err, and the thing has been hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they do that which *is* not to be done to any of all the commands of Jehovah, and are guilty;

14 when the sin shall be known, that which they have sinned against it, then the congregation shall bring near a bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering. And they shall bring it in front of the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the face of Jehovah. And they shall slaughter the bull before the face of Jehovah.

16 And the priest who is anointed shall bring in of the blood of the bull to the tabernacle of the congregation.

17 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and shall sprinkle seven times before the face of Jehovah, at the front of the veil.

18 And he shall put of the blood on the horns of the altar before the face of Jehovah in the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he shall lift up all its fat from it and shall burn it as incense on the altar.

20 And he shall do with the bull as he has done to the bull of the sin offering, so he shall do to it. And the priest shall atone for them; and it shall be forgiven them.

21 And he shall bring the bull to the outside of the camp, and he shall burn it as he burned the first bull; it is a sin offering of the congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler sins and has acted against one of all the commands of Jehovah his God, which is not to be done, through error, and is guilty;

23 or his sin which he has sinned shall be made known to him, then he shall bring his offering, a buck of the goats, a male, without blemish;

24 and he shall lay his hand on the head of the he-goat and shall slaughter it in the place where he slaughters the burnt offering, before the face of Jehovah; it is a sin offering.

25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and with his finger he shall put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and he shall pour out its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

26 And he shall burn it as incense on the altar, with all its fat, as the fat of the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest shall atone for him because of his sin; and it shall be forgiven him.

27 ¶ And if any person of the people of the land sins through error by doing that which is not to be done, against one of the commands of Jehovah, and is guilty;

28 or his sin which he has sinned shall be made known to him, then he shall bring his offering, a doe of the goats, without blemish, a female, for his sin which he has sinned;

29 then he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and shall slaughter the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.

30 And the priest shall take of its blood with his finger and shall put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. And he shall pour out all its blood at the base of the altar;

31 and he shall take off all its fat, as has been taken off the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall burn it as incense

on the altar for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. And the priest shall atone for him, and it is forgiven him.

32 And if he brings a lamb as his offering, a female, without blemish, he shall bring it,

33 and he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and he shall slaughter it for a sin offering in the place where he slaughters the burnt offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar.

35 And he shall take off all its fat, as is taken off the fat of the lamb from the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar, on the fire offerings of Jehovah. And the priest shall atone for him for his sin which he has sinned; and it is forgiven him.

Leviticus 5

1 If one sins and conceals the knowledge, 2 touches an unclean thing, 4 or makes an oath. 6 The trespass offering, of the flock, 7 of fowls, 11 or of flour. 17 The sins of ignorance.

1 ¶ And when a person sins, and hears the voice of swearing, and he is a witness, or has seen, or has known, if he does not reveal it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

2 Or if a soul touches any unclean thing, or the unclean dead body of an animal, or the unclean dead body of livestock, or the dead body of unclean swarming things, it being hidden from him that he is unclean and is guilty,

3 or if he touches the uncleanness of man, any of his uncleanness by which he is unclean, and it is hidden from him, and he knows, then he is guilty.

4 Or if a person swears, speaking rashly with the lips, to do evil, or to do good, anything which the man speaks rashly with an oath, and it is hidden from him, and he knows, then he is guilty of one of these.

5 And it shall be when he is guilty of one of these, then he shall confess that in which he has sinned.

6 And he shall bring his guilt offering to Jehovah for his sin which he has sinned, a female out of the flock, a lamb, or a doe

of the goats, for a sin offering. And the priest shall atone for him regarding his sin.

7 ¶ And if his hand does not reach to a lamb, then he shall bring his guilt offering, he who has sinned, two turtledoves, or two offspring of a dove, to Jehovah, one for a sin offering, and one for a burnt offering.

8 And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall bring near for a sin offering first. And he shall nip off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it.

9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and that which remains of the blood shall be drained at the base of the altar; it is a sin offering.

10 And he shall offer the second for a burnt offering, as by ordinance. And the priest shall atone for him, because of his sin which he has sinned; and it shall be forgiven him.

11 And if his hand cannot reach to two turtledoves, or two offspring of a dove, then he who sinned shall bring his offering, a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall not put oil on it, and not put frankincense on it; for it is a sin offering.

12 And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take from it his full handful, the memorial offering, and shall burn it as incense on the altar, on the fire offering of Jehovah; it is a sin offering.

13 And the priest shall atone for him, for his sin which he sinned from one of these; and it shall be forgiven him. And it shall be for the priest as a food offering.

14 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying,

15 If a person commits a trespass and sins in error against the holy things of Jehovah, then he shall bring his guilt offering to Jehovah, a ram, without blemish out of the flock, at your evaluation in silver shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering.

16 And he shall make good that in which he sinned against the holy thing, and he shall add its fifth part to it, and give it to the priest. And the priest shall atone for him with the ram of the guilt offering; and it shall be forgiven him.

17 And if a person sins, and he has done that which is not to be done from any one

of all the commands of Jehovah, and does not know, and he is guilty, and bears his iniquity,

18 then he shall bring a ram, without blemish from the flock, at your evaluation for a guilt offering to the priest. And the priest shall atone for him, for his sin of error which he erred, and he did not know; and it shall be forgiven him.

19 It is a guilt offering; truly he is guilty before the face of Jehovah.

Leviticus 6

1 The trespass offering for sins done willingly.

8 The law of the burnt offering, 14 and of the food offering. 19 The offering at the consecration of a priest. 24 The law of the sin offering.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 If any person sins and acts unfaithfully an unfaithful act against Jehovah, and deals falsely with his neighbor concerning a deposit, or concerning security, or by robbery, or has extorted his neighbor,

3 or has found a lost thing and has lied about it, and has sworn on a falsehood on any one of all these which a man does, sinning in them,

4 then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, he shall return what he seized by robbery, that which he robbed, or the extorted thing which he extorted, or the deposit which had been deposited with him, or the lost thing which he had found;

5 or all that about which he swore falsely, he shall even repay it in its principal, and the fifth part he shall add to it; to whom-ever it belongs. He shall give it on the day of his guilt offering.

6 And he shall bring his guilt offering to Jehovah: a ram, without blemish, out of the flock, at your evaluation for a guilt offering, to the priest.

7 And the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah, and on one thing of all that he has done, it shall be forgiven him, by being guilty in it.

8 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering; it is the burnt offering on the hearth on the altar all the night until the morning, and the fire of the altar is kept burning on it.

10 The priest shall put on his linen robe, and he shall put his linen underpants on his flesh. And he shall lift up the ashes which the fire consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and shall put them beside the altar.

11 And he shall strip off his garments, and shall put on other garments, and shall bring the ashes out to the outside of the camp, to a clean place.

12 And the fuel on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be quenched. And the priest shall burn wood on it morning by morning. And he shall lay the burnt offering in order on it. And he shall burn it as incense *with* the fat of the peace offering.

13 Fire shall be continually burning on the altar; it shall not go out.

14 ¶ And this *is* the law of the food offering: the sons of Aaron shall bring it near before Jehovah, to the front of the altar.

15 And he shall lift from it his handful of the flour of the food offering, and of its oil, and all the frankincense on the food offering. And he shall burn it as incense on the altar, a soothing fragrance from its memorial to Jehovah.

16 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the rest. It shall be eaten *with* unleavened things in the holy place, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

17 It shall not be baked *with* leaven. I have given it as their portion out of My fire offerings. It *is* most holy, like the sin offering, and like the guilt offering.

18 Every male among the sons of Aaron shall eat it, a never-ending statute throughout your generations from the fire offerings of Jehovah. All that touches them shall be holy.

19 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

20 This *is* the offering of Aaron and his sons which they shall bring near to Jehovah on the day *he is* anointed: a tenth of an ephah of flour, a continual food offering; half of it in the morning, and half of it in the evening.

21 It shall be made on a griddle with oil. You shall bring it in mixed. You shall bring baked pieces of the food offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

22 And the priest who is anointed in his place, from among his sons, shall make it.

It is a never-ending statute of Jehovah. It shall be completely burned;

23 and every food offering of a priest is a whole burnt offering. It shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

25 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before Jehovah. It *is* most holy.

26 The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in the holy place in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

27 All that touches its flesh shall be holy. And when any of its blood is sprinkled on the garment, that on which it is sprinkled shall be washed in the holy place.

28 And an earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, then it shall be scoured and rinsed with water.

29 Every male among the priests shall eat of it. It *is* most holy.

30 And any sin offering of its blood that is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to make atonement in the sanctuary, it shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire.

Leviticus 7

1 The law of the trespass offering, 11 and of the peace offerings, 12 whether it be for a thanksgiving, 16 or a vow, or a freewill offering, 28 the priest's portion.

1 ¶ And this *is* the law of the guilt offering; it *is* most holy.

2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering, they shall kill the guilt offering, and its blood shall be sprinkled on the altar all around.

3 And all its fat shall be brought near, he shall offer the fat tail of it, and the fat which covers the inward parts,

4 and the two kidneys, and the fat on them, on the flanks, and the lobe above the liver beside the kidneys, he shall remove.

5 And the priest shall burn them as incense on the altar, a fire offering to Jehovah; it *is* a guilt offering.

6 Every male among the priests shall eat it; it shall be eaten in the holy place. It *is* most holy.

7 As a sin offering *is*, so a guilt offering. One law *is* for them. The priest who makes atonement by it, it is his.

8 And the priest who brings near *any* man's burnt offering, the skin of the burnt offering which he has brought near, it is the priest's, his own.

9 And every food offering which was baked in an oven, and all that is prepared in the stewing pan, and on the griddle, shall be the priest's that offers it; it is his.

10 And every food offering, mixed with oil or dry, it shall be for all the sons of Aaron to a man, as his brother.

11 ¶ And this *is* the law of the sacrifice of the peace offerings which shall be brought near to Jehovah:

12 If he brings it for a thanksgiving, then he shall bring with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and thin unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and of well-mixed flour, cakes mixed with oil.

13 He shall bring his offering with the cakes of leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, his peace offerings.

14 And he shall bring out of it one of every offering, a heave offering to Jehovah, to the priest sprinkling the blood of the peace offering; it is his.

15 As to the flesh of the sacrifice of the thanksgiving peace offerings, it shall be eaten in the day of his offering. He shall not leave of it until morning.

16 And if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a vow, or freewill offering, in the day he brings his sacrifice near, it shall be eaten. And on the morrow the rest of it shall also be eaten.

17 And the rest of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

18 And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings is at all eaten on the third day, it is not pleasing. It shall not be reckoned for him who has brought it. It shall be unclean, and the person who eats of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh which touches any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. As to the flesh, every clean one shall eat of the flesh.

20 And the person who eats *of* the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offerings which

are Jehovah's *when* his uncleanness *is* upon him, even that person shall be cut off from his people.

21 And when a person touches any unclean *thing*, of the uncleanness of man, or of the uncleanness of animals, or of an unclean, abominable *thing*, and shall eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offerings which *are* Jehovah's, even that person shall be cut off from his people.

22 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

23 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, You shall not eat any fat of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

24 And the fat of a dead body, and the fat of a thing torn may be used for any work, but eating you shall not eat it;

25 for whoever eats the fat of the animal, of which *one* brings near a fire offering to Jehovah, even the person who eats shall be cut off from his people.

26 And you shall not eat any blood in all your dwellings, of fowl, or of animal.

27 Any person who eats any blood, even that person shall be cut off from his people.

28 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

29 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, He who brings near the sacrifice of his peace offerings to Jehovah shall bring his offering to Jehovah from the sacrifice of his peace offerings;

30 his own hands shall bring in the fire offerings of Jehovah; the fat beside the breast he shall bring in with the breast, to wave it as a wave offering before Jehovah.

31 And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar as incense; and the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons.

32 And you shall make a heave offering of the right leg to the priest of the sacrifices of your peace offerings;

33 one of the sons of Aaron who is bringing near the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, the right leg is his for a portion.

34 For the breast of the wave offering and the leg of the heave offering, I have taken from the sons of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest, and to his sons, by a never-ending statute, from the sons of Israel.

35 ¶ This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and the anointing of his sons out of the fire offerings of Jehovah, in the day he shall bring them near to act as priest to Jehovah,

36 which Jehovah has commanded to give to them the day of His anointing them, from the sons of Israel, a never-ending statute throughout their generations.

37 This is the law for burnt offering, for the food offering, and for sin offering, and for guilt offering, and for consecrations, and for a sacrifice of the peace offerings,

38 which Jehovah had commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the days of His commanding the sons of Israel to bring near their offerings to Jehovah, in the wilderness of Sinai.

Leviticus 8

1 Moses consecrates Aaron and his sons. 14 Their sin offering. 18 Their burnt offering. 22 The ram of consecrations.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened things,

3 and gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as Jehovah had commanded him, and the congregation was gathered to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said to the congregation, This is the thing which Jehovah has commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and bathed them in water,

7 and put on him the tunic, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the upper robe, and put the ephod on him, and girded him with the ephod, and girded him with the girdle of the ephod, and bound it to him with it;

8 and put the breast-piece on him, and put the Urim and the Thummim into the breast-piece,

9 and put the miter on his head, and on the miter, on its front, he put the golden

plate, the holy crown, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle, and all in it, and sanctified them;

11 and he sprinkled of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar, and all its vessels, and the laver, and its base, to sanctify them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil on the head of Aaron, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13 And Moses brought the sons of Aaron near, and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with girdles, and bound turbans on them, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

14 ¶ And he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering;

15 and one slaughtered it; and Moses took the blood and put it on the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and cleansed the altar; and he poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement on it.

16 And he took all the fat on the inward parts, and the lobe above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it as incense on the altar.

17 And the bull, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire, at the outside of the camp as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

18 And he brought the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram;

19 and one slaughtered it, and Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar round about; 20 and he cut the ram into its pieces, and Moses burned it as incense with the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inward parts and the legs with water, and Moses burned it as incense with the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering, for a soothing fragrance; it is a fire offering to Jehovah, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

22 And he brought the second ram, a ram of the consecrations, and Aaron and his sons lay their hands on the head of the ram.

23 And *one* slaughtered *it*, and Moses took of its blood and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot. And Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar all around,

25 and took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat on the inward parts, and the lobe *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right leg.

26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread which was before Jehovah, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and on the right leg;

27 and placed the whole on the hands of Aaron, and on the hands of his sons, and waved them, a wave offering before Jehovah.

28 And Moses took them off their palms and burned them with incense on the altar, on the burnt offering; they *are* consecrations for a soothing fragrance; it *is* a fire offering to Jehovah.

29 And Moses took the breast and waved it, a wave offering before Jehovah, of the ram of the consecrations. It was Moses' portion, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

30 And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood on the altar, and sprinkled on Aaron, on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him. And he sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

31 ¶ And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and you shall eat it there, and the bread in the basket of the consecrations, as I have commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And the rest of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire;

33 and you shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation for seven days, until the days of your consecration are fulfilled. For He shall consecrate you seven days;

34 as He has done on this day, Jehovah has commanded *you* to do, to make atonement for you.

35 And you shall remain at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night for seven days, and you shall keep the charge of Jehovah and shall not die; for so I have been commanded.

36 And Aaron and his sons did all the things which Jehovah had commanded by the hand of Moses.

Leviticus 9

1 The first offerings of Aaron, for himself and the people. 8 The sin offering, 12 and the burnt offering for himself. 15 The offerings for the people. 24 Fire comes from Jehovah.

1 ¶ And it happened, on the eighth day, Moses called for Aaron and for his sons, and for the elders of Israel.

2 And he said to Aaron, Take a calf to yourself, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, ones without blemish, and bring *them* near before Jehovah.

3 And speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Take a kid of the goats for a sin offering, and a calf, and a lamb, sons of a year, ones without blemish, for a burnt offering;

4 and a bull and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before Jehovah; and a food offering mixed with oil; for today Jehovah will be seen.

5 And they took that which Moses had commanded to the front of the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the congregation drew near and stood before Jehovah.

6 And Moses said, This *is* the thing that Jehovah has commanded; do *it*, and the glory of Jehovah shall appear to you.

7 And Moses said to Aaron, Draw near to the altar and make your sin offering, and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for the people, and make the offering of the people, and atone for them, as Jehovah has commanded.

8 ¶ And Aaron drew near to the altar and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering, which *is* for himself;

9 and Aaron's sons brought the blood near to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood

and put *it* on the horns of the altar. And he poured out the blood at the base of the altar;

10 and the fat, and the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver, of the sin offering, he burned with incense on the altar, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

11 And he burned the flesh and the skin with fire, at the outside of the camp.

12 And he killed the burnt offering. And Aaron's sons presented the blood to him and he sprinkled it on the altar round about;

13 and they presented to him the burnt offering, by its pieces, and the head, and he burned them with incense on the altar.

14 And he washed the inward parts and the legs, and burned them as incense for the burnt offering on the altar.

15 And he brought the offering of the people, and took the he-goat of the sin offering which *is* for the people, and slaughtered it, and made it a sin offering like the first.

16 And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it, according to the ordinance.

17 And he brought the food offering and filled his palm from it, and burned it as incense on the altar, besides the burnt offering of the morning.

18 And he slaughtered the bull and the ram, a sacrifice of the peace offerings, which *are* for the people, and Aaron's sons presented the blood to him, and he sprinkled it on the altar round about;

19 and the fat of the bull, and of the ram, the fat tail, and the covering, and the kidneys, and the lobe above the liver.

20 And they set the fat on the breasts, and he burned as incense the fat on the altar.

21 And Aaron waved the breasts and the right leg as a wave offering before Jehovah, as Moses commanded.

22 And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.

23 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation. And they came out and blessed the people; and the glory of Jehovah was seen by all the people.

24 And fire came out from before Jehovah and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. And all the people saw, and cried aloud, and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 10

1 Nadab and Abihu are burned by fire. 8 The priests are forbidden wine when they are in the tabernacle. 12 The law of eating the holy things.

1 ¶ And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, *each* man took his firepan and put fire in them; and they put incense on it and brought strange fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded them.

2 And fire went out from before Jehovah and burned them up; and they died before Jehovah.

3 ¶ And Moses said to Aaron, *It is* that which Jehovah has spoken, saying, I will be sanctified by those drawing near to Me; and I will be honored before all the people. And Aaron was silent.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Uzziel, Aaron's uncle, and said to them, Come near, carry your brothers from the front of the sanctuary to the outside of the camp.

5 And they came near and carried them in their coats to the outside of the camp, as Moses had commanded.

6 And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar, and to Ithamar, his sons, You shall not uncover your heads and you shall not tear your garments, that you may not die, and He be angry on all the congregation. As to your brothers, the whole house of Israel, they shall mourn the burning which Jehovah has kindled.

7 And you shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation lest you die. For the anointing oil of Jehovah *is* on you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Aaron, saying, 9 You shall not drink wine and fermented liquor, you and not your sons with you, as you go into the tabernacle of the congregation, and you shall not die; a never-ending statute throughout your generations;

10 and to make a distinction between the holy and profane, and between the unclean and the clean;

11 and to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which Jehovah has spoken to them by the hand of Moses.

12 ¶ And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar, and to Ithamar, his sons who were left, Take the food offering that remains from the fire offerings of Jehovah, and eat it unleavened near the altar, for it *is* most holy.

13 And you shall eat it in the holy place, for it *is* your portion, and the portion of your sons, from the fire offerings of Jehovah; for so I have been commanded.

14 And the breast of the wave offering, and the leg of the heave offering, you shall eat in a clean place, you and your sons, and your daughters with you. For they have been given for your portion and the portion of your sons out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the sons of Israel.

15 The leg of the heave offering, and the breast of the wave offering, besides fire offerings of the fat, they shall bring in to wave a wave offering before Jehovah; and it shall be to you, and to your sons with you, a never-ending statute, as Jehovah has commanded.

16 And Moses sought carefully for the goat of the sin offering; and, behold, it had been burned! And he was angry against Eleazar and against Ithamar, Aaron's remaining sons, saying,

17 Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, for it *is* most holy, and He has given it to you to take away the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before Jehovah?

18 Behold, its blood has not been brought into the holy place inside. You should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I have commanded.

19 And Aaron said to Moses, Behold, today they have brought their sin offering and their burnt offering before Jehovah; and such things have happened to me. And *if* I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been accepted in the sight of Jehovah?

20 And when Moses heard, then it was good in his eyes.

Leviticus 11

1 What animals may and may not be eaten.

9 What fish. 13 What fowl. 29 The creeping things are unclean.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, These are the living things which you shall eat out of all the animals which are on the earth.

3 Any *that* divides the hoof and is cleaving of the cleft of the hooves, bringing up the cud, among the living things, you may eat it.

4 Only, you may not eat these, of those bringing up the cud, and of those dividing the hoof: the camel, though it brings up the cud, yet it does not divide the hoof; it *is* unclean to you;

5 and the rock badger, though it brings up the cud, yet it does not divide the hoof; it *is* unclean to you;

6 and the hare, though it brings up the cud, yet it does not divide *the* hoof; it *is* unclean to you;

7 and the swine, though it *is* divided in the hoof, and cleaving the cleft of the hoof, yet it does not bring up the cud; it *is* unclean to you.

8 You shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall not touch their dead body; they *are* unclean to you.

9 ¶ *Of all* that are in the waters, you shall eat these; any one that has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the torrents, you may eat them.

10 But any one that does not have fins and scales in the seas, and in the torrents, of any swarming creature of the waters, and of any creature which lives in the waters; they *are* an unclean thing to you.

11 And they shall be an unclean thing to you; you shall not eat of their flesh and you shall shun their dead bodies.

12 Any one that does not have fins and scales in the waters, it *shall be* an unclean thing to you.

13 And these you shall count unclean among the fowls; they shall not be eaten; they *are* unclean: the eagle, and the black vulture and the bearded vulture,

14 and the kite, and the falcon, according to its kind;

15 every raven according to its kind;

16 and the ostrich, and the great owl, and the gull, and small hawks, according to its kind;

17 and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the eared owl;

18 and the barn owl, and the pelican and the owl-vulture;

19 and the stork, the heron according to its kind; and the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 ¶ Every flying swarming creature going on all four, it *is* an abomination to you.

21 Only, this you may eat of any swarming thing which flies, which goes on *all* four, which has legs above its feet, to leap with them on the earth;

22 these *are* those you may eat: the locusts according to its kind, and the bald locust according to its kind, and the long-horned locust according to its kind, and the short-horned grasshopper according to its kind.

23 But every swarming thing which flies, which *has* four feet, it *is* unclean to you.

24 And by these you shall be made unclean; any who touches their dead body is unclean until the evening.

25 And anyone who lifts up their dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening;

26 even every living thing which divides the hoof, and cleaving is not cleaving of the cleft of the hoof, and does not bring up the cud, they *are* unclean to you; anyone who touches them shall be unclean.

27 And any going on its paws among all the living things which go on *all* four, they are unclean to you; anyone who touches their dead body is unclean until the evening;

28 and he who lifts up their dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening; they *are* unclean to you.

29 And these *shall be* unclean to you among the swarming things which swarm on the earth: the weasel, and the mouse, and the great lizard according to its kind,

30 and the gecko, and the monitor, and the lizard, and the sand lizard, and the barn owl.

31 These *are* unclean to you among all which swarm; anyone who touches them in their death is unclean until the evening.

32 And anything on which any one of them falls in their death *is* unclean, *whether* of any vessel of wood, or garment, or skin, or sack; any vessel in which work is done shall be caused to go into water, and shall be unclean until the evening; then it shall be cleaned.

33 And any earthen vessel into the midst of which *any* one of them falls, whatever *is* in it shall be unclean, and you shall break it.

34 And of all the food which may be eaten, *and* water goes on it shall be unclean, and all drink that may be drunk in any *such* vessel shall be unclean.

35 And anything on which *any part* of their dead body falls shall be unclean; an oven or hearth shall be broken down; they are unclean; yes, they *are* unclean to you.

36 But a fountain or a well, a collection of water, shall be clean; only that touching the dead body is unclean.

37 And when *any part* of their dead body falls on any sowing seed which is sown, it shall be clean;

38 but when water is put on the seed, and any of its dead body has fallen on it, it *shall be* unclean to you.

39 And when any of the animals which are food for you dies, he who touches its dead body is unclean until the evening;

40 and he who eats of its dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening; and he who lifts up its dead body shall wash his garments and shall be unclean until the evening.

41 And every swarming thing which swarms on the earth *is* unclean; it shall not be eaten;

42 Anything going on its belly, and any going on *all* four, and all having many feet, even every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, you shall not eat them, for they are unclean;

43 ¶ you shall not pollute yourselves with any swarming thing which swarms, nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, so that you should be defiled by them.

44 For I *am* Jehovah your God, and you have sanctified yourselves, and you have become holy, for I *am* holy. And you shall not defile your persons with any swarming thing which creeps on the earth;

45 for I *am* Jehovah who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to become to you for God; and you shall be holy, for I *am* holy.

46 This *is* the law of the animals, and of the fowl, and of every living creature which moves in the waters, and every creature which swarms on the earth,

47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the

living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.

Leviticus 12

1 *The purification of women after childbirth.*

6 *Her offerings for her purifying.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If a woman has conceived seed, and has borne a male, then she shall be unclean seven days; as on the days of her menstrual impurity she shall be unclean.

3 And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 And she shall remain in the blood of her cleansing thirty-three days; she shall not touch any holy thing, and she shall not go into the sanctuary, until the days of her cleansing are fulfilled.

5 And if she bears a female, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her menstrual cycle; and she shall continue in the blood of her cleansing sixty-six days.

6 ¶ And when the days of her cleansing are fulfilled for son or for daughter, she shall bring in a lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering, and a young dove or a turtledove for a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the priest.

7 And he shall bring it near before Jehovah, and shall atone for her; and she shall be cleansed from the fountain of her blood; this *is* the law of her who bears, whether a male or a female.

8 And if her hand is not able to find a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves, or two sons of doves, one for a burnt offering, and one for a sin offering, and the priest shall atone for her; and she shall be cleansed.

Leviticus 13

1 *The laws and methods the priest is to use in determining leprosy.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 When a man has a rising in the skin of his flesh, or a scab, or a bright spot, and it shall become in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought in to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests.

3 And the priest shall look upon the plague in the skin of the flesh; and if the hair in the plague has turned white, and the appearance of the plague *is* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy, and the priest shall look upon him and shall pronounce him unclean.

4 And if the bright spot *is* white in the skin of his flesh, and its appearance *is* not deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall shut up the plague seven days.

5 And the priest shall look on him on the seventh day, and, behold, *if* the plague stays in its appearance, and the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven more days.

6 And the priest shall look upon him again the seventh day; and, behold, if the plague has become dim, and the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall account him clean; it *is* a scab, and he shall wash his garments and shall be clean.

7 But if the scab spreads greatly in the skin, after he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, then he shall be seen a second time by the priest.

8 And the priest shall look, and, behold, if the scab has spread in the skin, the priest shall account him unclean; it *is* leprosy.

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought in to the priest.

10 And the priest shall look, and, behold, if a white rising *is* in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and a living flesh *is* in the swelling,

11 it *is* an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall account him unclean; he shall not shut him up, for he *is* unclean.

12 And if the leprosy breaks out greatly on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *the one who has* the plague, from his head even to his feet, to all that appears to the priest's eyes,

13 then the priest shall look, and behold, *if* the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall account the *one* having the plagues clean; it has all turned white; he is clean.

14 And in the day living flesh is seen in him, he is unclean.

15 And the priest shall look on the living flesh and shall pronounce him unclean; the living flesh *is* unclean; it *is* leprosy.

16 Or when the living flesh turns back and shall be turned to white, then he shall come in to the priest;

17 and the priest shall look on him; and, behold, the plague has turned to white; the priest shall pronounce the plague-spot clean; he *is* clean.

18 ¶ And when the flesh has a boil in its skin, and it has been healed,

19 and a white rising has replaced the boil, or a bright white spot, very red, a reddish white, then it shall be seen by the priest.

20 And the priest shall look; and, behold, *if* its appearance *is* lower than the skin, and its hair has turned white, the priest shall account him unclean; it *is* the plague of leprosy; it has broken out in a boil.

21 But if the priest looks at it; and, behold, *there is* no white hair in it, and it *is* not lower than the skin, and has become dim, then the priest shall shut him up seven days.

22 And if it spreads greatly in the skin, then the priest shall account him unclean; it *is* a plague.

23 And if in its place the bright spot is stayed, it has not spread; it *is* an inflamed boil, and the priest shall account him clean.

24 Or if there is flesh in which the skin has a hot burning, and the raw *flesh* of the burning *becomes* a bright white spot, being very red or white;

25 and the priest shall look on it; and, behold, the hair has turned white in the bright spot, and its appearance *is* deeper than the skin, it *is* leprosy. It has broken out in the burning, and the priest shall account him unclean; it *is* the plague of leprosy.

26 But if the priest looks on it, and, behold, there *is* no white hair in the bright spot, and it *is* no lower than the *other* skin, but *is* somewhat faded, then the priest shall shut him up seven days.

27 And the priest shall look at him the seventh day. And if it is spread abroad very much in the skin, the priest shall account him unclean. It *is* the plague of leprosy.

28 And if the bright spot stays in its place, and does not spread in the skin, but *is* somewhat faded, it *is* a swelling of the burn and

the priest shall account him clean. for it *is* a scar of the burning.

29 And if a man or a woman has in them a plague in the head or in the beard,

30 then the priest shall look on the plague. And, behold, if its appearance *is* deeper than the skin, and a thin shining hair in it, the priest shall account him unclean; it *is* a scab, a leprosy on the head or beard.

31 And when the priest looks on the plague of the scab; and, behold, it *is* not in sight deeper than the skin, and there *is* no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up the plagued one *with* the scab seven days.

32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague. And, behold, *if* the scab has not spread, and there *is* no shining hair in it, and the appearance of the scab *is* not deeper than the skin,

33 then he shall shave himself, but he shall not shave the scab. And the priest shall shut up *the one who has* the scab a second seven days.

34 And the priest shall look on the scab on the seventh day. And, behold, *if* the scab has not spread in the skin, and its appearance *is* not deeper than the skin, then the priest shall account him clean. And he shall wash his garments, and shall be clean.

35 And if the scab has spread further in the skin after his cleansing,

36 and the priest has looked on him; and, behold, the scab has spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for the shining, yellow hair; he *is* unclean.

37 But if in his eyes the scab has stabilized, and black hair has sprung up in it, the scab has been healed; he *is* clean. And the priest shall account him clean.

38 ¶ And when a man or a woman has bright spots, white bright spots, in the skin of their flesh,

39 and the priest has seen it; and, behold there *are* pale white spots in the skin of their flesh, it *is* a pale spot springing up in the skin; he *is* clean.

40 And when a man's head grows bald, he *is* bald, he *is* clean.

41 And if his head grows bald from the corner of his head toward his face, he *is* forehead bald; he *is* clean.

42 And if there is in the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish white plague, it is a leprosy breaking out in the bald head, or in the bald forehead.

43 And the priest shall look on him, and, behold, if the rising of the plague is reddish white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy, in the skin of the flesh,

44 he is a leprous man; he is unclean. The priest shall account him unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper who has the plague in him, his garments shall be torn, and his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover the upper lip; and he shall call out, Unclean! Unclean!

46 And the days that the plague shall be in him, he is unclean; he shall live alone, he is unclean; his dwelling shall be at the outside of the camp.

47 ¶ And if there is in any garment a plague of leprosy, in a garment of wool, or in a garment of linen,

48 or in the warp, or in the woof, or of linen, or of wool, or in leather, or in any work of leather,

49 and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the leather, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of leather, it is a plague of leprosy; and it shall be seen by the priest.

50 And the priest shall look on the plague, and shall shut up the plagued thing seven days.

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day. And if the plague has spread in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in the leather, of all that is made of skin for use, the plague is a corroding leprosy; it is unclean.

52 And he shall burn the garment, or the warp, or the woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of leather, in which the plague is; for it is a corroding leprosy; it shall be burned with fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of leather,

54 then the priest shall command, and they shall wash that in which the plague is. And he shall shut it up a second seven days.

55 And the priest shall look on that in which the plague is after it has been washed. And, behold, if the plague has not changed its appearance, and if the plague has not spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it with fire; it is eaten away in its inside or in its outside.

56 And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague has become pale after it has been washed, then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the leather, or out of the warp, or out of the woof.

57 And if it is still seen in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of leather, it is a spreading plague; you shall burn it with fire, that in which the plague is.

58 And the garment, or the warp, or the woof, or anything of leather which you shall wash when the plague has been taken off them, then it shall be washed a second time, and shall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of wool or of linen, or of the warp, or of the woof, or of anything of leather, to account it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

Leviticus 14

1 The rites and sacrifices in cleansing the leper.

33 The signs of leprosy in a house. 41 The cleansing of that house.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing, that he shall be brought to the priest.

3 And the priest shall go out to the outside of the camp. And the priest shall look; and, behold, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper,

4 then the priest shall command, and he shall take for him who is to be cleansed two clean living birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.

5 And the priest shall command, and he shall kill the one bird on an earthen vessel, over running water;

6 he shall take the living bird, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the slain bird, over the running water.

7 And he shall sprinkle on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall account him clean. And he shall send out the living bird into the open field.

8 And he who is to be cleansed shall wash his garments, and shall shave all his hair, and shall bathe with water, and shall be clean. And afterwards he shall come into the camp, and shall live on the outside of his tent seven days.

9 And it shall be on the seventh day, he shall shave all his hair, his head, and his beard, and his eyebrows; he shall even shave all his hair. And he shall wash his garments, and shall bathe his flesh with water, and shall be clean.

10 ¶ And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb, daughter of a year, without blemish, and three tenth parts of flour *for* a food offering, mixed with oil, and one log of oil.

11 And the priest who *is* cleansing, and the man who is to be cleansed, shall stand with them before Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And the priest shall take the one male lamb and shall bring it near for a guilt offering, and the log of oil, and shall wave them *as* a wave offering before Jehovah.

13 And he shall slaughter the lamb in the place where he slaughtered the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place. For like the sin offering, the guilt offering belongs to the priest; it *is* most holy.

14 And the priest shall take of the blood of the guilt offering; and the priest shall put *it* on the tip of the right ear of him who *is* to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

15 And the priest shall take of the log of oil and shall pour *it* on the left palm of the priest.

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil on his left palm and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before Jehovah.

17 And of the rest of the oil on his palm, the priest shall put on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering;

18 and the rest of the oil on the palm of the priest, he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed. And the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah.

19 And the priest shall make a sin offering, and shall atone for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. And afterwards he shall slaughter the burnt offering;

20 and the priest shall offer the burnt offering, and the food offering, on the altar; and the priest shall make atonement for him; and he shall be clean.

21 ¶ And if he *is* poor, and his hand is not able to reach *these things*, then he shall take one lamb as a guilt offering, for a wave offering, to atone for himself, and one tenth part of flour mixed with oil for a food offering, and a log of oil,

22 and two turtledoves, or two sons of a dove, which his hand can reach; and one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering.

23 And he shall bring them in to the priest on the eighth day for his cleansing, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before Jehovah.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *as* a wave offering before Jehovah;

25 and he shall kill the lamb of the guilt offering; and the priest shall take of the blood of the guilt offering, and he shall put *it* on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour the oil on the left palm of the priest;

27 and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger of the oil on his palm, seven times before Jehovah.

28 And the priest shall put of the oil on his palm on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of the right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering.

29 And the rest of the oil on the priest's palm he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to atone for him, before Jehovah.

30 And he shall offer one of the turtle-doves, or of the sons of the doves, from that which he is able to reach;

31 that which his hand has reached out to, the one a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering, besides the food offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before Jehovah.

32 This *is* the law of him in whom *is* a plague of leprosy whose hand could not reach to his cleansing.

33 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

34 When you come into the land of Canaan, which I *am* giving to you for a possession, and I have put a plague of leprosy in the house *in* the land of your possession;

35 then *if* he who owns the house shall come in and declare to the priest, saying, *I have seen* a plague in the house.

36 And the priest shall command, and they shall turn out *from* the house before the priest comes in to see the plague that all in the house may not be unclean; and afterwards the priest shall come in to see the house.

37 And he shall look upon the plague; and, behold, if the plague *is* in the walls of the house with depressions greenish or reddish, and the appearance of it *is* lower than the wall;

38 then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days.

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look; and, behold, *if* the plague has spread in the walls of the house;

40 then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which the plague *is*, and throw them into an unclean place outside the city.

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside all around, and they shall pour out the dust which they have scraped off at the outside of the city, at an unclean place.

42 And they shall take other stones and bring them in to the place of the stones; and he shall take other clay and shall plaster the house.

43 And if the plague returns and breaks out in the house after he has taken away the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it has been plastered,

44 then the priest shall come in and look; and, behold, *if* the plague has spread in the house, it *is* a corroding leprosy in the house; it *is* unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house; its stones, and its wood, and all the clay of the house; and he shall carry *it* out to the outside of the city, to an unclean place.

46 And he who goes into the house all the days he has shut it up shall be unclean until the evening.

47 And he who lies in the house shall wash his clothes and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest shall come in and carefully look, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the house after the house has been plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean; for the plague has been healed.

49 And he shall take two birds for the cleansing of the house, and cedar wood, and scarlet *dye*, and hyssop;

50 and he shall kill the one bird on an earthen vessel, over running water;

51 and he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and shall dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and shall sprinkle on the house seven times.

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet *dye*;

53 and he shall send away the living bird to the outside of the city, to the open field, and shall atone for the house; and it shall be clean.

54 ¶ This *is* the law for every plague of the leprosy and for scabs;

55 and for leprosy of a garment, and of a house,

56 and for a rising, and for a lesion, and for a bright spot;

57 to teach when *it is* unclean and when *it is* clean; this *is* the law of leprosy.

Leviticus 15

1 *The uncleanness of men and their issues. 13 The cleansing of them. 19 The uncleanness of women and their issues. 28 Their cleansing.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, *to any* man, a man when there is a flowing from his flesh; it *is* unclean because of his issue.

3 And this is his uncleanness in his issue, *if* his flesh has run with his issue, or his flesh has ceased from issue, it *is* his uncleanness.

4 Every bed on which the one issuing lies shall be unclean. And every thing on which he sits shall be unclean.

5 And *any* man who touches his bed shall wash his garments, and shall bathe with water, and shall be unclean until the evening.

6 And he who sits on a thing on which he who flows sat, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean until the evening.

7 And he that touches the flesh of him who flows shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening.

8 And if he who flows spits on a clean one, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

9 And every saddle on which he who flows rides shall be unclean.

10 And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. And the one carrying those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

11 And whomever he who flows touches, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

12 And the earthen vessel that he who flows touches shall be broken; and every wooden vessel shall be rinsed in water.

13 And when he who flows is cleansed of his issue, then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes. And he shall bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take to himself two turtledoves, or two sons of a dove, and come before Jehovah to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation and give them to the priest.

15 And the priest shall offer them, the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering. And the priest shall atone for him before Jehovah for his issue.

16 And if any man's semen goes out from him, then he shall bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening.

17 And every garment, and every skin on which the semen is, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening.

18 And a woman who *has* a man lie with her with an emission of semen shall bathe with water, and be unclean until the evening.

19 ¶ And if a woman is having an issue of blood, and it is a flow in her flesh, she shall be in her impurity seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening.

20 And anything on which she lies in her impurity shall be unclean; and anything on which she sits shall be unclean.

21 And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening.

22 And whoever touches anything on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

23 And if it *is* on the bed, or on anything on which she sits when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening.

24 And if lying *any* man lies with her, and her impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

25 And a woman if she has an issue of her blood many days outside the time of her impurity, or if she flows beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of her issue of her uncleanness, she shall be as in the days of her impurity; she *is* unclean.

26 Every bed on which she lies all the days of her issue shall be to her as the bed of her impurity to her; and everything on which she sits shall be unclean as the uncleanness of her impurity.

27 And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

28 And if she is cleansed of her issue then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take to herself two turtledoves, or two sons of a dove, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the priests shall offer the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering; and the priest shall atone for her before Jehovah for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 So you shall separate the sons of Israel from their uncleanness, and they shall not die in their uncleanness, when they defile My tabernacle that *is* in their midst.

32 This *is* the law of him that flows, and of him from whom semen goes out, for uncleanness by it;

33 and of her who is menstruous in her impurity, and of him who flows, of a male or of a female, and of a man who lies with an unclean woman.

Leviticus 16

1 How the high priest must enter into the holy place. 11 The sin offering for himself. 15 The sin offering for the people. 20 The goat that makes the complete removal of all the iniquities.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, as they drew near before Jehovah, and they died.

2 And Jehovah said to Moses, Speak to your brother Aaron, and he shall not come in at all times to the sanctuary within the veil, to the front of the mercy seat.

3 With this Aaron shall come into the sanctuary: with a bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He shall put on a holy linen coat, and linen underpants shall be on his flesh, and he shall gird himself with a linen girdle, and he shall wrap himself in a linen miter; they *are* holy garments. And he shall bathe his flesh with water and shall put them on.

5 ¶ And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two he-goats of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 And Aaron shall bring near the bull of the sin offering which *is* his own, and shall make atonement for himself, and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two he-goats and shall cause them to stand before Jehovah, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall give lots over the two he-goats, one lot for Jehovah, and one lot for a complete removal.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the lot of Jehovah fell and shall make it a sin offering.

10 And the goat on which the lot fell for a complete removal shall be made to stand living before Jehovah to atone by it, to send it away for a complete removal into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering which *is* his own, and shall atone for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bull of the sin offering which *is* his own.

12 And he shall take a firepan full of coals of the fire from off the altar before Jehovah, and his hands full of fragrant perfumes beaten small, and bring it within the veil.

13 And he shall put the incense on the fire before Jehovah, and the cloud of the incense shall cover the mercy seat on the testimony; and he shall not die.

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bull, and shall sprinkle with his finger on the front of the mercy-seat eastward. And he shall sprinkle at the front of the mercy-seat seven times from the blood with his finger.

15 ¶ And he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering which *is* the people's, and shall bring in its blood to the inside of the veil, and shall do with its blood as he has done with the blood of the bull, and shall sprinkle it on the mercy seat, and at the front of the mercy seat.

16 And he shall atone for the sanctuary because of the pollutions of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions for all their sins. And so he shall do for the tabernacle of the congregation dwelling in the midst of their pollutions.

17 And not any man shall be in the tabernacle of the congregation as he goes in to atone in the sanctuary, until he comes out. And he shall atone for himself, and for his house, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And he shall go out to the altar before Jehovah, and shall atone for it. And he shall take of the blood of the bull, and of the blood of the goat, and shall put *it* on the horns of the altar all around.

19 And he shall sprinkle on it from the blood with his finger seven times, and shall cleanse it, and shall purify it from the uncleannesses of the sons of Israel.

20 ¶ And when he has finished atoning *for* the sanctuary, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, and has brought near the living goat;

21 then Aaron shall lay his two hands on the head of the living goat, and shall confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions, and all their sins, and shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall send *it* by the hand of a chosen man into the wilderness.

22 And the goat shall bear on him all their iniquities to a land cut off. And he shall send the goat away into the wilderness.

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall strip off the linen garments which he had put on as he went into the sanctuary, and shall leave them there.

24 And he shall bathe his flesh with water in the sanctuary and shall put on his garments, and shall come out, and shall offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and shall atone for himself and for his people.

25 And he shall burn as incense the fat of the sin offering on the altar.

26 And he who let the goat go for a complete removal shall wash his garments and shall bathe his flesh with water; and later he shall come into the camp.

27 And the bull of the sin offering, and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood has been brought in to atone in the sanctuary, one shall carry *them* out to the outside of the camp; and they shall burn their skins with fire, and their flesh, and their dung.

28 And he who shall burn them shall wash his garments, and shall bathe his flesh with water, and afterwards he shall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And it shall be for a never-ending statute, in the seventh month, in the tenth of the month, you shall humble yourself and do no work, the native, and the alien who is staying in your midst.

30 For on this day he shall atone for you to cleanse you from all your sins; you shall be clean before Jehovah.

31 *It is* a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall humble yourself. *It is* a never-ending statute.

32 And the priest whom He shall anoint, and whose hand He shall consecrate to act as priest instead of his father, shall make atonement, and shall put on the linen garments, the holy garments.

33 And he shall atone *for* the holy sanctuary, and *for* the tabernacle of the congregation, and *for* the altar he shall atone; yes, for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation he shall atone.

34 And this shall be to you a never-ending statute to atone for the sons of Israel, because of all their sins, once a year. And he did as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

Leviticus 17

1 The blood of all slain beasts must be offered to the Lord at the door of the tabernacle. 10 All eating of blood is forbidden.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel. And you shall say to them, This *is* the thing which Jehovah has commanded, saying,

3 Any man, a man of the house of Israel who slaughters an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or who slaughters at the outside of the camp,

4 and has not brought it in to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation as an offering to Jehovah, before the tabernacle of Jehovah, blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood. And that man shall be cut off from the midst of his people;

5 so that the sons of Israel shall bring in their sacrifices which they are sacrificing

in the open field to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the priest, and sacrifice them *for* sacrifices of peace offerings to Jehovah.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of Jehovah, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall burn the fat as incense for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

7 And they shall not sacrifice their sacrifices any more to goats, after which they have gone whoring. This is a perpetual statute to them throughout their generations.

8 And you shall say to them, Any man of the house of Israel, or of aliens who sojourn in your midst, who offers burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 and does not bring it in to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation to offer it to Jehovah, that man shall be cut off from his people.

10 ¶ And *any* man of the house of Israel, or of the alien who is staying in your midst, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person that eats blood and will cut him off from his people.

11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar, to atone for your souls; for it *is* the blood which makes atonement for the soul.

12 On account of this I have said to the sons of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood; and the alien who is staying in your midst shall not eat blood.

13 And *any* man of the sons of Israel, or of the aliens who stay in your midst, who hunts game, beast or fowl, which is eaten, shall even pour out its blood and shall cover it with dust.

14 For it *is* the life of all flesh; its blood *is* for its life. And I say to the sons of Israel, You shall not eat blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh *is* in the blood; anyone eating it is cut off.

15 And any person who eats a dead body or torn thing, be he a native, or an alien, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean.

16 And if he does not wash them, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

Leviticus 18

1 Unlawful marriages. 19 Unlawful lusts.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, I *am* Jehovah your God.

3 You shall not do according to the doings of the land of Egypt in which you lived; and you shall not do according to the doings of the land of Canaan to which I *am* bringing you; nor shall you walk in their statutes.

4 You shall do My judgments and you shall keep My statutes, to walk in them; I *am* Jehovah your God,

5 and you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man *any* man do, he shall live by them. I *am* Jehovah.

6 ¶ Not a man, *any* man, of you shall draw near to any relative of his flesh to uncover *their* nakedness; I *am* Jehovah.

7 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother; she *is* your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

8 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it *is* the nakedness of your father.

9 You shall not bare your sister's nakedness, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, born at home, or born away; you shall not bare their nakedness.

10 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter, or your daughter's daughter; you shall not uncover their nakedness, for theirs *is* your own nakedness.

11 The nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife, begotten by your father, she *is* your sister; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

12 You shall not uncover the nakedness of a sister of your father; she *is* a relative of your father.

13 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister; for she *is* your mother's relative.

14 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother; you shall not draw near to his wife; she *is* your aunt.

15 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she *is* your son's wife; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

16 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; *it is* your brother's nakedness.

17 You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; you shall not undertake to uncover her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter; they are her relatives; *it is* wickedness.

18 And you shall not take a wife with her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime.

19 ¶ And you shall not draw near to uncover the nakedness of a woman in her menstrual impurity.

20 And you shall not give your semen to your neighbor's wife *by lying with her*, for uncleanness with her.

21 And you shall not give your seed to pass them through to Molech, and you shall not, pollute the name of your God; *I am* Jehovah.

22 And you shall not lie with a male as one lies with a woman; *it is* a perversion.

23 And you shall not give your semen with any animal, for uncleanness with it. And a woman shall not stand before an animal to lie down with it; *it is* a disgusting thing.

24 Do not defile yourself with all these, for with all these the nations have been defiled, which *I am* casting out before you;

25 and the land is defiled, and I will visit its iniquity on it; and the land is vomiting out *those living in it*;

26 and you, you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not do *any* of all these disgusting things; *neither* the native nor the alien who is staying in your midst.

27 For the men of the land who *are* before you have done all these disgusting things, and the land is defiled,

28 lest the land vomit you out for your defiling it, as it has vomited out the nation that *was* before you.

29 For anyone who does *any* of these disgusting things, even the persons who are doing *them*, shall be cut off from the midst of their people.

30 And you shall keep My charge, so as not to do *any* of the customs, the disgusting things which were committed before

you; and you shall not defile yourselves with them; *I am* Jehovah your God.

Leviticus 19

1 A repetition of sundry laws.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, You are holy, for *I am* holy, Jehovah your God.

3 *Each* man of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My sabbaths; *I am* Jehovah your God.

4 Do not turn to the idols; and you shall not make molten gods for yourselves; *I am* Jehovah your God.

5 And if you sacrifice a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah, you shall sacrifice it of your free will;

6 it shall be eaten in the day of your sacrificing it, and on the morrow, and that which *is* left on the third day shall be burned with fire.

7 And if it is at all eaten on the third day, *it is* unclean; it shall not be accepted.

8 And he who eats it, he shall bear his iniquity; for he has polluted the holy thing of Jehovah, and that person shall be cut off from his people.

9 And as you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corner of your field; and you shall not gather the gleaning of your harvest;

10 and you shall not glean your vineyard, and you shall not gather the leavings of your vineyard; you shall leave them to the poor *one* and to the alien; *I am* Jehovah your God.

11 ¶ You shall not steal nor lie, and not deceive a man to another.

12 And you shall not swear by My name to a falsehood; and not shall you pollute the name of your God; *I am* Jehovah.

13 You shall not extort your neighbor, and not rob; you shall not allow the wages of a hired *one* to remain with you until morning.

14 You shall not revile the deaf *one*, nor put a stumbling block before the blind *one*; for you shall revere your God. *I am* Jehovah.

15 You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not respect the person of the poor *one*, and not favor the person

of the great *one*, but in righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

16 You shall not go *as* a slanderer among your people; you shall not stand up against the blood of your neighbor; I *am* Jehovah.

17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart; reproving you shall reprove your neighbor, and not allow sin on him.

18 You shall not take vengeance, and not bear any grudge against the sons of your people; but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I *am* Jehovah.

19 ¶ You shall keep my statutes; you shall not cause your livestock to breed with different kinds; you shall not sow two kinds *in* your field; and you shall not allow a garment mixed of linen and wool to come upon you.

20 And when a man lies with a woman with semen, and she *is* a slave-girl, betrothed to a man, and not truly redeemed, and freedom not having been given to her, there shall be an inquest; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 And he shall bring in his guilt offering to Jehovah, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, a ram *for* a guilt offering.

22 And the priest shall atone for him with the ram of the guilt offering before Jehovah for his sin which he has sinned; and it shall be forgiven him because of his sin he has sinned.

23 And when you come into the land and have planted all of the food trees, then you shall expose its foreskin, its fruit, it shall be *as* uncircumcised for you three years; it shall not be eaten.

24 And in the fourth year all its fruit is holy; *it is for* praises for Jehovah.

25 And in the fifth year you shall eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase; I *am* Jehovah your God.

26 You shall not eat with the blood; you shall not divine, nor conjure *spirits*.

27 You shall not round the corner of your head, nor mar the edge of your beard.

28 And you shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead; and you shall not put on yourself any etched mark; I *am* Jehovah.

29 You shall not profane your daughter, to cause her to be a prostitute, that the land may not go fornicating, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 ¶ You shall keep My sabbaths; and you shall revere My sanctuary. I *am* Jehovah.

31 You shall not turn to mediums, and you shall not seek to spirit-knowers to be defiled by them; I *am* Jehovah your God.

32 You shall rise up in the face of gray hair; and you shall honor the face of an old man; and be afraid of your God. I *am* Jehovah.

33 And when an alien lives with you in your land, you shall not oppress him;

34 as the native among you, so shall be the alien who is staying with you; and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I *am* Jehovah your God.

35 You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measures and weights, or in quantity.

36 You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. I *am* Jehovah your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt;

37 and you shall observe all My statutes, and all My judgments and shall do them; I *am* Jehovah.

Leviticus 20

1 Of him that gives of his seed to Molech. 6 Of going to mediums. 7 Of sanctification. 9 Of he that curses his parents. 10 Of adultery. 11, 14, 17, 19 Of incest. 13 Of sodomy. 15 Of bestiality. 18 Of uncleanness.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 And you shall say to the sons of Israel, Any man, a man of the sons of Israel, and of the aliens who are living in Israel, who gives of his seed to Molech dying shall die. The people of the land shall stone him with stones!

3 And I, I shall put My face against that man, and shall cut him off from the midst of his people, for he has given of his seed to Molech, so as to defile My sanctuary, and to pollute My holy name.

4 And if hiding the people of the land hide their eyes from that man, as he gives his seed to Molech, so as not to cause him to die,

5 then I shall set My face against that man, and against his family, and shall

cut him off, and all fornicating after him, even fornicating after Molech from the midst of their people.

6 And the person turning to mediums, and to spirit-knowers, to fornicate after them, I shall set my face against that person, and cut him off from the midst of his people.

7 And you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy, for I *am* Jehovah your God;

8 and you shall keep My statutes and shall do them; I *am* Jehovah who is sanctifying you.

9 And any man who curses his father and his mother dying *he* shall die; he has cursed his father and his mother; his blood *shall be* on him.

10 ¶ And a man who commits adultery with a man's wife, who commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, the adulterer and the adulteress dying shall die.

11 And a man who lies with his father's wife, who has uncovered the nakedness of his father, both of them dying shall die; their blood *shall be* on them.

12 And a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them dying shall die; they have performed a perversion; their blood *shall be* on them.

13 And a man who lies with a male as one lies with a woman, both of them have done a disgusting thing, dying they shall die; their blood *shall be* on them.

14 And a man who takes a woman and her mother, it *is* wickedness; they shall burn him and them; and there shall be no wickedness in your midst.

15 And a man who lies with an animal dying shall die. And you shall kill the animal.

16 And if a woman draws near to any animal to lie with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; dying they shall die; their blood shall be on them.

17 And if a man takes his sister, the daughter of his father or daughter of his mother, and he has seen her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it *is* a shame. And they shall be cut off before the eyes of the sons of their people; he has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And if a man lies with a menstruous woman, and has uncovered her nakedness, he has made her fountain bare; and she has

uncovered the fountain of her blood; even both of them shall be cut off from the midst of their people.

19 And you shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, nor of your father's sister, because he has made naked his near kin; they shall bear their iniquity.

20 If a man lies with his aunt, he has uncovered the nakedness of his uncle; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21 And if a man takes his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 ¶ And you shall keep all My statutes, and all My judgments, and shall do them, and the land where I *am* bringing you to live in it shall not vomit you out.

23 And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I *am* casting out from before you, for all these they have done, and I am disgusted with them.

24 But I have said to you, You shall possess their land; and, I, I am giving it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey; I *am* Jehovah your God, who has set you apart from the nations.

25 And you shall make a difference between the clean animals and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean. And you shall not defile yourself by beast or by fowl, or by anything which swarms the ground, which I have set apart to you as unclean;

26 and you shall be holy to Me, for I, Jehovah, *am* holy; and I have set you apart from the nations to become Mine.

27 And a man or woman, when there is among them a medium, or a spirit-knower, dying shall die; they shall stone them with stones; their blood *is* on them.

Leviticus 21

1 *Of the priests' mourning.* 6 *Of their holiness.*

7, 13 *Of their marriages.* 17 *The priests that have blemishes cannot minister in the sanctuary.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Speak to the priests, Aaron's sons, and you shall say to them, None shall be defiled for the dead among his people.

2 But for his relative who is near to him, for his mother, and for his father, and for

his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 and for his sister, the virgin, who is near to him, who has not been with a man, for her he may be defiled.

4 A leader shall not defile himself among his people, to pollute himself;

5 they shall not make their heads bald, and they shall not shave the corner of their beard; and they shall not make a cutting in their flesh;

6 they are holy to their God, and they shall not pollute the name of their God. For they offer the fire offerings of Jehovah, bread of their God, and they are holy.

7 They shall not take a woman, a prostitute, or polluted; and not shall they take a woman put away from her husband; for he is holy to his God.

8 And you shall sanctify him, for he brings near the bread of your God; he is holy to you; for I *am* holy, Jehovah who is sanctifying you.

9 And when a daughter of any priest pollutes herself by fornicating, she is polluting her father; she shall be burned with fire.

10 ¶ And the high priest of his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil is poured, and whose hand is consecrated to put on the garments, his head shall not be bared; not shall tear his garments;

11 he shall not come near any dead person; not for his father; not for his mother shall he defile himself.

12 He shall not go out from the sanctuary; and not shall he pollute the sanctuary of his God. For the crown of the anointing oil of his God *is* on him; I *am* Jehovah.

13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 He shall not take a widow, or one put away, or a polluted one, a prostitute, but he shall take a virgin of his own people *for* a wife;

15 and he shall not pollute his seed among his people; for I *am* Jehovah who sanctifies him.

16 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

17 Speak to Aaron, saying, A man of your seed in their generations *in* whom there is a blemish not shall draw near to offer the bread of his God.

18 For no man in whom *there is* a blemish shall draw near, a blind man, or a lame *one*, or one mutilated, or *abnormally* stretched out;

19 or a man *to* whom a *fractured* foot, or a broken hand in him,

20 or a humpbacked *one*, or a shrunken *one*, or one with a spot in his eye, or one *with* an itch, or one scabbed, or one with crushed testicles.

21 Any man of the seed of Aaron the priest in whom *there is* a blemish shall not come near to offer the fire offerings of Jehovah; a blemish is in him, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

22 He shall eat of the bread of his God, of the most holy things, and of the holy things.

23 But he shall not enter into the veil, and he shall not draw near to the altar; for a blemish is in him; and he shall not pollute My sanctuary; for I *am* Jehovah who sanctifies them.

24 And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel.

Leviticus 22

1 The priests in their uncleanness must abstain from the holy things. 10 Who of the priests' house may eat of the holy things. 17 The sacrifices must be without blemish.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, that they set themselves apart from the holy things of the sons of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name *in what* they devote to Me; I *am* Jehovah.

3 Say to them, Any man out of all your seed in your generations who draws near to the holy things which the sons of Israel set apart to Jehovah, and his uncleanness being upon him, that person shall be cut off from before Me; I *am* Jehovah.

4 Any man of the seed of Aaron that *is* leprous or has a flow, he shall not eat of the holy things until he is clean; he who touches any uncleanness of a person, or a man who has an emission of semen go out of him;

5 or a man who touches any swarming thing which is unclean to him, or touches a man who is unclean to him, by any of his

uncleanness,

6 the person who touches it shall even be unclean until the evening, and shall not eat of the holy things, but shall bathe his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun goes in, he shall be clean, and afterwards he shall eat of the holy things, for it *is* his food;

8 he shall not eat a dead body or torn thing, for it is unclean; I *am* Jehovah.

9 And they shall keep My charge, and shall bear no sin for it, that they may not die for it when they pollute it; I *am* Jehovah, who is sanctifying them.

10 ¶ And no stranger shall eat of the holy things, a tenant of a priest, or a hired servant; *these* shall not eat of the holy thing.

11 And if a priest buys a person, the purchase of his silver, he shall eat of it; also one born in his house, they shall eat of his bread.

12 And a priest's daughter, when she belongs to a man *who is* foreign, she shall not eat of the heave offering of the holy things.

13 But a priest's daughter, when she is a widow, or put away, and has no seed, and has turned back to her father's house, as *in* her youth, she shall eat of her father's bread. But no stranger shall eat of it.

14 And if a man shall eat of a holy thing through error, then he shall add the fifth part of it, and shall give it to the priest along with the holy thing.

15 And they shall not pollute the holy things of the sons of Israel, that which they lift up to Jehovah;

16 and so cause them to bear the iniquity of the guilt offering in their eating their holy things. For I *am* Jehovah who sanctifies them.

17 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

18 Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, *Any* man, a man of the house of Israel, or of the aliens in Israel, who brings near his offering, of all his vows, or of all his freewill offerings which they bring near to Jehovah for a burnt offering;

19 at your own will a male, without blemish, of the oxen, of the sheep, or of the goats *may be offered*.

20 You shall not offer that which has a blemish; for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 And when a man brings near a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah, to complete a vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be without blemish to be accepted; no blemish shall be in it;

22 one blinded, or broken, or mutilated or with a running sore, or one *with* an itch, or scabbed, you shall not bring these near to Jehovah; and you shall not make of them a fire offering on the altar to Jehovah.

23 As to an ox or a sheep deformed, or *abnormally* stretched out, you shall make it a free will offering; but it *is* not acceptable for a vow.

24 As to anything bruised, or beaten, or torn, or cut, you shall not bring it near to Jehovah; even you shall not do it in your land.

25 And you shall not bring near the bread of your God from the hand of a son of an alien *one*, or any of these, for their corruption *is* in them; they are blemished; they are not acceptable for you.

26 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

27 When an ox, or lamb, or goat is born, and when it has been seven days under its mother, then from the eighth day and onward it is acceptable for an offering, a fire offering to Jehovah;

28 but an ox or sheep, it and its young one, you shall not slaughter in one day.

29 And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to Jehovah, you shall sacrifice it of your free will;

30 it shall be eaten on that day; you shall not leave *any* of it until morning; I *am* Jehovah.

31 And you shall keep My commandments and shall do them; I *am* Jehovah.

32 And you shall not profane My holy name, and I shall be counted holy among the sons of Israel; I *am* Jehovah, who is sanctifying you,

33 who is bringing you up out of the land of Egypt, to become for God to you; I *am* Jehovah.

Leviticus 23

1 The feasts of the Lord. 3 The Sabbath. 4 The Passover. 9 The sheaf of first fruits. 15 The feast of Pentecost. 23 The feast of trumpets. 26 The day of atonement. 33 The feast of tabernacles.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, The appointed feasts of Jehovah which you shall proclaim, holy gatherings, shall be these: These *are* My appointed seasons:

3 Work is to be done six days, and in the seventh day *shall be* a sabbath of rest, a holy gathering; you shall do no work; it is a sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwellings.

4 ¶ These *are* appointed seasons of Jehovah, holy gatherings which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons:

5 In the first month, on the fourteenth of the month, between the evenings *is* the Passover to Jehovah.

6 And on the fifteenth of this month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah; you shall eat unleavened *things* seven days.

7 On the first day you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service;

8 and you shall bring near a fire offering to Jehovah seven days; and the seventh day *shall be* a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service.

9 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you come in to the land which I *am* giving to you, and have reaped its harvest, and have brought in the sheaf, or the beginning of your harvest, to the priest,

11 then he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah for your acceptance; on the morrow of the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And you shall prepare a he-lamb in the day you wave the sheaf, one without blemish, a son of a year, for a burnt offering to Jehovah.

13 And its food offering *shall be* two tenths part of flour mixed with oil, a fire offering to Jehovah, a sweet fragrance; and its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine.

14 And bread, and roasted grain, and fresh ears, you shall not eat until this self-same day, until you have brought the offering

of your God; *it is* a never-ending statute for your generations in all your dwellings.

15 ¶ And you shall number to you from the next day after the Sabbath, from the day you bring in the sheaf of the wave offering; they shall be seven complete sabbaths;

16 the next day after the seventh sabbath, you shall number fifty days; and you shall bring near a new food offering to Jehovah;

17 you shall bring in bread out of your dwellings for a wave offering, two *loaves*; they shall be of two tenth *ephah* of flour; they shall be baked with leaven; firstfruits to Jehovah.

18 And besides the bread, you shall offer seven lambs, without blemish, sons of a year, and one bull, a son of the herd, and two rams; they are a burnt offering to Jehovah, with their food offering and their drink offerings, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

19 And you shall offer one he-goat for a sin offering, and two lambs, sons of a year, for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20 And the priest shall wave them, besides the bread of the firstfruits, a wave offering before Jehovah, besides the two lambs; they are holy to Jehovah for the priest.

21 And you shall make a proclamation on this same day; *it is* a holy gathering to you. You shall do no work of service. *It is* a never-ending statute in all your dwellings for your generations.

22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not finish the corner of your field; *and* when you gather the gleanings of your harvest, you shall leave them for the poor *one*, and for the alien: I *am* Jehovah your God.

23 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

24 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, a sabbath shall be to you, a called memorial, a holy gathering.

25 You shall do no work of service and you shall bring a fire offering to Jehovah.

26 And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying,

27 Also, on the tenth of this seventh month shall be a day of atonement; there shall be a holy gathering, and you shall humble your

souls and shall bring a fire offering to Jehovah.

28 And you shall do no work in this same day, for it *is* a day of atonement, to atone for you before Jehovah your God.

29 For any person who *is* not humbled in this same day shall be cut off from his people.

30 And any person who does any work in this same day, I shall even destroy that person from the midst of his people.

31 You shall do no work; *it is* a never-ending statute throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

32 It *is* a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall humble your souls in the ninth of the month at evening; from evening until evening you shall keep your sabbath.

33 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 34 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* a Feast of Booths seven days to Jehovah.

35 On the first day *shall be* a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service.

36 Seven days you shall bring a fire offering to Jehovah; on the eighth day you shall have a holy gathering; and you shall bring the fire offering to Jehovah; *it is* a solemn assembly; you shall do no work of service.

37 These *are* the set feasts of Jehovah which you shall proclaim, holy gatherings, to bring a fire offering to Jehovah, a burnt offering, and a food offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, the thing of a day on its own day;

38 besides the sabbaths of Jehovah, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you shall give to Jehovah.

39 Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you gather the increase of the land, you shall keep the feast of Jehovah seven days; on the first day a sabbath, and on the eighth day a sabbath.

40 And you shall take to yourselves on the first day the fruit of majestic trees, palm branches, and boughs of oak trees, and willows of the valley, and shall rejoice before Jehovah your God seven days.

41 And you shall keep a feast to Jehovah, seven days in a year, a never ending statute for your generations; in the seventh month you shall keep it.

42 You shall live in booths seven days; all who are native in Israel shall live in booths, 43 so that your generations shall know that I caused the sons of Israel to live in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I *am* Jehovah your God.

44 And Moses proclaimed the appointed feasts of Jehovah to the sons of Israel.

Leviticus 24

1 The oil for the lamps. 5 The Bread of the Presence. 13 The law of blasphemy. 17 Of murder.

18 Of damage. 23 The blasphemer is stoned.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Command the sons of Israel, and they shall bring to you pure olive oil, beaten, for the light, to cause a light to burn continually.

3 Outside the veil of the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation Aaron shall arrange it from evening until morning before Jehovah continually, a never-ending statute for your generations.

4 He shall arrange the lamps on the pure lampstand before Jehovah continually.

5 And you shall take flour, and shall bake twelve cakes with it; two tenths shall be in the one cake.

6 And you shall set them in two rows, six *on* a row on the pure table before Jehovah.

7 And you shall put pure frankincense on the row, and it shall be the bread of a memorial, a fire offering to Jehovah.

8 On each sabbath day he shall arrange it before Jehovah continually, from the sons of Israel, a never-ending covenant.

9 And it shall belong to Aaron and to his sons, and they shall eat it in the sanctuary, for it *is* most holy to him, from the fire offerings of Jehovah, a never-ending statute.

10 ¶ And the son of an Israelite woman, and he *was* a son of an Egyptian man, went out among the sons of Israel. And the son of the woman of Israel and a man of Israel struggled together in the camp.

11 And the son of the woman of Israel blasphemed the Name, and cursed. And

they brought him in to Moses; and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.

12 And they put him under guard, that it might be declared to them at the mouth of Jehovah.

13 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

14 Bring out the reviler to the outside of the camp. And all those who heard shall lay their hands on his head, and all the congregation shall stone him.

15 And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, *Any* man, a man when he curses his God even he shall bear his sin.

16 And he who blasphemes the name of Jehovah dying shall die. All the congregation stoning shall cast stones at him. As *to* the alien, so to a native, when he blasphemes the Name, he shall die.

17 And a man, when he strikes the soul from any man, dying he shall die.

18 And he who smites an animal to death shall make it good, soul for soul.

19 And when a man causes a blemish in his neighbor, as he has done, so it shall be done to him;

20 break for break, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has given a blemish *to be* in a man, so it shall be done to him.

21 And he who smites an animal to death shall repay it; and he who smites a man to death shall die.

22 One judgment shall be for you whether an alien or a native; for *I am* Jehovah your God.

23 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought the reviler to the outside of the camp and stoned him *with* stones. And the sons of Israel did as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

Leviticus 25

1 The sabbath of the seventh year. 8 The Jubilee in the fiftieth year. 14 Of oppression. 18 A blessing of obedience. 23 The redemption of land. 29 Of houses. 35 Compassion for the poor. 47 The redemption of servants.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which

I am giving to you, then the land shall keep a sabbath to Jehovah.

3 You shall sow your field six years, and you shall prune your vineyard six years, and shall gather its produce.

4 And in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath to Jehovah. You shall not sow your field, and you shall not prune your vineyard.

5 You shall not reap that which grows of itself of your harvest; and you shall not gather the grapes of your unkept vine; it shall be a year of rest to the land.

6 And the sabbath of the land shall be to you for food, to you, and to your male slave, and to your female slave, and to your hired one, and to your sojourner who sojourns among you;

7 and to your livestock, and to the animal in your land, all its produce shall be for food.

8 ¶ And you shall number to yourself seven sabbaths of years, seven years times seven, and all the days of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.

9 And you shall let a rams' horn pass over a call in the seventh month, in the tenth of the month; in the day of atonement, let a rams' horn pass throughout all your land;

10 and you shall make the fiftieth year holy, *one* year. And you shall proclaim liberty in the land to all living *in* it; it shall be a jubilee to you. And you shall return *every* man to his possession; yea, you shall turn back *each* man to his family.

11 It *is* a jubilee, the fiftieth year; it is a year to you. You shall not sow, and not reap that which grows of itself, and not gather from its unkept vines;

12 for it *is* a jubilee, it is holy to you; you shall eat its increase out of the field.

13 In the year of this jubilee you shall return *each* man to his possession.

14 And if you sell anything to your neighbor, or buy from the hand of your neighbor, you shall not *each* man oppress his brother.

15 By the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor; by

the number of the years of increase he shall sell to you;

16 according to the many years you shall increase its price; and by the fewness of the years you shall diminish its price, for he is selling to you the number of crops.

17 And you shall not oppress *each* man his neighbor, and you shall fear your God, for I *am* Jehovah your God.

18 And you shall do My statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and shall do them; and you shall live on the land securely.

19 And the land shall give its fruit, and you shall eat to satisfaction; and you shall dwell securely on it.

20 And when you say, What shall we eat in the seventh year; for, lo, we may not sow nor gather our increase?

21 Then I have commanded My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it shall produce the increase for three years;

22 and you shall sow the eighth year, and shall eat of the old crop until the ninth year, until the coming in of its crop; you shall eat of the old.

23 ¶ And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land *is* Mine; for you are aliens and sojourners with Me.

24 And you shall grant a redemption for the land in all the land of your possession.

25 If your brother has become poor and has sold his property, then comes his redeemer, a near relative to him, and *he* redeems the thing sold *by* his brother.

26 But a man, when there is not *one* to redeem him, and his own hand has reached out, and he has enough for *its* redemption,

27 then he shall count the years since its sale, and shall give back the surplus to the man to whom he sold; and he shall return to his possession.

28 And if his hand has not found enough to give back to him, then the thing he sold shall be in the hand of him who buys it until the year of jubilee. And it shall go out in the Jubilee, and he shall return to his possession.

29 And when a man sells a dwelling house *in* a walled city, then his right of redemption shall be the end of the year of its sale;

his right of redemption shall be *a year of* days.

30 And if it is not redeemed until a full year is complete, then the house in the walled city shall be established to perpetuity to its buyer, throughout his generations; it shall not go out in the Jubilee.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no walls all around shall be counted as the field of the country; there are redemption rights to it. And it shall go out in the Jubilee.

32 As to the cities of the Levites, houses of the cities of their possession, never-ending redemption rights shall be to the Levites.

33 And that which one redeems from the Levites, both the sale of a house, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the Jubilee. For the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession in the midst of the sons of Israel.

34 And the field, the open land of their cities, shall not be sold; for it *is* a never-ending possession to them.

35 And when your brother has become poor, and his hand has failed with you, then you shall help him. He shall live with you *as* an alien and a sojourner.

36 You shall take no interest or increase from him, and you shall fear your God; and the life of your brother *is* with you.

37 You shall not give silver to him with interest, and you shall not give your food for increase.

38 I *am* Jehovah who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give to you the land of Canaan, to become your God.

39 ¶ And when your brother becomes poor with you, and he has been sold to you, you shall not lay on him the service of a slave.

40 He shall be with you as a hireling, as a sojourner he shall be with you; he shall serve with you until the year of jubilee;

41 and he shall go out from you, he and his sons with him, and shall return to his family; he shall even return to the possession of his father.

42 For they are My servants, whom I have brought out from the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold *with* the sale of a slave.

43 You shall not rule over him with severity, and you shall fear your God.

44 And your male slave and your female slave whom you have *shall be* from the nations who are all around you, you shall buy them as a male slave or a female slave;

45 and also you may buy of the sons of the sojourners who *are* residing with you, and of their families who are with you, which they have fathered in your land. And they shall be a possession to you,

46 and you shall bequeath to your sons after you, to hold *for* a possession; you may lay service on them forever. But on your brothers, the sons of Israel, one over another, you shall not rule over him with severity.

47 And if lifts up a hand *of* an alien or a sojourner with you, and your brother grows poor with him, and he sells himself to an alien, a sojournert with you, or to the offshoot of the family of an alien,

48 after he has been sold, there is a redemption to him; one of his brothers may redeem him,

49 or his uncle, or a son of his uncle, may redeem him, or any of his fleshly relations of his family may redeem him. Or, if his own hand has reached out *to gain*, then he may be redeemed.

50 And he shall count with his buyer from the year of his being sold to him until the year of jubilee, and the silver of his sale shall be by the number of years. As the days of a hireling, it shall be with him.

51 If *there are* yet many years, *by* mouth he shall give back his redemption, from the silver of his purchase.

52 And if few are left of the years till the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him according to his years he shall give back his redemption price.

53 As a hireling, year by year, he shall be with him, and he shall not rule him with severity before your eyes.

54 And if he is not redeemed in this way, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him.

55 For the sons of Israel *are* servants to Me; they are My servants whom I

brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I *am* Jehovah your God.

Leviticus 26

1 *Of idolatry. 2 Reward for sabbath-keeping and a blessing to them that keep the commandments.*

14 *A curse to those that break them.*

1 ¶ You shall not make idols to yourselves; and you shall not set up for yourselves graven images, or a memorial pillar. And you shall not place any stone image in your land, to bow yourselves to it; for I *am* Jehovah your God.

2 You shall keep My sabbaths, and revere My sanctuary; I *am* Jehovah.

3 If you walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them,

4 even I will give you rains in their season, and the land shall give her produce, and the tree of the field shall give its fruit;

5 and your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to satisfaction, and live in your land securely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall terrify you. And I shall cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, and the sword shall not pass over into your land.

7 And you shall pursue your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And five of you shall pursue a hundred, and a hundred of you shall pursue a myriad; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 And I shall turn My face toward you and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and shall establish My covenant with you.

10 And you shall eat *very* old store, and clear away the old because of the new *coming out*.

11 And I will set My tabernacle in your midst, and My soul shall not loathe you;

12 and I shall walk always in your midst, and shall be to you for God, and you, you shall be to Me for a people;

13 I *am* Jehovah your God, who has brought you out from the land of the Egyptians, from being their slaves; and I will

break the bars of your yoke, and cause you to stand erect.

14 ¶ And if you will not listen to Me, and do not do all these commands;

15 and if you reject My statutes, and if your soul hates My judgments, so as not to do all My commands, to the breaking of My covenant;

16 I will also do this to you, and I shall appoint terror over you, the wasting, and the burning fever, destroying the eyes, and consuming the soul; and you shall sow your seed in vain, and your enemies will eat it.

17 And I shall set My face against you, and you shall be smitten before your enemies; and those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee, and there will be no one pursuing you.

18 And if *after these things* you will not listen to Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sin;

19 and I will break the pride of your strength, and will make your heavens as iron, and your earth as bronze;

20 and your strength shall be consumed in vain, and your land shall not give her produce, and the tree of the land shall not give its fruit.

21 And if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to listen to Me, then I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins,

22 and send against you the beast of the field, and it shall bereave you. And I shall cut off your livestock and shall make you few, so that your ways are desolate.

23 And if you are not chastised by Me by these things, and shall walk contrary to Me,

24 even I, I also shall walk contrary to you, and shall smite you, even I, seven *times more* for your sins;

25 and I will bring a sword on you, executing the vengeance of the covenant, and you shall be gathered to your cities, and I shall send pestilence into your midst; and you shall be given into the hand of an enemy.

26 When I break to you the staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and shall give back your bread by weight; and you shall eat, and shall not be satisfied.

27 If you will not listen to Me for this, and shall walk contrary to Me,

28 then I also will walk contrary to you in fury. I also will chastise you, I also, seven *times* for your sins.

29 And you shall eat of the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat of the flesh of your daughters.

30 And I shall destroy your high places and cut down your altars, and shall put your dead bodies on the carcasses of your idols. And My soul shall loathe you.

31 And I shall give your cities *to be* a waste, and I shall make your sanctuaries desolate; and I shall not smell your soothing fragrances.

32 And I shall make the land desolate, and your enemies who are living in it shall be astonished at it.

33 And I will scatter you among nations, and shall draw out the sword after you, and your land shall become a waste, and your cities shall be a desolation.

34 Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths, all the days of the desolation. And you shall be in the land of your enemies; then the land shall enjoy rest, and shall enjoy its sabbaths.

35 It shall rest all the days of the desolation, that which it has not rested in your sabbaths while you lived on it.

36 And those who are left of you, I shall also bring a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one flees from the sword; and they shall fall when no one pursues.

37 And they shall stumble *each* man upon one another, as if it were before the sword, when no one pursues. And you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38 And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall devour you.

39 And of those who are left of you, they shall putrefy in their iniquity, in the lands of your enemies; and also in the iniquities of their fathers, they shall putrefy with them.

40 ¶ And if they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their unfaithful act with which they have acted unfaithfully against Me; and, also, that they have walked contrary to Me,

41 I also will walk contrary to them, and I will bring them into the land of their enemies. If their uncircumcised hearts are then humbled, and *they* then accept *their guilt* for their iniquity;

42 even I will remember My covenant *with* Jacob; and also My covenant with Isaac; and I shall also remember My covenant with Abraham, and I shall remember the land.

43 For the land shall be forsaken by them, and shall satisfy for its sabbaths, in the desolation without them. And they shall accept *their guilt* for their iniquity, because, even because, they have rejected My judgments, and their soul has loathed My statutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, and not I will hate them, to consume them, to break My covenant with them; for I *am* Jehovah their God.

45 And I shall remember for them the covenant of the first *fathers*, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be to them for God; I *am* Jehovah.

46 These are the statutes and the judgments and the laws which Jehovah has given between Him and the sons of Israel, in Mount Sinai, by the hand of Moses.

Leviticus 27

1 *He that makes a singular vow must be the Lord's.*

2 *The evaluation of the person. 9 Of a beast given by vow. 14 Of a house. 16 Of a field, and its redemption. 32 The tithe may not be changed.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When a man makes an extraordinary vow by your evaluation, the persons *shall be* Jehovah's.

3 And your evaluation shall be of the male from a son of twenty years even until a son of sixty years; then your evaluation shall be fifty shekels of silver by the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 And if it *is* a female, then your evaluation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And if from a son of five years to a son of twenty years, then your evaluation shall be twenty shekels for the male and ten shekels for the female.

6 And if a son of a month even to a son of five years, then your evaluation shall be five shekels of silver for the male and three shekels of silver for the female.

7 And if from a son of sixty years and above, if a male, then your evaluation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels.

8 But if he *is* too poor for your evaluation, then he shall be made to stand before the priest, and the priest shall value him; the priest shall value him according to the reach of him who vowed.

9 And if *it is* an animal of which they bring an offering to Jehovah, all that one gives of it to Jehovah is holy.

10 He shall not replace it, or change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good. And if he shall at all change animal for animal, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy.

11 And if any unclean animal, or *one* which they may not bring *as* an offering to Jehovah, then he shall make the animal stand before the priest.

12 And the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad; as you the priest values it, so it shall be.

13 But if he really redeems it, then he shall add its fifth to your evaluation.

14 ¶ And when a man sanctifies his house *as* a holy thing to Jehovah, then the priest shall value it, whether good or bad. As the priest values it, so it shall stand.

15 And if he who is sanctifying shall redeem the house, then he shall add a fifth of the silver of its valuation, and it shall become his.

16 And if a man sanctifies a field of his property to Jehovah, then your evaluation *by* mouth *shall be* of its seed; a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver.

17 If he shall sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, it shall stand according to your evaluation.

18 And if he shall sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall count to him the silver according to the years which are left, to the year of the Jubilee. And it shall be diminished from your evaluation.

19 And if he sanctifying the field really will redeem it, then he shall add a fifth of the silver of your evaluation to it, and it shall rise to become his.

20 And if he does not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it is not to be redeemed any more.

21 And the field shall be holy to Jehovah when it goes out in the Jubilee, as a field which is devoted. It shall be a possession to the priest.

22 And if he should devote a field of his purchase, which *is* not of the fields of his possession,

23 then the priest shall count to him the amount of your evaluation to the year of the Jubilee. And he shall give your evaluation in that day, a holy thing to Jehovah.

24 In the year of the Jubilee the field shall return to him from whom he bought it, to whom the land is a possession.

25 And all your evaluation shall be by the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 However a firstling which is first-born to Jehovah among animals, a man shall not dedicate it, whether an ox or a sheep, it is Jehovah's.

27 And if it is among the unclean animals, then shall ransom at your evaluation, and

shall add its fifth to it, and if not it is redeemed, it shall be sold at your evaluation.

28 But any devoted thing which a man devotes to Jehovah of all which is his, of man, or of animal, of the field of his possession, it shall not be sold and not redeemed; every devoted *thing* it *is* most holy to Jehovah.

29 Not any devoted thing which is devoted by men shall not be ransomed, dying it shall die.

30 And all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land, of the fruit of the trees,, it *is* for Jehovah; it *is* most holy to Jehovah.

31 And if at all a man redeems *any* of his tithes, he shall add its fifth to it.

32 And all the tithe of the land, and of the flock, all that passes under the rod, a tenth shall be holy to Jehovah.

33 He shall not inquire between good or bad, nor shall he change it; and if at all he changes it, then it and its substitute shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commands which Jehovah has commanded Moses for the sons of Israel on Mount Sinai.

The Fourth Book of Moses Called **NUMBERS**

Numbers 1

1 God commands Moses to number the people.

5 The rulers of the tribes. 17 The number of every tribe. 47 The Levites are exempted.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had gone out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Lift the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, by their heads;

3 from a son of twenty years and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 And there shall be a man of every tribe with you, every one head of his father's house.

5 And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

6 of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

7 of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

8 of Issachar, Nethaneel the son of Zuar;

9 of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

10 of the sons of Joseph; of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

11 of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

12 of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

13 of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran;

14 of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

15 of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

16 These *were* those called from the congregation, rulers of the tribes of their fathers. They *were* heads of the thousands of Israel.

17 ¶ And Moses and Aaron took these men who were marked out by name.

18 And they assembled all the congregation on the first of the second month. And they declared their births according to their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, by their heads.

19 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born, their generations by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, by their heads, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

21 those numbered of them for the tribe of Reuben *were* forty-six thousand and five hundred.

22 Of the sons of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, his numbered ones in the number of names, by their heads, every male from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

23 those numbered of them for the tribe of Simeon *were* fifty-nine thousand and three hundred.

24 Of the sons of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

25 those numbered of them for the tribe of Gad *were* forty-five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the sons of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

27 those numbered of them for the tribe of Judah *were* seventy-four thousand and six hundred.

28 Of the sons of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

29 those numbered of them for the tribe of Issachar *were* fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

30 Of the sons of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

31 those numbered of them for the tribe of Zebulun *were* fifty-seven thousand and four hundred.

32 Of the sons of Joseph, of the sons of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

33 those numbered of them for the tribe of Ephraim *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

34 Of the sons of Manasseh, their generations, by their families by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

35 those numbered of them for the tribe of Manasseh *were* thirty-two thousand and two hundred.

36 Of the sons of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

37 those numbered of them for the tribe of Benjamin *were* thirty-five thousand and four hundred.

38 Of the sons of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

39 those numbered of them for the tribe of Dan *were* sixty-two thousand and seven hundred.

40 Of the sons of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of

twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

41 those numbered of them for the tribe of Asher *were* forty-one thousand and five hundred.

42 Of the sons of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' house, in the number of names, from a son of twenty years and upward, everyone able to go out to war:

43 those numbered of them for the tribe of Naphtali *were* fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

44 ¶ These *were* numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the rulers of Israel being twelve men; they were *each* man of his father's house.

45 And all those numbered of the sons of Israel by their fathers' house, from a son of twenty years and upward, all able to go out to war in Israel;

46 even all those that *were* numbered were six hundred and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 ¶ But the Levites, according to the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them.

48 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

49 However, you shall not number the tribe of Levi, and you shall not *count* their heads among the sons of Israel.

50 But you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furniture, and over all which *is* to it. They shall lift up the tabernacle, and all its furniture. And they shall serve it, and shall encamp around the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle goes forward, the Levites shall take it down. And when the tabernacle is to be encamped, the Levites shall set it up. And the stranger that draws near shall die.

52 And the sons of Israel shall encamp their tents, *each* man with his own camp, and *each* man with his own standard, according to their armies.

53 But the Levites shall encamp around the tabernacle of the testimony, that there be no wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel. And the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony.

54 And the sons of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so they did.

Numbers 2

The order of the tribes in their tents.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 The sons of Israel shall encamp by their fathers' house, every man with his own standard, according to the standards. They shall encamp around the tabernacle of the congregation, afar off.

3 ¶ And those who encamp on the east side, toward the sunrising, are of the standard of Judah's camp, according to their armies, the ruler of the sons of Judah being Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

4 And his army and those numbered of them were seventy-four thousand and six hundred.

5 And those encamping next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar; the ruler of the sons of Issachar being Nethaneel the son of Zuar;

6 and his army, and those numbered of them were fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

7 And the tribe of Zebulun; the ruler of the sons of Zebulun being Eliab the son of Helon.

8 And his army, and those numbered of them were fifty-seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All numbered of the camp of Judah were a hundred and eighty-six thousand and four hundred, by their armies. They shall set forth first.

10 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies; the ruler of the sons of Reuben being Elizur the son of Shedeur.

11 And his army, and those numbered of it were forty-six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those that encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon; the ruler of the sons of Simeon being Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

13 And his army, and those numbered of them were fifty-nine thousand and three hundred.

14 And the tribe of Gad; the ruler of the sons of Gad being Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

15 And his army, and those numbered of them were forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty.

16 All numbered of the camp of Reuben were a hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty according to their armies. And they shall pull out second.

17 And the camp of the Levites, with the tabernacle of the congregation, shall pull out in the middle of the camps. As they encamp, so they shall pull out, each man in his place, by their standards.

18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies; the ruler of the sons of Ephraim being Elishama the son of Ammihud.

19 And his army, and those numbered of them were forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh; the ruler of the sons of Manasseh, being Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his army, and those numbered of them were thirty-two thousand and two hundred.

22 And the tribe of Benjamin; the ruler of the sons of Benjamin being Abidan the son of Gideon.

23 And his army, and those numbered of them were thirty-five thousand and four hundred.

24 All numbered of the camp of Ephraim were a hundred and eight thousand and one hundred, according to their armies. And they shall pull out third.

25 On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan, according to their armies; the ruler of the sons of Dan being Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And his army, and those numbered of them were sixty-two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher; the ruler of the sons of Asher being Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his army, and those numbered of them were forty-one thousand and five hundred.

29 And the tribe of Naphtali; the ruler of the sons of Naphtali being Ahira the son of Enan.

30 And his army, and those numbered of them *were* fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

31 All numbered of the camp of Dan *were* a hundred and fifty-seven thousand and six hundred. They shall pull out last by their standards.

32 These *are* those numbered of the sons of Israel by their fathers' houses; all numbered of the camps according to their armies *were* six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbered among the sons of Israel, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

34 And the sons of Israel did according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses; so they encamped by their standards, and so they pulled out, *each* man according to his family, and according to the house of his father.

Numbers 3

1 The sons of Aaron. 5 The Levites are given to the priests for the service of the tabernacle. 21 The families, number, and charge of the Gershonites, Kohathites, 33 Merarites. 40 The first-born are freed by the Levites.

1 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day of the speaking of Jehovah with Moses in Mount Sinai.

2 And these *are* the names of Aaron's sons: Nadab, the first-born; and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 These *are* the names of Aaron's sons, the anointed priests whose hands he consecrated to act as priests.

4 And Nadab and Abihu died before Jehovah in the wilderness of Sinai, for bringing strange fire before Jehovah. And they had no sons. And Eleazar and Ithamar acted as priests in the presence of their father Aaron.

5 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and you shall cause it to stand before Aaron the priest. And they shall serve him,

7 and keep his charge, and the charge of all the congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the vessels of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the

charge of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his son. Giving they shall be given to him out of the sons of Israel.

10 And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood. And the stranger who comes near shall die.

11 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel in the place of every first-born opening a womb from the sons of Israel; and the Levites have become Mine.

13 For every first-born is Mine, from the day I struck every first-born in the land of Egypt, I have set apart to Myself every first-born in Israel, from men to animal. They are Mine. I *am* Jehovah.

14 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the sons of Levi by their families, by their fathers' house. You shall number every male from a son of a month and upward.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the command of Jehovah, as he had been commanded.

17 And these *are* the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath, by their families: Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These *were* the families of the Levites by their fathers' houses.

21 Of Gershon *is* the Libnite family, and the Shimite family. These *were* the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a son of a month and upward, even those numbered of them *were* seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites were to pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 The ruler of the fathers' house of the Gershonites *was* Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 And the duty of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation was the

tabernacle, and the tent, and its coverings, and the veil at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation;

26 and the hangings of the court, and the veil at the door of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar all around, and its cords, to all its service.

27 And of Kohath *was* the Amramite family, and the Izharite family, of the Hebronite family, and the Uzzielite family. These *were* the families of the Kohathites.

28 In number, all the males, from a son of a month and upward *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keepers of the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath were to encamp on the side of the tabernacle southward;

30 The ruler of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites *being* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 And their charge was the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the veil, and all its service.

32 Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was ruler over the rulers of the Levites, and had the oversight of those that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari *was* the Mahlite family and the Mushite family. These *were* the families of Merari.

34 And those numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a son of a month and upward *were* six thousand and two hundred.

35 The ruler of the fathers' house of the families of Merari *was* Zurriel the son of Abihail. They were to pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 The appointed duty of the sons of Merari being the boards of the tabernacle and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its vessels, and all its service;

37 and the pillars of the court all around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 And those that were to encamp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tabernacle of the congregation, toward the sunrising, *were* Moses, and Aaron, and his

sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the sons of Israel. And the stranger who goes near shall die.

39 All numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the mouth of Jehovah, by their families, all the males from a son of a month and upward *were* twenty-two thousand.

40 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Number every first-born male of the sons of Israel from a son of a month and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And you shall take the Levites for Me, I *am* Jehovah, instead of every first-born among the sons of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of every firstling among the livestock of the sons of Israel.

42 And Moses numbered as Jehovah commanded him, all the first-born among the sons of Israel.

43 And all the first-born males according to the number of names, from a son of a month and upward, of those numbered of them *were* twenty-two thousand, two hundred and seventy-three.

44 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 45 Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle. And the Levites shall be Mine; I *am* Jehovah.

46 And from those redeemed of the two hundred and seventy three who are more than the Levites, of the first-born of the sons of Israel,

47 you shall even take five shekels apiece, by the head; you shall take by the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs to the shekel.

48 And you shall give the silver to Aaron, and to his sons, of the redeemed over and above among them.

49 And Moses shall take the redemption silver from those that are over and above those that were redeemed by the Levites,

50 from the first-born of the sons of Israel he shall take the silver, a thousand, three hundred and sixty-five by the sanctuary shekel.

51 And Moses shall give the silver of those redeemed to Aaron and to his sons, according to Jehovah's command, as Jehovah has commanded Moses.

Numbers 4

1 The age and time of the Levites' service. 4 The duties of the Kohathites when moving. 16 The charge of Eleazar. 17 The office of the priests. 21 The duties of the Gershonites, Merarites.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Lift the heads of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses,

3 from a son of thirty years and upward, even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the service, to do work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, the Holy of Holies.

5 Aaron and his sons shall come in, when the camp pulls up *stakes*, and shall take down the veil of the hanging, and shall cover the ark of the testimony with it.

6 And he shall put a covering of dugong skins on it, and shall spread a garment entirely of blue on top, and shall put in its staves.

7 And they shall spread a blue cloth on the table of the *Bread of the Presence*, and shall put its dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and the cups of the drink offering, and the continual bread on it.

8 And they shall spread a cloth of scarlet over them, and shall cover it with a covering of dugong skin, and shall put in its staves.

9 And he shall take a blue cloth and shall cover the lampstand of the lamp, and its lights, and its tongs, and its firepans, and all its oil vessels with which they minister to it.

10 And they shall put it and all its vessels into a covering of dugong skin, and shall put it on the bar.

11 And they shall spread a blue cloth on the golden altar, and shall cover it with a covering of dugong skin, and shall put in its staves.

12 And they shall take all the vessels of ministry with which they minister in the sanctuary, and shall put them into a blue cloth, and shall cover them with a cover-

ing of dugong skin, and shall put them on the bar.

13 And they shall remove the ashes of the altar, and shall spread over it a purple cloth;

14 and shall put on it all its vessels with which they minister around it, the fire-pans, the hooks, and the shovels, and the bowls, all the vessels of the altar. And *they* shall spread a covering of dugong skin on it, and shall put in its staves.

15 And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary, and all the sanctuary vessels as the camp pulls up *stakes*, then afterward the sons of Kohath shall come to bear. And they shall not touch the holy thing, that they may not die. These *are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

16 And the oversight of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* the oil of the lamp, and the sweet incense, and the continual food offering, and the anointing oil. He shall oversee all the tabernacle, and all that is in it, in the sanctuary, and its furniture.

17 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

18 Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites.

19 But do this to them, and they shall live and not die as they draw near the Holy of Holies. Aaron and his sons shall go in, and shall appoint them *each* man to his service, and to his burden.

20 And they shall not go in to see when the holy thing is covered, that they may not die.

21 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

22 Lift the heads of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' house, by their families,

23 from a son of thirty years and upward, you shall number them, until a son of fifty years, all that enter to wait on the service, to serve in the tabernacle of the congregation.

24 This is the service of the families of the Gershonites in serving and in bearing burdens.

25 They shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, its covering, and the covering of dugong skins that is on its top, and the

screen for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation;

26 and the curtains of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court by the tabernacle and by the altar all around, and their cords, and all the vessels of their service, and whatever there *is* to do with them; in this they shall serve.

27 At the mouth of Aaron, and of his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, and all their burden, and all their service. And you shall lay a charge on them concerning the duty of all their burden.

28 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tabernacle of the congregation; and their charge *is* under the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.

29 You shall number the sons of Merari by their families, by their fathers' house,

30 from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years you shall number them, everyone who is going into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

31 And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation: the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars and its pillars and its sockets,

32 and the pillars of the court all around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, of all their vessels, and of all their service. And you shall number the vessels of the charge of their burden by name.

33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, for all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.

34 ¶ And Moses and Aaron and the ruler of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' house,

35 from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years, everyone who is going into the service, for work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

36 Their numbered ones, by their families, were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These *were* those numbered of the Kohathite families, everyone who is serving in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the mouth of Jehovah, by Moses' hand.

38 And those numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families, and by their fathers' house,

39 from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years, and everyone who is going into the service, for work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

40 even those numbered of them, by their families, by their father's house *were* two thousand six hundred and thirty.

41 These *were* those numbered of the families of Gershon, everyone who is serving in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the mouth of Jehovah.

42 And those numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' house,

43 from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years, everyone who is going into the service, for work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

44 even their numbered ones by their families *were* three thousand and two hundred.

45 These *were* those numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the mouth of Jehovah, by Moses' hand.

46 All those numbered, whom Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel numbered, of the Levites, by their families, and by their fathers' house,

47 from a son of thirty years and upward, even to a son of fifty years, everyone who is going in to do the work of the service, even the service of burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,

48 even their numbered ones were eight thousand five hundred and eighty;

49 *one* numbered them by the mouth of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses, *each* man according to his service, and according to his burden, even they were numbered by him, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

Numbers 5

1 *The unclean removed from camp. 5 Restitution is made in trespasses. 11 The trial of jealousy.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Command the sons of Israel, and they shall send every leper out of the camp, and everyone flowing, and everyone defiled by a dead body.

3 You shall send out from male and female. You shall send them to the outside of the camp. And they shall not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell.

4 And the sons of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp. As Jehovah spoke to Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

5 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Speak to the sons of Israel, man or woman, when they commit any of the sins of man, by acting unfaithfully an unfaithful act against Jehovah, and that person is guilty:

7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done. And he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add its fifth to it, and shall give *it* to him against whom he has been guilty.

8 And if a man has no kinsman to whom the guilt may be restored, the guilt which is restored *shall be* Jehovah's, a priest's, besides the ram of the atonement by which he makes atonement for him.

9 And every heave offering of all the holy things of the sons of Israel which they bring to the priest shall be his.

10 And a man, *any* man's dedicated things shall become his, that which *any* man gives to the priest becomes his.

11 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

12 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When a man, *any* man's wife goes astray, and has acted unfaithfully against him,

13 and a man lying *with her with emission* of semen, and it has been hidden from her husband's eyes, and is kept hidden, and she is defiled, and *there is* no other witness against her, and she has not been caught;

14 and a spirit of jealousy has passed over him, and he has become jealous of his wife, and she has been defiled. Or, a spirit of jealousy has passed over him, and he has

become jealous of his wife, and she has not become defiled:

15 even the man shall bring his wife in to the priest, and he shall bring in her offering for her, a tenth of an ephah of barley meal. He shall not pour oil on it, nor shall he put frankincense on it, for it *is* a food offering of jealousy, a food offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and shall cause her to stand before Jehovah.

17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel. And the priest shall take of the dust which is on the tabernacle floor, and shall put *it* into the water.

18 And the priest shall cause the woman to stand before Jehovah, and shall uncover the woman's head, and shall give into her hand the food offering of memorial; it is a food offering of jealousy; and in the priest's hand shall be the bitter waters which cause the curse.

19 And the priest shall cause her to swear and shall say to the woman, If no man has lain with you, and if you have not turned aside *to* impurity under your husband, be free from these bitter waters which cause the curse.

20 And you, if you have turned aside under your husband, and if you have been defiled, and any man besides your husband has given his semen to you,

21 then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say to the woman: Jehovah shall make you a curse and an oath among your people, when Jehovah makes your thigh to fall away, and your belly to swell,

22 And these waters which cause the curse shall go into your bowels to cause the belly to swell, and the thigh to fall. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and shall blot *them* with the bitter waters.

24 And *he* shall cause the woman to drink the bitter waters which cause the curse. And the waters which cause the curse shall enter into her for bitter things.

25 And the priest shall take the food offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the food offering before Jehovah, and shall bring it near to the altar.

26 And the priest shall take a handful of the food offering, its memorial, and shall burn *it* as incense on the altar. And afterward *he* shall cause the woman to drink the waters.

27 And when he shall cause her to drink the waters, then it shall be, if she has been defiled and has acted unfaithfully an unfaithful act against her husband, the waters which cause the curse shall go into her for bitter things; and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away, and the woman shall become a curse in the midst of her people.

28 And if the woman has not been defiled, and is pure, then she shall be clean and shall conceive seed.

29 This *is* the law of jealousies when a wife turns aside under her husband, and has been defiled;

30 or of a man when a spirit of jealousy passes over a man, and he has become jealous of his wife, then he shall cause the woman to stand before Jehovah, and the priest shall do to her all this law;

31 and the man shall be clean from sin, and the woman shall bear her iniquity.

Numbers 6

1 *The law of the Nazarites.* 22 *The form of blessing the people.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Speak to the sons of Israel and you shall say to them, When a man or a woman shall vow a vow, the vow of a Nazarite to be separated to Jehovah:

3 He shall separate from wine and fermented liquor; he shall not drink vinegar of wine or vinegar of fermented liquor; he shall not drink any juice of the grapes; and he shall not eat dry or moist grapes.

4 All the days of his separation he shall not eat from all that is made of the vine, from pressed grapes, even to the stem.

5 All the days of the vow of his separation, a razor shall not pass over his head; he shall be holy until all the days are fulfilled which he has separated to Jehovah. He shall allow the locks of the hair of his head to grow long.

6 All the days of his separation to Jehovah he shall not go near a person who died.

7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, or for his brother, or for his sister, at their death; because his separation to his God *is* on his head.

8 All the days of his separation he *shall be* holy to Jehovah.

9 And if any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he shall shave it.

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two sons of doves to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

11 And the priest shall prepare one for a sin offering, and one for a burnt offering, and shall atone for him, because he sinned over the dead body. And he shall dedicate his head on that day.

12 And he shall separate to Jehovah the days of his consecration, and shall bring a he-lamb, a son of a year, for a guilt offering. But the former days shall be void, for his separation was defiled.

13 And this *is* the law of the Nazarite: when the days of his separation are fulfilled, bring him in to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

14 and he shall offer his offering to Jehovah, one he-lamb, a son of a year, without blemish, for a burnt offering; and one she-lamb, a son of a year, without blemish, for a sin offering; and one ram, without blemish, for a peace offering;

15 and a basket of unleavened cakes of flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their food offering, and their drink offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring *them* before Jehovah, and shall offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.

17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offering to Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened *cakes*. And the priest shall offer its food offering and its drink offering.

18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation and

shall put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.

19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder from the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* on the palms of the Nazarite after he has shaved his separation.

20 And the priest shall wave them, a wave offering before Jehovah. It *is* holy to the priest, besides the breast of the wave offering, and besides the leg of the heave offering. And afterward the Nazarite shall drink wine.

21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who vows his offering to Jehovah for his separation, besides that which his hand may get. According to his vow which he vows, so he shall do by the law of his separation.

22 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

23 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, In this way you shall bless the sons of Israel, saying to them:

24 Jehovah bless you and keep you;

25 Jehovah cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you;

26 Jehovah lift up His face to you, and give you peace.

27 So they shall put My name on the sons of Israel, and I Myself will bless them.

Numbers 7

1 The offering of the rulers of the dedication of the tabernacle. 10 Their many offerings. 89 God speaks to Moses from the mercy seat.

1 ¶ And it happened on the day that Moses finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it, and sanctified it, and all its vessels, and the altar and all its vessels. And he anointed them and sanctified them.

2 And the rulers of Israel, the chiefs of their fathers' houses offered. These *were* the rulers of the tribes, these *were* they that stood over the numbered ones.

3 And they brought their offerings before Jehovah, six covered wagons and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the rulers, for each one an ox. And they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

5 Take *it* from them, that they may be used to do the service of the tabernacle of

the congregation. And you shall give them to the Levites, to *each* man according to his service.

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites.

7 He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of Gershon, according to their service.

8 And he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Merari, according to their service under Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But he did not give any to the sons of Kohath, because the service of the holy things belonged to them. They bore them on their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the rulers brought the dedication offering of the altar in the day it was anointed. And the rulers brought near their offering before the altar.

11 And Jehovah said to Moses, They shall bring their offering, one to the day, one ruler to the day, for the dedication of the altar.

12 And he who brought his offering the first day *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

13 his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

14 one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense;

15 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, the son of a year, for a burnt offering;

16 one he-goat of the goats for a sin offering;

17 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 In the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, ruler of Issachar, offered;

19 he brought for his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering,

20 one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense;

21 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

22 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

23 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliab the son of Helon ruler of the sons of Zebulun:

25 his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

26 one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense;

27 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

28 one male of the goats for a sin offering.

29 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, the ruler of the sons of Reuben offered.

31 His offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

32 one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense;

33 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

34 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

35 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, ruler of the sons of Simeon:

37 his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

38 one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense;

39 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

40 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

41 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, ruler of the sons of Gad:

43 his offering was one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

44 one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense;

45 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

46 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

47 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, ruler of the sons of Ephraim offered;

49 his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

50 one golden pan of ten shekels full of incense;

51 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

52 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

53 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Elishama, the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, ruler of the sons of Manasseh offered;

55 his offering *was* one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin of seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

56 one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense

57 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

58 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

59 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, ruler of the sons of Benjamin *offered*:

61 his offering *was* one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

62 one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense;

63 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

64 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

65 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, ruler of the sons of Dan *offered*:

67 his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

68 one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense;

69 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

70 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

71 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, ruler of the sons of Asher *offered*:

73 his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of*

seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

74 one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense;

75 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

76 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

77 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, ruler of the sons of Naphtali *offered*:

79 his offering: one silver dish, its weight a hundred and thirty, one silver basin *of* seventy shekels according to the sanctuary shekel, both of them full of flour mixed with oil for a food offering;

80 one golden pan *of* ten shekels full of incense;

81 one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb, a son of a year, for a burnt offering;

82 one male of the goats for a sin offering;

83 and for the sacrifice of the peace offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs, sons of a year. This *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This *was* the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, at the hand of the rulers of Israel: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver basins, twelve golden pans;

85 each silver dish a hundred and thirty in weight, and each basin seventy; all the silver of the vessels *was* two thousand and four hundred *shekels* by the sanctuary shekel;

86 twelve golden pans full of incense, ten to this and ten to that pan, according to the sanctuary shekel; all the gold of the pans *was* a hundred and twenty.

87 All the livestock for the burnt offering, twelve bulls, twelve rams, twelve he-lambs, sons of a year, and their food offering; and the twelve males of the goats for a sin offering;

88 and all the animals for the sacrifice of the peace offering, twenty-four bulls, sixty rams, sixty he-goats, sixty he-lambs, sons

of a year. This *was* the dedication of the altar after it was anointed.

89 And when Moses went into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from the mercy seat which is on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubs; and He spoke to him.

Numbers 8

1 The lighting of the lamps. 5 The consecration of the Levites. 23 Age and time of their service.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to Aaron and say to him, When you go up *with* the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in the front of the lampstand.

3 And Aaron did so. He went up *with* its lamps in front of the lampstand, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

4 And this *was* the work of the lampstand: hammered work of gold to its base, and to its flowers; it was hammered work, according to the pattern which Jehovah caused Moses to see. So he made the lampstand.

5 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel and cleanse them.

7 And thus you will do to them to cleanse them: sprinkle water of sin offering on them. And they shall make a razor pass over all their flesh and wash their garments and cleanse themselves.

8 And they shall take a bull, a son of the herd, and its food offering, flour mixed with oil, and a second bull, a son of the herd, you shall take for a sin offering.

9 And you shall bring near the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall assemble all the company of the sons of Israel.

10 And you shall bring the Levites before Jehovah; and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites.

11 And Aaron shall wave the Levites as a wave offering before Jehovah, from the sons of Israel, that they shall be doing service *at* the service of Jehovah.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands on the head of the bulls. And you shall offer the one *for* a sin offering, and one a

burnt offering to Jehovah, to atone for the Levites.

13 And you shall cause the Levites to stand before Aaron and before his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering to Jehovah.

14 And you shall separate the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel, and the Levites shall become Mine.

15 And afterward the Levites shall come in to serve the tabernacle of the congregation; and you shall cleanse them, and shall wave them, a wave offering.

16 For they *are* wholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel; instead of the one who opens any womb, the first-born of all, from the sons of Israel. I have taken them to Myself.

17 For every first-born among the sons of Israel among man and among animal, *is* Mine. I set them apart for Myself in the day I struck every first-born in the land of Egypt.

18 And I take the Levites instead of every first-born among the sons of Israel.

19 And I have given the Levites *as gifts* to Aaron and to his sons from the midst of the sons of Israel to serve in the service of the sons of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to atone for the sons of Israel, and there shall not be a plague for the sons of Israel through the sons of Israel's drawing near to the sanctuary.

20 And Moses and Aaron, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel, did to the Levites according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites; so the sons of Israel did to them.

21 And the Levites cleansed themselves, and washed their garments. And Aaron waved them as a wave offering before Jehovah; and Aaron atoned for them, to cleanse them.

22 And afterward the Levites went in to serve at their service in the tabernacle of the congregation, before Aaron and before his sons; as Jehovah commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

24 This *is* that which *pertains* to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward he shall go in to serve for service, and the works of the tabernacle of the congregation.

25 And from a son of fifty years they shall return from the service of the work, and shall not serve any more.

26 But he shall serve with his brothers in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge; only he shall not serve at a service. So you shall do to the Levites concerning their charge.

Numbers 9

1 The Passover is commanded again. 6 A second Passover allowed for them that were unclean or absent. 15 The cloud guides the movings and encampings of the Israelites.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Also the sons of Israel shall prepare the Passover in its appointed season.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, between the evenings, you shall prepare it according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances.

4 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel to prepare the Passover.

5 And they prepared the Passover in the first month on the fourteenth day of the month, between the evenings, in the wilderness of Sinai, according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

6 And there were men who had been defiled by the body of a man, and they had not been able to prepare the Passover on that day. And they came near before Moses, and before Aaron on that day.

7 And those men said to him, *We are* defiled by the body of a man. Why are we restrained so as not to be able to offer the offering of Jehovah in its appointed season, in the midst of the sons of Israel?

8 And Moses said to them, You stand, so that I may hear what Jehovah will command concerning you.

9 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, if *any* man, a man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a body, or be in a distant journey, yet he shall keep the Passover to Jehovah.

11 In the second month, on the fourteenth day at dusk, they shall keep it; they shall eat it *with* unleavened *cakes* and bitter herbs;

12 they shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it. According to all the statutes of the Passover, they shall keep it.

13 But the man that *is* clean, and is not on a journey, and has failed to prepare the Passover, even that person shall be cut off from his people, because he did not bring the offering of Jehovah in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if an alien shall sojourn with you, and desires to keep the Passover to Jehovah, he shall do according to the statute of the Passover, and according to its ordinance. You shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.

15 ¶ And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tabernacle of the testimony. And at evening there was on the tabernacle the appearance of fire, until morning.

16 so it was always; the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, then after that the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes*; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the sons of Israel encamped.

18 By the mouth of Jehovah the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes*; and by the mouth of Jehovah they encamped. All the days that the cloud remained over the tabernacle, they remained in camp.

19 And when the cloud tarried over the tabernacle many days, then the sons of Israel kept the charge of Jehovah, and did not pull up *stakes*.

20 And when the cloud was over the tabernacle many days, by the mouth of Jehovah they encamped, and by the mouth of Jehovah they pulled up *stakes*.

21 And so when the cloud was *there* from evening until morning, when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they pulled up *stakes*. Whether by day or by night, when the cloud was taken up, then they pulled up *stakes*.

22 Whether two days, or a month, or days, when the cloud was prolonged over

the tabernacle, to remain over it, the sons of Israel remained in camp, and did not pull up *stakes*. And when it was lifted up, they pulled up *stakes*.

23 By the mouth of Jehovah they encamped, and by the mouth of Jehovah they pulled up *stakes*. They kept the charge of Jehovah, by the mouth of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses.

Numbers 10

1 The use of the silver trumpets. 11 The Israelites go from Sinai to Paran.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Make two trumpets of silver for yourself. You shall make them of hammered work, and they shall be to you for the calling of the congregation, and for causing the camps to pull up *stakes*.

3 And when they blow with them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow with one, then the rulers, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall assemble to you.

5 And when you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall then pull up.

6 And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall pull up *stakes*; they shall blow an alarm for their breakings *of camp*.

7 But when the assembly is gathered, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets. And they shall be to you for a never-ending statute throughout your generations.

9 And when you go into battle in your land against the adversary oppressing you, then you shall blow with the trumpets, and you shall be remembered before Jehovah your God. And you shall be saved from your enemies.

10 And in the day of your gladness, and in your appointed times, and in your new moons, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. And they shall be to you for a memorial before your God. I am Jehovah your God.

11 ¶ And it happened in the second year, in the second month, in the twentieth of the month, the cloud went up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* in their breakings *of camp* from the wilderness of Sinai. And the cloud stayed *on it* in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they pulled up *stakes* first at the mouth of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses.

14 And in the front, the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah pulled up *stakes*, by their armies. And over its army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down, and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari pulled up *stakes*, bearing the tabernacle.

18 And the standard of the camp of Reuben pulled up *stakes*, by their armies. And over its army was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Gad was Eliasaph son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites pulled up *stakes*, bearing the sanctuary. And *others* raised up the tabernacle while they came.

22 And the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim pulled up *stakes*, by their armies. And over its army was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 And the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan pulled up *stakes*, to the rear of all the camps, by their armies. And over its army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

28 These *were* the breakings of camp of the sons of Israel according to their armies. And they pulled up *stakes*.

29 ¶ And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We *are* pulling up *stakes* to go to the place of which Jehovah has said, I will give it to you. Go with us, and we will do good to you; for Jehovah has spoken good concerning Israel.

30 And he said to him, I shall not go, but I shall go to my land and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Please do not forsake us, because you know *as to how* we encamp in the wilderness, and you shall be to us for eyes.

32 And it shall be when you go with us; yea, it shall be that what good Jehovah shall do to us, we shall do good to you.

33 And they pulled up *stakes* from the mount of Jehovah three days' journey. And the ark of the covenant of Jehovah pulled out before them, three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.

34 And the cloud of Jehovah *was* on them by day as they pulled up *stakes* from the camp.

35 And it happened when the ark pulled out, Moses said, Rise, O Jehovah, and Your enemies shall be scattered, and those hating You shall flee from Your presence.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O Jehovah, *to* the myriads of the thousands of Israel.

Numbers 11

1 *The burning at Taberah quenched by Moses' prayer.* 4 *The people lust for flesh, and loath manna.* 10 *Moses complains of his charge.* 16 *God divides his burden among seventy elders.* 31 *Quails are given in wrath.*

1 ¶ And the people *were* evil, as those complaining in the ears of Jehovah was hot, and the fire of Jehovah burned among them and devoured in the *extreme* edge of the camp.

2 And the people cried to Moses, and Moses prayed to Jehovah, and the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of that place Taberah, because the fire of Jehovah burned among them.

4 ¶ And the mixed multitude among them lusted *with a great* lust; and the sons of Israel also turned back and wept, and said, Who shall cause us to eat flesh?

5 We remember the fish that we ate in Egypt for nothing; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic;

6 and now our soul withers. There is nothing except this manna *before* our eyes.

7 And the manna *was* like coriander seed, and its look like the look of bdellium resin gum.

8 And the people went around and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat *it* in mortars, and boiled *it* in a pan, and made it into cakes. And its taste was like the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew came down on the camp by night, the manna came down on it.

10 And Moses heard the people weeping by its families, *each* man at the door of his tent; and the anger of Jehovah was exceedingly hot, and in the eyes of Moses *it was* evil.

11 And Moses said to Jehovah, Why have You done evil to Your servant; and why have I not found grace in Your eyes to put the burden of all this people on me?

12 I, have I conceived all this people? I, have I begotten it, that You say to me, Bear it in your bosom as the foster father bears the suckling, to the land which You have sworn to its fathers?

13 *Where* shall I get flesh to give to all this people? For they weep to me, saying, Give to us flesh that we may eat.

14 I am not able, I alone, to bear all this people, for *it is* too heavy for me;

15 and if You deal thus with me, I pray quickly kill me, if I have found grace in Your eyes, and let me not look on my affliction.

16 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Assemble to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you have known that they are elders of the people, and its officers. And you shall take them to the tabernacle of the congregation; and they shall station themselves there with you.

17 And I shall come down and speak with you there; and I will take of the spirit which is upon you, and will put *it* on them; and they will bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear *it* yourself alone.

18 And you shall say to the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat flesh. For you have wept in the ears of Jehovah, saying, Who shall give us flesh, for we *had* good in Egypt? And Jehovah shall give flesh to you, and you shall eat.

19 You shall not eat one day, and not two days, and not five days, and not ten days, and not twenty days;

20 *but* to a month of days, until it it comes up out of your nostrils, and it shall become to you a loathsome thing, because you have despised Jehovah who is in your midst, and weep before Him, saying, Why *is it* that we have come out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people in whose midst I *am are* six hundred thousand footmen; and You, You have said, I shall give flesh to them, and they shall eat a month of days.

22 Shall flock and herd be slaughtered for them, so one may find for them? Are all the fish in the sea to be gathered for them, that *one* may find for them?

23 And Jehovah said to Moses, Is the hand of Jehovah shortened? Now you shall see whether My Word shall come to pass to you or not.

24 ¶ And Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Jehovah and gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and caused them to stand around the tabernacle.

25 And Jehovah came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took of the spirit which was on him, and put *it* on the seventy men of the elders. And it happened, as the spirit rested on them, that they prophesied, but they did not continue.

26 And two of the men were left in the camp, the name of the one being Eldad, and the name of the second Medad; and the spirit rested on them, and they *were* among those written, but did not go out to the tabernacle. And they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, minister to Moses, of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, stop them.

29 And Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that *it* was given to

all people *to be* Jehovah's prophets, that Jehovah would put His spirit on them!

30 And Moses withdrew into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 ¶ And a wind went forth from Jehovah and cut off quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as a day's journey here, and as a day's journey there, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the land.

32 And the people rose up all that day, and all that night, and the day after, and gathered the quails; he who had least had gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves around the camp.

33 The flesh was yet between their teeth, it was not yet cut off, and the anger of Jehovah was hot among the people. And Jehovah struck among the people with a very great plague.

34 And one called the name of that place, The Graves of Lust; for there they buried the people who lusted.

35 From the Graves of Lust the people pulled up *stakes* to go to Hazeroth, and they remained in Hazeroth.

Numbers 12

1 God rebukes the sedition of Miriam and Aaron.

10 Miriam's leprosy is punishment. 14 God commands her to be shut out of the camp.

1 ¶ And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses, because of the Cushite woman whom he had taken. For he had taken a Cushite woman.

2 And they said, Has Jehovah spoken only by Moses? Has He not also spoken by us? And Jehovah heard.

3 And the man Moses was very meek, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.

4 ¶ And Jehovah said suddenly to Moses, and to Aaron, and to Miriam, You three come out to the tabernacle of the congregation. And the three of them came out.

5 And Jehovah came down in the pillar of the cloud and stood at the tabernacle door, and called Aaron and Miriam. And both of them came out.

6 And He said, Now hear My words, If your prophet is of Jehovah, I will make

Myself seen by him in an appearance; I will speak to him in a dream.

7 It is not so with My servant Moses! He is faithful in all My house.

8 I speak to him mouth to mouth, and by an appearance, and not in riddles; and he looks upon the form of Jehovah. So why have you not been afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses?

9 And the anger of Jehovah was hot against them, and He left.

10 ¶ And the cloud turned away from the tent. And, behold Miriam *was* leprous as snow! And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous!

11 And Aaron said to Moses, Oh my lord, please do not lay sin upon us, by which we have done foolishly, and by which we have sinned.

12 Please do not let her be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried to Jehovah, saying, O God, I pray, please heal her.

14 And Jehovah said to Moses, If spitting her father had but spat in her face, should she not be humiliated seven days? She shall be shut out seven days at the outside of the camp, and afterward she shall be brought in.

15 And Miriam was shut out at the outside of the camp seven days, and the people did not pull up *stakes* until Miriam was brought in.

16 And afterward the people pulled up *stakes* from Hazeroth, and they encamped in the wilderness of Paran.

Numbers 13

1 The names of the men who were sent to search the land. 17 Their instructions. 21 Their acts.

26 Their relation.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Send men for you, and they shall spy out the land of Canaan which I am giving to the sons of Israel; you shall send one man for the tribe of his fathers, one man, every one a leader among them.

3 And by the command of Jehovah Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran: they *were* all of them men, heads of the sons of Israel.

4 And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

5 of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

6 of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

7 of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

8 of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun;

9 of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

10 of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

11 of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;

12 of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

13 of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

14 of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

15 of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, You go up this *way* into the Negeb, and go up *into* the hills;

18 and you shall see the land, what it *is*, and the people who are living on it, whether it is strong, whether it *is* weak; whether it *is* few or many;

19 and what the land *is* in which they live, whether good or bad; and what *are* the cities in which they live, whether in camps or in fortresses;

20 and what the land *is*, whether it is fat or lean; whether wood is in it or not. And you shall make yourselves strong and shall take of the fruit of the land. And it *was* the days of the firstripe grapes.

21 ¶ And they went up and spied out the land, from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, coming to Hamath.

22 And they went up into the Negeb, and came to Hebron. And Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the sons of Anak, *were* there. And Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan *in* Egypt.

23 And they came in to the valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch

and one cluster of grapes. And they bore it on a staff by two; also of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the sons of Israel cut from there.

25 And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days.

26 ¶ And they went and came in to Moses and to Aaron, and to all the tabernacle of the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh. And they brought them and all the congregation word, and made them see the fruit of the land.

27 And they reported to him and said, We came to the land where you sent us, and indeed it *is* flowing with milk and honey; and this is its fruit.

28 But the people that live in the land *are* fierce, and the cities *are* walled up, very great. And also we have seen the children of Anak there.

29 Amalek lives in the land of the Negeb, and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite live in the hills. And the Canaanite is living by the sea, and beside the Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, We will certainly go up, and we will seize it, for we are well able *to do* it.

31 And the men who had gone up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, for it *is* stronger than we.

32 And they sent out an evil report of the land which they had spied out to the sons of Israel, saying, The land into which we passed, to spy it out, *is* a land eating up *those* living *in it*. And all the people we saw in its midst *were* men of stature.

33 And we saw the giants there, the sons of Anak, of the giants. and we were in our own eyes as grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes.

Numbers 14

1 The people murmur. 6 Joshua and Caleb try to quiet them. 26 The murmurers are deprived of entering the land. 36 The men who raised the evil report die of plague.

1 ¶ And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried; and the people wept during that night.

2 And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses, and against Aaron. And all the congregation said to them, Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt, or in this wilderness, oh that we had died!

3 And why is Jehovah bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our infants have become a prey. Is it not good for us to return to Egypt?

4 And they said *each* man to his brother, Let us give a head and return to Egypt.

5 ¶ And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.

6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who spied out the land, tore their garments.

7 And they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, The land into which we passed, to spy it out, *is* an exceedingly good land.

8 If Jehovah has delighted in us, then He will bring us into this land and will give it to us, a land which is flowing with milk and honey.

9 Only, do not rebel against Jehovah. And you, do not fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their defense has turned away from them; and Jehovah is with us; do not be afraid of them.

10 And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. And the glory of Jehovah appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation, to all the sons of Israel.

11 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Until when will this people despise Me? And until when will they continue not to believe in Me for all the signs I have done in its midst?

12 I shall strike it with pestilence and dispossess it. And I will make you a nation greater and mightier than it.

13 And Moses said to Jehovah, And the Egyptians will hear. For You have brought up this people out of their midst with Your power.

14 And they will say to the *one* living in this land, They have heard that You, Jehovah, *are* in the midst of this people, who is seen eye with eye. You *are* Jehovah, and Your cloud stands over them; in a pillar of cloud You go before them by day, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 And will You cause this people to die as one man? Then the nations who have heard Your fame will speak, saying,

16 Because Jehovah is not able to bring this people into the land which He swore to them, therefore He has slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, as You have spoken, saying,

18 Jehovah *is* slow to anger, and of great mercy, bearing away iniquity and transgression; and by no means will clear *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the sons, on the third and on the fourth *generation*.

19 I pray, forgive the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of Your mercy, and as You have gone with this people from Egypt, even until now.

20 ¶ And Jehovah said, I have forgiven according to your word;

21 but *as I live*, all the earth shall be filled *with the glory of Jehovah*;

22 for all the men who are seeing My glory, and My signs which I have done in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tried Me these ten times, and have not listened to My voice,

23 they shall not see the land which I have sworn to their fathers. Yea, not one of those scorning Me shall see it.

24 And My servant Caleb, because there is another spirit in him, and he is fully following Me, I shall bring him into the land into which he has gone, and his seed shall possess it.

25 And the Amalekite and the Canaanite were living in the valley. Tomorrow turn and pull up *stakes* for yourselves; *going* into the wilderness, the way of the Sea of Reeds.

26 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

27 Until when shall I bear *with* this evil company who *are* murmuring against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel which they *are* murmuring against Me.

28 Say to them, *As I live*, a statement of Jehovah, as surely as you have spoken in My ears, so I will do to you.

29 Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, even all your numbered ones, as to your whole number, from twenty years

old and upward, in that you have murmured against Me.

30 You shall certainly not come into the land which I lifted up My hand to cause you to live in it, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 As for your infants, of whom you have said, They shall be a prey, I shall bring them in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected.

32 As for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your sons shall be feeding in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your fornications until your carcasses are wasted in the wilderness;

34 by the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year; you shall bear your iniquities forty years; you shall know My alienation *from you*.

35 *I am* Jehovah; I have spoken. I shall do this to all this evil company who are gathered together against Me. They shall be brought to an end in this wilderness, and there they shall die.

36 ¶ And the men whom Moses had sent to spy out the land, and who, when they returned, made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land,

37 even those men bringing up an evil report of the land died by the plague before Jehovah.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men that went to spy out the land.

39 And Moses told these words to all the sons of Israel; and the people mourned deeply.

40 And they rose up early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Behold, we are here, and we will go up to the place which Jehovah has said, for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Why do you now transgress the mouth of Jehovah, since it will not prosper?

42 Do not go up, for Jehovah *is* not in your midst, that you will not be defeated by your enemies.

43 For the Amalekite and the Canaanite *are* there before you; and you shall fall by the sword because you have turned back from following Jehovah; and Jehovah is not with you.

44 And they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain, but the ark of the covenant of Jehovah and Moses did not leave the middle of the camp.

45 And the Amalekite and the Canaanite living in that mountain came down and struck them, and beat them down, to Hormah.

Numbers 15

1 The law of the food offering and the drink offering. 17 The law of the first of the dough for a heave offering. 22 The sacrifice for sin of ignorance. 32 He that violated the Sabbath is stoned.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have come to the land of your dwellings, which I am giving to you,

3 then you shall prepare a fire offering to Jehovah, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice, in fulfillment of a vow, or as a freewill offering, or in your appointed seasons, to make a soothing fragrance to Jehovah, out of the herd, or out of the flock.

4 And he who is bringing his offering to Jehovah shall bring near a food offering of flour, a tenth part, mixed with a fourth of a hin of oil;

5 and wine for a drink offering, a fourth of a hin you shall prepare for the burnt offering, or for a sacrifice, for the one lamb.

6 Or you shall prepare a food offering of flour for a ram, two tenth parts mixed with oil, a third of a hin;

7 and wine for a drink offering, a third part of a hin. You shall bring *it* near, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

8 And when you prepare a son of the herd for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice, in fulfillment of a vow, or peace offerings to Jehovah,

9 then he shall bring near for the son of the herd a food offering of flour, three tenth parts, mixed with oil, a half of a hin;

10 and you shall bring wine near for a drink offering, a half of a hin, *as* a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

11 So it shall be done for one ox, or for the one ram, or for a lamb of the sheep, or of the goats.

12 You shall prepare according to the number. So you shall do for everyone according to their number.

13 All that are native shall do these things in this way, in bringing in an offering made by fire, of a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

14 And if an alien lives with you, or whoever may be among you, throughout your generations, and desires to offer a fire offering of a soothing fragrance to Jehovah; as you do, so he shall do.

15 *As for* the congregation, there shall be one statute both for you and for the alien that lives *with you*, a never-ending statute throughout your generations; as you *are*, so shall the alien be before Jehovah.

16 There shall be one law and one ordinance both for you and for the alien that lives with you.

17 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

18 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land to which I bring you,

19 then it shall be that when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall lift up a heave offering to Jehovah.

20 You shall lift up a cake of the first of your dough as a heave offering; as the heave offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

21 You shall give of the first of your dough to Jehovah, a heave offering for your generations.

22 ¶ And when you shall err and shall not perform all these commands which Jehovah has spoken to Moses,

23 even all that Jehovah has commanded you by the hand of Moses from the day that Jehovah commanded, and onward for your generations;

24 and it shall be, if it be done in error by the congregation, in error, even all the congregation shall offer a son of the herd, one bull, for a burnt offering, for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah, and its food offering, and its drink offering, according to the ordinance; and one kid of the goats for a sin offering.

25 And the priest shall atone for all the congregation of the sons of Israel; and it shall be forgiven them. For it was in error, and they have brought their offering, a fire offering to Jehovah, and their sin offering before Jehovah for their error.

26 And all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and the alien that lives among them, shall be forgiven; for as to all the people, *it was in error.*

27 And if one person sins through error, then he shall bring a she-goat of the first year for a sin offering.

28 And the priest shall atone for the soul that errs when he sins through error before Jehovah to atone for him. And he shall be forgiven,

29 both the native among the sons of Israel, and the alien that lives among them; one law shall be to you for him who acts in error.

30 ¶ And the soul that does anything with a high hand, *whether* of a native or of the alien, the same blasphemes Jehovah. And that person shall be cut off from the midst of his people.

31 For he has despised the Word of Jehovah and has broken His command; cutting that soul shall be cut off; his iniquity shall be on him.

32 And while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath day.

33 And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation.

34 And they put him under guard; for it had not been declared what should be done to him.

35 And Jehovah said to Moses, Dying the man shall die; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones. And he died, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

38 Speak to the sons of Israel and you shall say to them that they shall make themselves fringes on the corners of their garments, for their generations. And they shall put a thread of blue with the fringe of each corner.

39 And it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look on it and remember all the commandments of Jehovah, and do them; and that you do not go about after your own heart and your own eyes after which you fornicate;

40 that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy to your God.

41 I *am* Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I *am* Jehovah your God.

Numbers 16

1 The rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

31 The earth swallows up Dathan and Abiram, and their families; 35 and a fire consumes 249 others in the rebellion of Korah. 37 their firepans made holy 41 Fourteen thousand and seven hundred are slain by plague for murmuring against Moses and Aaron. 46 Aaron stops the plague.

1 ¶ And Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took also Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben; 2 and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty rulers of the congregation, elect men of the assembly, men of name.

3 And they were assembled against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, You *take* too much! For all the congregation, all of them *are* holy, and Jehovah is among them. Why then do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of Jehovah?

4 And Moses heard and fell on his face.

5 And he spoke to Korah, and to all his company, saying, In the morning Jehovah will know who *are* His, and him who is holy, and shall cause him to come near Him; even him whom He may choose, He will cause to come near to Him.

6 Do this: take fire-pans for yourselves, Korah, and all his company,

7 and put fire in them, and put incense on them before Jehovah tomorrow; and it shall be, the man whom Jehovah chooses, he *shall be* the holy one. You take too much, sons of Levi!

8 And Moses said to Korah, Hear now, you sons of Levi,

9 is it but a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the

congregation of Israel to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of Jehovah, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them?

10 Yea, He has brought you near, and all your brothers, the sons of Levi, with you. And will you seek the priesthood also?

11 Therefore, you and all your company that have gathered against Jehovah, What is Aaron that you murmur against him?

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call for Dathan and for Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, We will not come up.

13 Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but must you seizing also seize dominion over us?

14 Yea, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, and given us inheritance in fields and vineyards; will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!

15 And Moses was very angry, and said to Jehovah, Do not respect their offering; I have not taken one ass from them, nor have I done evil to one of them.

16 And Moses said to Korah, You and all your company, you be there before Jehovah, you and they, and Aaron tomorrow.

17 And *each* man take his firepan, and you shall put incense on them, and shall offer before Jehovah, *each* man his firepan, two hundred and fifty firepans; even you and Aaron, *each* man his firepan.

18 And they *each* man took his firepan, and put fire on them, and lay incense on them, and they stood at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah assembled all the congregation against them, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the glory of Jehovah was seen by all the congregation.

20 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

21 Separate yourselves from the midst of this company, and I will consume them in a moment.

22 And they fell on their faces, and said, O God, God of the spirits of all flesh; shall one man sin, and will You be angry with all the congregation?

23 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 24 Speak to the congregation, saying, You get away from around the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel went after him.

26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, Please turn away from the tents of these wicked men, and do not touch anything that is to them, lest you be consumed in all their sins.

27 And they got away from around the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out, standing at the door of their tents, and their wives, their sons, and their infants.

28 And Moses said, By this you shall know that Jehovah has sent me to do all these works, *and* that not from my own heart.

29 If these die according to the death of all men, and *are* visited according to the visitation of all men, then Jehovah has not sent me.

30 And if Jehovah makes a new thing, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them, and all that they have, and they go down alive to Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised Jehovah.

31 And it happened, as he made an end of speaking all these words, the ground which was under them split apart,

32 and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them, and their houses, and all the men who *were* for Korah, and all *their* possessions.

33 And they went down, they and all that they had, alive to Sheol, and the earth covered over them; and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

34 And all Israel who *were* around them fled at their cry; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up.

35 ¶ And fire came forth from Jehovah and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense.

36 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

37 Speak to Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, and he shall lift up the firepans from the midst of the burning, and shall scatter the fire yonder, for they have become holy,

38 the firepans of these sinners against their own souls. And they shall make of them spreadout plates, a covering for the altar, for they have brought them near before Jehovah, and they are holy. And they shall become a sign to the sons of Israel.

39 And Eleazar the priest took the bronze fire-pans, which they who were burned had brought near, and they spread them out, a covering for the altar,

40 a memorial to the sons of Israel, so that a man, an alien, is not of the seed of Aaron shall not draw near to offer incense before Jehovah, and shall not be as Korah, and as his company; as Jehovah had spoken by the hand of Moses to him.

41 ¶ And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured on the next day against Moses and against Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of Jehovah.

42 And it happened, as the company was called together against Moses and against Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of the congregation. And, behold, the cloud had covered it, and the glory of Jehovah appeared!

43 And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

45 Get away from the midst of this company, and I shall consume them in a moment; and they fell on their faces.

46 And Moses said to Aaron, Take the firepan, and put fire on it from the altar, and lay on incense, and go, hurry to the congregation, and atone for them, for the wrath has gone out from the presence of Jehovah; the plague has begun.

47 And Aaron did as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly. And, behold, the plague had begun among the people! And he laid on the incense and atoned for the people,

48 and stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed.

49 And those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those who died for the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron turned back to Moses, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and the plague was stayed.

Numbers 17

1 Of all the rods only Aaron's rod blossoms. 10 It is left for a monument against the rebels.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel, and take from *each* one of them a rod, for a father's house, from all their rulers, for the house of their fathers, twelve rods. You shall write the name of *each* man on his rod.

3 And you shall write Aaron's name on the staff of the tribe of Levi; for one rod shall be for the head of their fathers' house.

4 And you shall place them in the tabernacle of the congregation, before the testimony, where I shall meet with you.

5 And it shall be that the man's rod which I choose shall blossom. And I shall cause the murmurings of the sons of Israel, which they are murmuring against you, to cease from Me.

6 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their rulers gave to him one rod for each ruler, one rod for a ruler, for their fathers' house, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was among the rods.

7 And Moses placed the rods before Jehovah, in the tabernacle of the testimony.

8 ¶ And it happened on the next day, Moses went into the tabernacle of the testimony, and, behold! The rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and put forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and bore ripe almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before Jehovah to all the sons of Israel. And they looked, and *each* man took his rod.

10 And Jehovah said to Moses, Put back the rod of Aaron, before the testimony, to be kept as a token to the sons of rebellion. And you shall end their murmurings from off Me; and they shall not die.

11 And Moses did as Jehovah had commanded him; so he did.

12 And the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

13 Anyone who draws near to the tabernacle of Jehovah shall die; shall we be consumed to die?

Numbers 18

1 *The charge of the priests and Levites. 9 The priests' portion. 21 The Levites' portion.*

25 *The heave offering to the priests out of the Levites' portion.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Aaron, You, and your sons, and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary. And you, and your sons with you, shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood;

2 and also your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, you shall bring near with you, that they may be joined to you and may minister to you, you and your sons in your being before the tabernacle of the testimony.

3 And they shall keep your charge and the charge of all the tabernacle; only, they shall not go near to the vessels of the sanctuary and to the altar. And they shall not die, either they or you.

4 And they shall be joined to you, and shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle, and the stranger shall not go near to you.

5 And you shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar, and there shall be no more wrath against the sons of Israel.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel; as a gift they are given to you by Jehovah, to serve the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And you, and your sons with you, shall keep your priesthood, in everything that pertains to the altar, and to that inside the veil. And you shall serve; I have given you the priesthood as a service of gift; and the stranger who comes near shall be caused to die.

8 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Aaron, saying, And I, behold, I have given to you the charge of My heave offerings, of all the dedicated things of the sons of Israel. I have given them to you for the anointing, and to your sons, by a never-ending statute.

9 This shall be yours of the most holy things, from the fire: every offering of theirs, even every food offering of theirs,

and every sin offering of theirs, and every guilt offering of theirs, which they may render to Me; it shall be most holy to you, and to your sons.

10 You shall eat it in the most holy place; every male shall eat it; it shall be holy to you.

11 And this is yours, the heave offering of their gift with all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel. I have given them to you, and to your sons, and to your daughters with you, by a never-ending statute; every clean one in your house shall eat it.

12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the new wine, and wheat, the first fruits of them which they give to Jehovah, I have given to you.

13 The firstfruits of all that is in their land, which they bring in to Jehovah shall be yours; every clean one in your house shall eat it;

14 every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours;

15 every one opening a womb of all flesh which they offer to Jehovah, among man and among animal, shall be yours. Only, you shall certainly redeem the first-born of man, and you shall redeem the firstling of the unclean beasts.

16 And their redeemed ones, from a month old, you shall redeem with your valuation of silver, five shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary; it is twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstling of an ox, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and you shall burn their fat as incense, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

18 And their flesh shall be yours, as the breast of the wave offering, and as the right leg; it shall be yours.

19 All the heave offerings of the holy things which the sons of Israel shall lift up to Jehovah, I have given to you and to your sons, and to your daughters with you, by a never-ending statute, a covenant of salt, it shall be forever before Jehovah to you and to your seed with you.

20 ¶ And Jehovah said to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall

you have any portion among them; I *am* your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel.

21 And, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel to the sons of Levi for an inheritance, in return for their service which they are serving, the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 And the sons of Israel shall not come near to the tabernacle of the congregation any more, lest they bear sin, and die.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity; it shall be a never-ending statute throughout your generations, that in the midst of the sons of Israel they shall have no inheritance;

24 but the tithes of the sons of Israel which they shall lift up to Jehovah, a heave offering, I have given to the Levites for inheritance; therefore I have said to them, They shall have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.

25 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

26 And you shall say to the Levites; and you shall speak to them, When you take the tithe from the sons of Israel, which I have given to you from them, for your inheritance, then you shall lift from it a heave offering of Jehovah, a tithe of the tithe.

27 And your heave offering shall be counted to you, *it is* as grain from the threshing-floor, and as fullness from the winepress.

28 So you also shall lift up the heave offering of Jehovah from all your tithes which you receive from the sons of Israel. And you shall give from it the heave offering of Jehovah to Aaron the priest.

29 You shall lift up the whole heave offering of Jehovah out of all your gifts, out of all its fat, its holy part, out of it.

30 And you shall say to them, When you lift up its fat out of it, then it shall be counted to the Levites as increase of a threshing-floor, and as increase of a winepress.

31 And you shall eat it in every place, you and your households, for it *is* your reward in return for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And you shall bear no sin because of it, since you have lifted up from it the best of it. And you shall not profane the holy things of the sons of Israel so that you may not die.

Numbers 19

1 The water of separation. 11 The law for the use of it in purification of the unclean.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 This *is* the statute of the law which Jehovah has commanded, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer, without blemish, in which there is no blemish, on which no yoke ever came.

3 And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest, and she shall be brought forth outside the camp; and she shall be slaughtered before his face.

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and shall sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tabernacle of the congregation seven times.

5 And the heifer shall be burned before his eyes; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood with her dung, shall be burned.

6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop and scarlet, and shall cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he may come into the camp; and the priest shall be unclean until the evening.

8 And he that burned her shall wash his clothes in water, and shall bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening.

9 And a man that *is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and shall lay them up outside the camp in a clean place. And it shall be kept for the congregation of the sons of Israel for a water of impurity; it is a sin offering.

10 And he that gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and shall be unclean until the evening; and it shall be to the sons of Israel, and to the alien that lives among them, for a never-ending statute.

11 ¶ He that touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall cleanse himself for it on the third day, and on the seventh day

he shall be clean. And if he does not cleanse himself on the third day, then on the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13 Anyone who touches the dead body, the body of a man who dies, and does not cleanse himself, he shall have defiled the tabernacle of Jehovah; and that person shall be cut off from Israel, for the water of impurity shall not be sprinkled upon him. He shall be unclean; his uncleanness *shall be still* on him.

14 This *is* the law when a man dies in a tent: Everyone coming into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel which has no covering of thread on it *shall be* unclean.

16 And whoever in the open field touches one that has been pierced with a sword, or one that has died of himself, or the bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for the unclean they shall take the ashes of the burning of the sin offering, and running water in a vessel shall be put on it.

18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and shall dip it in the water, and shall sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave.

19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Jehovah; the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him; he shall be unclean.

21 And it shall be a never-ending statute to them; and he that sprinkles the water of impurity shall wash his clothes; and he that touches the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until evening.

22 And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches it shall be unclean until evening.

Numbers 20

1 The children of Israel come to Zin, where Miriam dies. 2 They murmur for water. 7 Moses smites the rock to provide water at Meribah. 22 At mount Hor Aaron resigns to Eleazar, and dies.

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people remained in Kadesh. And Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation, and they were gathered against Moses, and against Aaron.

3 And the people contended with Moses, and spoke, saying, Oh that we had died when our brothers died before Jehovah!

4 And, why have you brought the assembly of Jehovah to this wilderness to die there, we and our animals?

5 And, why have you brought us up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place, not a place of seed, nor fig, nor vine, nor pomegranate; and there is no water to drink?

6 And Moses and Aaron went in from the eyes of the assembly, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and fell on their faces. And the glory of Jehovah appeared to them.

7 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron. And speak to the rock before *their* eyes. And it shall give forth its water; and you shall bring water out of the rock to them; so you shall water the congregation and their animals.

9 And Moses took the rod from before Jehovah, as He commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron assembled the congregation before the rock. And he said to them, Hear now, you rebels, shall we bring forth water to you out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand and smote the rock with his rod twice; and much water came out; and the congregation and their *animals* drank.

12 And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe in Me, to sanctify Me before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring in this congregation to the land which I have given to them.

13 These are the Waters of Strife, because the sons of Israel contended with Jehovah, and He was sanctified upon them.

14 ¶ And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: So says your brother Israel, You surely have known all the hardship which has found us;

15 that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we lived in Egypt many days, and the Egyptians did evil to us and to our fathers.

16 And we cried to Jehovah, and He heard our voice, and sent a messenger, and is bringing us out of Egypt; and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border.

17 Please let us pass over, through your land; we shall not pass over through a field, nor through a vineyard, nor shall we drink water of a well; we shall go along the king's highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, until we have passed your border.

18 And Edom said to him, You shall not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against you.

19 And the sons of Israel said to him, We shall go in the highway; and if we drink of your waters, our cattle and us, then I shall give their price. Only let me pass through on my feet; there shall be no speech.

20 And he said, You shall not pass through. And Edom came out against him with many people, and with a strong hand.

21 And Edom refused to allow Israel to pass over through his border. And Israel turned away from him.

22 ¶ And the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, pulled up stakes from Kadesh and came in to Mount Hor.

23 And Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, on the edge of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not go into the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because you rebelled against My mouth at the Waters of Strife.

25 Take Aaron and his son Eleazar, and cause them to go up to Mount Hor;

26 and strip Aaron of his garments, and you shall put them on his son Eleazar. And Aaron shall be gathered and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as Jehovah had commanded; and they went up to Mount Hor before the eyes of all the congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and clothed his son Eleazar with them. And Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. And Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 And all the congregation saw that Aaron had died, and they mourned Aaron thirty days, all the house of Israel.

Numbers 21

1 Israel destroys the Canaanites at Hormah.

4 The murmurers are plagued with fiery serpents. 8 A bronze serpent heals the penitent. 21 King Sihon is overcome, 33 and King Og.

1 ¶ And King Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the south, heard that Israel had come the Way of Spies; and he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive.

2 And Israel vowed a vow to Jehovah, and said, If giving You give this people into my hand, then I will destroy their cities.

3 And Jehovah listened to the voice of Israel, and gave up the Canaanites; and they destroyed them and their cities; and the name of the place was called Hormah.

4 ¶ And they pulled up stakes from Mount Hor by the way to the Sea of Reeds, to go around the land of Edom. And the soul of the people became impatient because of the way.

5 And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul hates this light bread.

6 And Jehovah sent fiery serpents among the people; and they bit the people, and many people of Israel died.

7 And the people came in to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against Jehovah, and against you. Pray to Jehovah, and He shall turn the serpent away from us. And Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

8 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, Make yourself a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that when anyone is bitten, when he sees it, he shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole; and it happened, if a

serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

10 ¶ And the sons of Israel pulled up stakes and encamped in Oboth.

11 And they pulled up stakes from Oboth, and camped in Ije-abarim, in the wilderness that is before Moab, toward the rising of the sun.

12 From there they pulled up stakes and camped in the valley of Zered.

13 From there they pulled up stakes and camped beyond Arnon, which is in the wilderness that comes out of the border of the Amorite; for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorite;

14 therefore, it is said in the Book of the Wars of Jehovah: Vaheb in Suphah, the torrents of Arnon,

15 and the slope of the torrent-beds that turn down toward the site of Ar, and lean on the border of Moab.

16 And from there they went to Beer; that is the well of which Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, Gather the people and I will give water to them.

17 Then Israel sang this song: Spring up, O well, sing to it;

18 The well which the rulers dug, which the nobles of the people dug with their staves, at the word of the Lawgiver. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah.

19 And from Mattanah they went to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth;

20 and from Bamoth in the valley which is in the field of Moab to the top of Pisgah, and looking toward the wilderness.

21 ¶ And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 Let me pass through your land; we will not turn into a field or into a vineyard; we will not drink waters of a well; we will go in the king's highway until we have passed over your border.

23 And Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border. And Sihon gathered all his people and went out to meet Israel in the wilderness, and they came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

24 And Israel struck him by the mouth of the sword and seized his land, from Arnon to Jabbok, to the sons of Ammon. For the border of the sons of Ammon was strong.

25 And Israel took all these cities. And Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorite, in Heshbon and in all its daughter-villages.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites. And he had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken his land out of his hand, to Arnon.

27 On account of this the parable speakers say, Come to Heshbon! Let the city of Sihon be built and established!

28 For a fire has gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon; it has consumed Ar of Moab, the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to you, Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh! He has given his sons as fugitives and his daughters into captivity, to Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 We have cast them down; Heshbon has perished, even to Dibon; and we have desolated even to Nophah, which is to Medeba.

31 And Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took its villages and drove out the Amorite who was there.

33 And they turned and went the way of Bashan. And Og king of Bashan came out to meet them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

34 And Jehovah said to Moses, Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people and his land. And you shall do to him as you have done to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.

35 And they struck him and his sons and all his people until he did not have a remnant left. And they seized his land.

Numbers 22

1 Balak's first message for Balaam is refused.

15 His second message obtains him. 22 The Angel of Jehovah would have slain him.

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel pulled up stakes and camped on the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan, by Jericho.

2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab greatly feared because of the people, for it was many. And Moab dreaded because of the sons of Israel.

4 And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now this assembly is licking up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.

5 And he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor which is beside the river of the land of *the* sons of his people, to call for him, saying, Behold! A people has come out of Egypt. Behold! it has *covered* the eye of the earth, and it is sitting next to me.

6 And now please come, curse this people for me, for it is stronger than I. Perhaps I will prevail, that we may strike them, that I may drive them out from the land. For I know that whoever you bless *is* blessed, and whoever you curse is cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian left with the rewards of the seer in *their* hand. And they came to Balaam and spoke the words of Balak to him.

8 And *he* said to them, Stay here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, even as Jehovah may speak to me. And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 And God came to Balaam and said, Who are these men with you?

10 And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor king of Moab has sent to me,

11 saying, Behold, a people has come out of Egypt which covers the eye of the earth. Now come, curse them for me; perhaps I will be able to overcome it and drive it out.

12 And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for it is blessed.

13 And Balaam rose in the morning and said to the leaders of Balak. Go to your land, for Jehovah has refused to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the leaders of Moab rose up and came to Balak. And they said, Balaam refuses to come with us.

15 ¶ And Balak sent yet again, more leaders and more honorable than they.

16 And they came to Balaam and said to him, So says Balak the son of Zippor, Please do not be hindered from coming to me,

17 for I will honor you with very much honor; and all that you say to me I will do. And please come, curse this people for me.

18 And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give to me his house full of gold and silver, I could not go beyond the mouth of Jehovah my God, to do anything, small or great.

19 And now you also please stay here tonight. And I shall know what more Jehovah may speak to me.

20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, If the men have come to call you, rise up, go with them and say only the thing that I speak to you; it you shall do.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning and saddled his ass and went with the leaders of *Moab*.

22 ¶ And the anger of God was hot because he went. And the Angel of Jehovah set Himself in the road, as a foe against him. And he was riding on his ass, and two of his young men with him.

23 And the ass saw the Angel of Jehovah standing in the road, and His sword was drawn in His hand. And the ass turned out of the road and went into a field. And Balaam struck the ass, to turn it back into the road.

24 And the Angel of Jehovah stood in a narrow path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side and a wall on that.

25 And the ass saw the Angel of Jehovah, and she pushed herself to the wall and crushed the foot of Balaam against the wall. And again he struck her.

26 And again the Angel of Jehovah passed on and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn, either to the right or to the left.

27 And the ass saw the Angel of Jehovah, and she lay down under Balaam. And the anger of Balaam was hot, and he struck the ass with his staff.

28 And Jehovah opened the mouth of the ass, and she said to Balaam, What have I done to you that you have struck me these three times?

29 And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have abused me. If only a sword were a in my hand now I would kill you.

30 And the ass *said* to Balaam, Am I not your ass on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Was I ever known to do so to you? And he said, No.

31 And Jehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of Jehovah standing in the road with His sword drawn in His hand. And he bowed and fell on his face.

32 And the Angel of Jehovah said to him, Why have you struck your ass these three times? Behold, I have come out for an adversary because your way is rushing headlong toward Me.

33 And the ass saw Me and turned aside before Me these three times. If she had not turned aside surely now I would have killed you and saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said to the Angel of Jehovah, I have sinned, for I did not know that You stood against me in the way. Now if it is evil in Your eyes, I will turn back by myself.

35 And the Angel of Jehovah said to Balaam, Go with the men. But only the word that I speak to you, it you shall speak. And Balaam went with the leaders of Balak.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, and had gone out to meet him, to a city of Moab which is on the border of Arnon, which is in the outermost border,

37 then Balak said to Balaam, Sending, did I not send to you, to call for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not truly able to honor you?

38 And Balaam said to Balak, Behold, I have come to you. Now am I able to speak anything at all? The word which God puts in my mouth, that I will speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak. And they came to Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam and to the leaders who were with him.

41 And it happened in the morning, and Balak took Balaam and caused him to go up to the high places of Baal. And from there he saw the edge of the people.

Numbers 23

I, 13, 28 Balak's sacrifice. 7, 18 Balaam's parable.

1 ¶ And Balaam said to Balak, Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken. And Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on the altar.

3 And Balaam said to Balak, Station yourself by your burnt offering, and I will go on; it may be that Jehovah will come to meet me, and I will declare to you the things which He reveals to me. And he went to a high place.

4 And God came to Balaam, and he said to Him, I have set up seven altars. And I have offered a bull and a ram on the altar.

5 And Jehovah put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and you shall say this.

6 And he returned to him. And, behold, he was standing by his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable and said, He has led me from Aram, Balak king of Moab; from the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse Jacob for me; and, come, be indignant with Israel.

8 How shall I curse him whom God has not cursed? And how shall I be indignant with him whom Jehovah has not been indignant?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and I behold him from the heights. Behold, it is a people that shall dwell alone and not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count Jacob's dust, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and blessing you have blessed.

12 And he replied and said, Must not I take heed to speak what Jehovah has put in my mouth?

13 ¶ And Balak said to him, Now come with me to another place where you will see it; only you will see its edge and shall not see all of it; and curse it for me there.

14 And he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on the altar.

15 And he said to Balak, Station yourself by the burnt offering while I go to meet Him over there.

16 And Jehovah met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, Return to Balak, and say this.

17 And he came to him, and, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and Moab's chiefs with him. And he said to him, What has Jehovah spoken?

18 And he took up his parable and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; give ear to me, son of Zippor.

19 God is not a man that He should lie, or a son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and shall He not do it? And has He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received word to bless; yes, He has blessed; I cannot reverse it.

21 He has seen no iniquity in Jacob, nor has He seen mischief in Israel. Jehovah his God is with him, and the shout of a king is in him.

22 God who brought them out of Egypt is for him like the lofty horns of the wild ox.

23 For there is not a spell against Jacob, and not any divination against Israel. Now it is said of Jacob and Israel, See what God has done!

24 Behold, the people shall rise like a lioness and as a lion he shall lift himself up; he shall not lie down until he eats the prey and drinks the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said to Balaam, Do not curse it at all, nor bless it at all.

26 And Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not speak to you, saying, All that Jehovah speaks, that I will do?

27 And Balak said to Balaam, Come, please, I will take you to another place. It may be that it will be right in the eyes of God to curse it for me from there.

28 And Balak took Balaam to the height of Peor, which looks toward the wilderness.

29 And Balaam said to Balak, Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here.

30 And Balak did as Balaam said; and he offered a bull and a ram on the altar.

Numbers 24

1 Balaam prophesies the happiness of Israel.

10 Balak in anger dismisses him. 15 Prophecy of the star of Jacob.

1 ¶ And Balaam saw that it pleased Jehovah to bless Israel, and he did not go, as at other times, to seek spells. And he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping, by its tribes. And the Spirit of God was on him.

3 And he took up his parable and said, The statement of Balaam the son of Beor, and the saying of the man whose eyes have been opened;

4 the statement of him who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, fallen down, yet with open eyes:

5 How good are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel!

6 They are spread out like valleys, like gardens by a river; and Jehovah has planted aloes, as cedars beside the water.

7 He makes water flow from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters; his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom exalted.

8 God who has brought him out of Egypt is for him like the lofty horns of the wild ox for him, he shall eat up the nations, adversaries to him, and he shall break their bones in pieces, and shall pierce them through with his arrows.

9 He has crouched; he has lain down like a lion, and like a lioness; who shall rouse him up? Blessed is everyone that blesses you, and cursed is everyone that curses you.

10 ¶ And Balak's anger was hot against Balaam, and he struck his palms together. And Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies; and, behold, you have altogether blessed them these three times.

11 And now, flee to your place. I said to honor you with great honor, but, behold, Jehovah has kept you back from honor.

12 And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak to your messengers that you sent to me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the mouth of Jehovah, to do good or bad of

my own heart. What Jehovah speaks, that I will speak.

14 *And* now, behold, I go to my people. Come, and I will counsel you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.

15 ¶ And he *took* up his parable and said, The statement of Balaam the son of Beor, and the statement of the man whose eyes are opened;

16 the statement of him who hears the words of God, and he knowing the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down, yet with open eyes:

17 I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near. A star marches out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel and shall dash the corners of Moab, and tear down all the sons of tumult.

18 And Edom shall be a possession; and Seir shall be a possession, for his enemies, but Israel shall do mightily.

19 And one out of Jacob shall rule, and will destroy the survivors from Ar.

20 And he looked upon Amalek, and took up his parable and said, Amalek was the first of the nations, but his latter end is to destruction forever.

21 And he looked upon the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Your dwelling-place may be enduring, and your nest may be set in a rock,

22 but the Kenites shall be consumed, until Assyria shall carry you away.

23 And he took up his parable and said, Alas! Who shall live when God puts out?

24 And ships shall come from the coast of Cyprus, and they shall humble Assyria, and they shall humble Eber, and he also shall come to destruction forever.

25 And Balaam rose up and *left*, and returned to his place; and Balak also went on his way.

Numbers 25

1 Israel at Shittim fornicates and commits idolatry. 6 Phinehas kills Zimri and Cozbi. 10 God gives him an everlasting priesthood. 16 The Midianites are to be distressed.

1 ¶ And Israel dwelt in Shittim. And the people began to fornicate with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and bowed themselves to their gods.

3 And Israel was joined to Baal-peor, and the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel,

4 And Jehovah said to Moses, Take all the leaders of the people and hang them up to Jehovah before the sun, that the fierce anger of Jehovah may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Each man of you kill his men, those who joined to Baal-peor.

6 ¶ And, behold! A man of the sons of Israel came and brought in to his brothers a woman of Midian, before the eyes of Moses and before the eyes of all the congregation of the sons of Israel weeping at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw. And he rose from amidst the congregation and took a javelin in his hand,

8 and went in after the man of Israel, into the tent room. And he pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the sons of Israel.

9 And those that died by *the* plague were twenty-four thousand.

10 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

11 Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath away from the sons of Israel while he was zealous *for* My sake among them, so that I did not consume the sons of Israel in My jealousy.

12 Therefore say, behold, I give to him My covenant of peace;

13 And it shall be to him, and to his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and atoned for the sons of Israel.

14 And the name of the man of Israel who was smitten, who was struck with the woman of Midian, was Zimri, the son of Salu, ruler of a father's house of the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the woman who was struck, the woman of Midian, was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head of the people of a father's house in Midian.

16 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
 17 Distress the Midianites; and you shall strike them;
 18 For they are oppressing ones to you, because of the cunning with which they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of *Cozbi* the daughter of a ruler of Midian, their sister, who was struck in the day of the plague because of the matter of Peor.

Numbers 26

1 The number of Israel is taken in the plains of Moab. 52 The law of dividing the inheritance. 57 The families and number of the Levites. 63 None were left of them which were numbered at Sinai, but Caleb and Joshua.

1 ¶ And it happened, after the plague, Jehovah spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 Lift the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, from a son of twenty years and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab beside Jordan, at Jericho, saying,

4 Number from a son of twenty years and upward, as Jehovah commanded Moses and the sons of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 ¶ Reuben, the first-born of Israel, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluities;

6 from Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites; and their numbered ones were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the son of Pallu was Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This is that Dathan and Abiram who were called ones in the congregation, who fought against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they fought against Jehovah.

10 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, at the death of that gathering, when *the*

fire devoured two hundred and fifty men. And they became a sign;

11 but the sons of Korah did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13 of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand, two hundred.

15 The sons of Gad according to their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 of Ozni the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are *the* families of the sons of Gad according to their numbered ones, forty thousand five hundred.

19 The sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah by their families: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Pharez, the family of *the* Pharzites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

21 And the sons of Pharez: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah by their numbered ones, seventy-six thousand five hundred.

23 Of the sons of Issachar, according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Pua, the family of the Punites;

24 of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to by their numbered ones, sixty-four thousand three hundred.

26 Of the sons of Zebulun, according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, *the* family of the Jahleelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those numbered to them, sixty thousand five hundred.

28 And the sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir fathered Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

30 *These* are the sons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites.

31 And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32 and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

33 And Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

34 *These* are the families of Manasseh, and by their numbered ones, fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

35 *These* are the sons of Ephraim, according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the *Tahanites*.

36 And *these* are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 *These are* the families of the sons of Ephraim by their numbered ones, thirty-two thousand five hundred. *These* are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

39 of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And Bela's sons were Ard and Naaman. Of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman the family of the Naamites.

41 *These* are the sons of Benjamin according to their families, and by their numbered ones, forty-five thousand six hundred.

42 *These* are the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. *These* are the families of Dan according to their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites according to their numbered ones, sixty-four thousand four hundred.

44 Of *the* sons of Asher according to their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites of Beriah, the family of the Berites.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And Asher's daughter's name was Serah.

47 *These* are the families of the sons of Asher, by their numbered ones, fifty-three thousand four hundred.

48 The sons of Naphtali, according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 *These* are the families of Naphtali by their families, and their numbered ones were forty-five thousand four hundred.

51 *These* were the numbered ones of the sons of Israel, six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

53 The land shall be divided to those for an inheritance, according to the number of names.

54 To the many you shall increase their inheritance; and to the few you shall diminish their inheritance; each man according to the mouth of his numbered ones shall be given his inheritance.

55 But the land shall be divided by lot. They shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

56 By the mouth of the lot, possession of it shall be divided between the many and few.

57 ¶ And *these* are the numbered ones of the Levites by their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 *These* are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites; the family of the Hebronites; the family of the Mahlites; the family of the Mushites; the family of the Korathites. And Kohath fathered Amram;

59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. And she bore Aaron and Moses to Amram, and their sister Miriam.

60 And Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar were born to Aaron.

61 And Nadab and Abihu died for bringing strange fire before Jehovah.

62 And their numbered ones were twenty-three thousand, all males, from a son of a month and upward. For they were not counted among the sons of Israel, because there was no possession given them among the sons of Israel.

63 ¶ These are those numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab, beside Jordan, near Jericho.

64 And among these there was not a man of those numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For Jehovah had said to them, Dying they shall die in the wilderness, and not a man of them should be left except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

Numbers 27

1 The daughters of Zelophehad ask for an inheritance. 6 The law of inheritances. 16 Moses asks for a successor. 18 Joshua is appointed to lead.

1 ¶ And the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the family of Manasseh, the son of Joseph came. And these are his daughters' names: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses and Eleazar the priest, and before the rulers and all the congregation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company who met together against Jehovah in the company of Korah, but he died for his own sins, and had no son.

4 Why is our father's name taken away from the midst of his family because there is no son to him? Give us an inheritance among our father's brothers.

5 And Moses brought their cause before Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak rightly. Giving you shall give them a possession, an inheritance among their father's brothers. And you shall cause their father's inheritance to pass to them.

8 And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, When a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass on his inheritance to his daughter.

9 And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

10 And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his possession to his father's brothers.

11 And if his father has no brothers then you shall give his inheritance to his nearest relative, of his family. And he shall own it, and it shall be a statute of judgment to the sons of Israel, as Jehovah has commanded Moses.

12 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Get up into this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel.

13 And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as your brother Aaron was gathered.

14 For you rebelled against My mouth in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify Me at the waters before their eyes. They were the Waters of Strife in Kadesh, in the desert of Zin.

15 ¶ And Moses spoke to Jehovah, saying,

16 Let Jehovah, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation

17 who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in, so that the congregation of Jehovah may not be as sheep to whom there is no shepherd to them.

18 And Jehovah said to Moses, Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

19 And cause him to stand before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation, and give him a charge before their eyes.

20 And you shall put your honor on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel will listen.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask for him according to the judgment of the Urim before Jehovah. At his mouth they shall go out, and at his mouth they shall come in, he and all the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him. And he took Joshua and made him stand before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands on him, and gave him a charge, even as Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses.

Numbers 28

1 Offerings are to be observed. 3 The continual burnt offering. 9 The offering on the sabbath, 11 on the new moons, 16 at the Passover, 26 in the day of firstfruits.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Command *the* sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, My offering, My bread for My fire offerings, My soothing fragrance, you shall take heed to offer to Me in its appointed season.

3 And you shall say to *them*, This is the fire offering which you shall offer to Jehovah, two lambs, sons of a year, without blemish, day by day, as a continual burnt offering.

4 You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and you shall offer the other lamb between the two evenings;

5 and a tenth of an ephah of flour for a food offering mixed with beaten oil, a fourth of a hin;

6 a continual burnt offering which was performed in Mount Sinai for a soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah;

7 and its drink offering, a fourth of a hin for the one lamb; pour a drink offering of fermented drink to Jehovah in the sanctuary.

8 And you shall offer the other lamb between the evenings, even as the food offering of the morning, and as its drink offering, you shall offer as a sacrifice made by fire, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah.

9 ¶ And on the Sabbath day, two lambs, sons of a year, ones without blemish, and two tenth parts of flour, a food offering mixed with oil, and its drink offering;

10 the burnt offering of the sabbath on its sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

11 And in the beginning of your months you shall bring near a burnt offering to Jehovah: two bulls, sons of the herd, and one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year, ones without blemish.

12 and three tenth parts of flour, a food offering *mixed* with oil for the one bull; and two tenths parts of flour as a food offering mixed with oil for the one ram;

13 and a tenth part of flour mixed with oil as a food offering for the one lamb; a burnt offering, a soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah;

14 and their drink offerings shall be a half of a hin to a bull, and a third of a hin to a ram, and a fourth of a hin to a lamb, of wine. This shall be the burnt offering of every month for the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering to Jehovah; it shall be prepared besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

16 ¶ And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of Jehovah.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month a feast: unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days.

18 In the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of service.

19 And you shall offer a fire offering, a burnt offering to Jehovah: two bulls, sons of the herd, and one ram, and seven lambs, sons of a year; they shall be ones without blemish for you;

20 and their food offering, flour mixed with oil. You shall prepare three tenths parts for a bull, and two tenths parts for a ram.

21 You shall prepare one tenth part for the one lamb, and for the seven lambs;

22 and one goat, a sin offering to atone for you,

23 besides the burnt offering of the morning, the continual burnt offering, you shall prepare these.

24 In this way you shall prepare daily, seven days, bread for a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah. It shall be

prepared besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.

25 And on the seventh day you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service.

26 And in the day of the firstfruits, as you offer a new food offering to Jehovah in your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service;

27 and you shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: two bulls, sons of the herd, one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year;

28 and their food offering, flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts to the one bull, two tenth parts to the one ram,

29 one tenth part to the one lamb, for the seven lambs;

30 one kid of the goats to atone for you.

31 You shall offer them besides the continual burnt offering and its food offering and drink offerings; they shall be ones without blemish for you.

Numbers 29

1 The offering at the Feast of Trumpets, 7 at the day of afflicting their souls, 13 and on the eight days of the feast of tabernacles.

1 ¶ And in the seventh month, on the first of the month you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service. It shall be a day of blowing the trumpets to you.

2 And you shall prepare a burnt offering for a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

3 and their food offering, flour mixed with oil, three tenths parts for the bull, two tenths parts for the ram,

4 and one tenth part for each of the seven lambs;

5 and one kid of the goats, a sin offering to atone for you;

6 besides the burnt offering of the month, and its food offering, and the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and their libations, according to their ordinance for soothing fragrance, a fire offering to Jehovah.

7 And on the tenth of this seventh month you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service, you shall humble your souls.

8 And you shall offer a burnt offering to Jehovah, a soothing fragrance: one bull, a son of the herd, one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year they shall be without blemish for you;

9 and their food offering, flour mixed with oil, three tenths parts for the bull, two tenths parts for the one ram;

10 one tenth part for the one lamb, for the seven lambs;

11 one kid of the goats, a sin offering, besides the sin offering of the atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings.

12 ¶ And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, you shall have a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service; and you shall celebrate a feast to Jehovah seven days.

13 And you shall offer a burnt offering, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: thirteen bulls, sons of the herd, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year; they shall be without blemish;

14 and their food offerings, flour mixed with oil, three tenths parts to the one bull, for the thirteen bulls; two tenths parts to each of the two rams;

15 and one tenth part to each of the fourteen lambs;

16 and one kid of the goats, a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its food offering and its drink offering.

17 And on the second day twelve bulls, sons of the herd, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

18 and their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance;

19 and one kid of the goats, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and their drink offerings.

20 And in the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

21 and their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance;

22 and one goat as a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

23 And on the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

24 their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance;

25 and one kid of the goats, a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

26 And on the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

27 their food offering, and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance;

28 and one goat, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

29 And on the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

30 their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance;

31 and one goat, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

32 And on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

33 their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance;

34 and one goat, a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

35 And you shall have a solemn assembly on the eighth day; you shall do no work of service.

36 And you shall offer a burnt offering, a fire offering, a soothing fragrance to Jehovah: one bull, one ram, seven lambs, sons of a year, without blemish;

37 their food offerings, and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, in their number, according to the ordinance;

38 and one goat, a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its food offering, and its drink offering.

39 You shall prepare these for Jehovah in your appointed seasons, apart from your vows and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your food offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

40 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses.

Numbers 30

1 Vows are not to be broken. 3 The exception of a young woman's vow if she is at home, 6 or a wife's. 9 Of a widow's, or she that is divorced.

1 ¶ And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Jehovah has commanded:

2 When a man vows a vow to Jehovah, or has sworn an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do all that has gone out of his mouth.

3 ¶ And when a woman vows a vow to Jehovah, and has bound a bond in the house of her father in her youth,

4 and her father has heard her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father has remained silent as to her, then all her vows shall stand; and every bond *with* which she has bound her soul shall stand.

5 But if her father has prohibited her in the day he heard, none of her vows and her bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. And Jehovah will forgive her because her father has forbidden her.

6 And if she belongs to a husband, and her vows are on her, or a rash utterance on her lips with which she has bound her soul,

7 and her husband *has* heard, and in the day he heard he has remained silent as to her, then her vows shall stand, and her bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.

8 And if in the day her husband hears, he has forbidden her, then he has broken her vow which is on her, and the rash utterance of her lips with which she has bound her soul. And Jehovah will forgive her.

9 And as to the vow of a widow, or her that is put away, all that she has bound on her soul shall stand upon her.

10 And if she has vowed in the house of her husband, or bound a bond on her soul with an oath,

11 and her husband has heard, and has remained silent as to her, and he has not forbidden her, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.

12 And if breaking her husband has broken them in the day he heard, none of the utterance of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall stand; her husband has broken them. And Jehovah will forgive her.

13 Every vow and every oath, any bond to humble a soul, her husband shall establish it, or her husband shall break it.

14 And if her husband is altogether silent at her from day to day, then he has made stand all her vows or all her bonds which are on her; he has made them stand; for he remained silent as to her in the day he heard.

15 And if he at all breaks them after he hears, then he has borne her iniquity.

16 These are the statutes which Jehovah has commanded Moses between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter in her youth in the house of her father.

Numbers 31

1 The Midianites are slain and plundered, also Balaam is slain. 19 How the warriors with their captives and plunder are to be purified. 25 The proportion of the prey. 48 The voluntary tribute to the treasury of Jehovah.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Execute the vengeance of the sons of Israel against the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people.

3 And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Some men of you be armed for the army, and they shall be against Midian, to give the vengeance of Jehovah on Midian;

4 you shall send to the army a thousand for a tribe as to all the tribes of Israel.

5 And a thousand for a tribe were given out of the thousands of Israel, twelve thousand armed of the army.

6 And Moses sent them to the army, a thousand for a tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the army. Also he sent the holy vessels, and the trumpets to sound in his hand.

7 ¶ And they warred against Midian, as Jehovah had commanded Moses, and killed every male.

8 And they killed the kings of Midian, besides the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

9 And the sons of Israel took the women of Midian captive, and their infants, and all their livestock, and all their cattle. And they plundered all their wealth.

10 And they burned all their cities with fire, their homes, and all their towers.

11 And they took all the plunder, and all the prey, among man and among animal.

12 And they brought it to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the sons of Israel; the captives, and the prey, and the plunder, to the camp, to the plains of Moab which are by Jordan, near Jericho.

13 ¶ And Moses and Eleazar the priest, and all the rulers of the congregation went out to meet them outside the camp.

14 And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds who came from the service of the war.

15 And Moses said to them, Have you saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, these through the word of Balaam became to the sons of Israel a deliverance of treachery against Jehovah in the matter of Peor; and the plague was on the company of Jehovah.

17 And now kill every male among the infants; yea, you shall kill every woman having known a man by lying with a male.

18 And you shall keep alive for yourselves all the female children who have not known a man by lying with a male.

19 And encamp outside the camp seven days. Whoever has killed any person, and whoever touched a pierced one, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives.

20 And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood, you shall purify them.

21 And Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who went to battle, This is the statute of the law which Jehovah has commanded Moses:

22 only the gold, the silver, the copper, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 everything that passes through the fire, you shall make it go through the fire; and it shall be clean. Only it shall be purified with the water for impurity. And every thing *that* cannot go through the fire, you shall make go through the water.

24 And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean. And afterwards you shall come into the camp.

25 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

26 Lift the heads of the prey of the captives, among man and among beast, you and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers of the congregation.

27 And you shall divide the prey between those handling the war, who went out to the army, and all the congregation.

28 And you shall levy a tribute to Jehovah from the men of war who went out to the battle: one body out of five hundred, of men, and of the herd, and of the asses, and of the flock,

29 you shall take from their half, and you shall give to Eleazar the priest as the heave offering of Jehovah.

30 And from the sons of Israel's half, you shall take one portion out of fifty, of man, and of the herd, and of the asses, and of the flock, of all the livestock, and you shall give them to the Levites keeping the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

32 And the prey, the rest of the plunder which the people of the army plundered, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep,

33 and seventy-two thousand oxen,

34 sixty-one thousand of the asses;

35 and of human beings, of the women who had not known a man by lying with a male, the persons were thirty-two thousand.

36 And the half, the portion of those who went out to the war, the number of the flock was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred.

37 And the tribute to Jehovah of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five,

38 and the oxen, thirty-six thousand; and their tribute to Jehovah, seventy-two;

39 and the asses thirty thousand five hundred; and their tribute to Jehovah, sixty-one;

40 and the human beings sixteen thousand; and their tribute to Jehovah, thirty-two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute, the heave offering of Jehovah, to Eleazar the priest, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

42 And of the sons of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men who warred:

43 even the congregation's half was three hundred and thirty seven thousand, five hundred of the flock;

44 and of the oxen, thirty-six thousand;

45 and thirty thousand five hundred asses;

46 and sixteen thousand human beings.

47 Moses took from the sons of Israel's half the one portion from the fifty of man and of animal. And he gave them to the Levites keeping the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

48 ¶ And the officers who were over the thousands of the army, heads of the thousands and heads of the hundreds, drew near to Moses.

49 And they said to Moses, Your servants have lifted the heads of the men of war who were with us, and not a man of us is missing.

50 And we bring near Jehovah's offering, each what he has found, vessels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and jewels, to atone for ourselves before Jehovah.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all crafted things.

52 And all the gold of the heave offering which they lifted up to Jehovah was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels, from the heads of thousands and from the heads of hundreds,

53 men of the army had each man taken plunder for himself.

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the heads of the thousands and of the hundreds. And they brought it into

the tabernacle of the congregation, a memorial for the sons of Israel before Jehovah.

Numbers 32

1 The Reubenites and Gadites ask for their inheritance on that side of Jordan. 6 Moses reproves them. 16 They offer him conditions. 33 Moses assigns them the land. 39 They conquer it.

1 ¶ And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had many livestock, a very great multitude. And they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead. And, behold, the place was a place for livestock.

2 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came in and spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the rulers of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

4 the land which Jehovah has struck before the congregation of Israel is a land for livestock, and your servants own livestock.

5 And they said, If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Do not make us pass over the Jordan.

6 And Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, Do your brothers go into the battle, and you, do you sit here?

7 And why do you discourage the heart of the sons of Israel from passing over to the land which Jehovah has given to them?

8 So your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 And they went up to the valley of Eshcol and saw the land, and discouraged the hearts of the sons of Israel, so as for them not to go into the land which Jehovah had given to them.

10 And the anger of Jehovah was hot in that day, and He swore, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob because they have not wholly followed Me;

12 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have fully followed Jehovah.

13 And Jehovah's anger was hot against Israel. And `e made them wander in the

wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the eyes of Jehovah was destroyed.

14 And, behold, you have risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to add still more to the anger of Jehovah toward Israel!

15 For if you turn away from following Him, He will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and so you will hurt all this people.

16 ¶ And they came near to him and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones.

17 And we ourselves shall go armed, hurrying before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place. And our little ones shall live in the fortified cities because of those living in the land.

18 We will not return to our houses until each man of the sons of Israel has inherited his inheritance.

19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, and beyond; for our inheritance has fallen to us eastward on this side of Jordan.

20 And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing; if you will arm for battle before Jehovah,

21 and all of you will go over Jordan armed before Jehovah, until He has driven His enemies out before Him,

22 and the land is subdued before Jehovah, then afterwards you shall return and be guiltless before Jehovah, and before Israel. And this land shall be your possession before Jehovah.

23 But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against Jehovah, and know that your sin will find you out.

24 Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep and do that which has come out of your mouth.

25 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, Your servants will do as my lord commands.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock shall be there in the cities of Gilead.

27 But your servants will pass over, each man armed for war, before Jehovah to battle, as my lord says.

28 ¶ And Moses commanded Eleazar the priest concerning them, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel;

29 even Moses said to them, If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben pass over the Jordan with you each man armed for battle before Jehovah, and the land shall be subdued before you, then you shall give to them the land of Gilead for a possession.

30 But if they will not go over armed with you, they shall have possession among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben replied, saying, As Jehovah has said to your servants, so we will do.

32 We ourselves will go over armed before Jehovah into the land of Canaan, so that the land of our inheritance on this side of Jordan may be ours.

33 And Moses gave to them, even to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, by its cities with their borders, even the cities of the land round about.

34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 and Ataroth-shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

36 and Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fortified cities, and folds for sheep.

37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim,

38 and Nebo, and Baal-meon, their names being changed, and Sibmah. And they called by name the names of the cities which they had built.

39 And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and captured it, and dispossessed the Amorite who was in it.

40 And Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it.

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went out and captured their towns, and called them Towns of Jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages; and he called it Nobah after his own name.

Numbers 33

1 The forty-two journeys of the Israelites. 50 The Canaanites are to be destroyed.

1 ¶ These are the journeyings of the sons of Israel who went out from the land of Egypt according to their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their pullings up according to their goings forth by the mouth of Jehovah. And these are their pullings up of stakes, according to their goings forth

3 And they pulled up stakes from Rameses in the first month on the fifteenth day of the first month. On the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel went out with a high hand, before the eyes of all the Egyptians.

4 And the Egyptians were burying those whom Jehovah had executed among them, every first-born, and Jehovah had executed judgments on their gods.

5 And the sons of Israel pulled up stakes from Rameses and camped in Succoth.

6 And they pulled up stakes from Succoth and camped at Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.

7 And they pulled up stakes from Etham and turned back to Pihahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon; and they camped before Migdol.

8 And they pulled up stakes from Pihahiroth and passed over through the midst of the Sea, into the wilderness, and went a journey of three days in the wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah.

9 And they pulled up stakes from Marah and came to Elim. And in Elim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. And they camped there.

10 And they pulled up stakes from Elim and camped by the Sea of Reeds.

11 And they pulled up stakes from the Sea of Reeds and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

12 And they pulled up stakes from the wilderness of Sin and camped in Dophkah.

13 And they pulled up stakes from Dophkah and camped in Alush.

14 And they pulled up stakes from Alush and camped in Rephidim; and no water was there for the people to drink.

15 And they pulled up *stakes* from Rephidim and camped in the wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they pulled up *stakes* from the wilderness of Sinai and camped in The Graves of Lust.

17 And they pulled up *stakes* from The Graves of Lust and camped in Hazeroth.

18 And they pulled up *stakes* from Hazeroth and camped in Rithmah.

19 And they pulled up *stakes* from Rithmah and camped in The Pomegranate Breach.

20 And they pulled up *stakes* from The Pomegranate Breach and camped in Libnah.

21 And they pulled up *stakes* from Libnah and camped in Rissah.

22 And they pulled up *stakes* from Rissah and camped in the Meeting Place.

23 And they pulled up *stakes* from the Meeting Place and camped in Mount Shapher.

24 And they pulled up *stakes* from Mount Shapher and camped in Haradah.

25 And they pulled up *stakes* from Haradah and encamped in Makheloth.

26 And they pulled up *stakes* from Makheloth and camped in Tahath.

27 And they pulled up *stakes* from Tahath and camped in Tarah.

28 And they pulled up *stakes* from Tarah and camped in Mithcah.

29 And they pulled up *stakes* from Mithcah and camped in Hashmonah.

30 And they pulled up *stakes* from Hashmonah and camped in Moseroth.

31 And they pulled up *stakes* from Moseroth and camped in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they pulled up *stakes* from Bene-jaakan and camped in The Hole in the Cleft.

33 And they pulled up *stakes* from The Hole in the Cleft and camped in Jotbathah.

34 And they pulled up *stakes* from Jotbathah and camped in Ebronah.

35 And they pulled up *stakes* from Ebronah and camped in Ezion-geber.

36 And they pulled up *stakes* from Ezion-geber and camped in the wilderness of Zin; it is Kadesh.

37 And they pulled up *stakes* from Kadesh and camped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And Aaron the priest went up into Mount Hor at the mouth of Jehovah; and he died there in the fortieth year after the sons of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first of the month.

39 And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old at his death in Mount Hor.

40 And King Arad the Canaanite, who lived in the Negeb, in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the sons of Israel.

41 And they pulled up *stakes* from Mount Hor and camped in Zalmonah.

42 And they pulled up *stakes* from Zalmonah and camped in Punon.

43 And they pulled up *stakes* from Punon and camped in Oboth.

44 And they pulled up *stakes* from Oboth and camped in Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they pulled up *stakes* from Ije-abarim and camped in Dibon-gad.

46 And they pulled up *stakes* from Dibon-gad and camped in Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they pulled up *stakes* from Almon-diblathaim and camped in the Abarim mountains, by Nebo.

48 And they pulled up *stakes* from the Abarim mountains and camped in the plains of Moab beside Jordan, near Jericho.

49 And they camped by the Jordan, from The House of Deserts even to The Meadow of Acacias in the plains of Moab.

50 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab, beside Jordan, near Jericho, saying,

51 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 then you shall dispossess all the ones living in the land from before you, and destroy all their engraved images; yea, you shall destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places.

53 And you shall possess the land, and live in it, for I have given you the land, to possess it.

54 And you shall inherit the land by lot, by your families. You shall increase the inheritance to the many, and you shall diminish the

inheritance to the few; wherever the lot falls out to him, it is his. You shall inherit by the tribes of your fathers.

55 And if you will not dispossess the ones living in the land from before you, then it shall be, those whom you let remain of them shall be thorns in your eyes, and as goads in your sides. And they will distress you on the land in which you are living.

56 And it shall be, as I thought to do to them, so I shall do to you.

Numbers 34

1 The borders of the land. 16 The names of the men which shall divide the land.

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
2 Command the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you have come into the land of Canaan, this is the land which falls to you by inheritance, the land of Canaan, by its borders:

3 And your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin, along by the hand of Edom, and it shall be to you a south border from the end of the Salt Sea, eastward.

4 And the border shall turn around to you from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and shall pass on to Zin, and its end shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea; and it shall go out at Hazar-addar, and it shall pass on to Azmon.

5 And the border shall turn from Azmon to the torrent of Egypt, and its border shall be at the sea.

6 As to the western border, even the Great Sea shall be a border to you; this is your western border.

7 And this is your northern border: from the Great Sea you shall mark out for yourselves Mount Hor;

8 from Mount Hor you shall mark out a line to the entrance to Hamath; and the edge of the border shall be at Zedad.

9 And the border shall go forth to Ziphron, and the edge of it shall be at Hazar-enan; this shall be your northern border.

10 And you shall mark out your line for the eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

11 And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down and shall reach

on the shoulder of the Sea of Chinnereth eastward.

12 And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the end of it shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders all around.

13 And Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, This is the land which you shall receive as inheritance by lot, which Jehovah has commanded to give to the nine tribes and the half tribe:

14 For the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to their fathers' houses, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to their fathers' houses have each received; and the half tribe of Manasseh shall have received their inheritance.

15 The two tribes and the half tribe shall have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

16 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

17 These are the names of the men that shall take possession of the land for you: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

18 And you shall take one ruler of every tribe, to take possession of the land.

19 And these are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

20 and of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud;

21 of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon;

22 and of the tribe of the sons of Dan, Bukki the ruler, son of Jogli;

23 of the sons of Joseph, of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, Hanniel the ruler, the son of Ephod;

24 and of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, Kemuel the ruler, the son of Shiphtan;

25 and of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun, Elizaphan the ruler, the son of Parnach;

26 and of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, Paltiel the ruler, the son of Azzan;

27 and of the tribe of the sons of Asher, Ahihud the ruler, the son of Shelomi;

28 and of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, Pedahel the ruler, the son of Ammihud.

29 these are the ones whom Jehovah commanded to divide the land to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

Numbers 35

1 *Forty-eight cities for the Levites, with their suburbs. 6 Six of them to be cities of refuge. 9 The laws of murder. 31 No satisfaction for murder.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab, beside Jordan, near Jericho, saying,

2 Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites *cities* to live in, from the land of their possessions, and you shall give to the Levites open land for the cities.

3 And they shall have the cities to live in, and their open lands shall be for their *live-stock*, and for their substance, and for all their animals.

4 And the open land around the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits all around.

5 And you shall measure outside the city for the east side two thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, and for the west side two thousand cubits; the city being in the middle. This shall be to them the open land around the cities.

6 And the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge which you shall give for the manslayer that he may flee there; and besides them you shall give forty-two cities.

7 All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight *cities*, *them* and the open land around them.

8 And you shall give the cities from the possession of the sons of Israel. From the many you shall increase, and take away from the few. According to its inheritance which it inherits each tribe shall give of its cities to the Levites.

9 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

11 then you shall choose cities to be cities of refuge for you, so that the manslayer may flee *there*, he that kills a person through error.

12 And the cities shall be to you for refuge from the kinsman-avenger, that the manslayer may *not* die until he stands before the congregation for judgment.

13 As to the cities which you shall give six shall be cities of refuge for you.

14 You shall give three of the cities beyond the Jordan, and you shall give three of the cities in the land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be for a refuge to the sons of Israel, and to an alien, and to a sojourner *in* their midst, that may flee there any person who kills anyone unawares.

16 And if he strikes him with an instrument of iron, and he dies, he is a murderer; dying the murderer shall die.

17 And if he strikes him with a stone in the hand, by which he dies, and he *dies*, he is a murderer; dying the murderer shall die.

18 And if he strikes him with a wooden instrument in the hand, by which he dies, and he dies, he is a murderer; dying the murderer shall die.

19 The avenger of blood shall cause the murderer to die; when he meets with him, he shall cause him to die.

20 And if he pushes him down, or has thrown at him by lying in wait, and he dies;

21 or if he has struck him with his hand in enmity, and he dies, the striker shall certainly be made to die; he is a murderer. When the avenger of blood meets him he shall cause the murderer to die.

22 And if in an instant he pushed him without enmity, or has thrown at him anything without lying in wait;

23 or with any stone without seeing, by which he dies, and has caused it to fall on him, and he dies, and he is not an enemy to him, nor seeking his evil;

24 even the congregation shall judge between the striker and the avenger of blood, by these judgments.

25 And the congregation shall deliver the manslayer out of the avenger of blood's hand. And the congregation shall return him to the city of refuge to which he had fled, and he shall live in it until the high priest dies, he who was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the manslayer at all goes *out* from the border of the city of his refuge, there to which he has fled,

27 and the avenger of *blood* finds him outside the border of the city of his

refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the manslayer, there shall be no blood guiltiness to him,

28 because he should have dwelt in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest. And after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession.

29 And these things shall be to you for a statute of judgment for your generations, in all your dwellings.

30 Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be caused to die by the mouth of witnesses. And one witness shall not testify against a person, to die.

31 And you shall take nothing to atone for the life of a wicked one; he is punishable to die, for dying he shall die.

32 And you shall take nothing to atone for him *to flee* to the city of his refuge, to return to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 And you shall not pollute the land in which you are, for blood pollutes the land. And nothing is to be taken to atone for the land for blood which is shed in it, except for the blood of him who sheds it;

34 and you shall not defile the land in which you are living. I dwell in its *midst*, for I, Jehovah, am dwelling among the sons of Israel.

Numbers 36

1 The inheritance of daughters 5 is remedied by marrying in their own tribes, 7 lest the inheritance should be removed from the tribe.

1 ¶ And the heads of the fathers of the families of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near. And they spoke before Moses, and before the rulers, the heads of the fathers' houses of the sons of Israel.

2 And they said: Jehovah commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the sons of Israel. And my lord was commanded by Jehovah to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters.

3 And if they shall be for wives to one of the sons of the *other* tribes of the sons

of Israel, then their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to *which* they shall belong. So it shall be taken away from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the Jubilee of the sons of Israel shall come, then their inheritance shall be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong. So their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 ¶ And Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the mouth of Jehovah, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph speak right.

6 This is the *thing* which Jehovah has commanded concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them be wives to those good in their eyes, only let them be for wives to the family of the tribe of their *father*,

7 so no inheritance of the sons of Israel shall turn from tribe to tribe, for *each* man of the sons of Israel shall cling to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And any daughter that possesses an inheritance from any tribe of the sons of Israel to one of the family of the tribe of her father is to become a wife of the family of the *tribe* of her father, so that the sons of Israel may each possess the inheritance of his father.

9 And the inheritance shall not turn from one tribe to another tribe. For the tribes of the sons of Israel shall each man cling to its own inheritance,

10 as Jehovah commanded Moses. So the daughters of Zelophehad did so..

11 For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, Zelophehad's daughters, were for wives to their father's brothers' sons.

12 They were for wives to the families of the son of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance was with the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the judgments which Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses to the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab, beside the Jordan, near Jericho.

The Fifth Book of Moses Called **DEUTERONOMY**

Deuteronomy 1

1 Moses rehearses the story 6 of God's promise, 19 of sending the spies to search the land, 34 of God's anger for their cowardice, 41 and disobedience.

1 ¶ These *are* the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan; in the wilderness, in the Arabah, opposite to Suph, between Paran and Tophel, and Laban and Hazereth, and Dizahab;

2 eleven days from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.

3 And it happened, in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month on the first of the month, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Jehovah had commanded him concerning them;

4 after he had stricken Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth in Edrei,

5 beyond the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying,

6 Jehovah our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have had enough of dwelling in this mountain;

7 turn and pull up *stakes* and go into the hills of the Amorites, and to all its neighboring places in the Arabah, in the hills, and in the foothills, and in the Negeb, and in the shore of the sea, the land of the Canaanites and of Lebanon, to the great river, the Euphrates River.

8 See, I have given before you the land; go in and possess the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them, and to their seed after them.

9 ¶ And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you by myself.

10 Jehovah your God has multiplied you, and, behold, today you *are* as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 May Jehovah the God of your fathers add to you a thousand times more than you *are*, and bless you as He has spoken to you!

12 How can I by myself bear the load of you and your burden, and your strife?

13 Give wise and understanding men, and *those* known to your tribes, and I will appoint them rulers over you.

14 And you answered me and said, The thing which you have spoken is good to do.

15 And I took the chiefs of your tribes, wise and noted men, and I gave them *to be* rulers over you, commanders over thousands, and commanders over hundreds and commanders over fifties, and commanders over tens, and officers, for your tribes.

16 And I commanded your judges at that time, saying, Hear between your brothers; and judge *with* righteousness between a man and his brother, and his alien.

17 You shall not recognize persons in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid because of the face of a man, for the judgment *is* God's; and the thing too hard for you, you shall bring near to me, and I will hear it.

18 And at that time I commanded you all the things which you were to do.

19 ¶ And we pulled up *stakes* from Horeb and went *through* all that great and fearful wilderness which you have seen, the way of the hills of the Amorites, as Jehovah our God commanded us. And we came into Kadesh-barnea.

20 And I said to you, You have come into the hills of the Amorites, which Jehovah our God is giving to us.

21 Behold! Jehovah your God has given the land before you; go up, possess *it*, as Jehovah the God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear and not be afraid.

22 And you came near to me, every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, and they shall search out the land for us, and they shall bring us back word *as to*

the way in which we shall go up, and the cities to which we shall come.

23 And the thing was good in my eyes, and I took twelve men of you, one man for each tribe.

24 And they turned and went up to the hills and came into the valley of Eshcol, and searched it.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land with their hands and brought it down to us, and brought us back word, and said, The land which Jehovah our God has given us is good.

26 And you were not willing to go up; yea, you rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah your God,

27 and murmured in your tents, and said, Because of the hating of Jehovah for us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorite to destroy us.

28 Where shall we go up? Our brothers have melted our hearts, saying, We have seen there a people greater and taller than we, cities great and walled up to the heavens, and also the sons of Anak.

29 And I said to you, do not be terrified, and do not be afraid of them;

30 Jehovah your God who goes before you shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how Jehovah your God has borne you as a man bears his son, in all the way which you have gone until you have come to this place.

32 Yet in this thing you are not believing in Jehovah your God,

33 who went before you in the way to seek out a place for your encamping, in fire by night, to show you the way in which you should go, and in a cloud by the day.

34 And Jehovah heard the sound of your words and was angry, and swore, saying,

35 Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land which I have sworn to give to your fathers,

36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it, and I shall give the land on which he has walked to him, and to

his sons, because he has fully followed Jehovah.

37 And Jehovah was angry with me for your sake, saying, Also you shall not go in there.

38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there; you shall strengthen him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit.

39 And your infants, of whom you said, They are a prey, and your sons who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there, and I will give it to them, and they shall possess it.

40 And you, turn yourselves and pull up stakes toward the wilderness, the way of the Sea of Reeds.

41 And you answered and said to me, We have sinned against Jehovah; we shall go up, and we shall fight, according to all that which Jehovah our God has commanded us. And you each man one girded on his weapons of war, and you thought it easy to go up to the hill country.

42 And Jehovah said to me, Say to them, You shall not go up, nor fight, for I am not in your midst; lest you be struck before your enemies.

43 And I spoke to you, and you did not listen, and rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, and acted proudly, and went up into the hills.

44 And the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out to meet you and they chased you, as the bees do, and beat you down in Seir, to Hormah.

45 And you returned and wept before Jehovah, but Jehovah did not listen to your voice, and not did He give ear to you.

46 And you lived many days in Kadesh, according to the days that you remained there.

Deuteronomy 2

1 They were not to meddle with the Edomites, 9 and not the Moabites, 17 the Ammonites, 24 but Sihon the Amorite was to be dispossessed by them.

1 ¶ And we turned and pulled up stakes into the wilderness, the way of the Sea of Reeds, as Jehovah had spoken to me; and we went around the mountain of Seir many days.

2 And Jehovah spoke to me, saying,

3 You have gone around this mountain long enough; turn yourselves northward.

4 And command the people, saying, You *are* passing over into the border of your brothers, the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, and they shall be afraid of you. And you shall be on guard very much;

5 you shall not fight against them, for I will not give their land to you, *even* to a step of a sole of a foot, for I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6 You shall buy food from them with silver, and you shall eat; and you shall buy water from them with silver, and you shall drink.

7 For Jehovah your God has blessed you with all the work of your hands; He has known your walking *through* this great wilderness. Jehovah your God *has been* with you these forty years; you have not lacked a thing.

8 ¶ And when we passed on from our brothers, the sons of Esau, those living in Seir, by the way of the Arabah, by Elath, and by Ezion-geber, we turned and passed on by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 And Jehovah said to me, Do not besiege Moab, nor stir yourself up against them in battle, for I will not give their land to you *for* a possession. For I have given Ar *as* a possession to the sons of Lot.

10 The Emim lived there in days gone by, a great and plentiful people, and tall as the Anakim;

11 they are reckoned to be giants, they too, like the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim.

12 And the Horites lived in Seir before; and the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place, as Israel has done to the land of his possession, which Jehovah has given to them.

13 Now, rise up and you yourselves pass over the torrent Zered; and we crossed over the torrent Zered.

14 And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we had crossed over the torrent Zered, *were* thirty-eight years, until the end of all the generation, even the men

of war *were* destroyed from the midst of the camp, as Jehovah swore to them.

15 And the hand of Jehovah was also against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

16 And it happened, when all the men of war had finished dying from among the people,

17 Jehovah spoke to me, saying,

18 Today you *are* passing over the border of Moab *to* Ar,

19 and you shall draw near, across from the sons of Ammon. You shall not besiege them nor be stirred up against them, for I have not given of the land of the sons of Ammon to you *for* a possession. For I have given it *for* a possession to the sons of Lot.

20 It is reckoned a land of giants, even it; giants formerly lived in it, and the Ammonites call them Zamzummim;

21 a great and plentiful people, and tall as the Anakim. And Jehovah destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them, and lived in their place;

22 as He had done for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them and they dispossessed them, and lived in their place until today.

23 And the Avvites who lived in villages as far as Azzah, *the* Caphtorites coming out of Caphtor destroyed them, and lived in their place.

24 ¶ Rise up; pull up *stakes* and cross over the Arnon River; behold, I have given Sihon the king of Heshbon, the Amorite, and his land into your hand. Begin to possess, and stir yourselves up against him in battle.

25 This day I will begin to put your dread and your fear on the face of the peoples under all the heavens, who will hear your fame, and will tremble and writhe because of you.

26 And I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon *with* words of peace, saying,

27 Let me pass on the highway through your land; I will go on the highway; I will not turn aside *to* the right or the left;

28 you shall sell me food for silver, and I shall eat; and you shall give me water for

silver, and I will drink. Only, let me pass through on my feet,

29 as the sons of Esau who live in Seir, and the Moabites who live in Ar, have done to me, until I have crossed over the Jordan, to the land which Jehovah our God *is* giving to us.

30 And Sihon the king of Heshbon was not willing to let us pass by him, for Jehovah your God had hardened his spirit, and had emboldened his heart, so as to give him into your hand, as *it is* this day.

31 And Jehovah said to me, See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before you; begin to possess, in order to possess his land.

32 And Sihon came out to meet us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz.

33 And Jehovah our God gave him up before us, and we struck him and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we captured all his cities at that time, and completely destroyed every city, men and women and little ones. We did not leave a survivor.

35 Only, we plundered the cattle for ourselves, and we took the plunder of the cities.

36 From Aroer, which *is* by the edge of the Arnon River, and the city beside the river, even to Gilead, there was not a city which was too high for us. Jehovah our God delivered all before us.

37 Only, you did not come near to the land of the sons of Ammon, any part of the Jabbok River, and the cities of the hill country, and all which Jehovah our God had forbidden us.

Deuteronomy 3

1 *The conquest of Og king of Bashan. 12 The distribution of lands to the two tribes and half.*

23 *Moses' prayer to enter into the land.*

26 *He is permitted to see it.*

1 ¶ And we turned and went up by the way of Bashan, and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

2 And Jehovah said to me, Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you have done to Sihon the king of the Amorites who lived in Heshbon.

3 And Jehovah our God also gave Og the king of Bashan into our hands, and all his people. And we struck him until not *one* survivor *was* left to him.

4 And we captured all his cities at that time, there not being a city which we did not take from them, sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities *were* fortified with high walls, gates and double-leaved doors, besides a great many *of* the unwalled towns.

6 And we completely destroyed them, as we had done to Sihon the king of Heshbon, destroying every city, the men, the women and the little ones.

7 And we plundered for ourselves all the livestock, and the plunder of the cities.

8 And we took the land that was beyond the Jordan from the valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon, out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites.

9 *The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir;*

10 all the cities of the tableland, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 For only Og the king of Bashan remained of the rest of the giants. Behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbath of the sons of Ammon, nine cubits long and four cubits broad, by the cubit of a man?

12 ¶ And we possessed this land at that time: from Aroer by the valley of Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead and its cities I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, to all Bashan that is called the land of the giants.

14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and called them, even Bashan, after his own name, Towns of Jair, until today.

15 And I gave Gilead to Machir.

16 And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the valley of Arnon, the middle of the valley

and *its* border; even to the Jabbok River, which *is* the border of the sons of Ammon;

17 and the Arabah, the Jordan and its border, from Chinnereth even to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the Slopes of Pisgah eastward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, Jehovah your God has given you this land to possess it. And you shall pass over armed before your brothers, the sons of Israel, all the sons of strength.

19 Only, your wives and your little ones, and your livestock, shall dwell in your cities which I have given to you. I know that you have much livestock.

20 *It shall be* until Jehovah shall give rest to your brothers like yourselves, and they, too, have possessed the land which Jehovah your God *is* giving to them beyond the Jordan. Then you shall *each* man return to his possession which I have given to you.

21 ¶ And I at that time commanded Joshua, saying, Your eyes have seen all that Jehovah your God has done to these two kings; so Jehovah shall do to all the kingdoms there to which you *are* passing over.

22 Do not fear them, for Jehovah your God, He shall fight for you.

23 And I prayed to Jehovah for favor at that time, saying,

24 Lord Jehovah, You have begun to make Your servant see Your greatness and Your strong hand. Who *is* a God in the heavens or in the earth who can do according to Your works and according to Your might?

25 Please let me pass over and see the good land which *is* beyond the Jordan, this good hill country, and Lebanon.

26 But Jehovah was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. And Jehovah said to me, *Let it be* enough for you; do not speak any more to Me about this thing.

27 Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and see with your eyes; for you shall not cross over this Jordan.

28 And command Joshua and make him strong, and make him brave, for he shall cross over before this people, and he shall

cause them to inherit the land which you shall see.

29 So we stayed in the valley across from Beth-peor.

Deuteronomy 4

1 An exhortation to obedience. 41 Moses appoints the three cities of refuge on that side Jordan.

1 ¶ And now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the judgments which I am teaching you to do, so that you may live and go in, and possess the land which Jehovah the God of your fathers is giving to you.

2 You shall not add to the Word which I command you, nor take from it, to keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen that which Jehovah has done in Baal-peor. For Jehovah your God has destroyed them from among you, the men that followed Baal-peor.

4 And you who are clinging to Jehovah your God *are* alive today, all of you.

5 See, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, as Jehovah my God has commanded me to do so, in the midst of the land where you *are* going in, to possess it,

6 and you shall keep and do *them*, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding before the eyes of the peoples who hear all these statutes. And they shall say, This great nation *is* a people wise and understanding.

7 For who *is* a great nation whose God *is* coming near to them, as Jehovah your God *is*, in all our calling on Him?

8 And who *is* a great nation whose statutes and judgments *are as* righteous *ones* as all this Law which I *am* giving before you today?

9 Only, be on guard for yourself and guard your soul very much, that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen; and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And you shall make them known to your sons, and to your sons' sons.

10 *Remember the* day that you stood before Jehovah your God in Horeb, when Jehovah said to me, Gather the people to Me, and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they

live on the land; and that they may teach their sons.

11 And you drew near and stood below the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the heart of the heavens, darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

12 And Jehovah spoke to you out of the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you did not see a form, only a voice.

13 And He declared His covenant to you which He has commanded you to do, the Ten Words (*Commandments*); and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

14 And Jehovah commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, for you to do them in the land which you *are* passing over there to possess it.

15 And you shall be on guard very much for your souls, for you did not see any form in the day Jehovah spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

16 lest you act corruptly, and make for yourselves a carved idol, the form of a male or a female,

17 the form of any animal which *is* on the earth; the form of any winged bird that flies in the heavens;

18 the form of any *thing that* creeps on the ground; the form of any fish which *is* in the waters under the earth;

19 and lest you lift up your eyes towards the heavens and see the sun, and the moon and the stars, all the host of the heavens, and you be drawn away and worship them, and serve them; which Jehovah your God has allotted to all the peoples under all the heavens.

20 And Jehovah has taken you, and has brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people to Him, an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

21 And Jehovah was angry with me because of your words, and swore that *I would not be* passing over the Jordan, and *I would not be* going into the good land which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance.

22 For *I will* not be in this land; *I shall* not pass over the Jordan. But you *shall* pass over, and shall possess this good land.

23 Be on guard for yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of Jehovah your God,

which He has cut with you, and make to yourselves a carved image, the form of anything *concerning* which Jehovah your God has commanded you.

24 For Jehovah your God *is* a consuming fire; He *is* a jealous God.

25 When you father sons and son's sons, and you have been long in the land, and have acted corruptly, and have made a carved image, the form of anything, and do what is evil in the eyes of Jehovah your God, to provoke Him to anger;

26 I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that perishing you shall soon perish from off the land to which you are crossing over the Jordan there to possess it; you shall not prolong *your* days on it, but destroying you shall be destroyed.

27 And Jehovah shall scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations there to which Jehovah shall lead you away.

28 And there you shall serve other gods, there the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which cannot see, and not hear, and not eat, and not smell.

29 But when you shall seek Jehovah your God from there, then you shall find *Him*, if you seek Him with your whole heart, and with all your soul,

30 in your distress, when all these things have found you, in the latter days, then you shall return to Jehovah your God, and shall listen to His voice.

31 For Jehovah your God *is* a merciful God. He will not forsake you, and not destroy you, and not forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

32 For ask now of the days past which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and from the one end of the heavens to the other end of the heavens, whether there has been a thing as great as this, or has *anything* like it been heard.

33 Has a people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and lived?

34 Or has God gone forth to take to Himself a nation from the midst of a nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched

out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Jehovah your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 *To* you it was revealed, so that *you* might know that Jehovah *is* God, *and* no one else besides Him.

36 He made you hear His voice out of the heavens, that He might discipline you; and He made you to see His great fire on earth; and you heard His Word from the midst of the fire.

37 And because He loved your fathers, and chose their seed after them, and brought you out with His presence, with His great power, out of Egypt,

38 in order to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you from before you, to bring you in, to give their land for an inheritance, as *it is* this day;

39 know today, and turn back your heart on it, that Jehovah, He *is* God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath; there *is* no other.

40 And you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am commanding you today, so that it may be well with you, and with your sons after you, and so that you may prolong *your* days on the land, which Jehovah our God is giving to you all the days.

41 ¶ Then Moses separated three cities beyond the Jordan, toward the sunrising,

42 that the manslayer might flee there, he who killed his neighbor without knowledge, and was not hating him *in* times before, and *that* he fleeing to one of these cities and he lived:

43 Bezer in the wilderness, in the tableland, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

44 And this *is* the Law which Moses set before the sons of Israel;

45 these *are* the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel when they came out of Egypt;

46 beyond the Jordan in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel struck when they came out of Egypt.

47 And they took possession of his land, and the land of Og the king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites which *were* beyond the Jordan, toward the sunrising; 48 from Aroer, which *is* on the edge of the river of Arnon, even to Mount Sion, which *is* Hermon;

49 and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the Arabah, under the Slopes of Pisgah.

Deuteronomy 5

1 The covenant in Horeb. 6 The Ten Commandments. 23 At the people's request Moses receives the law from God.

1 ¶ And Moses called to all Israel and said to them, Hear, Israel, the statutes and the judgments which I speak in your ears today. And you shall learn them, and shall take heed to do them.

2 Jehovah your God cut a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 Jehovah did not cut this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, these here today, all of us alive.

4 Jehovah talked with you face to face in the mountain out of the midst of the fire.

5 I stood between Jehovah and you at that time to declare to you the Word of Jehovah; for you were afraid from the face of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain, *when He spoke*, saying:

6 ¶ *I am* Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

7 There will not be to you other gods above Me.

8 You shall not make a carved image for you, any likeness *of anything* in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath, and in the waters *from* under the earth.

9 You shall not bow yourself to them nor serve them, for I, Jehovah your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of fathers on sons, and on the third, and on the fourth *generation* of those that hate Me,

10 and doing faithfulness to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

11 You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

12 Keep the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Jehovah your God has commanded you.

13 Six days you shall labor, and shall do all your work,

14 and the seventh day *shall be* a sabbath to Jehovah your God. You shall not do any work, you and not your son, and not your daughter, and not your male slave, and not your female slave, and not your ox, and not your ass, and not any of your livestock, and not your stranger that *is* within your gates; so that your male slave and your female slave may rest like yourself.

15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm. On account of this Jehovah your God has commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

16 Honor your father and your mother, as Jehovah your God has commanded you, so that your days may be prolonged, and so that it may be well with you in the land which Jehovah your God *is* giving to you.

17 You shall not commit murder.

18 And you shall not commit adultery.

19 And you shall not steal.

20 And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

21 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and not shall you desire your neighbor's house, his field, and his male slave, and his female slave, his ox, and his ass, and anything which *is* your neighbor's.

22 Jehovah spoke these words to all your assembly on the Mount, out of the midst of the fire of the cloud and out of the thick darkness with a great voice. And He added no more; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone, and gave them to me.

23 ¶ And it happened, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain burned with fire, you came near to me, all the rulers of your tribes, and your elders,

24 and you said, Behold! Jehovah your God has made us see His glory and His greatness to us, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, and He lives.

25 And then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of Jehovah your God any more, then we shall die.

26 For who of all flesh that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and *has* lived?

27 You go near and hear all that Jehovah our God may say, and you shall speak to us all that Jehovah our God may speak to you. And we will hear it and do *it*.

28 And Jehovah heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me. And Jehovah said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you; they have well *said* all that they have spoken.

29 Would that this heart of theirs *would be* like this always, to fear Me, and to keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them, and with their sons forever.

30 Go say to them, Return to your tents.

31 But as for you, you stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I am giving to them, to possess it.

32 And you shall be careful to do as Jehovah your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or left.

33 You shall walk in all the ways which Jehovah your God has commanded you, so that you may live, and *that good may be* to you, and you may prolong *your* days in the land which you will possess.

Deuteronomy 6

1 *The end of the law is obedience.*

1 ¶ And this *is* the commandment, the statute and the judgments which Jehovah your God commanded to teach you, to do them in the land to which you are crossing over, to possess it,

2 that you might fear Jehovah your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you; you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged.

3 Hear, then, O Israel, and take heed to do *it*, that it may be well with you, that

you may increase exceedingly, as Jehovah the God of your fathers has promised you, in the land flowing with milk and honey.

4 ¶ Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our God *is* one Jehovah.

5 And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

6 And these words which I am commanding you today shall be on your heart.

7 And you shall teach them to your sons, and shall speak of them as you sit in your house, and as you walk in the way, and as you are lying down, and as you are rising up.

8 And *you* shall bind them for a sign on your hand; and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.

9 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house, and on your gates.

10 And it shall be, when Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land which He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to you great and good cities, which you have not built,

11 and houses full of every good *thing* which you have not filled, and wells dug which you did not dig, vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant; and you shall eat and be satisfied;

12 and you shall be on guard that you not forget Jehovah who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves.

13 You shall fear Jehovah your God, and you shall serve Him, and you shall swear by His name.

14 You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who *are* around you,

15 for Jehovah your God *is* a jealous God in your midst, lest the anger of Jehovah your God burn against you, and He destroy you from off the face of the earth.

16 You shall not test Jehovah your God as you tested *Him* in Massah.

17 ¶ Keeping you shall keep the commands of Jehovah your God, and His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.

18 And you shall do the right thing and the good thing in the eyes of Jehovah, so that it may be well with you, and that you

may go in and possess the good land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers,

19 to cast out all your enemies from before you, as Jehovah has spoken.

20 When your son asks you hereafter, saying, What *are* the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments which Jehovah your God has commanded you?

21 Then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and Jehovah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 And Jehovah gave signs and great and grievous wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his household, before our eyes.

23 And He has brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.

24 And Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jehovah our God for our good forever, to keep us alive, as today.

25 And it shall be righteousness for us when we take heed to do all this commandment before Jehovah our God, as He has commanded us.

Deuteronomy 7

1 All communion with the nations is forbidden, 4 for fear of idolatry, 6 for the holiness of the people, 17 the certainty of victory which God will give them.

1 ¶ When Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land to which you are going, to possess it, and He casts out many nations from before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations larger and mightier than you;

2 and when Jehovah your God shall give them up before you, and you strike them, *then* you shall utterly destroy them; you shall not cut a covenant with them, and not show mercy to them;

3 and you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughter to his son, and not shall you take his daughter to your son.

4 For he will turn your son away from following Me, that they may serve other gods; and the anger of Jehovah will burn against you, and He will destroy you quickly.

5 But you shall deal with them in this way: you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces the cult-stones; and you shall cut down their Asherahs; and you will burn their carved images with fire.

6 For you *are* a holy people to Jehovah your God. Jehovah your God has chosen you to be for a people to Him, a special possession out of all the peoples that *are* on the face of the earth.

7 Jehovah did not set His love on you or choose you because you were more in number than any people, for you *were* the fewest of all peoples.

8 But because Jehovah loved you, and because He kept the oath which He swore to your fathers, Jehovah has caused you to go out with a strong hand, and redeemed you from the house of slaves, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 And know that Jehovah your God, He *is* God, the faithful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commands, to a thousand generations;

10 and repaying to his face those that hate Him, to destroy him; He will not delay, He will repay him who hates Him, to his face.

11 And you shall keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them.

12 ¶ And it shall be, because you hear judgments, and keep and do them, even Jehovah your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.

13 And He will love you, and bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your oxen and the wealth of your flock, in the land which He has sworn to your fathers, to give *it* to you.

14 You shall be blessed above all people; there shall not be a barren man or a barren woman among you, and among your livestock.

15 And Jehovah shall turn aside every sickness from you; and He will not put on

you any of the evil diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will put them on all who hate you.

16 And you shall consume all the peoples whom Jehovah your God is giving to you. And your eye shall have no pity on them; and you shall not serve their gods; for it *shall be* a snare to you.

17 If you shall say in your heart, These nations *are* more numerous than I; how shall I be able to dispossess them?

18 You fearing shall not fear them; remembering you shall remember that which Jehovah your God has done to Pharaoh, and to all Egypt,

19 the great trials which your eyes have seen, and the *miraculous* signs, and the wonders and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm with which Jehovah your God has brought you out. So Jehovah your God shall do to all the peoples of whose face you are afraid.

20 And Jehovah your God shall send the hornets among them, until the ones who are left perish, even *those* who hide themselves from your face.

21 You shall not be afraid of them, for Jehovah your God *is* among you, a mighty and fearful God.

22 And Jehovah your God will clear out those nations before you by little and little. You may not finish them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon you.

23 And Jehovah your God shall deliver them up before you, and destroy them with a great destruction until they are destroyed.

24 And He shall give their kings into your hand; and you shall destroy their name from under the heavens. No man shall be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them.

25 You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; and you shall not covet the silver and gold on them, and not shall you take *it* to yourself, that you not be snared by it; for it *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah.

26 And you shall not bring a disgusting thing into your house, that you not be a cursed thing like it. Detesting you shall detest it, and loathing you shall loathe it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

Deuteronomy 8

1 An exhortation to obedience in regard of God's dealing with them.

1 ¶ You shall take heed to do every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may live and may multiply and may go in and possess the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers.

2 And you shall remember all the way which Jehovah your God has caused you to go these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, to try you, to know that which *is* in your heart, whether you will keep His commands or not.

3 And He has humbled you, and caused you to hunger, and caused you to eat the manna, which you had not known, and your fathers had not known, in order to cause you to know that man shall not live by bread alone, but man shall live by every *word* coming out of the mouth of Jehovah.

4 Your clothes did not wear out on you, and your foot did not swell, these forty years.

5 And you have known with your heart that as a man disciplines his son, Jehovah your God disciplines you.

6 And you shall keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

7 For Jehovah your God brings you into a good land, a land of torrents of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills,

8 a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,

9 a land in which you shall eat bread without want; you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones *are* iron; and you shall dig copper out of its mountains.

10 ¶ And you shall eat and be satisfied; and you shall bless Jehovah your God in the good land which He has given you.

11 Take heed to yourself, lest you forget Jehovah your God so as not to keep His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I am commanding you today;

12 that *when* you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built goodly houses, and have lived *in them*,

13 and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold have multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied,

14 and it rises up into your heart, and you forget Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves;

15 who led you through the great and dreadful wilderness, *with* burning serpent, and scorpion, and thirsty ground where no water *is*; who brought you water out of the flinty rock;

16 who made you eat manna in the wilderness, which your fathers did not know; that He might humble you and that He might prove you, to do you good at your latter end;

17 and you not say in your heart, My power and the might of *my* hand have gotten me this wealth.

18 But you shall remember Jehovah your God, for *it is* He who gives to you power to get wealth; that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it shall be, if you shall forget Jehovah your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you today that perishing you shall perish;

20 as the nations that Jehovah makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you did not listen to the voice of Jehovah your God.

Deuteronomy 9

Moses warns them not to glory in their own righteousness, by rehearsing their several rebellions.

1 ¶ Hear, O Israel, you shall cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and walled up to the heavens;

2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, Who can stand before the sons of Anak?

3 And know today that Jehovah your God *is* He who passes over before you as a consuming fire; He will destroy them, and He will bring them down before you; so you shall dispossess them

and make them to perish quickly, as Jehovah has spoken to you.

4 Do not say in your heart, when Jehovah your God thrusts them out from before you, saying, Jehovah has brought me in to possess this land for my righteousness. But say, Jehovah dispossesses them from before you because of the wickedness of those nations.

5 *It is* not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you go to possess their land. But Jehovah your God is dispossessing them from before you because of the wickedness of these nations; and in order to establish the Word which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

6 And you shall know that Jehovah your God is not giving you this good land, to possess it, for your righteousness; for you *are* a stiffnecked people.

7 ¶ Remember; do not forget how you made Jehovah your God angry in the wilderness; even from the day that you came out of the land of Egypt until you came into this place you have been rebellious against Jehovah.

8 Even in Horeb you made Jehovah angry; and Jehovah breathed angrily against you, to destroy you.

9 When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, tablets of the covenant which Jehovah cut with you, and I remained in the mountain forty days and forty nights (I did not eat bread and I did not drink water),

10 and Jehovah gave to me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them was written according to all the words which Jehovah spoke with you in the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly;

11 then it happened, at the end of forty days and forty nights Jehovah gave the two tablets of stone to me, tablets of the covenant,

12 and Jehovah said to me, Rise up, go down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly; they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molten idol.

13 And Jehovah spoke to me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people.

14 Let Me alone that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under the heavens; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 And I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant *were* in my two hands;

16 and I looked; and, behold! You had sinned against Jehovah your God; you had made a molten calf for yourselves; you had quickly turned out of the way which Jehovah had commanded you.

17 And I took hold of the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before Jehovah, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water; because of all your sins which you had sinned, in doing that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to make Him angry.

19 For I was afraid because of the anger and the fury with which Jehovah had been angry against you, to destroy you. And Jehovah listened to me at this time also.

20 And Jehovah was very angry with Aaron, to destroy him, and I also prayed for Aaron at that time.

21 And I took your sin, the calf which you made, and I burned it with fire, and beat it, grinding *it* very small until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the torrent that came down out of the mountain.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at The Graves of Lust you provoked Jehovah to anger.

23 And when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given to you, then you rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah your God, and did not believe Him, and did not listen to His voice.

24 You have been rebellious against Jehovah from the day that I knew you.

25 And I fell down before Jehovah the forty days and the forty nights *as* I had thrown myself down *before*, for Jehovah had said to destroy you.

26 And I prayed to Jehovah, and said, O Lord Jehovah, do not destroy Your people, and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed in Your greatness; whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; do not look to the stubbornness of this people, and not to their wickedness and not to their sin,

28 lest the land from which You brought us say, Because Jehovah was not able to bring them into the land which was His Word to them; and, because He hated them, He has brought them out to make them die in the wilderness.

29 And they *are* Your people, and Your inheritance, whom You have brought out by Your great power, and by Your stretched out arm.

Deuteronomy 10

1 God's mercy in restoring the two tables, 6 in continuing the priesthood, 8 in separating the tribe of Levi, 10 in hearkening unto Moses' suit for the people. 12 An exhortation to obedience.

1 ¶ At that time Jehovah said to me, Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me, into the mountain, and you shall make for yourself an ark of wood;

2 and I shall write on the tablets the words which were on the first tablets, which you have broken, and you shall place them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut out two tablets of stone like the first, and went up into the mountain; and the two tablets were in my hand.

4 And He wrote on the tablets according to the writing, the Ten Words (*Commandments*) which Jehovah had spoken to you in the mountain, out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. And Jehovah gave them to me,

5 and I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark which I had made. And they are there, as Jehovah commanded me.

6 And the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* from Beeroth of the sons of Jaakan to

Mosera; Aaron died there and he was buried there; and his son Eleazar was acting as priest in his place.

7 From there they pulled up *stakes* to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of torrents of water.

8 At that time Jehovah separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant before Jehovah, to stand before Jehovah and to minister to Him, and to bless in His name, until today.

9 Therefore, Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers; Jehovah *is* his inheritance, according as Jehovah your God spoke to him.

10 And I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights, as at the first. And Jehovah listened to me that time also; Jehovah did not will to destroy you.

11 And Jehovah said to me, Rise up! Go before the people, causing them to pull up *stakes*, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers, to give it to them.

12 ¶ And now, Israel, what has Jehovah your God asked of you, except to fear Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul;

13 to keep the commandments of Jehovah, and His statutes which I am commanding you today, for your good.

14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of the heavens, the earth and all in it, *belong* to Jehovah your God.

15 Only, Jehovah has delighted in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their seed after them, on you out of all the peoples, as *it is* today.

16 And you shall circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and you shall not harden your neck any more.

17 For Jehovah your God, He *is* the God of gods, and the Lord of lords; the great, the mighty, the fearful God who does not lift up faces, nor take a bribe.

18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, to give to him food and clothing.

19 And you shall love the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

20 You shall fear Jehovah your God; you shall serve Him; and you shall cling to Him; and you shall swear by His name.

21 He *shall be* your praise, and He *shall be* your God, who has done for you these great and fearful *things* which your eyes have seen.

22 Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons; and now Jehovah your God has made you as the stars of the heavens for multitude.

Deuteronomy 11

1 An exhortation to obedience, 2 by their own experience of God's great works, 8 by promise of God's great blessings, 16 and by threats.

1 ¶ And you shall love Jehovah your God, and keep His charge, and His statutes and His judgments, and His commandments all the days.

2 And you know today, for *I do not speak* with your sons who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of Jehovah your God, His greatness, His mighty hand, and His stretched out arm,

3 and His signs, and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land;

4 and that which He has done to the army of Egypt, to its horses, and to its chariots, when He caused the waters of the Sea of Reeds to flow over them as they pursued them. And Jehovah destroyed them until this day;

5 and that which He has done to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place;

6 and that which He has done to Dathan, and to Abiram, sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, when the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them and their houses and their tents and all the living substance at their feet, in the midst of all Israel.

7 But seeing your eyes see all the great work of Jehovah which He has done.

8 ¶ And you shall keep all the commandments which I am commanding you today, so that you shall be strong, and shall go in and possess the land to which you are crossing over, to possess it;

9 and so that you may prolong your days in the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to give to them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 For the land to which you are going over there, to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from which you came out, where you sowed your seed and watered *it* with your foot, as a garden of herbs.

11 But the land there which you are entering to possess it *is* a land of hills and valleys, drinking water from the rain of the heavens;

12 a land which Jehovah your God cares for; the eyes of Jehovah your God *are* always on it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

13 And it shall be, if listening you will listen to My commands which I command you today, to love Jehovah your God, and to serve Him with all your heart, and with all your soul,

14 that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, and your wine, and your oil.

15 And I will give grass in your fields for your livestock; and you shall eat and be satisfied.

16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart not be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods, and bow down to them;

17 and the anger of Jehovah burn against you, and He shut up the heavens, and there be no rain, and the ground not give her increase, and you perish quickly from off the good land which Jehovah is giving to you.

18 ¶ And you shall lay these words up in your hearts, and in your souls, and shall bind them for a sign on your hands. And they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.

19 And you shall teach them to your sons by speaking of them as you sit in your house, and as you walk in the way, and as you lie down, and as you rise up.

20 And *you* shall write them on the side posts of your house, and on your gates,

21 that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied in the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to give to them, as the days of the heavens over the earth.

22 For if keeping you will keep this command which I am commanding you, to do

it, to love Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cling to Him,

23 then Jehovah shall dispossess all these nations from before you, and you shall possess nations greater and mightier than you.

24 Every place where the sole of your foot treads shall be yours, from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the Euphrates River, even to the furthest sea shall be your border.

25 No man shall stand before you. Jehovah your God shall put your dread and your fear on the face of all the land on which you tread, as He has spoken to you.

26 ¶ Behold! I set before you today a blessing and a curse:

27 a blessing if you hear the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you today;

28 and a curse if you will not hear the commandments of Jehovah your God, but will turn aside out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

29 And it shall be when Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land there where you are going to possess it, that you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim, and the curse on Mount Ebal.

30 *Are they not beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites that live in the Arabah, opposite to Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?*

31 For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you; and you shall possess it and live in it.

32 And take heed to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am giving before you today.

Deuteronomy 12

1 Objects of idolatry are to be destroyed. 5 The place of God's service is to be kept. 16, 23 Blood is forbidden. 19 The Levite is not to be forsaken.

29 Idolatry is not to be inquired after.

1 ¶ These *are* the statutes and the judgments which you shall take heed to do in the land which Jehovah the God of your fathers has given to you, to possess it, all the days that you live on the earth:

2 Destroying you shall destroy all the places where the nations which you are dispossessing served their gods, on the high mountains, and on the hills, and under every leafy tree.

3 And you shall break down their altars, and shatter their standing pillars. And you shall burn their Asherahs with fire. And you shall cut down the carved images of their gods, and shall destroy their names out of that place.

4 You shall not do so to Jehovah your God.

5 ¶ But you shall seek to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose out of all your tribes; for you shall seek His dwelling, to put His name there. And you shall go there.

6 And you shall bring your burnt offerings there, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offering, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock.

7 And you shall eat there before Jehovah your God, and shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, with which Jehovah your God has blessed you.

8 You shall not do according to all that we *are* doing here today, *each man doing* all that *is* right in his own eyes.

9 For you have not come to the rest and to the inheritance which Jehovah your God *is* giving to you.

10 And you shall cross over the Jordan, and shall live in the land which Jehovah your God is causing you to inherit. And He shall give you rest from all your enemies all around; and you shall live securely.

11 And it shall be the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I *am* commanding you, your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice free-will offerings which you vow to Jehovah.

12 And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God, you and your sons, and your daughters, and your male slaves, and your female slaves, and the Levite within your

gates because he has no portion or inheritance with you.

13 Take heed to yourself that you not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see;

14 but in the place which Jehovah shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command.

15 Only with all the desire of your soul you shall sacrifice and shall eat flesh within all your gates according to the blessing of Jehovah your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean one may eat of it, as of the gazelle and as of the hart.

16 Only, you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it as water on the earth.

17 You *are* not able to eat the tithe of your grain within your gates, and of your new wine and your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock, and any of your vows which you vow, and your freewill offering, and the heave offering of your hand.

18 But you shall eat it before Jehovah your God in the place which Jehovah your God shall choose, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your female slave, and the Levite who *is* within your gates. And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God in all that you put your hand *to*.

19 Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live on the land.

20 Then Jehovah your God shall enlarge your border, as He has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat flesh; because your soul desires to eat flesh, you may eat flesh according to all the desire of your soul.

21 If the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to put His name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock which Jehovah has given you, as I have commanded you; and you shall eat within your gates according to all the desire of your soul.

22 Only, as the gazelle and the hart are eaten, so you shall eat of it; the unclean and the clean *one* may eat of it alike.

23 Only, be strong not to eat the blood, for the blood *is* the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh;

24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth as water.

25 You shall not eat it in order that it may be well with you and with your sons after you, when you do that which *is* right in the eyes of Jehovah.

26 Only, your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take up and shall go to the place which Jehovah shall choose.

27 And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of Jehovah your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out by the altar of Jehovah your God; and you shall eat the flesh.

28 Take heed to listen to all these words which I am commanding you, in order that it may be well with you and with your sons after you forever, when you do that which *is* good and right in the eyes of Jehovah your God.

29 When Jehovah your God shall cut off the nations from before you, where you are going in to possess them, and you shall possess them, and shall live in their land,

30 take heed to yourself that you not be snared to follow them after they have been destroyed before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? And I shall do so, even I.

31 You shall not do so to Jehovah your God; for every disgusting thing to Jehovah, which He detests, they have done to their gods. For they have even burned their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 All the things that I command you, take heed to do them, and you shall not add to it and not take away from it.

Deuteronomy 13

1 Enticers to idolatry, 9 are to be stoned to death.

12 Idolatrous cities are not to be spared.

1 ¶ If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams rises among you, and gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder which he spoke to you occurs, saying, Let us go after other gods which you have not known, and let us serve them,

3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams. For Jehovah your God *is* testing you, to know if you love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 You shall walk after Jehovah your God, and you shall fear Him. And you shall keep His commandments, and you shall hear His voice, and you shall serve Him, and you shall cling to Him.

5 And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be caused to die, because he has spoken apostasy against Jehovah your God, who is bringing you out of the land of Egypt, and has redeemed you out of the house of slaves, to drive you out of the way in which Jehovah your God has commanded you to walk. And you shall put away the evil *thing* from among you.

6 ¶ If your brother, your mother's son, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who *is* as your own soul, shall entice you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you and your fathers,

7 of the gods of the people around you, *those* near you or far off from you, from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth,

8 you shall not consent to him, and not listen to him, and not shall your eye have pity on him, and not shall you spare, and not *shall you* hide him.

9 But killing you shall kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to cause him to die, and the hand of all the people last.

10 And you shall stone him with stones, and he shall die, for he has sought to drive you away from Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves.

11 And all Israel shall hear and fear, and shall not again do any such an evil thing as this among you.

12 ¶ If, in one of your cities which Jehovah your God is giving you to live in, you hear *one* saying,

13 *Certain* men, sons of Belial, have gone out from among you and have drawn away those who live in their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known;

14 then you shall inquire and make search, and ask carefully; and, behold, *if* the thing *is* truly established, *that* this disgusting thing has been done among you,

15 striking you shall strike those who live in that city by the mouth of the sword, destroying it completely, and all that *is* in it, and its livestock, with the mouth of the sword.

16 And you shall gather all its spoil into the middle of its open place, and shall burn the city with fire, and all its spoil, completely, before Jehovah your God. And it shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built any more.

17 And not any of the cursed thing shall cling to your hand, so that Jehovah shall turn from the fierceness of His anger, and shall give mercies to you, and shall love you, and shall multiply you, as He has sworn to your fathers,

18 when you listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to keep all His commandments which I *am* commanding you today, to do that which *is* right in the eyes of Jehovah your God.

Deuteronomy 14

1 God's children are not to disfigure themselves.

3 What may, and what may not be eaten, 4 of beasts, 9 of fishes, 11 of fowls. 22 Tithes of divine service.

1 ¶ You *are* sons to Jehovah your God; you shall not cut yourselves, nor make *any* baldness between your eyes for the dead.

2 For you *are* a holy people to Jehovah your God; and Jehovah has chosen you to be a people to Him, a special treasure out of all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth.

3 You shall not eat any abominable thing.

4 These *are* the animals which you shall eat: the ox, the flocked sheep, and the flocked goat,

5 the hart and gazelle, and roe deer, and wild goat, and antelope, and oryx, and moufflon.

6 And you may eat every animal that divides the hoof, and cleaving the cleft of the two hooves, and chews the cud among the animals.

7 But you shall not eat of those that *only* chew the cud, and *only* cleaving the cleft

of the hoof: *such as* the camel, and the hare, and the rock badger; for they make come up the cud, but the they do not divide the hoof. They *shall be* unclean to you.

8 And the swine, because it divides the hoof, but *does not chew* the cud; it *is* unclean to you. You shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead body.

9 These you shall eat of all in the waters: you shall eat all that have fins and scales.

10 And whatever does not have fins and scales, you shall not eat. It *shall be* unclean to you.

11 You shall eat of all clean birds.

12 But you shall not eat of these: the eagle, the black vulture, and the bearded vulture,

13 and the hawk, and falcons, and the kite by its kinds,

14 and all ravens by their kinds;

15 and the ostrich, and the great owl, and the sea gull, and small hawks by their kinds,

16 the little owl, and the eared owl, and the barn owl,

17 and the pelican, and the owl, and the cormorant,

18 and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

19 And every teeming thing that flies *shall be* unclean to you; they shall not be eaten.

20 You may eat of all clean birds.

21 You shall not eat of anything that died of itself. You may give it to the alien who *is* within your gates, that he may eat it. Or you may sell *it* to a foreign *one*. For you *are* a holy people to Jehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

22 ¶ Tithing you shall tithe all the increase of your seed that the field brings out year by year.

23 And you shall eat before Jehovah your God in the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock; that you may learn to fear Jehovah your God all *your* days.

24 And if the way *is* too long for you, so that you cannot carry it, because the place is too far from you which Jehovah your God shall choose to set His name there, when Jehovah your God shall bless you;

25 Then you shall give *it* for silver, and bind up the silver in your hand. And you shall go to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose.

26 And you shall pay the silver for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for fermented liquor, or for whatever your soul desires. And you shall eat there before Jehovah your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

27 And you shall not forsake the Levite who *is* within your gates, for he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

28 At the end of three years, even the same year, you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase, and shall lay *it* up within your gates.

29 And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow who *are* within your gates shall come and shall eat and be satisfied; so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Deuteronomy 15

1 *The seventh year a year of release for the poor.*

12 *A Hebrew servant must in the seventh year go forth free and well furnished.*

1 ¶ At the end of every seven years you shall make a release.

2 And this *is* the manner of the release: Everyone who has a loan to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbor and his brother, because a release has been proclaimed for Jehovah.

3 You may exact *it* from a foreign *one*, but your hand shall release whatever is yours with your brother,

4 only that there shall be no one in need among you. For Jehovah will greatly bless you in the land that Jehovah your God is giving you *for* an inheritance, to possess it,

5 only if listening you listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to take heed to do all this command which I *am* commanding you today.

6 For Jehovah your God will bless you as He promised you. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

7 If there is a needy *one* among you, one of your brothers inside any of your gates in your land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your needy brother.

8 But opening you shall open your hand to him, and lending you shall lend him enough for his need in that which he lacks.

9 Beware that there is no evil thing in your heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release draws near; and your eye *be* evil against your needy brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to Jehovah against you and it be sin to you.

10 Giving you shall give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because Jehovah your God will bless you for this thing, in all your work, and in all that you put your hand to.

11 For the needy *one* will not cease from the midst of the land. On account of this I *am* commanding you, saying, Opening you shall open your hand to your afflicted and needy brother in your land.

12 ¶ If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.

13 And when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty.

14 Adorning you shall adorn him from your flock, and from your threshing floor, and from your winepress, with that which Jehovah your God has blessed you, you shall give to him.

15 And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah your God redeemed you. On account of this I *am* commanding you this thing today.

16 And it shall be, if he says to you, I will not go out from you, because he loves you and your house, because *it was* good for him with you;

17 then you shall take an awl, and shall put *it* through his ear, and through the door, and he shall be your slave forever. And you shall do so to your slave-girl also.

18 It shall not seem hard in your eyes when you send him away free from you. For to the double of the hire of a hireling he has served you six years. And

Jehovah your God will bless you in all that you do.

19 ¶ The firstling males that are born of your herd and of your flock, you shall sanctify to Jehovah your God. You shall do no work with the firstling of your ox, nor shear the firstling of your flock.

20 You shall eat it before Jehovah your God year by year in the place which Jehovah shall choose, you and your household.

21 And if there is *any* blemish in it, lameness, or blindness, or any evil blemish whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to Jehovah your God.

22 You shall eat it inside your gates; the unclean and the clean alike, as the gazelle and as the hart.

23 Only, you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.

Deuteronomy 16

1 The Passover Feast, 9 of weeks, 13 of tabernacles. 16 Every male must offer, as he is able, at these three feasts. 18 Of judges and justice.

1 ¶ Observe the month Abib, and perform the Passover to Jehovah your God. For in the month of Abib Jehovah your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

2 And you shall sacrifice a passover to Jehovah your God of the flock, and of the herd, in the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there.

3 You shall not eat leaven with it. You shall eat unleavened *bread* with it seven days, even the bread of affliction. For you came out of the land of Egypt in haste, so that you may remember the day that you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.

4 And there shall be no leaven seen with you in your borders seven days; nor shall *any* of the flesh which you sacrificed the first day at evening remain all night until the morning.

5 You may not sacrifice the Passover offering inside any of your gates, which Jehovah your God gives you.

6 But at the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, you shall sacrifice the Passover offering at evening, at the going in of the sun, at the time when you came out of Egypt.

7 And you shall boil and eat in the place which Jehovah your God shall choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go into your tents.

8 You shall eat unleavened *bread* six days, and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to Jehovah your God. You shall do no work.

9 You shall number to yourself seven weeks. *When* the sickle begins to *reap* in the standing grain, you shall begin to number seven weeks.

10 And you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to Jehovah your God according to the measure of the free will offering of your hand, which you shall give according as Jehovah your God blesses you.

11 And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your slave-girl, and the Levite that *is* inside your gates, and the alien, and the fatherless, and the widow, *all that are* among you, in the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there.

12 And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall take heed to do these statutes.

13 You shall keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor, and from your winepress.

14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your slave-girl, and the Levite, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, *all that are* inside your gates.

15 You shall keep a solemn feast seven days to Jehovah your God in the place which Jehovah shall choose; for Jehovah your God shall bless you in all your produce, and in every work of your hands, and you shall be only joyful.

16 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before Jehovah your God in the place which He shall choose: In the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*, and in the Feast of Weeks and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before Jehovah empty,

17 *but* each with his gift of his hand, according to the blessing of Jehovah your God which He has given you.

18 ¶ You shall appoint judges and officers for yourself in all your gates which Jehovah your God gives you, tribe by tribe. And they shall judge the people with judgment of righteousness.

19 You shall not pervert judgment. You shall not regard faces, and you shall not take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous *ones*.

20 You shall pursue righteousness that you may live and possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving you.

21 You shall not set up for yourself Asherahs of any trees, which you make for yourself near the altar of Jehovah your God.

22 And you shall not raise up for yourself any standing image, which Jehovah your God detests.

Deuteronomy 17

1 The things sacrificed must be without blemish 2 Idolaters must be stoned. 8 Hard controversies are to be settled by the priests and judges.

14 The election, 16 and duty of a king.

1 ¶ You shall not sacrifice to Jehovah your God an ox or sheep in which there is a blemish, any evil thing, for it *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah your God.

2 When there is found among you, in one of your gates which Jehovah your God is giving to you, a man or woman who does the evil *thing* in the sight of Jehovah your God in passing over His covenant,

3 and has gone and served other gods, and worshiped them; or the sun, or the moon, or *of* the host of the heavens, which I have not commanded;

4 and it has been revealed to you, and you have heard, and searching have searched; and, behold, *it is* true; and the thing is confirmed, *that* this disgusting thing has been done in Israel,

5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or that woman who has done this evil thing, the man or the woman; and you shall stone them with stones, and they shall die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall die *the one* dying He shall

not be caused to die at the mouth of one witness.

7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first on him, to cause him to die; and the hand of all the people last. And you shall destroy the evil *thing* from among you.

8 ¶ If a matter *is* too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between cause and cause, or between stroke and stroke, matters of strife within your gates, then you shall rise and go up to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose.

9 And *you* shall come in to the Levitical priests, and to the judge who is in those days, and shall inquire. And they shall declare the word of judgment to you.

10 And you shall do according to the word which they declare to you from that place which Jehovah shall choose. And you shall take heed to do according to all that they direct you.

11 You shall do according to the mouth of the law which they direct you, and according to the judgment which they deliver to you. You shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you, right or left.

12 And the man who acts with pride so as not to listen to the priest who is standing to serve Jehovah your God there, or to the judge, even that man shall die; and you shall remove the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and shall not presume any more.

14 ¶ When you come into the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, and have dispossessed it, and settled in it; and you shall say, Let me set a king over me like all the nations around me,

15 *then* you shall certainly set a king over you. You may not give a man, a foreign *one the rule* over you, one who *is* not your brother.

16 Only, he shall not heap up horses to himself, nor cause the people to turn back to Egypt so as to heap up horses, since Jehovah has said to you, You shall not again turn back in this way any more.

17 And he shall not heap up wives to himself, and his heart shall not turn aside. And he shall not greatly heap up to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a

copy of this Law in a book, from before the Levitical priests.

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear Jehovah your God, to keep all the words of this Law and these statutes, to do them;

20 so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or to the left; so that he may prolong *his* days over his kingdom, he and his sons in the midst of Israel.

Deuteronomy 18

1 *Jehovah is priests' and Levites' inheritance.*

6 *The Levite's portion.* 9 *The abominations of nations to be avoided.* 15 *Christ will be heard.*

1 ¶ There shall not be for the Levitical priests, all the tribe of Levi, a portion or inheritance with Israel. They shall eat fire offerings of Jehovah, even His inheritance.

2 And he shall have no inheritance among his brothers. Jehovah Himself *is* his inheritance, as He has spoken to him.

3 And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those that offer a sacrifice, whether an ox or sheep, that they shall give to the priest the leg, and the two cheeks, and the stomach,

4 the first of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your flock, you shall give to him.

5 For Jehovah your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the name of Jehovah, he and his sons continually.

6 And if a Levite comes from one of your gates of all Israel, there where he has been living, and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place which Jehovah shall choose,

7 even he shall serve in the name of Jehovah his God, as all his brothers the Levites who stand before Jehovah do.

8 They shall eat portion like portion, except of the sales of what *belonged* to his father.

9 ¶ When you come to the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, you shall not learn to do according to the disgusting things of those nations.

10 There shall not be found in you one who passes his son or his daughter through the fire,

one that uses divination, an observer of clouds, or one divining, or a whisperer of spells,

11 or a magic charmer, or one consulting mediums, or a spirit-knower, or one inquiring of the dead.

12 For all doing these things *are* disgusting to Jehovah. And because of these disgusting things Jehovah your God is dispossessing these nations before you.

13 You shall be perfect with Jehovah your God.

14 For these nations whom you shall dispossess listen to observers of clouds, and to those divining. But as to you, Jehovah your God has not given to you *to do* so.

15 ¶ Jehovah your God shall raise up to you a Prophet from among you, of your brothers, One like me; you shall listen to Him,

16 according to all that you desired of Jehovah your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Do not let me hear again the voice of Jehovah my God, nor let me see this great fire any more, lest I die.

17 And Jehovah said to me, They have spoken well *in* what they have spoken.

18 I shall raise up a Prophet to them from among their brothers, *One* like you; and I will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him.

19 And it shall be, whoever will not listen to My words which He shall speak in My name, I will require it at his hand.

20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, that which I have not commanded him to speak, and who speaks in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which Jehovah has not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah, if the thing does not happen and come about, that *is* the thing which Jehovah has not spoken; *that* prophet has spoken it proudly; you shall not be afraid of him.

Deuteronomy 19

1 The cities of refuge. 4 The privilege for the manslayer. 14 The landmark is not to be removed. 16 The punishment of a false witness.

1 ¶ When Jehovah your God shall cut off the nations whose land Jehovah your God

is giving to you, and when you dispossess them, and live in their cities, and in their houses,

2 you shall separate three cities for you in the midst of your land, which Jehovah your God is giving you to possess it.

3 You shall prepare the way for yourself, and shall divide into three parts the border of your land which Jehovah your God shall cause you to inherit, so that every manslayer may flee there.

4 And this *is* the case of the manslayer who shall flee there, that he may live: whoever strikes his neighbor unawares, and *was* not hating him yesterday and the day before;

5 even he who goes into the forest with his neighbor to cut wood, and strikes with his hand with the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron head slips from the wood and finds his neighbor so that he dies; he shall flee to one of these cities, and shall live;

6 that the avenger of blood not pursue the manslayer when his heart is hot, and shall overtake him because the way is long, and shall strike him *so as* to die, and he had no sentence of death, for he did not hate him yesterday or the day before.

7 On account of this I am commanding you, saying, You shall separate to yourself three cities.

8 And if Jehovah your God shall enlarge your border, as He has sworn to your fathers, and shall give to you all the land which He has spoken to give to your fathers,

9 if you will keep these commandments which I am commanding you today, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in His ways forever, then you shall add to yourself another three cities to these three.

10 And innocent blood shall not be shed in the midst of your land, which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance, and there be blood on you.

11 And if there be a man hating his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes his life from him, so that he dies, and flees to one of these cities,

12 then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and give him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall consume the innocent blood from Israel, and it shall be well with you.

14 ¶ You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which those formerly have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land which Jehovah your God is giving you, to possess it.

15 One witness shall not rise against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin which he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses a thing shall be raised up *to judgment*.

16 If a witness of violence rises up against any man to charge apostasy against him,

17 even both the men who have the dispute shall stand before Jehovah, before the priests and the judges who shall be in those days.

18 And the judges shall inquire *and* do right; and, behold, *if* the witness *is* a false witness, *and* he has testified falsely against his brother,

19 and you shall do to him as he plotted to do to his brother. And you shall consume the evil from among you.

20 And those who remain shall hear and fear, and shall not add to commit any such evil among you again.

21 And your eye shall not pity; life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Deuteronomy 20

1 The priests encourage the people going into battle. 10 If the cities that accept or refuse peace.

1 ¶ When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots, a people more than you, you shall not fear them. For Jehovah your God *is* with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

2 And it shall be, when you draw near to battle, the priest shall come and speak to the people,

3 and say to them. Hear, Israel, you are drawing near today to battle against your enemies. Do not let your heart be faint; do not fear nor tremble, and nor be terrified before their faces.

4 For Jehovah your God *is* He who is going before you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, Who *is* the man that has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, that he not die in battle and another man dedicate it.

6 And who *is* the man that has planted a vineyard, and has not used its fruit? Let him go and return to his house, that he not die in battle, and another man use its fruit.

7 And who *is* the man who has betrothed a woman, and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, and he not die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further to the people, and say, Who *is* the man who *is* afraid, and faint of heart? Let him go and return to his house; then the heart of his brothers will not melt like his heart.

9 And it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, leaders of the armies shall be appointed at the head of the people.

10 ¶ When you come near a city to fight against it, then call to it for peace.

11 And it shall be, if it answers peace to you, and shall open to you, then it shall be that all the people found in it shall be forced laborers for you, and shall serve you.

12 And if it shall not make peace with you, and shall make war with you, then you shall lay siege against it.

13 And Jehovah your God shall give it into your hand; and you shall strike every male of it by the mouth of the sword.

14 Only, the women, and the little ones, and the livestock, and all in the city, all its plunder, you shall seize for yourself. And you shall eat the plunder of your enemies which Jehovah your God has given to you.

15 So you shall do to all the cities very far away from you, which *are* not of the cities of these nations.

16 But of the cities of these peoples which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance, you shall not keep alive any that breathes.

17 But destroying you shall destroy them, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as Jehovah your God has commanded you;

18 so that they may not teach you to do according to all their disgusting things which they have done for their gods; and you would sin against Jehovah your God.

19 When you shall lay siege to a city many days, to fight against it, to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees in order to force an axe against them. For you shall eat of them, and you shall not cut them down; for *is* the tree of the field a man, that it should be used by you to lay siege?

20 Only the tree which you know not *to be* a fruit tree, you may destroy it, and may cut it down, and may build a bulwark against the city making war with you, until you have subdued it.

Deuteronomy 21

1 Rules concerning an uncertain murder. 10 The usage of a captive taken to wife. 18 A stubborn son is to be stoned to death.

1 ¶ If one is found slain in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, to possess it, lying in the field, and it is not known who has struck him;

2 then your elders and your judges shall come out. And they shall measure to the cities which *are* around the one slain.

3 And it shall be, that the city nearest to the one slain, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not been worked with, and which has not drawn in the yoke.

4 And the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to an ever-flowing torrent which is not plowed nor sown. And *they* shall break the heifer's neck there by the torrent.

5 And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near (for Jehovah your God has chosen them to minister to Him, and to bless in the name of Jehovah) and by their mouth shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried*.

6 And all the elders of that city nearest to the one slain shall wash their hands by the torrent, over the heifer whose neck was broken.

7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.

8 O Jehovah, be merciful to Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

9 And you shall remove the innocent blood from among you, for you shall do that which *is* right in the eyes of Jehovah.

10 ¶ When you go out to battle against your enemies, and Jehovah your God has given them into your hands, and you have taken them captive;

11 and you have seen in the captivity a woman of beautiful form, and you desire her, even to take *her* to you for a wife,

12 and you shall bring her into the midst of your household, and she shall shave her head, and do her nails,

13 and shall remove the clothing of her captivity from her, and shall live in your house, and shall weep for her father and her mother a month of days. And afterwards you shall go in to her, and shall marry her; and she shall be a wife to you.

14 And it shall be, if you do not delight in her, you shall send her away at her desire; and you shall not at all sell her for silver; you shall not treat her as a slave, because you have humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man has two wives, the one loved, and the other hated; and they have borne him sons, both the loved one and the hated one; and if the first-born son was of her who was hated,

16 then it shall be, in the day that he causes his sons to inherit that which is his, he is not able to cause to inherit the first-born son of the *one* loved before the first-born son of the hated *one, who is truly* the first-born.

17 But he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the one hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he *is* the firstfruit of his strength, the right of the first-born *is* his.

18 ¶ If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not listen to his father's voice, or his mother's voice; even though they discipline him, *he* will not listen to them;

19 and his father and his mother shall lay hold on him and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place;

20 and they shall say to the elders of his city, This son of ours *is* stubborn and rebellious; he will not listen to our voice; he *is* a glutton, and a drunkard.

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die. So you shall consume the evil from among you, that all Israel shall hear, and fear.

22 And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is caused to die, and you hang him on a tree,

23 his body shall not remain all night on the tree; but burying you shall bury him the same day. For he that is hanged *is* a reproach to God. And you shall not defile your land which Jehovah your God is giving to you as an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 22

1 Of humanity toward brothers. 5 The sex is to be distinguished by apparel. 13 The punishment of him that slanders his wife. 20, 22 Of adultery, 25 of rape, 28 and of fornication. 30 Incest.

1 ¶ You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep driven away, and hide yourself from them. Turning you shall turn them back to your brother.

2 And if your brother *is* not near you, and you do not know him, then you shall bring *it* home to the middle of your house; and it shall be with you until your brother seeks it; and you shall restore it to him.

3 And so you shall do with his ass, and so you will do with his clothing, and so you shall do with everything lost of your brother's, which he has lost and you have found; you may not hide *it*.

4 You shall not see your brother's ass or his ox fallen down in the way, and hide yourself from them. Lifting you shall lift *it* up.

5 ¶ There shall not be the thing of a man on a woman, and not shall a man put on a woman's garment. For it *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah your God whoever does these things.

6 If a bird's nest happens to be before you in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *with* young ones, or eggs; and the mother is sitting on the young, or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young.

7 But in every case you shall let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, so that

it may be well with you, and you may prolong your days.

8 When you build a new house, then you shall make a guard rail for your roof, so that you do not put blood on your house if someone falls from it.

9 You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seeds, that the fruit of your seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard not be defiled.

10 You shall not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 You shall not wear a garment of different kinds, of wool and linen together.

12 You shall make for yourself tassels on the four corners of your cloak with which you cover.

13 ¶ If a man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and hates her,

14 and sets shameful things on her, and brings up an evil name on her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came near her, I did not find in her the tokens of virginity.

15 Then the girl's father and her mother shall take and bring the girl's tokens of virginity to the elders of the city in the gate.

16 And the girl's father shall say to the elders, I have given my daughter to this man for a wife, and he hates her.

17 And, behold, he has laid shameful things *against her*, saying, I have not found in your daughter the tokens of virginity. And yet *see* these tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him.

19 And they shall fine him a hundred *pieces* of silver, and give them to the girl's father, because he has brought an evil name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing is true *that* tokens of virginity have not been found for the girl,

21 and they shall bring out the girl to the door of her father's house. And the men of her city shall stone her with stones, and she shall die; for she has done folly in Israel, to commit fornication in her father's house. And you shall consume the evil from among you.

22 If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman. And you shall put away the evil from Israel.

23 If there *is* a girl that *is* a virgin, betrothed to a man, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her,

24 even you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city. And you shall stone them with stones so that they die, the girl because she did not cry out, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife. And you shall put away the evil from among you.

25 But if a man finds a girl that *is* betrothed in the field, and the man seizes her and lies with her; then only the man that lay with her shall die.

26 And you shall do nothing to the girl; the girl has no sin worthy of death; for as when a man rises against his neighbor and murders him, even so *is* this matter.

27 For he found her in the field, and the betrothed girl cried out, but no one saved her.

28 If a man finds a virgin not being betrothed, and seizes her and lies with her, and they be found;

29 then the man lying with her shall give to the girl's father fifty *pieces* of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has humbled her. He may not send her away all his days.

30 A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

Deuteronomy 23

1 *Who may or may not enter into the congregation. 15 Of the fugitive servant. 17 Of filthiness.*

18 *Of abominable sacrifices. 19 Of usury.*

21 *Of vows. 24 Of trespasses.*

1 ¶ He being wounded, crushed, or cut in his male member shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

2 An illegitimate child shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah, even to the tenth generation none of his shall enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

3 An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah; even to the tenth generation shall none of them

enter into the assembly of Jehovah, perpetually;

4 because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way when you came out of Egypt; and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor, from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

5 But Jehovah your God would not listen to Balaam, and Jehovah your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because Jehovah your God loved you.

6 You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days, perpetually.

7 You shall not despise an Edomite, for he *is* your brother. You shall not despise an Egyptian, for you were a sojourner in his land;

8 sons of the third generation that are born to them may enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

9 ¶ When you go forth *into* camp against your enemies, then keep yourself from every evil thing.

10 If there is among you *any* man who is not clean because of a discharge at night, then he shall go to the outside of the camp; he shall not come in to the middle of the camp.

11 And it shall be, as evening is turning, he shall bathe with water, and as the sun is going, he shall come into the middle of the camp.

12 Also you shall have a place outside the camp, and you shall go out there.

13 And you shall have a tool on your staff. And it shall be, as you sit outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back, and shall cover that which comes from you.

14 For Jehovah your God walks in the middle of your camp to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you. And it shall be, your camp shall be holy, so that He may see no unclean thing in you, and turn away from you.

15 ¶ You shall not shut up to his master a slave that has escaped from his master to you.

16 He shall live with you, among you, in the place which he chooses inside one of your gates, wherever it is good to him. You shall not oppress him.

17 There shall be no prostitute among the daughters of Israel, nor shall there be a homosexual among the sons of Israel.

18 You shall not bring the hire of a prostitute, or the price of a dog, into the house of Jehovah your God for any vow; for even both of these *are* a disgusting thing to Jehovah your God.

19 You shall not lend at interest to your brother; interest of silver, interest of food, interest of anything *loaned* at interest.

20 To a stranger you may lend *at interest*, but you shall not lend at interest to your brother, so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land where you go to possess it.

21 When you shall vow a vow to Jehovah your God, you shall not delay to perform it; for Jehovah your God will certainly require it of you, and it shall be sin to you.

22 But if you shall forebear to vow, it shall be no sin to you.

23 That which has gone out of your lips, you shall keep, and shall do it. According as you have vowed as a free will offering to Jehovah your God, *do* even that which you have spoken with your mouth.

24 When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes to your fill, at your pleasure. But you shall not put *any* in your vessel.

25 When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck heads with your hand; but you shall not move a sickle into your neighbor's standing grain.

Deuteronomy 24

1 Of divorce. 5 A new married man goes not to war. 6, 10 Of pledges. 7 Of manstealers. 8 Of leprosy. 16 Of justice. 19 Of charity.

1 ¶ When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found a thing of nakedness in her, and he writes her a bill of divorce and puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house;

2 and if she goes out from his house and goes and becomes another man's *wife*,

3 and the latter husband hates her, and writes her a bill of divorce, and puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house or if the latter husband who took her to be his wife dies;

4 her former husband who sent her away *is* not to take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled. For it *is* a disgusting thing

before Jehovah, and you shall not cause the land to sin which Jehovah your God is giving to you as an inheritance.

5 ¶ When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, and he shall not be given any thing *to do*. He shall be free at his own house for one year, and shall gladden his wife whom he has taken.

6 No one shall take in pledge the lower and upper millstone, for he is taking a man's life to pledge.

7 If a man is found stealing a person of his brothers of the sons of Israel, and has dealt with him as a slave, and sold him, then that thief shall die. And you shall put away the evil from among you.

8 Be on guard in the plague of leprosy, that you watch closely and do according to all that the Levitical priests shall teach you. As I commanded them, so you shall take heed to do.

9 Remember that which Jehovah your God did to Miriam in the way, as you came out of Egypt.

10 When you lend your neighbor any kind of loan, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge.

11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the security outside to you.

12 And if the man *is* a humble *one*, you shall not sleep with his pledge.

13 You shall certainly give back the pledge to him as goes the sun; and he shall lie down in his own clothing, and shall bless you. And it shall be righteousness to you before Jehovah your God.

14 ¶ You shall not oppress a hired servant, a poor and needy *one* of your brothers, or of your sojourners who *are* in your land, within your gates.

15 In the same day you shall give *him* his hire; do not let the sun go down on it. For he *is* an afflicted *one*, and has lifted up his soul on it; that he not cry against you to Jehovah, and it be sin against you.

16 The fathers shall not die for sons, and sons shall not die for fathers; they *each* man shall die for his own sin.

17 You shall not pervert judgment of a sojourner, *or* of an orphan; and you shall not take a widow's garment as pledge.

18 But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and Jehovah your God redeemed you from there. On account of this I command you to do this thing.

19 When you cut down your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not turn back to take it. It shall be for the sojourner, for the orphan, and for the widow; so that Jehovah your God shall bless you in all the work of your hand.

20 When you beat your olive tree, you shall not search the branch behind you. It shall be for the sojourner, for the orphan, and for the widow.

21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, for the orphan, and for the widow.

22 And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. On account of this I am commanding you to do this thing.

Deuteronomy 25

1 Stripes must not exceed forty. 4 The ox is not to be muzzled. 5 Of being with a brother's wife.

11 Of the immodest woman. 13 Of unjust weights.

1 ¶ If there is a contention between men, and they come to judgment, and they judge them, and declare the one being righteous the righteous *one*, and declare the wicked *one* guilty;

2 and it shall be, if the wicked *one* is a son of stripes, the judge shall cause him to fall down. And one shall strike him before his face, enough for his wickedness, by number.

3 He may give him forty *stripes*; he shall not add more, lest, if he should exceed and beat him above *these with* many stripes, then your brother would be dishonored before your eyes.

4 You shall not muzzle an ox when he is treading out *grain*.

5 ¶ If brothers live together, and one of them dies, and has no son, the wife of *the one who* died shall not go outside to a man, a stranger; her brother-in-law shall go in to her, and take her to himself for a wife, and shall perform the duty of the levirate;

6 and it shall be, the first-born which she bears shall rise up for his dead brother's

name, and his name shall not be wiped out of Israel.

7 And if the man does not desire to take his brother's wife then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate, to the elders, and say, My husband's brother is refusing to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he has not been willing to perform the duty of my levirate.

8 And the elders of his city shall call for him and shall speak to him. And he shall stand and say, I have no desire to take her.

9 And his brother's wife shall draw near to him before the elders, and shall draw off his shoe from his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So it shall be done to the man who will not build up the house of his brother.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him whose shoe was drawn off.

11 When men fight with one another, and the wife of the one shall come near to deliver her husband from the hand of his striker, and shall put out her hand and lay hold on his genitals,

12 then you shall cut off her palm; your eye shall not pity.

13 ¶ You shall not have in your bag a stone and a stone *weight*, a great and a small.

14 You shall not have in your house an ephah and an ephah, a great and a small.

15 You shall have a perfect and just weight; you shall have a perfect and just ephah; so that they prolong your days in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you;

16 for anyone doing these things *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah your God, everyone doing injustice.

17 Remember what Amalek did to you by the way as you came forth out of Egypt;

18 how he met you on the way and attacked your back, all the feeble *ones in* the rear, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

19 And it shall be, when Jehovah your God gives you rest from all your enemies round about in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you *as* an inheritance to possess it, you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens; you shall not forget.

Deuteronomy 26

1 The confession of he that offers the basket of firstfruits. 12 The prayer of he that gives his third year's tithes. 16 The covenant between God and the people.

1 ¶ And it shall be, when you have come into the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you as an inheritance, and you have possessed it, and live in it;

2 even you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the ground which you shall bring in from your land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, and shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there.

3 And you shall come to the priest who is in those days, and shall say to him, I declare today to Jehovah your God that I have come into the land which Jehovah has sworn to our fathers to give to us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and place it before the altar of Jehovah your God.

5 And you shall speak and say before Jehovah your God, My father *was* a perishing Aramean! And he went down to Egypt and sojourned there with few men, and lived there, and became a nation there, great, mighty *ones*, even many.

6 And the Egyptians dealt evilly with us, and afflicted us, and put hard bondage on us.

7 And we cried to Jehovah, the God of our fathers, and Jehovah heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression.

8 And Jehovah brought us out from Egypt by a strong hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terror, and with *miraculous* signs, and with wonders.

9 And He has brought us to this place, and has given to us this land, a land flowing *with* milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought in the first of the fruits of the ground which You have given me, O Jehovah. And you shall place it before Jehovah your God, and bow yourself before Jehovah your God,

11 and rejoice in all the good which Jehovah your God has given to you, and to your

house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who *is* in your midst.

12 ¶ When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, the year of tithing, and have given *it* to the Levite, the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow, that they may eat inside your gates, and be filled,

13 and you shall say before Jehovah your God, I have removed the *things* of holiness from the house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the sojourner, to the orphan, and to the widow, according to all Your command which You have commanded me. I have not transgressed Your commands, and I have not forgotten.

14 I have not eaten of it in my sorrow; and not have I consumed *any* of it for uncleanness; nor have I given of it for the *one who* died. I have listened to the voice of Jehovah my God. I have done according to all that You have commanded me.

15 Look down from Your holy habitation, from Heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the land which You have given to us, as You swore to our fathers, a land flowing *with* milk and honey.

16 ¶ Today Jehovah your God commands you to do these statutes and judgments. You shall take heed to do them with all your heart, and with all your soul.

17 You have today declared Jehovah to be your God, and to walk in His ways, and to keep His statutes and His commands, and His judgments, and to take heed to His voice.

18 And Jehovah has declared you today to be His people, a special possession as He has spoken to you, and to keep all His commands.

19 And *He will* make you high above all nations that He has made, in praise, and in name, and in glory; and that you may be a holy people to Jehovah your God, as He has spoken.

Deuteronomy 27

1 The people are commanded to write the law on stones, 5 and to build an altar of whole stones.

11 The tribes divided on Gerizim and Ebal.

14 The curses pronounced on mount Ebal.

1 ¶ And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all

the commands which I am commanding you today,

2 and it shall be in the day you cross over the Jordan to the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, that you shall raise up for yourself great stones, and plaster them with plaster.

3 And you shall write on them all the words of this Law when you have crossed over, so that you may go into the land which Jehovah your God is giving you, a land flowing *with* milk and honey, as Jehovah the God of your fathers has promised you.

4 And it shall be when you have crossed over the Jordan, that you shall raise up these stones as to which I am commanding you today, in Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster.

5 And you shall build an altar there to Jehovah your God, an altar of stones. You shall not wield any iron tool on them.

6 You shall build the altar of Jehovah your God *of* uncut stones. And you shall offer burnt offerings on it to Jehovah your God.

7 And you shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there. And you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God.

8 And you shall write on the stones all the words of this Law very plainly.

9 And Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, Keep silence, and hear, O Israel: Today you have become the people of Jehovah your God.

10 And you shall obey the voice of Jehovah your God and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today.

11 ¶ And Moses commanded the people the same day, saying,

12 These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 And these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 And the Levites shall answer, and shall say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice:

15 Cursed *is* the man who makes a carved or molten image, a disgusting thing to Je-

hovah, the work of a craftsman's hands, and *who* sets *it* up in a secret place! And all the people shall answer and say, Amen!

16 Cursed *is* he who dishonors his father or his mother! And all the people shall say, Amen!

17 Cursed *is* he who removes his neighbor's landmark! And all the people shall say, Amen!

18 Cursed *is* he who makes the blind *one to go* out of the way! And all the people shall say, Amen!

19 Cursed *is* he who perverts the judgment of the sojourner, the fatherless, and widow! And all the people shall say, Amen!

20 Cursed *is* he who lies with his father's wife, because he uncovers his father's skirt! And all the people shall say, Amen!

21 Cursed *is* he who lies with any kind of animal! And all the people shall say, Amen!

22 Cursed *is* he who lies with his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter! And all the people shall say, Amen!

23 Cursed *is* he who lies with his mother-in-law! And all the people shall say, Amen!

24 Cursed *is* he who strikes his neighbor secretly! And all the people shall say, Amen!

25 Cursed *is* he who takes a bribe to strike a life, to *shed* innocent blood! And all the people shall say, Amen!

26 Cursed *is* he who does not rise to all the words of this Law, to do them! And all the people shall say, Amen!

Deuteronomy 28

1 The blessings for obedience. 15 The curses for disobedience.

1 ¶ And it shall be if listening you will listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, taking heed to do all His commandments which I command you this day, Jehovah your God shall give you *to be* on high above all nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you if you will listen to the voice of Jehovah your God.

3 You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field.

4 The fruit of your body *shall be* blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit

of your livestock, the offspring of your oxen, and the ewes of your flock.

5 Your basket and your kneading-trough shall be blessed.

6 You shall be blessed when you come in, and you *shall be* blessed when you go out.

7 Jehovah shall give up your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways.

8 Jehovah shall command the blessing on you in your storehouses and all that you set your hand *to*. And He shall bless you in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you.

9 Jehovah shall establish you a holy people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commands of Jehovah your God and walk in His ways.

10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that the name of Jehovah is called on you, and they shall fear you.

11 And Jehovah shall prosper you in goods, and in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers to give to you.

12 Jehovah shall open to you His good treasure, the heavens to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

13 And Jehovah shall make you the head, and not the tail. And you shall be only above, and you shall not be beneath, if you hear the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I am commanding you today, to take heed to do *them*.

14 And you shall not turn away from all the words which I am commanding you today, right or left, to go after other gods, to serve them.

15 ¶ And it shall be, if you will not heed the voice of your God, to take heed to do all His commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today, even all these curses shall come on you and overtake you:

16 You *shall be* cursed in the city, and you shall be cursed in the field;

17 your basket and your kneading-trough *shall be* cursed;

18 the fruit of your body *shall be* cursed; and the fruit of your land, the offspring of your oxen, and the ewes of your sheep.

19 You shall be cursed when you come in, and you shall be cursed when you go out.

20 Jehovah shall send a curse on you, trouble and rebuke in all that you set your hand, *all* which you will do, until you are destroyed, or until you quickly perish, because of the badness of your doings *by* which you have forsaken Me.

21 Jehovah shall make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from off the land where you are going, to possess it.

22 Jehovah shall strike you with lung disease and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting and mildew. And they shall pursue you until you perish.

23 And your heavens over your head shall become bronze, and the earth under you iron.

24 Jehovah shall make the rain of your land be dust and ashes. It shall come down on you from the heavens until you are destroyed.

25 Jehovah shall cause you to be stricken before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them, and shall flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And your body shall be food to all the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none terrifying *them*.

27 Jehovah shall strike you with the boil of Egypt, and with hemorrhoids, and with the scab, and with itch, of which you cannot be healed.

28 Jehovah shall strike you with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

29 And you shall grope at noonday as the blind grope in darkness. And you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be always oppressed and plundered all the days; and there will be no one to save.

30 You shall betroth a wife, and another shall lie with her. You shall build a house, and you shall not live in it. You shall plant a vineyard, and shall not use its fruit.

31 Your ox *shall be* slaughtered before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it. Your ass *shall be* violently taken away from be-

fore you, and it will not be given back. Your sheep *shall be* given to your enemies, and you *shall not have* to you a deliverer.

32 Your sons and your daughters *shall be* given to another people; and your eyes shall look and fail for them all the day. And no power *will be* in your hand.

33 The fruit of your ground, and all your labor, shall be eaten up by a nation which you do not know. And you shall always be oppressed and crushed.

34 And you shall be maddened because of that which you shall see with the sight of your eyes.

35 Jehovah shall strike you with an evil ulcer on the knees, and on the legs, of which you cannot be healed from the sole of your foot even to your crown.

36 Jehovah shall cause you and your king whom you shall raise up over you, to go to a nation which you have not known, you and your fathers. And you shall serve other gods there, wood and stone.

37 And you shall be an astonishment, a proverb and a byword among all the peoples where Jehovah shall lead you.

38 You shall bring much seed out to the field, and you shall gather in little; for the locusts will devour it.

39 You shall plant vineyards, and shall labor, and you shall not gather, nor drink wine; for the worm will devour it.

40 You shall have olive trees in all your border, and you shall not anoint *with* oil; for your olive shall fall off.

41 You shall father sons and daughters, and they shall not be with you; for they shall go into captivity.

42 The locust shall possess all your trees and the fruit of your ground.

43 The sojourner in your midst shall go above you, higher *and* higher; and you shall come down, lower *and* lower.

44 He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45 ¶ And all these curses shall come on you and shall pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed; for you did not listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

46 And they shall be on you for a sign and for a wonder, and on your seed forever,

47 because you did not serve Jehovah your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all things,

48 and you shall serve your enemies whom Jehovah shall send on you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in lack of all *things*. And He shall put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

49 Jehovah shall lift up a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flies; a nation whose tongue you will not understand,

50 a nation fierce of face, who will not regard the person of the aged, nor show favor to the young.

51 And he shall eat the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your land, until you are destroyed. *He* shall not leave to you grain, new wine, and oil, increase of your oxen, or young ones of your flock, until he has destroyed you.

52 And it will be distress to you against all your gates, until your high and fortified walls in which you are trusting come down, in all your land; and it will be distress to you in all your gates, in all your land which Jehovah your God has given to you.

53 And you shall eat the fruit of your body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom Jehovah your God has given to you, in the siege, and in the anguish with which your enemies shall distress you.

54 The man *who is* tender and very delicate among you, his eye shall be evil against his brother, and against the wife of his bosom, and against the remnant of his sons which he leaves,

55 so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his sons that he shall eat, because he has nothing left to him in the siege, and in the anguish with which your enemies shall distress you in all your gates.

56 The soft and delicate woman among you, who would not have ventured to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil against the husband of her bosom, and against her son, and against her daughter;

57 and against her fetus which comes out from between her feet, even against her sons whom she shall bear. For she shall eat them in secret, for the lack of everything in the siege and in the anguish with which the enemy shall distress you within your gates.

58 If you will not take heed to do all the words of this Law written in this book, to fear this glorious and fearful Name, Jehovah your God,

59 and Jehovah will make your plagues remarkable, and the plagues of your children *shall be* great and persistent plagues with evil and long-lasting sicknesses.

60 He shall also bring on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid; and they shall cling to you.

61 Also every sickness and every plague which *is* not written in the book of this Law, Jehovah shall cause them to come on you until you are destroyed.

62 And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of the heavens for multitude, because you would not listen to the voice of Jehovah your God.

63 And it shall be, as Jehovah exulted over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so Jehovah shall exult over you to destroy you, and to lay you waste. And you shall be plucked from the land you are going to possess.

64 And Jehovah shall scatter you among all people, from *one* end of the earth even to the *other*, and you shall serve other gods there, wood and stone, which you have not known, and not your fathers.

65 And among these nations you shall not find ease, and the sole of your foot shall not have rest. But Jehovah shall give you there a trembling heart and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind.

66 And your life *shall* hang in doubt before you, and you shall fear day and night, and shall have no assurance of your life.

67 In the morning you shall say, Oh that it were evening! And in the evening you shall say, Oh that it were morning! For the fear of your heart with which you fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.

68 And Jehovah shall bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall no more see it again.

And you shall be sold to your enemies there, for male slaves and slave-girls; and there shall not be a buyer.

Deuteronomy 29

1 Moses reminds them to obey. 10 All are presented before Jehovah to enter into His covenant. 29 Secret things belong to Jehovah.

1 ¶ These *are* the words of the covenant which Jehovah commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.

2 And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that Jehovah did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants, and to all his land.

3 Your eyes have seen the great trials, the signs, and those great wonders.

4 Yet Jehovah has not given to you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, until this day.

5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your garments have not worn out from off you, and your sandal has not worn away off your foot.

6 You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or fermented liquor, so that you might know that I *am* Jehovah your God.

7 And you came into this place, and Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out to meet us, to battle. And we struck them,

8 and took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and for the half tribe of Manasseh.

9 And pay heed to the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may act wisely in all that you do.

10 ¶ You are standing today, all of you, before Jehovah your God; your rulers, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, every man of Israel;

11 your little ones, your wives, and your sojourner who *is* in the midst of your camps, from the woodchopper to the one drawing your water;

12 so that you should enter into the covenant of Jehovah your God, and into His

oath, which Jehovah your God is making with you today;

13 so that He may establish you today for a people to Himself, and He Himself be your God, as He has spoken to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 And I am not making this covenant and this oath with you alone,

15 but with him who stands here with us today before Jehovah your God; and also with him that *is* not here with us today.

16 For you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the nations through which you passed.

17 And you have seen their detestable things, and their idols *of* wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them;

18 that there not be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away today from Jehovah our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you today a root that bears gall and wormwood;

19 and it happens when he hears the words of this curse, that he should bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, even though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to snatch away the drunken with the thirsty.

20 Jehovah will not be willing to forgive him, for then Jehovah's anger and His zeal shall smoke, and His zeal *shall be* against that man, and all the curses written in this book shall lie upon him. And Jehovah shall blot out his name from under the heavens.

21 And Jehovah shall set him apart to evil, out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the Law;

22 so that the generation to come, your sons who rise after you, and the foreign *one* who comes in from a distant land, shall say when they see the plagues of that land, and its sicknesses which Jehovah shall send into it,

23 the whole land shall be burned *with* brimstone and salt; it shall not be sown, nor shall it sprout; nor shall any herb come up in it. It *shall be* like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and

Zeboim, which Jehovah overthrew in His anger and in His fury.

24 And all the nations shall say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land? *For* what *is* the heat of this great anger?

25 Then *men* shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

26 For they went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods which they did not know, and who had not divided to them any portion.

27 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against this land to bring on it all the curses that are written in this book.

28 And Jehovah rooted them out of their land in anger and wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

29 The secret things *belong* to Jehovah our God; and the *things* revealed *belong* to us and to our sons forever, that we may do all the words of this Law.

Deuteronomy 30

1 Great mercies promised to the penitent. 11 The commandment is manifest. 15 Death and life are set before them.

1 ¶ And it shall be when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you among all the nations where Jehovah your God shall cast you out, you shall bring them back to your heart;

2 and shall turn back to Jehovah your God and listen to His voice, according to all that I *am* commanding you today, you and your sons with all your heart, and with all your soul;

3 then Jehovah your God will turn your captivity, and He will have pity on you, and will return and gather you from all the nations where Jehovah your God has scattered you.

4 If you are cast out to the end of the heavens, Jehovah your God shall gather you from there, and He shall take you from there.

5 And Jehovah your God shall bring you into the land which your fathers have possessed, and you shall inherit it; and He shall

do you good and multiply you above your fathers.

6 And Jehovah your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.

7 And Jehovah your God will put all these curses on your enemies, and on those that hate you, who have persecuted you.

8 And you shall return and obey the voice of Jehovah, and do all His commandments which I *am* commanding you today.

9 And Jehovah your God will make you abundant in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, for good. For Jehovah will exult as He exulted over your fathers.

10 For you shall listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in the book of this Law. For you shall turn back toward Jehovah your God, with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 ¶ For this command which I am commanding you today *is* not too wonderful for you, and not *is* it too far off.

12 *It is* not in the heavens *that you should* say, Who shall go up into the heavens for us, and take it for us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it?

13 And it *is* not beyond the sea *that you should* say, Who shall cross over for us to the region beyond the sea and take it for us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it?

14 For the Word *is* very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

15 ¶ Behold, I have set before you today life and good and death and evil,

16 in that I *am* commanding you today to love Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands and His statutes, and His judgments, and you shall live and multiply, and Jehovah your God shall bless you in the land where you are going in, to possess it.

17 But if you turn away your heart, and you do not listen, and are drawn on, even you *will* bow down to other gods, and serve them;

18 I have declared to you today that perishing you shall perish. You shall not prolong your days in the land to which you are crossing the Jordan, to go in there to possess it.

19 I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, that you may live, you and your seed,

20 to love Jehovah your God, to listen to His voice, and to cling to Him. For He *is* your life, and the length of your days *so that you may* live in the land which Jehovah has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give it to them.

Deuteronomy 31

1 Moses encourages the people. 14 God gives a charge to Joshua, 19 and a song to testify against the people. 24 Moses delivers the Book of the Law to the Levites to keep.

1 ¶ And Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 And he said to them, I *am* a hundred and twenty years old today. I am not able any more to go out and to come in. And Jehovah has said to me, You shall not cross over this Jordan.

3 Jehovah your God will cross over before you; He shall destroy these nations from before you, and you shall possess them. Joshua *is* the one who shall cross over before you, as Jehovah has spoken.

4 And Jehovah shall do to them as He has done to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and to their land, which He destroyed *before* them.

5 And Jehovah shall give them up before your face, and you shall do to them according to all the command which I have commanded you.

6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear them, or be afraid of them. For Jehovah your God *is* He who *is* going with you; He shall not fail you and not forsake you.

7 And Moses called for Joshua, and said to him before the eyes of all Israel, Be strong and courageous, for you shall go in with this people to the land which Jehovah has sworn to their fathers, to

give *it* to them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

8 And Jehovah *is* He who is going before you; He Himself shall be with you; He shall not fail you and not forsake you. Do not fear nor be afraid.

9 ¶ And Moses wrote this Law, and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, those bearing the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of seven years in the appointed time, the year of release, in the Feast of Tabernacles,

11 when all Israel comes in to see the face of Jehovah in the place which He chooses, you shall proclaim this Law before all Israel, in their ears.

12 Assemble the people, men and women, and the little ones, and your sojourner who *is* within your gates, so that they may hear, and so that they may learn, and may fear Jehovah your God, and take heed to do all the words of this Law;

13 and their sons who have not known shall hear, and shall learn to fear Jehovah your God all the days which you live on the land where you are crossing over the Jordan to possess it.

14 ¶ And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, your days are coming near to die. Call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tabernacle of the congregation, and I shall charge him. And Moses and Joshua went, and they presented themselves at the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And Jehovah appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud; and the pillar of cloud stood at the door of the tabernacle.

16 And Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, you shall lie with your fathers, and this people shall rise up and go fornicating after the gods of the foreigners of the land into which they are going, and *they* shall forsake Me and shall break My covenant which I made with it.

17 And My anger shall be hot against them in that day, and I shall forsake them and hide My face from them. And it shall be consumed, and many evils and distresses shall find *this people*. And it shall say in that day, Is *it* not because

my God *is* not in my midst, *that* these evils have found me?

18 And hiding I will hide My face in that day, because of all the evil which *this people* has done, for it shall turn to other gods.

19 Now, then, write this song for you, and teach it to the sons of Israel. Put it in their mouths, so that this song shall be for a witness for Me against the sons of Israel.

20 And I shall bring them into the land flowing *with* milk and honey, which I have sworn to their fathers. And they shall eat and be satisfied, and become fat, and shall turn to other gods; and they shall serve them and despise Me and break My covenant.

21 And it shall be, when many evils and distresses have found them, this song shall testify against them as a witness. For it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed. For I know their imagination which they are making today, before I bring them into the land which I have sworn.

22 ¶ And Moses wrote this song on that day and taught it to the sons of Israel.

23 And He commanded Joshua the son of Nun, and said, Be strong and courageous. For you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land which I have sworn to them, and I shall be with you.

24 And it happened, when Moses finished writing the words of this Law in a book, until their conclusion,

25 that Moses commanded the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, saying,

26 Take this book of the Law, and you shall put it at the side of the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, so that it may be there for a witness against you.

27 For I have known your rebellion and your stiff neck. Behold, while I am yet alive with you this day you have been rebellious against Jehovah. And how much more after my death!

28 Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, and I shall speak in their ears these words, and cause the heavens and the earth to testify against them.

29 For I know that after my death you shall utterly corrupt yourselves, and will turn aside from the way which I have commanded you.

And evil shall happen to you in the latter *end* of the days because you shall do evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to make Him angry with the work of your hands.

30 And Moses spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until their conclusion:

Deuteronomy 32

1 Moses' song, which sets forth God's mercy and vengeance. 46 He warns them to set their hearts upon it. 48 God sends him up to Mount Nebo, to see the land, and die.

1 ¶ Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak. And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain; my speech shall drop down as the dew, as the small rain on the tender plant, and as the showers on the grass;

3 because I will proclaim the name of Jehovah *and* ascribe greatness to our God.

4 *He is* the Rock; His work *is* perfect. For all His ways *are* just, a God of faithfulness, and without evil; a just and upright *One is* He.

5 They have corrupted themselves; *they are* not His sons; *it is* their blemish; *they are* a crooked and perverse generation.

6 Do you thus give back to Jehovah, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father who bought you? *Has not* He made you and established you?

7 ¶ Remember the ancient days, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will declare to you, your elders, and they shall say to you;

8 when the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance; when He separated the sons of Adam, He set up the bounds of the peoples, according to the number of the sons of Israel.

9 For Jehovah's portion *is* His people; Jacob *is* the lot of His inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste, *a* howling wilderness. He encircled him *and* cared for him; He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

11 As the eagle stirs up its nest; it hovers over its young; it spreads out its wings and takes it, and bears it on its wing.

12 Jehovah alone led him, and *there was* no strange god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, so that he might eat the increase of the fields. And He made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

14 butter from cows, and milk from the flock, with fat from lambs, and rams of the sons of Bashan, and he-goats, with the fat of the kidneys of wheat, and of the blood of the grape you shall drink wine.

15 ¶ But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, thick *and* sated. And he abandoned God who made him, and fell away from the Rock of his salvation.

16 With strange *gods* they moved Him to jealousy; and with disgusting things they provoked Him to anger.

17 They sacrificed to demons *who were* not God, *to* gods whom they did not know, new ones who came lately. Your fathers had not dreaded them.

18 You forgot the Rock *that* brought you into being and ceased to care for God who formed you.

19 ¶ And Jehovah looked and despised *them* because of the provocation of His sons and of His daughters.

20 And He said, I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end *will be*; for they *are* a perverse generation, sons in whom *is* no faithfulness.

21 They made Me jealous with a no-god; they made Me angry by their vanities; and I shall make them jealous by a no-people; by a foolish nation I shall make them angry.

22 For a fire has been kindled in My anger, and it burns to the lowest Sheol, and consumes the earth and its produce; and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap evils on them; I will use up My arrows on them:

24 exhaustion by famine, and devoured by the flame of fire, and bitter destruction, and the teeth of beasts, with the venom of crawling things of the dust.

25 The sword shall bereave from without, and terror from within, both the young man and the virgin, the suckling with the man of gray hairs.

26 ¶ I said, I will dash them to pieces; I will make their memory cease from among men;

27 saying, Were it not the provocation of an enemy I feared, that their foes should judge amiss, that they might not say, Our hand *is* high, and Jehovah has not done all this.

28 For they *are* a nation void of counsel, and no understanding *is* in them.

29 If they were wise they would understand this; they would consider their latter end.

30 How could one chase a thousand, and two put a myriad to flight, if *it were* not their Rock that sold them, and Jehovah had shut them up?

31 For their rock *is* not our Rock, even our enemies being judges.

32 For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and their grapes from the fields of Gomorrah, grapes of gall; they *have* bitter clusters.

33 Their wine *is* the venom of serpents, and the cruel venom of asps.

34 *Is it* not stored up with Me, sealed in My treasuries?

35 Vengeance and retribution belong to Me; in due time their foot will slip; for the day of their calamity *is* near, and the things prepared are hurrying for them.

36 For Jehovah will bring His people justice; and He shall have compassion on His servants, for He sees that *their* power is gone, and only the imprisoned and abandoned *remain*.

37 And He will say, Where *are* their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge?

38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you; let it be a hiding place for you.

39 ¶ See now that I, I *am* He, and there *is* no other God with Me. I kill, and I keep alive. I wound and I heal, and there *is* no deliverer from My hand.

40 For I lift up My hand to the heavens and say, I live forever!

41 If I have sharpened My glittering sword, and My hand lays hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My adversaries, and I will repay those who hate Me.

42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the hairy head of the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O nations, of His people; for He shall avenge the blood of His servants, and shall render vengeance to His adversaries, and shall have mercy on His land *and* His people.

44 ¶ And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun.

45 And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

46 and said to them, Set your heart on all the words which I have testified against you today, that you command your sons to take heed to do all the words of this Law.

47 For it *is* not a useless Word for you, for it *is* your life, and by this Word you shall prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing over the Jordan, there to possess it.

48 And Jehovah spoke to Moses in that same day, saying,

49 Go up into this Mount Abarim, to Mount Nebo in the land of Moab, which *is* opposite Jericho; and see the land of Canaan which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession;

50 and die in the mountain where you are going, and be gathered to your people, even as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people;

51 because you transgressed toward Me among the sons of Israel at the Waters of Strife in Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you did not sanctify Me in the midst of the sons of Israel.

52 Yet you shall see the land across *from* you, but you shall not go in there to the land which I *am* giving to the sons of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33

1 The majesty of God. 6 The blessings of the twelve tribes. 26 The excellency of Israel.

1 ¶ And this *is* the blessing *with* which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

2 And he said: Jehovah came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir for them; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came from the myriads of holy *ones*. At his right hand a law of fire *went forth* to them.

3 Yes, He loves the peoples; all His holy *ones are* in Your hand; and they sit down at Your feet; He lifts up *each* at Your words.

4 Moses has commanded a Law to us, an inheritance *for* the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people assembled, the tribes of Israel.

6 ¶ Let Reuben live, and not die, and let his men be numbered.

7 And this for Judah: And he said, Hear the voice of Judah, O Jehovah, and bring him in to his people; his hands *were* much for him, and You shall be a help against his adversaries.

8 ¶ And of Levi he said, Your Thummim and Your Urim *are* for man, Your holy *ones* whom You tested at Massah; You contended with him at the Waters of Strife;

9 who said of his father and his mother, I have not seen him. And he has not acknowledged his brothers, and did not know his own son, for they have kept Your Word, and observed Your covenant.

10 They shall teach Your ordinances to Jacob, and Your Law to Israel. They shall put incense at Your nostrils, and whole burnt offering on Your altar.

11 O Jehovah, bless his strength. Shatter the loins of those rising against him, *those* who hate him, that they may not rise!

12 ¶ Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of Jehovah shall dwell securely beside Him, covering him all the day; yea he shall dwell between His shoulders.

13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of Jehovah *be* his land, with the best of the heavens, for the dew, for the deep crouching beneath;

14 and with the best of the produce of the sun, and with the best yield of the months;

15 and with the first of the ancient mountains, and with the best of the everlasting hills;

16 and with the best of the earth, and its fullness; and the good will of Him who dwelt in the Bush; let it come on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the consecrated one *of* his brothers.

17 His glory *is as* the first-born of his ox, and the horns of the wild ox *are* his horns; with them he shall butt the peoples together to the ends of the earth. And they *are* the myriads of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

18 ¶ And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, O Zebulun, in your going out, and O Issachar, in your tents;

19 *to* the mountains they call the peoples; there they shall offer righteous sacrifices for they shall suck the bounty of the seas, and treasures hidden in the sand.

20 And of Gad he said, Blessed *is* he who enlarges Gad; he shall live like a lioness, and shall tear the arm, also the top of the head.

21 And he eyes the first part for himself, for there was the portion of the lawgiver hidden; and he came *with* the peoples' rulers; he did the justice of Jehovah, and His judgments with Israel.

22 ¶ And of Dan he said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with good will and full of the blessing of Jehovah; possess the west and the south.

24 And of Asher he said, Asher *shall be* blessed with sons; let him be accepted by his brothers, and dip his foot in oil.

25 *May* your shoe latches *be* iron and bronze, and your days as your strength.

26 ¶ None *is* like the God of Jeshurun, riding the heavens for your help, and the clouds in His majesty.

27 The God of old *is* a refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms. And He shall cast the enemy out from before you, and shall say, Destroy!

28 And Israel shall live alone in safety; the fountain of Jacob in a land of grain and wine; and his heavens drop down dew.

29 Blessed *are* you, O Israel! Who *is* like you? A people saved by Jehovah, the Shield of your help, and He who *is* the Sword of your excellency! And your enemies shall be found liars before you, and you shall tread on their high places.

Deuteronomy 34

1 Moses views the land and he dies there. 6 His burial, His age. 8 The thirty days of mourning 9 Joshua succeeds him. 10 The praise of Moses.

1 ¶ And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the top of Pisgah, which *is* opposite Jericho. And Jehovah caused him to see all the land; Gilead to Dan;

2 and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah to the sea beyond;

3 and the Negeb, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zoar.

4 And Jehovah said to him, This *is* the land which I have sworn to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed. I have caused you to see with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.

5 ¶ And Moses the servant of Jehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the command of Jehovah.

6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; and no man knows his grave to this day.

7 And Moses *was* a son of a hundred and twenty years at his death; his eye had not become dim, nor had his natural force abated.

8 And the sons of Israel mourned Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. And the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.

9 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the sons of Israel listened to him and did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

10 And never since has a prophet like Moses arisen in Israel, whom Jehovah knew face to face,

11 in regard to all the *miraculus* signs and wonders which Jehovah sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants and to all his land;

12 and in regard to all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the eyes of all Israel.

The Book of **JOSHUA**

Joshua 1

1 Jehovah appoints Joshua to succeed Moses. 5 Jehovah promises to assist Joshua. 8 He gives him instructions. 10 He prepares the people to pass over Jordan.

1 ¶ And it happened after the dying of Moses the servant of Jehovah, Jehovah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 My servant Moses has died. And now rise up, cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

3 Every place on which the sole of your foot shall tread, I have given it to you, as I spoke to Moses.

4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even to the great river, the Euphrates River, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, shall be your border.

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you and not will I forsake you.

6 Be strong and brave. For you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.

7 Only be strong and very brave, so that you may take heed to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may act wisely wherever you go.

8 This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, and you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you shall be on guard to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall prosper your way, and then you shall act wisely.

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified or discour-

aged, for Jehovah your God is with you in all *places* where you go.

10 ¶ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, Prepare food for you. For within three days you are crossing this Jordan to go in to possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you, to possess it.

12 And Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, saying,

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, saying, Jehovah your God has given you rest, and He has given to you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses has given to you beyond the Jordan. But you shall cross over armed before your brothers, all the mighty *ones* of strength and shall help them,

15 until Jehovah has given rest to your brothers, as well as to you, and they, even they have possessed the land which Jehovah your God is giving to them. And you may return to the land of your possession, and may possess it, which Moses the servant of Jehovah has given to you beyond the Jordan toward the rising of the sun.

16 ¶ And they answered Joshua, saying, We will do all that you command us; and we will go everywhere you shall send us.

17 According to all we heard from Moses, so we will listen to you. Surely Jehovah your God is with you, as He has been with Moses.

18 Whoever rebels against your mouth, and will not listen to your commands in all that you say to him, he shall die. Only, be strong and brave.

Joshua 2

1 Rahab receives and conceals the two spies sent from Shittim. 8 The covenant between her and them. 23 Their return and report.

1 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men out of Shittim to spy secretly, saying, Go look over the land, and Jericho. And they went and came into the house of a woman, a harlot; and her name was Rahab. And they lay down there.

2 And it was reported to the king of Jericho saying, Behold, men have come here tonight from the sons of Israel, to search the land.

3 And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring out the men who have come in to you, who have come into your house. For they have come in to search out all the land.

4 And the woman took the two men and hid them, and said, This way the men came in to me, but I did not know from where they were.

5 And it happened as the gate was to be shut at dark, even the men went out. I do not know where they have gone. You go after them, and hurry, for you may overtake them.

6 But she made them go up on the roof, and hid them with stalks of flax, which she arranged on the roof.

7 And the men went after them the way of the Jordan, by the fords. And they shut the gate afterwards, when the pursuers had gone after them.

8 ¶ And before they had laid down, she came up to them on the roof.

9 And she said to the men, I know that Jehovah has given the land to you, and that your terror has fallen on us, and that all those living in the land have melted before you.

10 For we have heard how Jehovah dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds before you, as you were going out of Egypt; also that which you have done to two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan; to Sihon, and to Og, whom you devoted to destruction.

11 And we have heard, and our heart has melted, and there still does not rise spirit

in any man, because of you. For Jehovah your God, He is God in the heavens above, and in the earth below.

12 And now, please swear to me by Jehovah, since I have dealt with you in kindness, that you will also deal with my father's house in kindness, and shall give to me a token of faithfulness;

13 and shall keep alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that is to them, and shall deliver our souls from death.

14 And the men said to her, Our life instead of yours, if you do not tell this matter of ours, then it shall be, when Jehovah gives this land to us that we shall deal with you in kindness and truth.

15 And she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was in the side of the wall, and she lived in the wall.

16 And she said to them, Go to the mountain lest the pursuers come upon you. And you shall hide there three days until the pursuers return; and afterward you shall go on your way.

17 And the men said to her, We will be innocent from this oath of yours which you made us swear.

18 Behold, we are coming into the land; you shall bind this scarlet thread of line in the window by which you have let us down. And you shall gather your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's house to you, to the house.

19 And it shall be, anyone who goes outside from the doors of your house his blood shall be on his head, and we shall be innocent. And anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand is on him.

20 But if you declare this matter of ours, then we shall be guiltless from your oath which you have made us swear.

21 And she said, Let it be according to your words. And she sent them away. And they went. And she bound the line of scarlet thread in the window.

22 ¶ And they went and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned. And the pursuers searched in all the way, but did not find them.

23 And the two men returned and came down from the mountain, and crossed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and reported to him all that had happened to them.

24 And they said to Joshua, Truly Jehovah has given all the land into our hands. And also, all those living *in* the land have melted before us.

Joshua 3

1 Joshua comes to Jordan. 2 The officers instruct the people for the passage. 7 Jehovah encourages Joshua. 9 Joshua encourages the people. 14 The waters of Jordan are divided.

1 ¶ And Joshua rose up early in the morning. And they pulled up *stakes* from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the sons of Israel. And they stayed there before they crossed over.

2 And it happened, at the end of three days, the officers passed into the midst of the camp.

3 And *they* charged the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, and the priests, and the Levites bearing it, even you shall pull up *stakes* from your place and shall go after it.

4 Only, keep a distance between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. You shall not come near it, so that you may know the way in which you are to go. For you have not crossed over *this* way yesterday and the day before.

5 And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant and go before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

7 ¶ And Jehovah said to Joshua, This day I will begin to make you great in the eyes of all Israel, so that they shall know that as I was with Moses, I am with you.

8 And you shall command the priests bearing the ark of the covenant, saying, When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan you shall stand *still* in the Jordan.

9 And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, Come near here and hear the words of Jehovah your God.

10 And Joshua said, By this you shall know that the living God *is* among you.

And surely He shall dispossess from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of Jehovah of all the earth shall pass over before you into the Jordan.

12 And now, take for yourselves twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe.

13 And it shall be, when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of Jehovah, Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters which come down from above. And they shall stand in one heap.

14 ¶ And it happened, as the people pulled up *stakes* from their tents to cross over the Jordan, and as the priests bore the ark of the covenant before the people,

15 and as those bearing the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the waters (and the Jordan was full, over all its banks all the days of harvest),

16 that the waters stood *still*, those coming down from above rose up into one heap, very far above the city Adam, which *is* beside Zaretan; and those going down by the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite to Jericho.

17 And the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of Jehovah stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan. And all Israel crossed over on dry ground until all the nation had completely passed over the Jordan.

Joshua 4

1 Twelve men are appointed to take twelve stones for a memorial 10 The people pass over.

20 The twelve stones are pitched in Gilgal.

1 ¶ And it happened, when all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan, Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 Take twelve men for you out of the people, one man of each tribe.

3 And charge them, saying, Lift up twelve stones from this place, from the middle of

the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests *were* fixed. And you shall pass them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place which you stay in it tonight.

4 And Joshua called to the twelve men whom he had readied from the sons of Israel, one man, one man of each tribe.

5 And Joshua said to them, Cross over before the ark of Jehovah your God to the middle of the Jordan, and *each* man of you lift up one stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel,

6 that this shall be a sign among you, when your children ask hereafter, saying, What are these stones to you?

7 You shall say to them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, as it crossed over into the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones are for a memorial to the sons of Israel all the days.

8 And the sons of Israel did as Joshua ordered, and took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, as Jehovah had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, and crossed over with them to the lodging place, and laid them down there;

9 even the twelve stones that Joshua lifted up in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant stood firm. And they are there until this day.

10 ¶ And the priests bearing the ark were standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything was finished that Jehovah had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and crossed over.

11 And it happened, when the people had finished crossing over, the ark of Jehovah and the priests crossed over before the people.

12 And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh crossed over in battle array before the sons of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them;

13 about forty thousand armed men of the army crossed over before Jehovah for battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 In that day Jehovah made Joshua great in the sight of all Israel. And they feared him all the days of his life, even as they feared Moses.

15 And Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying,

16 Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony, that they rise out of the Jordan.

17 And Joshua commanded the priests, saying, Rise out of the Jordan.

18 And it happened when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the feet of the priests had been lifted to the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks, as before.

19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth of the first month, and camped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

20 ¶ And the twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan were raised up in Gilgal by Joshua.

21 And he spoke to the sons of Israel, saying, When your sons ask their fathers hereafter, saying, What do these stones *mean*?

22 Then you shall make your sons know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land,

23 because Jehovah your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you, until you crossed over, as Jehovah your God did to the Sea of Reeds, which He dried up before you until we crossed over;

24 so that all the people of the land shall know that the hand of Jehovah *is* strong, so that you may fear Jehovah your God all the days.

Joshua 5

1 The Canaanites are afraid. 2 Joshua renews circumcision. 10 The Passover Feast is kept at Gilgal. 12 Manna ceases. 13 The Angel of God appears to Joshua.

1 ¶ And it happened, when all the kings of the Amorites beyond the Jordan, toward the sea, and all the kings of the Canaanites which *were* by the sea, heard how Jehovah dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel, until they crossed over, their heart was melted. And there was not

any more spirit in them before the sons of Israel.

2 At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, Make for yourself flint knives, and turn back, circumcise the sons of Israel, the second time.

3 And Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this *is* the reason Joshua circumcised: All the people who had come out from Egypt, who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness, in the way, as they came out of Egypt.

5 For all the people who had come out were circumcised. And all the people who *were* born in the wilderness, in the way, as they came out from Egypt, had not been circumcised.

6 For the sons of Israel had walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who had come out from Egypt were consumed, *those* who did not listen to the voice of Jehovah, to whom Jehovah had sworn to them not to cause them to see the land which Jehovah swore to their fathers, to give to us, a land flowing *with* milk and honey; *these* were consumed.

7 And He raised their sons up in their place. Joshua circumcised them, for they had been uncircumcised; for they had not been circumcised in the way.

8 And it happened, when all the nation had finished being circumcised, they remained in their places in the camp until they revived.

9 And Jehovah said to Joshua, Today I have rolled the reproach of Egypt off of you. And he called the name of that place Gilgal to this day.

10 ¶ And the sons of Israel camped in Gilgal, and prepared the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they ate the old grain of the land on the morrow of the Passover, unleavened *bread* and roasted *grain*, in this same day.

12 And the manna ceased on the next day after they ate of the old grain of the land. And there was no more manna to the sons of Israel, but they ate the produce of the land of Canaan in that year.

13 ¶ And it happened, when Joshua was beside Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold! A Man stood in front of him, and His drawn sword *was* in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are You for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And He said, No, for I now come *as* the Commander of the army of Jehovah. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped. And *he* said to Him, What does my Lord speak to His slave?

15 And the Commander of the army of Jehovah said to Joshua, Take your shoe off your foot, for the place on which you are standing *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6

1 Jericho is shut up. 2 God instructs Joshua how to beseige it. 11 The city is surrounded. 20 The walls fall down. 22 Rahab is saved. 26 The rebuilder of Jericho is cursed.

1 ¶ And Jericho was closed, and was shut in from the face of the sons of Israel; no one going out, and no one coming in.

2 And Jehovah said to Joshua, See I have given Jericho and its king, mighty *ones* of strength, into your hand.

3 And you shall go around the city, all the men of war, going around the city once; so you shall do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear seven rams' horns of trumpets before the ark. And on the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the rams' horns of trumpets in front of the ark.

5 And it shall be, when they blow long with the rams' horn, and when you hear the sound of the rams' horn, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the wall of the city shall fall underneath; and the people shall go up, *each* man in front of him.

6 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Lift up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' before the ark of Jehovah.

7 And he said to the people, Pass on, go around the city, and he who *is* armed shall go on before the ark of Jehovah.

8 And it happened, when Joshua spoke to the people, the seven priests bearing seven

trumpets of rams' horns before Jehovah passed on and blew with the rams' horns. And the ark of the covenant of Jehovah went after them.

9 And he who was armed went before the priests blowing the rams' horns. And the rear guard after the ark, going on and blowing with the rams' horns.

10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor cause your voice to be heard, and not shall there go from your mouth a word until the day I say to you, Shout! Then you shall shout.

11 And the ark of Jehovah went around the city, going around one time. And they came into the camp, and remained in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests bore the ark of Jehovah.

13 And seven priests bearing seven rams' horns of trumpets were walking before the ark of Jehovah, going on, and were blowing with the rams' horns. And he who was armed went before them. And the rear guard went behind the ark of Jehovah, going on and blowing with the trumpets of rams' horns

14 And they circled the city on the second day one time, and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

15 And it happened on the seventh day, they rose early, at the dawning of the day, and went around the city seven times in the same way. Only on that day they circled the city seven times.

16 And it happened at the seventh time the priests blew with the rams' horns. And Joshua said to the people, Shout! For Jehovah has given you the city.

17 ¶ And the city shall be devoted to Jehovah, it and all that are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And you shall certainly keep clear of the devoted things, that you not become accursed by taking from the devoted things, and shall make the camp of Israel become devoted, and trouble it.

19 And all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, they are holy to Jehovah; they shall come into the treasury of Jehovah.

20 And the people shouted, and blew with the rams' horns, and it happened, when the people heard the sound of the rams' horn, the people shouted a great shout. And the wall fell underneath it; and the people went up into the city, each man in front of him; and they captured the city.

21 And they destroyed all that was in the city, from man even to woman, from young even to aged, and to ox, and sheep, and ass, by the mouth of the sword.

22 And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, Go into the house of the woman, the harlot, and bring the woman out from there, and all whom she has, as you have sworn to her.

23 And the young men, the spies, went in and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all whom she had; yea, they brought all her family, and set them outside the camp of Israel.

24 And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only they gave the silver and the gold, and the vessels of bronze, and of iron, to the treasury of the house of Jehovah.

25 And Joshua kept alive Rahab the harlot, and the house of her father, and all whom she had. And she lives in the midst of Israel to this day. For she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 And at that time Joshua adjured, saying, Cursed be the man who rises up before the face of Jehovah and builds this city of Jericho. He shall lay its foundation at the cost of his first-born, and he shall set up its doors in his youngest son.

27 And Jehovah was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

Joshua 7

1 The Israelites are smitten at Ai. 6 Joshua's complaint. 16 Achan is taken by the lot. 19 His confession. 24 He and all he had are destroyed in the valley of Achor.

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel sinned a sin in the devoted things. And Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah took of the devoted things. And the anger of Jehovah glowed against the sons of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* near Beth-aven, on the east of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Do not let all the people go up. Let about two thousand men, or three thousand men, go up, and they shall strike Ai. Do not cause all the people to labor there, for they *are* few.

4 And about three thousand men of the people went up there. And they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai struck thirty-six men of them, and pursued them before the gate to Shebarim. And they struck them in the descent. And the heart of the people was melted, and became as water.

6 ¶ And Joshua tore his clothing, and fell on his face to the earth before the ark of Jehovah until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they threw dust on their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Oh Lord Jehovah, why have You at all caused this people to cross over the Jordan to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? And, Oh that we had been willing, and that we had dwelt beyond the Jordan!

8 Oh Lord, what shall I say, after Israel has turned its back before its enemies?

9 And the Canaanites, and all the *ones* living in the land shall hear, and shall come around against us, and shall cut off our name out of the earth. And what shall You do for Your great name?

10 ¶ And Jehovah said to Joshua, Get up! Why do you fall on your face this way?

11 Israel has sinned, and they also have transgressed My covenant which I commanded them, and have also taken of the devoted thing, and have also stolen, and also deceived, and also put *it* among their stuff.

12 And the sons of Israel have not been able to stand before their enemies; they have turned the back before their enemies because they have become a devoted thing. I will not be with you again if you do not destroy the devoted thing from among you.

13 Rise up, sanctify the people, and you shall say, Sanctify yourselves for tomor-

row. For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, A devoted thing *is* among you, Israel; you are not able to stand before your enemies until you take away the cursed thing from among you.

14 And you shall be brought near in the morning, by your tribes. And it shall be, the tribe which Jehovah takes shall draw near by families. And the family which Jehovah takes shall draw near by households. And the household which Jehovah takes shall draw near by men.

15 And it shall be, he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of Jehovah and because he has done disgraceful folly in Israel.

16 ¶ And Joshua rose early in the morning, and brought Israel near by its tribes. And the tribe of Judah was taken.

17 And he brought the family of Judah near; and he took the family of the Zerahites. And he brought near the family of the Zerahites by men, and Zabdi was taken.

18 And he brought near his household by men, and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joshua said to Achan, My son, now give glory to Jehovah, the God of Israel, and give thanks to Him, and please tell me what you have done. Do not hide it from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Truly I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and this I have done:

21 When I saw among the spoil a goodly robe of Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold, one of fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them, and took them. And behold, they *are* hidden in the earth, in the middle of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 And Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the sons of Israel, and laid them out before Jehovah.

24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the robe, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his ass, and his flock, and his tent, and all that he had. And they made them go up to the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, How you have troubled us! Jehovah shall trouble you today! And all Israel threw stones at him, and they burned them with fire, and they stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. And Jehovah turned back from the heat of His anger. On account of this, the name of that place is called The Valley of Grief until this day.

Joshua 8

1 Jehovah encourages Joshua. 3 The strategy to take Ai. 29 The king is hanged. 30 Joshua builds an altar.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Joshua, Do not fear and not be afraid. Take all the people of war with you, and rise up, go up to Ai. Behold, I have given the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land into your hand.

2 And you shall do to Ai and to its king as you have done to Jericho and its king. Only, its spoil and its cattle you shall take for yourselves. Set yourself an ambush for the city behind it.

3 ¶ And Joshua rose up, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose thirty thousand men, mighty warriors and sent them away by night.

4 And *he* commanded them, saying, See, you *will be* an ambush against the city, behind the city. You shall not go very far off from the city, and all of you shall be ready.

5 And I and all the people with me shall draw near to the city. And it shall be, when they come out to meet us as at the first, and we have fled before them,

6 and they will come out after us until we have drawn them out of the city. For they will say, They *are* fleeing before us, as at the first. And we will flee from them;

7 and you shall rise from the ambush and shall possess the city. And Jehovah your God shall give it into your hand.

8 And it shall be when you have taken the city, you shall burn the city with fire. You shall do according to the Word of Jehovah. See, I have commanded you.

9 And Joshua sent them away, and they went to the ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west of Ai. And Joshua remained that night in the midst of the people.

10 And Joshua rose early in the morning and called up the people, and *they* went up, he and the elders of Israel in the sight of the people of Ai.

11 And all the people of war with him went up and drew near, and came before the city. And they camped on the north of Ai, and the valley *was* between him and Ai.

12 And he took about five thousand men and set them as an ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west of the city.

13 And they set the people, all the camp on the north of the city; and its rear on the west of the city. And Joshua went into the middle of the valley on that night.

14 And it happened, when the king of Ai saw, the men of the city rose early and hurried to go out to meet Israel in battle, he and all his people at the appointed time before the plain. He did not know that an ambush was against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel were stricken before them, and *they* fled the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people who *were* in the city were called to run after them. And they ran after Joshua, and were drawn away out of the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai and Bethel who had not gone out after Israel. And they left the city open, and ran after Israel.

18 And Jehovah said to Joshua, Stretch out the javelin in your hand toward Ai. For I will give it into your hand. And Joshua stretched out the javelin in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambush rose up quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered the city, and took it. And they hurried and burned the city with fire.

20 And the men of Ai looked behind them, and saw; and, behold! The smoke of the city had gone up into the heaven. And there was no power in them to flee here or there. And the people who had fled to the wilderness turned back against the pursuers.

21 And Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had captured the city, and that the smoke of the city had gone up. And they turned back and struck the men of Ai.

22 And the others came out from the city to meet them. And they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that. And they struck them until not a survivor was left to them, not one that escaped.

23 ¶ And they caught the king of Ai and brought him alive to Joshua.

24 And it happened, when Israel had made an end to slaying all the *ones* living in Ai in the field, even in the wilderness where they pursued them (and they, all of them, fell by the mouth of the sword until they were consumed) all Israel turned back to Ai, and struck it with the mouth of the sword.

25 And all who fell during that day, of men and of women, were twelve thousand, all the men of Ai.

26 And Joshua did not draw back his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had destroyed all the *ones* living in Ai.

27 Only, Israel seized for themselves the livestock, and the plunder of the city, according to the Word of Jehovah which He commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burned Ai, and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day.

29 And he hanged the king of Ai on the tree until evening time. And at sundown Joshua commanded, and they took his dead body down from the tree, and threw it into the opening of the gate of the city; and raised over it a great heap of stones until this day.

30 ¶ Then Joshua built an altar to Jehovah, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal,

31 as Moses, the servant of Jehovah, commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the Law of Moses; an altar of whole stones, on which had been wielded no iron. And they offered upon it burnt offerings to Jehovah, and offered peace offerings.

32 And he wrote there on the stones the copy of the Law of Moses which he had written in the presence of the sons of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and its elders, and authorities, and its judges were standing on this side, the alien as well as the native, and on that of the ark, before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the Law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that was written in the book of the Law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the aliens that walked among them.

Joshua 9

1 The kings join against Israel. 3 The Gibeonites obtain a league. 15 For which they are condemned to perpetual bondage.

1 ¶ And it happened, when all the kings who *were* beyond the Jordan in the hills and in the Lowlands, and in all the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, heard of it, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite,

2 they with one mouth gathered themselves to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

3 ¶ And the *ones* living in Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai.

4 And they acted slyly, and they went and acted like envoys, and took old sacks for their asses, and old wineskins, even torn and bound up;

5 and old and patched sandals on their feet; and old garments on them. And all their provision of bread was dry; it was crumbs.

6 And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal. And *they* said to him and to the men of Israel, We have come from a distant land. And now cut a covenant with us.

7 And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you are living in our midst, and how shall we cut a covenant with you?

8 And they said to Joshua, We *are* your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who *are* you? And from where do you come?

9 And they said to him, Your servants have come from a very distant land, because of the name of Jehovah your God, for we have heard of His fame, and all that He has done in Egypt.

10 Also what He has done to the two kings of the Amorites beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og the king of Bashan who was in Ashtaroth.

11 And our elders and all the people of our land spoke to us, saying, Take provisions in your hand for the way, and go to meet them. And you shall say to them, We *are* your servants; and now, cut a covenant with us.

12 We provided ourselves with this hot bread out of our houses on the day we came out to go to you. And now, behold, *it is* dry and it is crumbs.

13 And these are the wineskins which we filled new; and, behold, they have torn. And these garments of ours, and our sandals, have become old because of the exceeding greatness of the way.

14 And the men took of their provision, and did not ask at the mouth of Jehovah.

15 ¶ And Joshua made peace with them, and cut a covenant with them, to keep them alive. And the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

16 And it was at the end of three days after they had cut a covenant with them. And it happened that they heard that they *were* their neighbors, and they were living in their midst.

17 And the sons of Israel pulled up *stakes* and came to their cities on the third day. And their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.

18 And the sons of Israel did not strike them, for the leaders of the congregation swore to them by Jehovah the God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the leaders.

19 And all the leaders said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by Jehovah the God of Israel; and now we cannot touch them.

20 We shall do this to them, and shall keep them alive, and wrath shall not be on us because of the oath which we have sworn to them.

21 And the leaders said to them, They shall live and be woodcutters, and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the leaders spoke to them.

22 ¶ And Joshua called for them; and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you deceived us, saying, We *are* very far from you, yet you are living in our midst?

23 And now, you *are* cursed, and none of you shall fail to be slaves, and woodcutters, and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 And they answered Joshua and said, Because it was certainly told to your servants what Jehovah your God commanded His servant Moses, to give you all the land, and to destroy all the *ones* living *in* the land before you; and we were greatly afraid for ourselves, because of you. And we did this thing.

25 And now, behold, we *are* in your hand. Do whatever is good, and as is right in your eyes to do.

26 And he did so to them, and delivered them from the hand of the sons of Israel. And they did not kill them.

27 And on that day Joshua made them woodcutters, and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of Jehovah at the place which He should choose, to this day.

Joshua 10

1 Five kings war against Gibeon. 10 God fights against them with hailstones. 12 The sun and moon stand still at the word of Joshua. 16 The five kings flee to a cave and are brought out and hanged. 28 Seven kings more are conquered.

1 ¶ And it happened, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had destroyed it (as he had done to Jericho and to its king, so he had done to Ai and to her king) and that the *ones* living *in* Gibeon had made peace with Israel, *and* were in their midst,

2 they were greatly afraid because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities,

and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

3 And Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 Come up to me and help me. And we shall strike Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua, and with the sons of Israel.

5 And the five kings of the Amorites assembled, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, they and all their camps. And they camped against Gibeon, and fought against it.

6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua, and to the camp at Gilgal, saying, Do not withdraw your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites living in the hills have gathered against us.

7 ¶ And Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, even all the mighty *ones* of strength.

8 And Jehovah said to Joshua, Do not be afraid of them, for I have given them into your hand. Not a man of them shall stand before you.

9 And Joshua came to them suddenly (he had traveled all night from Gilgal)

10 and Jehovah troubled them before Israel, and struck them with a great blow at Gibeon, and He pursued by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them to Azekah, and to Makkedah.

11 And it happened, as they fled from the face of Israel, they were in the descent of Beth-horon, even Jehovah cast great *hail* stones on them out of the heavens, to Azekah; and they died. The many who died by the hail stones were more than the sons of Israel had killed by the sword.

12 Then Joshua spoke to Jehovah in the day when Jehovah gave the Amorites up before the sons of Israel; and he said, Sun, *stand* still before the eyes of Israel in Gibeon! And, Moon *stand* still in the valley of Aijalon!

13 And the sun *stood* still, and the moon *stood still*, until the nation *was* avenged on its foes. Is it not written in the Book of the Upright? Yea, the sun *stood still* in the

middle of the heavens, and did not hasten to go down for a full day.

14 And there has not been a day such as that, before it or after it; for Jehovah listened to the voice of a man. For Jehovah fought for Israel.

15 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

16 And these five kings fled, and were hidden in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told to Joshua, saying, the five kings have been found hidden in a cave at Makkedah.

18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men over it to watch them.

19 And you, do not stand *still*. Pursue your enemies, and you shall strike the hindmost of them. Do not allow them to go into their cities, for Jehovah your God has given them into your hand.

20 And it happened, when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished them *with* a very great blow, until they were consumed, and the survivors of them *who* escaped went into the fortified cities,

21 that all the people returned to the camp in peace, to Joshua at Makkedah. Not *one* sharpened his tongue against the sons of Israel, against any man.

22 And Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out to me these five kings from the cave.

23 And they did so, and brought out to him these five kings from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon.

25 And Joshua said to them, Do not fear nor be afraid. Be strong and brave, for so Jehovah shall do to all your enemies with whom you are fighting.

26 And afterward Joshua struck them, and caused them to die, and hung them on five trees. And they were hanging on the trees until the evening.

27 And it happened at the time of the going of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, and threw them into the cave where they had been hidden, and put great stones on the mouth of the cave until this very day.

28 ¶ And that day Joshua captured Makkedah. And he struck it by the mouth of the sword, and he destroyed its king, them, and every person in it. He did not leave a survivor. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.

29 And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Makkedah to Libnah. And *he* fought with Libnah.

30 And Jehovah also gave it into the hand of Israel, and its king. And *they* struck it by the mouth of the sword, and every person in it; he did not leave a survivor in it. And he did to its king as he did to the king of Jericho.

32 And Jehovah gave Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he captured it on the second day, and struck it by the mouth of the sword, and every person in it, according to all that he did to Libnah.

33 Then Horam the king of Gezer came up to help Lachish. And Joshua struck him and his people until there was not left to him a survivor.

34 And Joshua passed on, and all Israel with him, from Lachish to Eglon. And they camped against it, and fought against it,

35 and captured it on that day, and struck it with the mouth of the sword. And he destroyed every person in it on that day, according to all that he did to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went on, and all Israel with him, from Eglon to Hebron. And they fought against it,

37 and captured it, and struck it by the mouth of the sword, and its king, and all its places of defense, and every person who *was* in it; he did not leave a survivor, according to all that he did to Eglon, and destroyed it and every person in it.

38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it.

39 And *they* captured it and its king, and all its places of defense. And they struck them by the mouth of the sword, and destroyed every person in it; he did not leave a survivor. As he did to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; even as he did to Libnah, and to its king.

40 And Joshua struck all the land: the heights and the Negeb, and the Lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings; he did

not leave a survivor, but he destroyed all that breathed, as Jehovah the God of Israel had commanded.

41 And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea, even to Gaza, and all the land of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

42 And Joshua captured all these kings in their land *at* one time, for Jehovah the God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him to the camp at Gilgal.

Joshua 11

1 Many allied kings are taken at waters of Merom.

10 Hazor is taken and burnt. 16 All the country taken by Joshua. 21 The Anakims cut off.

1 ¶ And it happened, when Jabin the king of Hazor heard, he sent to Jobab the king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2 and to the kings that were on the north of the heights, and in the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the low country, and in the hills of Dor on the west;

3 *to* the Canaanite on the east, and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the heights, and the Hivite below Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their camps with them, a people plentiful as the sand on the seashore in number, and very many horses and chariots.

5 And all these kings met together. And they came and camped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

6 And Jehovah said to Joshua, Do not fear before them, for about this time tomorrow I will give all of them up wounded before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 And Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom. And they suddenly fell on them.

8 And Jehovah gave them into Israel's hand, and they struck them, and pursued them to the great Sidon, and to the burning waters, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward. And they struck them until they did not leave a survivor to them.

9 And Joshua did to them as Jehovah said to him. He hamstrung their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Joshua returned and captured Hazor at that time. And he struck its king by the sword; for Hazor *was* formerly head of all these kingdoms.

11 And they struck every person in it by the mouth of the sword. He destroyed *them*, he did not leave anyone breathing; and he burned Hazor with fire.

12 And Joshua captured all the cities of these kings, and all their kings. And he struck them by the mouth of the sword. He destroyed them, as Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded.

13 But *as for* all the places of defense which stood by their mounds, Israel did not burn them; but Joshua only burned Hazor.

14 And the sons of Israel seized for themselves all the plunder of these places of defense, and the livestock. But they struck every human being by the mouth of the sword, until they had destroyed them; they did not leave anyone breathing.

15 ¶ As Jehovah commanded His servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He did not turn aside from anything of all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

16 And Joshua took all this land: the heights, and all the Negeb, and all the land of Goshen, and the Lowlands, and the Arabah and the mountains of Israel, and its lowlands,

17 from Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon, below Mount Hermon. And he took all their kings, and struck them, and killed them.

18 And Joshua made war many days with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel except the Hivites, *ones* living in Gibeon. They took all in battle.

20 For it was of Jehovah to harden their hearts, so that they should come against Israel in battle, so that they might be destroyed, so that they might have no favor, but that He might destroy them, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

21 At that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains, from

Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah with all their places of defense, Joshua completely destroyed them with their cities.

22 There were none of the Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel; only some remained in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod.

23 And Joshua took the whole of the land, according to all that Jehovah had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for Israel according to their divisions, by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 12

1 The two kings whose countries Moses took and disposed of. 7 The thirty-one kings on the other side Jordan which Joshua smote.

1 ¶ And these are the kings of the land whom the sons of Israel struck, and they seized their land beyond the Jordan, at the sunrising, from the torrent Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward:

2 Sihon the king of the Amorites who lived in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which is on the lip of the torrent Arnon, and from its valley *floor*, and half Gilead, even to the torrent Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

3 and from the Arabah to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and to the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on the south under the Slopes of Pisgah;

4 and the border of Og the king of Bashan, of the rest of the giants, who lived at Ashtaroth and into Edrei,

5 and reigned in Mount Hermon and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon the king of Heshbon.

6 Moses the servant of Jehovah and the sons of Israel struck them. And Moses the servant of Jehovah gave it *for* a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

7 ¶ And these *are* the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel struck beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon even to Mount Halak that goes up to Seir, and Joshua gave

it to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions;

8 in the mountains, and in the Lowlands, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the Negeb; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

10 the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;

18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of Sharon, one;

19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one;

23 the king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

24 the king of Tirzah, one. All the kings were thirty-one.

Joshua 13

1 The bounds of the land not yet conquered.

15 The bounds of the inheritance of Reuben.

22 Balaam slain. 24 The bounds of the inheritance of Gad, 29 and the half tribe of Manasseh.

1 ¶ And Joshua was aged, going on in days. And Jehovah said to him, You have become aged, you are far along in days; yet very much land remains to be possessed.

2 This is the land that still remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all Geshuri,

3 from Shihor which fronts on Egypt, and to the border of Ekron northward (it is counted to the Canaanites) five lords of the Philistines, of Gaza, of Ashdod, of Ashkelon, of Gath, and of Ekron; also the Avim.

4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah which belongs to the Sidonians; to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites;

5 and the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baalgad below Mount Hermon to the entering into Hamath;

6 all the ones living in the hills, from Lebanon to the burning waters; all the Sidonians; I will dispossess them before the sons of Israel: Only, cause it to fall to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

7 ¶ And now divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

8 With him the Reubenites, and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave to them beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of Jehovah has given to them;

9 from Aroer on the lip of the torrent Arnon, and the city which is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba, to Dibon;

10 and all the cities of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the sons of Ammon;

11 and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites, and of the Maachathite, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah;

12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei; he remained of the remnant of the giants. And Moses struck them and dispossessed them.

13 But the sons of Israel did not dispossess the Geshurites and the Maachathite, but Geshur and Maachath live in the midst of Israel until today.

14 Only, he has not given an inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The fire offerings of Jehovah the God of Israel are its inheritance, as He has spoken to it.

15 And Moses gave inheritance to the tribe of the sons of Reuben, for their families;

16 and their border *was* from Aroer on the lip of the torrent Arnon, and the city which is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain by Medeba:

17 Heshbon, and all its cities in the tableland; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon;

18 and Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath;

19 and Kirjath-aim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mountain of the valley;

20 and Beth-peor, and the Slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth;

21 and all the cities of the tableland, and all the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the rulers of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, chiefs of Sihon, those living in the land.

22 And the sons of Israel killed Balaam the son of Beor, the *one* divining, with the sword, among their wounded.

23 And the border of the sons of Reuben was from the Jordan, and *its* border. This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Reuben for their families, the cities and their villages.

24 And Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad, for their families:

25 And their border was to Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half of the land of the sons of Ammon, to Aroer, which *is* before Rabbah;

26 and from Heshbon to Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir;

27 and in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon the king of Heshbon; the Jordan and *its* border, to the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth, beyond the Jordan, eastward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Gad, for their families, the cities and their villages.

29 And Moses gave *inheritance* to the half tribe of Manasseh. And it was to the half of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, for their families:

30 and their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og the king

of Bashan, and all the small towns of Jair in Bashan, sixty cities;

31 and the half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *belonged* to the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, to the half of the sons of Machir for their families.

32 These are they whom Moses caused to inherit in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan, *opposite* Jericho, eastward.

33 But Moses did not give an inheritance to the tribe of Levi. Jehovah the God of Israel Himself *is* their inheritance, as He has spoken to them.

Joshua 14

1 The nine tribes and a half are to have their inheritance by lot. 6 Caleb by privilege obtains Hebron.

1 ¶ And these *are* they of the sons of Israel who inherited in the land of Canaan, whom Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel caused to inherit.

2 Their inheritance *was* by lot, as Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and the half tribe;

3 for Moses had given the inheritance of two of the tribes and the half tribe, beyond the Jordan; and he did not give any inheritance to the Levites among them.

4 For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to live *in*, with the open land around them for their livestock and for their substance,

5 as Jehovah commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did, and they allotted the land.

6 ¶ And the sons of Judah came near to Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, You know the word that Jehovah spoke to Moses the man of God as to me and as to you in Kadesh-barnea.

7 I *was* a son of forty years when Moses the servant of Jehovah sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land. And I brought him back word as it was in my heart.

8 But my brothers who went up with me caused the heart of the people to melt, yet I fully followed after Jehovah my God.

9 And Moses swore in that day, saying, Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and for your sons forever, because you have fully followed after Jehovah my God.

10 And now, behold, Jehovah has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years since Jehovah spoke this word to Moses, when Israel went in the wilderness. And now, behold, today I *am* a son of eighty-five years;

11 yet I *am as* strong today as in the day Moses sent me. As my strength was then, so is my strength now for war, both to go out and to come in.

12 And now, give to me this mountain, of which Jehovah spoke in that day, for you heard in that day *how* the sons of Anak *were* there, and great walled cities. If Jehovah shall be with me, then I shall dispossess them, as Jehovah has spoken.

13 And Joshua blessed him, and *he* gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

14 Therefore, Hebron has belonged to Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, for an inheritance to this day, because he fully followed after Jehovah the God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before was City of Arba: that one *was* a great man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 15

1 The borders of the lot of Judah. 13 Caleb's portion and conquest. 16 Othniel has Achsah, Caleb's daughter, to wife. 21 The cities of Judah. 63 The Jebusites not conquered.

1 ¶ And the lot for the tribe of the sons of Judah for their families was to the border of Edom, the wilderness of Zin southward, in the extreme south.

2 And their south border was from the end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looked southward.

3 And it went out southward to the ascent of Akkrabbim, and passed on to Zin, and went up on the south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed to Hezron, and went up toward Adar, and turned toward Karkaa,

4 and passed on to Azmon, and went out by the torrent of Egypt; and the boundary line was at the sea. This shall be your south border.

5 And the east border was the Salt Sea to the end of the Jordan; and the border on the north side *was* from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan.

6 And the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed on the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan, the son of Reuben;

7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and northward looking toward Gilgal, which *is* opposite to the ascent of Adummim, which *is* the south side of the torrent; and the border passed to the waters of Enshemesh, and its boundary line was at En-rogel.

8 And the border went up to the valley of the son of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite on the south (*it is* Jerusalem) and the border went up to the top of the mountain which *is* before the valley of Hinnom westward at the far end of the Valley of the Giants northward.

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the mount to the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah; and *it* went up to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah (*it is* Kirjath-jearim).

10 And the border turned around from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed toward the side of Mount Jearim on the north (*it is* Chesalon) and went down to Bethshemesh, and passed along by Timnah;

11 and the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border was drawn to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel. And the boundary line was at the Sea.

12 And the west border *was* to the Great Sea, and *its* coast. This is the border of the sons of Judah all around, for their families.

13 ¶ And he gave a portion to Caleb the son of Jephunneh among the sons of Judah, according to the command of Jehovah to Joshua: the City of Arba, the father of Anak; *it is* Hebron.

14 And Caleb dispossessed from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, the sons of Anak.

15 And he went up there to the *ones* living in Debir; and the name of Debir formerly was the City of Sepher.

16 And Caleb said, He who strikes the City of Sepher, and captures it, I shall give my daughter Achsah to him for a wife.

17 And Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it. And He gave his daughter Achsah to him for a wife.

18 And it happened, as she came, that she persuaded him to ask from her father a field. And she dismounted from the ass, and Caleb said to her, What do you *desire*?

19 And she said, Give a blessing to me. You have given me the land of the south, then you shall give to me springs of water. And he gave to her the upper springs and the lower springs.

20 ¶ This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah, for their families:

21 And the cities at the furthest border of the tribe of the sons of Judah were to the border of Edom in the south: Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

22 and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 23 and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 and Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,

28 and Hazar-shual and Beer-sheba and Bizjothjah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

31 and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

32 and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities *are* twenty-nine and their villages.

33 In the Lowlands *were*: Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,

34 and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 and Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederoth-aim: fourteen cities and their villages:

37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad,

38 and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

39 Lachish and Bozkath, and Eglon,

40 and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,

41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah, sixteen cities and their villages;

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,

43 and Jiptah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,

44 and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities and their villages

45 Ekron with its daughter-villages;

46 from Ekron even to the sea, all that were at hand by Ashdod, and their villages;

47 Ashdod with its daughter-villages; Gaza with its daughter-villages, to the torrent of Egypt, and the Great Sea, and *its* coast.

48 And in the hills: Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

49 and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which *is* Debir,

50 and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,

51 and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities and their villages,

52 Arab and Dumah, and Eshean,

53 and Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,

54 and Humtah, and the City of Arba, which *is* Hebron, and Zior; nine cities and their villages,

55 Maon, Carmel and Ziph, and Juttah,

56 and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities and their villages;

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

59 and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities and their villages;

60 Kirjath-baal, which *is* Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities and their villages.

61 In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,

62 and Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities and their villages.

63 As for the Jebusites, the *ones* living in Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not dispossess them. But the Jebusites dwell with the sons of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Joshua 16

1 The borders of Joseph's sons. 5 The border of Ephraim's inheritance. 10 Canaanites not conquered.

1 ¶ And the lot of the sons of Joseph went out from the Jordan *at* Jericho, to the waters of Jericho eastward, to the wilderness which went from Jericho to the hills of Bethel.

2 And it went from Bethel to Luz, and passed on to the border of the Archites, to Ataroth; 3 and went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Beth-horon the lower, and to Gezer, and its boundary line was at the sea.

4 And Manasseh and Ephraim, the sons of Joseph, inherited.

5 ¶ And the border of the sons of Ephraim was by their families; the border of their inheritance on the east was Ataroth-addar to Beth-horon the upper.

6 And the border went out at the sea to Michmethah on the north; and the border went around eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it eastward to Janohah;

7 and went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and touched on Jericho, and went out at the Jordan.

8 From Tappuah, the border went westward to the river Kanah, and its boundary line was at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, for their families.

9 And the separate cities of the sons of Ephraim were in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities and their villages.

10 And they did not dispossess the Canaanite who lived in Gezer. And the Canaanite lives in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and is serving under tribute.

Joshua 17

1 The lot of Manasseh. 7 His coast. 12 The Canaanites not driven out. 14 The sons of Joseph obtain another lot.

1 ¶ And the lot came for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the first-born of Joseph, to Machir the first-born of Manasseh, father of Gilead, for he had been a man of battle, and he had Gilead and Bashan.

2 And there was a lot remaining for the sons of Manasseh, for their families, for the sons of Abiezer, and for the sons of Helek, and for the sons of Asriel, and for the sons of Shechem, and for the sons of Hopher, and for the sons of Shemida; these being the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

3 But Zelophehad the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son

of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters. And these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 And they drew near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, Jehovah commanded Moses to give to us an inheritance among our brothers; and at the mouth of Jehovah he gave to them an inheritance among their father's brothers.

5 And ten portions fell to Manasseh, besides that from the land of Gilead and Bashan beyond the Jordan;

6 because the daughters of Manasseh had inherited an inheritance among his sons; and the land of Gilead belonged to the sons of Manasseh who remained.

7 ¶ And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, which fronts on Shechem. And the border went up to the right to the ones living in En-tappuah.

8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the sons of Ephraim.

9 And the border went down to the torrent Kanah, south of the torrent; these cities of Ephraim were in the midst of the cities of Manasseh, and the border of Manasseh was on the north of the torrent, and its boundary line was at the sea.

10 Southward, it was Ephraim's. And northward, it was Manasseh's, and the sea was its border. And they met in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth-shean and its daughter-towns and Ibleam and its daughter-towns, and the ones living in Dor and its daughter-towns, and the ones living in Endor and its daughter-towns, and the ones living in Taanach and its daughter-towns, and the ones living in Megiddo and its daughter-towns; three regions.

12 But the sons of Manasseh had not been able to dispossess these cities, for the Canaanite determined to live in this land.

13 And it happened, when the sons of Israel became strong, they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not completely dispossess them.

14 ¶ And the sons of Joseph spoke with Joshua, saying, Why have you given to me one lot and one portion as an inheritance, since I *am* a numerous people? For Jehovah has blessed me until now.

15 And Joshua said to them, If you *are* a numerous people, go up to the forest for yourself, and you shall cut down for yourself there in the land of the Perizzite, and of the giants, if Mount Ephraim is too narrow for you.

16 And the sons of Joseph said, The hill-country will not be found by us. And every Canaanite who lives in the land of the valley *has* a chariot of iron, those that are of Beth-shean and its daughter-towns, and of him who *is* in the valley of Jezreel.

17 And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You *are* a numerous people, and have great power; you shall not have one lot,

18 because the hill is yours; because it *is* a forest, you shall cut it down, and its outer limits shall be yours; for you shall dispossess the Canaanite, even though it has chariots of iron; even though it *is* strong.

Joshua 18

1 The tabernacle is set up at Shiloh. 2 The remainder of the land is divided into seven parts.

10 Joshua divides it by lot. 11 The lot and border of Benjamin.

1 ¶ And all the company of the sons of Israel were gathered at Shiloh. And they established the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land had been subdued before them.

2 ¶ And seven tribes were left among the sons of Israel who had not shared their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, Until when will you fail to go in to possess the land which He, Jehovah the God of your fathers, has given to you?

4 Give from among you three men of a tribe, and I shall send them. And they shall go up and down through the land, and map it according to their inheritance; and then come to me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall stay within their border on the

south, and the house of Joseph shall stay within their border on the north.

6 And you shall map the land *in* seven parts, and shall bring it to me here. And I shall cast a lot for you here before Jehovah our God.

7 For there shall be no portion to the Levites among you, for the priesthood of Jehovah *is* their inheritance. And Gad, and Reuben, and the half tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave to them.

8 And the men rose up and went. And Joshua commanded those who were going to map out the land, saying, Go, and walk up and down through the land, and map it, and return to me. And I will cast a lot for you here before Jehovah at Shiloh.

9 And the men passed through the land, and mapped it by cities into seven parts, in a book. And they came to Joshua, to the camp at Shiloh.

10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Jehovah. And Joshua apportioned the land to the sons of Israel there, according to their divisions.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up, according to their families, and the border of their lot went out between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.

12 And their border was at the north side from the Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hills westward; and its boundary line was at the wilderness of Beth-aven;

13 and the border went up from there to Luz, to the side of Luz (it *is* Bethel) southward, and the border went down to Atarothadar, near the hill that is on the south of the lower Beth-horon;

14 and the border was drawn and went around to the sea coast southward, from the hill which faces on Beth-horon southward; and its boundary line was at the city of Baal; it is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the sons of Judah; this is the west side.

15 And the south side *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim; and the border went out westward, and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border went down to the end of the mountain that *is* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* in the Valley of the Giants northward, and went down the valley of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite on the south, and went down to En-rogel.

17 And it was drawn from the north and went out to En-shemesh, and went out toward Geliloth, which *is* across from the ascent of Adummim, and went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

18 and passed on to the side opposite to the Arabah northward, and went down to the Arabah.

19 And the border passed on to the side of Beth-hoglah northward, and the boundary line was at the north tongue of the Salt Sea, to the extreme south of the Jordan; this was the southern border.

20 And the Jordan borders it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, according to its borders all around, according to their families.

21 And the cities for the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, by their families, were Jericho, Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel,

23 and Avvites, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 and Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni and Gaba; twelve cities and their villages;

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27 and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28 and Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which *is* Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath-jearim; fourteen villages. This is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, by their families.

Joshua 19

1 The lot of Simeon, 10 of Zebulun, 17 of Issachar, 24 of Asher, 32 of Naphtali, 40 of Dan. 49 The sons of Israel give an inheritance to Joshua.

1 ¶ And the second lot came forth to Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families. And their inheritance was inside the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

2 And they *had* for their inheritance, Beersheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

3 and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,

4 and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,

6 and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities and their villages;

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages;

8 and all the villages that were all around these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramah of the south. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families.

9 The inheritance of the sons of Simeon *was* out of the portion of the sons of Judah. For the part of the sons of Judah *was* too much for them. Therefore, the sons of Simeon had their inheritance within their inheritance.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families. And the border of their inheritance was to Sarid.

11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the torrent in front of Jokneam,

12 and turned east from Sarid toward the rising of the sun, to the border of The Flames of Tabor, and goes out to Daberath, and goes up to Japhia.

13 And from there it passes on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goes out to Remmon-methoar to Neah.

14 And the border goes around it on the north side *to* Hannathon, and its boundaries are *in* the valley of Jiphthah-el,

15 and Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem; twelve cities and their villages.

16 This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities and their villages.

17 ¶ The fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

19 and Hapharaim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

21 and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez.

22 And the border reaches to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh. And the boundaries of their border were at Jordan; sixteen cities and their villages.

23 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher, according to their families.

25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

26 and Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal, and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath.

27 And it turns toward the rising of the sun to Beth-dagon, and *it* reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand,

28 and Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah to great Sidon.

29 And the border turns to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre. And the border turns to Hosah, and the outer limits of it are at the sea from the line to Achzib,

30 and Ummah, and Aphek, and Rehob; twenty-two cities and their villages.

31 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities and their villages.

32 ¶ The sixth lot came out to the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Naphtali by their families.

33 And their border was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakum. And its boundaries were at Jordan.

34 And the border turns west toward Aznoth-tabor, and goes out from there to Hukkok, and reached to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah on Jordan toward the rising of the sun;

35 and the fortified cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,

36 and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, 38 and Iron, and Migdalel, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities and their villages.

39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali by their families, the cities and their villages.

40 ¶ The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families.

41 And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,

42 and Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah, 43 and Elon, and Timnah, and Ekron,

44 and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 and Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 and Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

47 And the border of the sons of Dan came out *too little* for them. And the sons of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the mouth of the sword, and possessed it, and lived in it. And *they* called Leshem Dan, after the name of their father Dan.

48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan by their families, these cities and their villages.

49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them.

50 According to the mouth of Jehovah, they gave him the city which he asked, Timnath-serah in Mount Ephraim. And he built the city and lived in it.

51 These *are* the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Jehovah, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they finished dividing the country.

Joshua 20

1 *Jehovah commands 7 and the sons of Israel appoint the six cities of refuge.*

1 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, Give cities of refuge for you, as I have spoken to you by the hand of Moses,

3 that the manslayer who in error strikes *anyone* mortally, without knowledge, may flee there. And they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And he shall flee to one of those cities and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and shall declare his matter in the ears of the elders of that city. And they shall take him into the city to themselves, and shall give him a place, and he shall live with them.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, for he has struck his neighbor without knowing, and did not hate him yesterday and the day before.

6 And he shall live in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest who is in those days. Then the manslayer shall return and come to his city, and to his house, to the city from where he fled.

7 ¶ And they set apart Kadesh in Galilee, in the hills of Naphtali; and Shechem in the hills of Ephraim; and Kirjath-arba; (*it is* Hebron) in the hills of Judah.

8 And beyond the Jordan, *at* Jericho eastward, they gave Bezer in the wilderness, on the tableland out of the tribe of Reuben; and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad; and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel, and for the alien who was living in their midst, that any who had struck a life in error might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

Joshua 21

1 Forty-eight cities given by lot, out of the other tribes, to the Levites. 43 Jehovah gave the land, and rest to the Israelites.

1 ¶ And the heads of the fathers of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

2 And they spoke to them in Shiloh, in the land of Canaan, saying, Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses to give cit-

ies to us to live in, and their open land for our livestock.

3 And the sons of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance these cities and their open land, at the mouth of Jehovah:

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And the sons of Aaron the priest, of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the sons of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the sons of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The sons of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the sons of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their open land, as Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the sons of Judah, and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, these cities which are called by name,

10 which the sons of Aaron had, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the sons of Levi. For theirs was the first lot.

11 And they gave them the City of Arba, the father of Anak (*which is* Hebron) in the hills of Judah, with its open lands around it.

12 But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his own.

13 So they gave Hebron and its open lands to the sons of Aaron the priest *as* a city of refuge for the slayer, and Libnah and its open lands,

14 and Jattir and its open lands, and Eshtemoa and its open lands,

15 and Holon and its open lands, and Debir and its open lands,

16 and Ain and its open lands, and Juttah and its open lands, and Beth-shemesh and its open lands; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon and its open lands, Geba and its open lands,

18 Anathoth and its open lands, and Almon and its open lands; four cities.

19 And all the cities of the sons of Aaron the priest *were* thirteen cities and their open land.

20 And the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who were left of the sons of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 And they gave them Shechem and its open land in Mount Ephraim as a city of refuge *for* the manslayer, and Gezer and its open lands,

22 and Kibzaim and its open lands, and Beth-horon and its open lands; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh and its open lands, Gibbethon and its open lands,

24 Aijalon and its open lands, Gath-rimmon and its open lands; four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Taanach and its open lands, and Gath-rimmon and its open lands; two cities.

26 All the cities *were* ten, and their open land, for the families of the sons of Kohath that were left.

27 And to the sons of Gershon, of the families of the Levites from the half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan and its open lands as a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Beesh-terah and its open lands; two cities.

28 And from the tribe of Issachar *they gave* Kishon and its open lands, and Daberath and its open lands,

29 Jarmuth and its open lands, En-gannim and its open lands; four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal and its open lands, Abdon and its open lands,

31 Helkath and its open lands, Rehob and its open lands; four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee and its open lands *as* a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammothdor and its open lands, and Kartan, and its open lands; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities and their open land.

34 And to the families of the sons of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, *they gave* Jokneam and its open lands, and Kartah and its open lands,

35 Dimnah and its open lands, Nahalal and its open lands; four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and its open lands, and Jahazah and its open lands,

37 Kedemoth and its open lands, and Mephaath and its open lands; four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead and its open lands *as* a city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim and its open lands,

39 Heshbon and its open lands, Jazer and its open lands; four cities in all.

40 All the cities for the sons of Merari by their families, *those* left of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities and their open land.

42 These cities were every one with their open land around them. So *it was* to all these cities.

43 ¶ And Jehovah gave to Israel all the land which He swore to give to their fathers. And they possessed it, and lived in it.

44 And Jehovah gave them rest round about, according to all that He swore to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood before them. Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand,

45 and nor did fail a word from any good word which Jehovah had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

Joshua 22

1 *The two and a half tribes are blessed and sent home. 10 They build the altar of testimony in their journey. 11 The Israelites are offended.*

21 *They give them good satisfaction.*

1 ¶ Then Joshua called for the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

2 and said to them, You have done all that which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you. And you have listened to my voice, to all that I have commanded you.

3 You have not left your brothers these many days until today, and have kept the

charge of the command of Jehovah your God.

4 And now Jehovah your God has given rest to your brothers, as He spoke to them. And now you turn and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Jehovah has given to you beyond the Jordan.

5 Only, be very much on guard to do the commands and the Law which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cling to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 And Joshua blessed them and sent them away. And they went to their tents.

7 And to the half tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given *possession* in Bashan. And to its *other* half Joshua had given *possession* with their brothers beyond the Jordan westward. And also when Joshua had sent them away to their tents, then he blessed them.

8 And *he* spoke to them, saying, You are returning to your tents with great treasures, and with very much livestock, with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.

9 And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh turned and left the sons of Israel from Shiloh in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession in which they have possession, according to the command of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.

10 ¶ And when they came to the regions of the Jordan in the land of Canaan, then the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, an altar of grand appearance.

11 And the sons of Israel heard it said, Behold, the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar across from the land of Canaan, in the regions of the Jordan, at the border of the sons of Israel.

12 And the sons of Israel heard, and all the company of the sons of Israel assembled at Shiloh to go up against them to war.

13 And the sons of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead,

14 and ten rulers with him, one ruler each for the house of a father, for all the tribes of Israel, and each of them a head of the house of their fathers, for the thousands of Israel.

15 And they came to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and spoke with them, saying,

16 So says all the company of Jehovah, What is this unfaithful act *with* which this unfaithfulness to the God of Israel *is done*, to turn back today from after Jehovah, in *that* you built for yourself an altar so that you might rebel today against Jehovah?

17 *Is* the iniquity of Peor *too* little for us, from which we have not been cleansed until this day? Yea, a plague came on the company of Jehovah;

18 that you turn away today from following after Jehovah? And it shall be that today you rebel against Jehovah, and tomorrow He shall be angry with all the company of Israel.

19 And surely, if the land of your possession *is* unclean, you may cross over to the land of the possession of Jehovah, there where the tabernacle of Jehovah dwells, and have possession among us. But do not rebel against Jehovah, and do not rebel against us, by building for yourselves an altar besides the altar of Jehovah our God.

20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a sin in the devoted thing, and was there not wrath on all the company of Israel? And he was not the only one to die in his iniquity.

21 ¶ And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh answered and spoke with the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 Jehovah is the God of gods; Jehovah is the God of gods! He knows, and Israel shall know, if *it is* in rebellion, and if it is an unfaithful act against Jehovah, you shall not save us alive today.

23 *If we* built an altar for ourselves to turn away from following after Jehovah, or to

sacrifice on it burnt offering and food offering, or to offer on it sacrifices of peace, may Jehovah Himself require *it*.

24 But surely from anxiety, for a reason, we have done this, saying, In the future your sons shall speak to our sons, saying, What is to you and to Jehovah the God of Israel?

25 For Jehovah has put a border between you and us, O sons of Reuben, and sons of Gad; *it is* the Jordan. You have no portion in Jehovah! And your sons will cause our sons to fail, not fearing Jehovah.

26 And we said, Let us now prepare for ourselves, to build an altar, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice,

27 but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, to do the service of Jehovah before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings; that your sons may not say to our sons in the future, You have no portion in Jehovah.

28 And we said, And it shall be, when they say *this* to us, and to our generations hereafter, that we shall say, See the pattern of the altar of Jehovah, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice, but it *is* a witness between us and you.

29 Far be it from us to rebel against Jehovah, and to turn away today from following after Jehovah, to build an altar for burnt offering, for food offering, and for sacrifice, apart from the altar of Jehovah our God, which *is* before His tabernacle!

30 ¶ And Phinehas the priest, and the rulers of the congregation and the heads of the thousands of Israel with him heard the words which the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the sons of Manasseh had spoken. And it was good in their eyes.

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the sons of Manasseh, Today we have known that Jehovah is among us, because you have not unfaithfully done an unfaithful act against Jehovah. Now you have delivered the sons of Israel out of the hand of Jehovah.

32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the sons of Reuben, and from the sons of Gad

out of the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel, and brought word back to them.

33 And the thing was good in the eyes of the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel blessed God and none said to go up against them to war, to destroy the land which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad *were* living in.

34 And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad proclaimed regarding the altar, that it *was* a witness between us that Jehovah *is* God.

Joshua 23

1 Joshua talks before his death. 3 of former benefits, 5 of promises, 11 and of threats.

1 ¶ And it happened many days after Jehovah had given rest to Israel from all their enemies all around, that Joshua *was* aged, going on in days.

2 And Joshua called for all Israel, for its elders, and for its heads, and for its judges, and for its officers, and said to them, I have become old, I have gone on in days;

3 and you have seen all that Jehovah your God has done to all these nations because of you, for Jehovah your God *was* He who was fighting for you.

4 Behold, I have caused to fall to you these nations that are left to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea, toward the going of the sun.

5 And Jehovah your God will thrust them out from before you, and will expel them from before you, and you shall possess their land, as Jehovah your God has spoken to you.

6 And you shall be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the Law of Moses, so as not to turn aside from it *to* the right or to the left;

7 so as not to go in among these nations, these who are left with you; and that you shall not mention the name of their gods, and you shall not swear, and you shall not serve them, and you shall not bow yourselves to them.

8 But you shall cling to Jehovah your God, as you have done until today.

9 And Jehovah has dispossessed from before you great and mighty nations. *As for you no one has stood before you until today.*

10 One man of you shall pursue a thousand; for Jehovah your God *is* He who is fighting for you, as He has spoken to you.

11 ¶ And you shall be very watchful for yourselves to love Jehovah your God.

12 But if you at all turn away and cleave to the remnant of the nations, of those who are left to you, and intermarry with them, and go in to them, and they to you,

13 know certainly that Jehovah your God shall not continue to dispossess these nations from before you, and they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which Jehovah your God has given you.

14 And, behold! Today I *am* going in the way of all the earth, and you know with all your heart and with all your soul that there has not failed one thing of all the good things which Jehovah your God has spoken concerning you; all of it has come to you; there has not one thing failed of it.

15 And it shall be, as every good thing which Jehovah your God has spoken to you comes to you, so shall Jehovah bring on you every evil thing, until He destroys you from off this good land which Jehovah your God has given to you,

16 when you transgress the covenant of Jehovah your God which He commanded you, and when you have gone and served other gods, and have bowed yourselves to them, then the anger of Jehovah shall glow against you; and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given to you.

Joshua 24

1 Joshua assembles the tribes at Shechem. 14 He renews the covenant between them and Jehovah. 29 Joshua's age, death, and burial.

32 Joseph's bones are buried. 33 Eleazar dies.

1 ¶ And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for its heads, and for its judges, and for its officers. And they placed themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, Your fa-

thers have in the past lived Beyond the River (Terah the father of Abraham and father of Nahor) and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from Beyond the River, and caused him to go through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave Isaac to him.

4 And I gave Jacob and Esau to Isaac. And I gave Mount Seir to Esau, to possess it. And Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt.

5 And I sent Moses and Aaron and plagued Egypt, as I did in its midst. And afterward I brought you out.

6 And I brought your fathers out from Egypt, and you went into the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and with horsemen, into the Sea of Reeds.

7 And they cried to Jehovah, and He set thick darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them. And your eyes saw that which I had done in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness many days.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorite who lived beyond the Jordan. And they fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you possessed their land. And I destroyed them before you.

9 And Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, rose up and fought against Israel, and sent and called for Balaam the son of Beor to curse you.

10 And I was not willing to listen to Balaam, and he greatly blessed you. And I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And you crossed over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the masters of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I gave them into your hand.

12 And I sent the hornet before you, and it cast them out before you, two kings of the Amorites, not by the sword nor by your bow.

13 And I have given you a land for which you have not labored, and cities which you have not built, and you live in them. You are eating of vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant.

14 Now, then, fear Jehovah, and serve Him in sincerity and truth, and turn away

from the gods which your fathers served Beyond the River, and in Egypt; and you serve Jehovah.

15 ¶ And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve Jehovah, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods whom your fathers served Beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. But as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.

16 And the people replied and said, Far be it from us to forsake Jehovah, to serve other gods.

17 For Jehovah our God *is* He who has brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves, and who has done these great signs before our eyes, and has preserved us in all the way in which we have gone, and among all the people through whom we have passed.

18 And Jehovah has cast out all the peoples, even the Amorite inhabiting the land before us. We also will serve Jehovah, for He *is* our God.

19 And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve Jehovah, for He *is* a holy God; He *is* a jealous God. He will not lift up *from you* your transgressions or your sins.

20 When you forsake Jehovah, and shall serve strange gods, then He will turn away and do evil to you, and consume you, after He has done good to you.

21 And the people said to Joshua, No, but we will serve Jehovah.

22 And Joshua said to the people, You *are* witnesses against yourselves, that you have chosen Jehovah for yourselves, to serve Him (for they said, *We are* witnesses).

23 And now turn away from the strange gods among you, and incline your heart to Jehovah the God of Israel.

24 And the people said to Joshua, We will serve Jehovah our God, and we will listen to His voice.

25 And Joshua made a covenant with the people on that day, and laid on them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the Law of God, and took a great stone and raised it up there under the oak by the sanctuary of Jehovah.

27 And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the sayings of Jehovah which He has spoken with us. And it shall be against you for a witness, that you not lie against your God.

28 And Joshua sent the people away, *each* man to his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it happened after these things, the servant of Jehovah, Joshua the son of Nun died, being a son of a hundred and ten years.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance, in Timnath-serah, which *is* in the hills of Ephraim, on the north of the Hill of Gaash.

31 And Israel served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders whose days were prolonged after Joshua, and who knew all the work of Jehovah which He did to Israel.

32 And the bones of Joseph which the sons of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in the portion of the field which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem, for a hundred silver pieces. And they were for an inheritance to the sons of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died, and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given to him in the hills of Ephraim.

The Book of JUDGES

Judges 1

1 *The acts of Judah and Simeon. 8 Jerusalem taken. 10 Hebron taken. 13 Othniel marries Achsah. 17 Hormah, Gaza, Askelon and Ekron taken. 21 The acts of Benjamin. 22 Of the house of Joseph, who takes Bethel. 30 Of Zebulun. 31 Of Asher. 33 Of Naphtali. 34 Of Dan.*

1 ¶ And it happened after the death of Joshua, the sons of Israel inquired of Jehovah, saying, Who shall first go up for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?

2 And Jehovah said, Judah shall go up. Behold, I have given the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said to his brother Simeon, Go up with me into my lot, and we shall fight against the Canaanites. And I also will go with you into your lot. And Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up, and Jehovah delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand. And they struck them in Bezek, ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek, and fought against him, and struck the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 And Adoni-bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his big toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Seventy kings *with* their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to be gathering scraps under my table. As I have done, so God has repaid me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

8 And the sons of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and captured it, and struck it with the mouth of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9 ¶ And afterward the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the mountains, and the Negeb, and the lowlands.

10 And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (and the name of Hebron was formerly City of Arba) and

they struck Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi.

11 And from there he went against the *ones* living in Debir, and the name of Debir formerly was City of Sepher.

12 And Caleb said, *He* who strikes the City of Sepher and captures it, I shall give my daughter Achsah to him for a wife.

13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, the younger one, captured it. And he gave his daughter Achsah to him for a wife.

14 And it happened as she came, she persuaded him to ask a field from her father. And she dismounted from the ass. And Caleb said to her, What do you *desire*?

15 And she said to him, Give a blessing to me. Since you have given me the land of the Negeb, also you shall give springs of water to me. And Caleb gave the upper springs and the lower springs to her.

16 And the sons of the Kenite, the father-in-law of Moses, had gone up out of the city of palms with the sons of Judah to the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad. And they went and lived with the people.

17 And Judah went with his brother Simeon, and they struck the Canaanites living in Zephath and destroyed it. And the name of the city was *called* Hormah.

18 And Judah captured Gaza and its border, and Ashkelon and its border, and Ekron and its border.

19 And Jehovah was with Judah, and he dispossessed the hills, but did not dispossess *the ones* living in the valley, for they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. And He dispossessed the three sons of Anak from there.

21 ¶ And the sons of Benjamin did not dispossess the Jebusites living in Jerusalem. And the Jebusites live with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem until this day.

22 And the house of Joseph went up, they also against Beth-el. And Jehovah was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to spy around Beth-el, and the name of the city formerly was Luz.

24 And *those* keeping watch saw a man coming out from the city and said to him, Let us see the entrance of the city, and we will do kindness with you.

25 And he let them see the entrance of the city. And they struck the city with the mouth of the sword; and they sent away the man and all his family.

26 And the man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city, and called its name Luz; it is its name to this day.

27 And Manasseh had not dispossessed Beth-shean and its daughter-villages, and Taanach and its daughter-villages, *and the ones* living in Dor and its daughter-villages, and the *ones* living in Ibleam and its daughter-villages; and the *ones* living in Megiddo and its daughter-villages. For the Canaanites willed to live in that land.

28 But it happened when Israel became strong that they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not completely dispossess them.

29 And Ephraim did not dispossess the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, and the Canaanites lived among them in Gezer.

30 Zebulun did not dispossess the *ones* living in Kitron, and the *ones* living in Nahalol; but the Canaanites lived among them, and they became forced laborers.

31 And Asher did not dispossess the *ones* living in Accho, and the *ones* living in Sidon, and Ahlab, and Achzib, and Helbah, and Aphik, and Rehob.

32 And the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the *ones* living in the land, for they did not dispossess them.

33 Naphtali did not dispossess the *ones* living in Beth-shemesh, and the *ones* living in Beth-anath, and they lived among the Canaanites, the *ones* living in the land. But *the ones* living in Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath became forced laborers to them.

34 And the Amorites pressed the sons of Dan into the hill country, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley.

35 But the Amorites willed to live in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim. Yet the hand of the house of Joseph was heavy, so that they became forced laborers.

36 And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from the rock and upward.

Judges 2

1 The Angel of Jehovah rebukes the people at The Place of Weeping (Bochim). 6 The wickedness of the new generation after Joshua. 14 Jehovah's anger and pity toward them. 20 The Canaanites are left as a test of Israel.

1 ¶ And the Angel of Jehovah came up from Gilgal to The Place of Weeping, and said, I caused you to come up out of Egypt and brought you into the land which I had sworn to your fathers, and said, I will not break My covenant with you forever.

2 And you, you shall cut no covenant with the *ones* living in this land. You shall break down their altars. Yet you have not listened to My voice. What *is* this you have done?

3 And I also have said, I shall not dispossess them before you, and they shall become *thorns in your sides*, and their gods shall become a snare to you.

4 And it happened when the Angel of Jehovah spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voice and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place The Place of Weeping: and sacrificed to Jehovah there.

6 ¶ And Joshua sent the people away, and the sons of Israel each went to his inheritance, to possess the land.

7 And the people served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who prolonged *their* days after Joshua, who saw all the great work of Jehovah which He had done for Israel.

8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, being a son of a hundred and ten years.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance, in Timnath-heres, in the hills of Ephraim on the north of Mount Gaash.

10 And also all that generation was gathered to their fathers, and another generation

arose after them who had not known Jehovah, and not yet the works which He had done for Israel.

11 And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and served the Baals.

12 And they forsook Jehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out from the land of Egypt. And they went after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves to them, and angered Jehovah.

13 Yea, they forsook Jehovah, and served Baal and the Ashtoroth.

14 And the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hand of plunderers; and they plundered them. And He sold them into the hand of their enemies all around, and they were not able to stand before their enemies any longer.

15 Wherever they went, the hand of Jehovah was against them for evil, as Jehovah had spoken, and as Jehovah had sworn to them. And *it* distressed them very much.

16 And Jehovah raised up judges, and they saved them from the hand of their plunderers.

17 But they also did not listen to their judges, but fornicated after other gods, and bowed themselves to them. They quickly turned aside out of the way *in* which their fathers walked to obey the commands of Jehovah. They did not do so.

18 And when Jehovah raised up judges to them, then Jehovah was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For Jehovah took pity because of their groaning before those oppressing them, and those crushing them.

19 And at the death of the judge, it happened that they would turn and act more corruptly than their fathers, to go after other gods, to serve them, and to bow themselves to them. And they did not fall away from their own doings, and from their stubborn way.

20 And the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel. And He said, Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to My voice,

21 I also will not any more dispossess any from before them any more of the nations that Joshua left from before them when he died;

22 so that by them I may test Israel, whether they are keeping the way of Jehovah, to go in it, as their fathers kept it, or not.

23 And Jehovah left those nations without dispossessing them quickly. And He did not deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges 3

1 The nations that were left to prove Israel.

6 They commit idolatry. 8 Othniel delivers them from Chushan-rishathaim, 15 Ehud from Eglon,

31 Shamgar from the Philistines.

1 ¶ And these are the nations which Jehovah left in order to test Israel by them, all who did not know all the wars of Canaan; 2 only that the generations of the sons of Israel might know, to teach them war, only those who did not before know them:

3 five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that lived in Mount Lebanon from Mount Baal-hermon to the entering of Hamath.

4 And they were *there* to test Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commands of Jehovah, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 And the sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

6 And they took their daughters to themselves for wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and they served their gods.

7 And the sons of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and forgot Jehovah their God, and served the Baals and the Asherahs.

8 ¶ And the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel. And He gave them over into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim, king of Mesopotamia. And the sons of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

9 And when the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, Jehovah raised up one to deliver the sons of Israel, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them.

10 And the Spirit of Jehovah was put on him, and he judged Israel. And he went out to war, and Jehovah gave Chushan-rishathaim the king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand had power over Chushan-rishathaim.

11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah. And Jehovah made Eglon the king of Moab strong against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of Jehovah.

13 And he gathered to him the sons of Ammon and Amalek, and went and struck Israel. And they possessed the city of palm trees.

14 And the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah raised up one to deliver them, Ehud the son of Gera, a son of the Benjamite, a man *with* his right hand impeded. And the sons of Israel sent a present by his hand to Eglon the king of Moab.

16 And Ehud made a sword for himself, and it *had* two mouths, a cubit in length. And he girded it under his long robe, on his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present to Eglon the king of Moab; and Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And it happened, when he had finished offering the present, he sent away the people, the bearers of the present.

19 And he himself turned back from the carved images at Gilgal, and said, I have a secret word for you, O king. And he said, Be silent! And all those standing beside him went out from him.

20 And Ehud came to him. And he was sitting by himself *in* the roof room of coolness which *was* his. And Ehud said, I have a word from God to you. And he rose out of his seat.

21 And Ehud put out his left hand and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into *Eglon's* belly.

22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed on the blade; for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out.

23 And Ehud went out to the porch, and shut the doors of the roof room on him, and locked them.

24 And when he had gone out, his servants came. And they looked, and, behold, the doors of the roof room were locked. And they said, Surely he *is* covering his feet in the roof room of coolness.

25 And they waited until they were ashamed. And, behold! He did not open the doors of the room. So they took the key and opened them. And, behold, their master *had* fallen down to the earth dead.

26 And Ehud escaped while they waited. And *he* had passed by the images, and had slipped away to Seirath.

27 And it happened, when he had come, he blew on the horn in the hills of Ephraim. And the sons of Israel came down with him from the hills, and he before them.

28 And he said to them, Follow me, for Jehovah has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him and took the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites. And *they* did not allow a man to pass over.

29 And they struck about ten thousand men of Moab at that time, every stout *man*, all men of strength. And not a man escaped.

30 And Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest eighty years.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad. And he also delivered Israel.

Judges 4

1 Deborah and Barak deliver them from Jabin and Sisera. 17 Jael kills Sisera.

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah when Ehud was dead.

2 And Jehovah sold them into the hand of Jabin the king of Canaan, who ruled in Hazor. And his army commander was Sisera; and he lived in Harosheth of the nations.

3 And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron. And he oppressed the sons of Israel with force twenty years.

4 ¶ And Deborah the wife of Lapidoth, a woman prophetess, *was* judging Israel at that time.

5 And she lived under the palm tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel, in the hills of Ephraim. And the sons of Israel went up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called for Barak, the son of Abinoam, out of Kedesh *in* Naphtali, and said to him, Has not Jehovah the God of Israel commanded? Go and draw toward Mount Tabor, and take ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali, and of the sons of Zebulun with you.

7 And I will draw to you *at* the torrent Kishon, Sisera, the army commander of Jabin, and his chariots, and his multitude, and shall give him into your hands.

8 And Barak said to her, If you go with me, then I will go. And if you will not go with me, I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with you; only, your glory shall not be on the way which you are going, for Jehovah shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah rose up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh. And he went up with ten thousand men at his feet. And Deborah went up with him.

11 And Heber the Kenite had broken away from the Kenites, *he being* of the sons of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses. And he pitched his tent by the oak in Zaanaim, near Kedesh.

12 And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera called up all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people with him, from Harosheth of the nations, to the torrent Kishon.

14 And Deborah said to Barak, Rise up, for this *is* the day in which Jehovah has given Sisera into your hand. Has not Jehovah gone out before you? And Barak went down from Mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And Jehovah confused Sisera, and all the chariots, and all the army, by the mouth of the sword, before Barak. And Sisera came down from the chariot and fled on his feet.

16 And Barak pursued after the chariots and after the army, to Harosheth of the nations. And all the army of Sisera fell by the mouth of the sword; there was not even one left.

17 ¶ And Sisera fled on his feet to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. For *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not fear. And he turned in to her into the tent; and she covered him with a rug.

19 And he said to her, Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. And she opened a skin of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 And he said to her, Stand *at* the door of the tent, and it shall be if *any* man comes in and asks you, and says, Is there a man here? And you shall say, There is not.

21 And Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went to him quietly. And *she* drove the peg into his temple, and she beat it into the ground. And he had been fast asleep, and faint; and he died.

22 And, behold, as Barak followed Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, Come, and I will let you see the man whom you are seeking. And he came in to her, and, behold! Sisera had fallen *and* died and the peg *was* in his temple.

23 And on that day God humbled Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel.

24 And the hand of the sons of Israel went on, going on and pressing hard on Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had cut off Jabin the king of Canaan.

Judges 5

The song of Deborah and Barak.

1 ¶ And Deborah and Barak, the son of Abinoam, sang on that day, saying:

2 For the loosing of locks of hair in Israel; for the willing offering of the people, bless Jehovah!

3 Listen, O kings; give ear, O princes. I, *even* I, will sing to Jehovah; I will sing praise to Jehovah the God of Israel.

4 O Jehovah, when You went forth out of Seir, when You marched out of the fields of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped. Yea, the clouds dropped water.

5 The mountains quaked before the face of Jehovah, this Sinai *quaked* from before Jehovah the God of Israel.

6 ¶ In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways ceased, and those going in the paths traveled *in* byways.

7 The leaders ceased in Israel; they ceased until I, Deborah, arose; I arose *as* a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods; then war *was* at the gates! Neither a shield nor a spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.

9 My heart *was* toward the lawgivers of Israel, *who* freely offered themselves among the people; bless Jehovah!

10 You that ride on white asses, you that sit on rich carpets, and you going on the way, sing out!

11 *Louder* than the voice of those dividing between the watering places there, they shall tell of the righteous acts of Jehovah, the righteous acts of His leaders in Israel. Then the people of Jehovah went down to the gates.

12 ¶ Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Rise, Barak, and lead your captives captive, son of Abinoam.

13 Then the remnant that remained tread on the noble ones of the people; Jehovah trod for me among the mighty *ones*.

14 Out of Ephraim *they came, those* whose root was *against* Amalek. After you, Benjamin, among your peoples; and out of Machir came down commanders; and out of Zebulun the ones that hold the staff of the scribe.

15 And my commanders in Issachar *were* with Deborah; as was Issachar, so *was* Barak. They were sent into the valley at his feet. Among the divisions of Reuben resolves of heart were great!

16 Why did you sit between the sheepfolds to hear the bleatings of flocks? At the divisions of Reuben searchings of heart were great!

17 Gilead remained beyond the Jordan; and why did Dan stay in ships? Asher sat

at the shore of the seas, and remained by his havens.

18 Zebulun, a people who despised his life, *even* to death; also Naphtali on the high places of the field.

19 Kings came; they fought; then the kings of Canaan fought in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of silver.

20 The stars fought from the heavens; from their courses they fought with Sisera.

21 The torrent Kishon swept them away, the ancient river, the torrent Kishon. You trod, my soul, *in* strength.

22 Then did the hooves of horses beat from the galloping, galloping of his mighty stallions.

23 Cursing, curse Meroz, said the Angel of Jehovah; curse the *ones* living *in* it because they did not come to the help of Jehovah, to the help of Jehovah among the mighty *ones*.

24 ¶ Most blessed among women is Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite. She is blessed among women in the tent.

25 He asked for water; she gave *him* milk; in a lordly bowl she brought curd.

26 She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and she hammered Sisera; she smashed his head; she struck through and pierced his temple.

27 Between her feet he bowed; he fell; he lay down. Between her feet he bowed; he fell! Where he bowed, there he fell down devastated.

28 Through the window she looked out; yea, she cried out, the mother of Sisera, through the lattice; Why does his chariot delay to come? Why have the steps of his chariot tarried?

29 The wise ones of her princesses answered her; yea, she returned her words to herself:

30 Do they not find and divide the plunder? A womb, two *wombs* to *each* man's head; a plunder of dyed *cloths* to Sisera, a plunder of embroidered dyed *cloths*, two embroidered dyed *cloths* for the necks of the plunder?

31 So all Your enemies shall perish, O Jehovah, and those who love Him *shall be* as the sun when it goes forth in its might. And the land had rest forty years.

Judges 6

1 The Israelites are oppressed by Midian. 11 The Angel of Jehovah sends Gideon to deliver them. 25 Gideon destroys Baal's altar and offers a sacrifice on the altar [Jehovah-shalom] Peace of Jehovah. 33 Gideon's army. 36 His signs.

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah, and Jehovah gave them into the hand of Midian seven years.

2 And the hand of Midian was strong against Israel. And the sons of Israel made dens for themselves before the faces of Midian, in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds.

3 And it happened if Israel had sown *crops*, that Midian, and Amalek, and the sons of the east came; yea, they came against them,

4 and camped against them, and destroyed the produce of the land until you enter Gaza. And they left no food in Israel, either sheep, or ox, or ass.

5 For they came up with their livestock, and with their tents. They came in like locusts for number, and there was no number to them, to their camels. And they came into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was brought very low before Midian. And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah.

7 ¶ And it happened when the sons of Israel had cried to Jehovah about Midian,

8 Jehovah sent a man, a prophet, to the sons of Israel. And he said to them, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, I have brought you up out of Egypt; and I have brought you out from a house of slaves.

9 And I have delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all those oppressing you; and I have driven them out before you; and I have given you their land.

10 And I said to you, I *am* Jehovah your God. You shall not fear the gods of the Amorite *among* whom you *are* dwelling in their land. But you have not listened to My voice.

11 ¶ And the Angel of Jehovah came and sat under the oak which is in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite. And his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the eyes of Midian.

12 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him, and said to him, Jehovah *is* with you, mighty *one* of strength.

13 And Gideon said to Him, Oh my Lord, if Jehovah is with us, then why has all this happened to us? And where are all His wonders which our fathers recounted to us, saying, Did not Jehovah bring us up out of Egypt? And now Jehovah has left us, and has given us into the hands of Midian.

14 And Jehovah turned to him and said, Go in this strength of yours, and you shall deliver Israel out of the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?

15 And he said to Him, Oh my Lord, with what shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I the least in my father's house.

16 And Jehovah said to him, Because I am with you, you shall strike Midian as one man.

17 And he said to Him, Please, if I have found grace in Your eyes, then You shall do for me a sign that You are speaking with me.

18 Please do not move from here until I come to You and bring my food offering and lay it before You. And He said, I will abide until you come back.

19 And Gideon went in and prepared a kid of the goats, and unleavened *bread* of an ephah of flour. He put the flesh in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot. And he brought it out to Him, under the oak, and offered *it*.

20 And the Angel of Jehovah said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened *bread* and place *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 And the Angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff in His hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened *bread*. And the fire rose up out of the rock and burned up the flesh and the unleavened *bread*. And the Angel of Jehovah went out of his sight.

22 And Gideon saw that He was the Angel of Jehovah. And Gideon said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! Because I have seen the Angel of Jehovah face to face!

23 And Jehovah said to him, Peace to you, fear not. You shall not die.

24 And Gideon built an altar to Jehovah there, and called it Peace of Jehovah

[*Jehovah-shalom*]. It is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites until today.

25 ¶ And it happened on that night, Jehovah said to him, Take your father's bull, and the second bull of seven years; and you shall throw down the altar of Baal which *belongs* to your father, and you shall cut down the Asherah beside it.

26 And you shall build an altar to Jehovah your God on the top of this stronghold, in an arrangement, and shall take the second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you have cut down.

27 And Gideon took ten men from his servants and did as Jehovah had spoken to him. And it happened, since he feared his father's house and the men of the city, to do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 And the men of the city rose early in the morning. And, behold, the altar of Baal had been torn down and the Asherah beside it had been cut down. And the second bull had been offered on the altar which was built.

29 And they said, *each* man to his neighbor, Who has done this thing? And they asked and sought. And they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.

30 And the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son, and he shall die, because he has torn down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the Asherah beside it.

31 And Joash said to all that stood against him, You, will you contend for Baal? Or you, will you save him? He who contends for him shall be killed by the morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because one has torn down his altar.

32 And on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him, because he has torn down his altar.

33 ¶ And all Midian and Amalek, and the sons of the east, were gathered together, and crossed over, and camped in the valley of Jezreel.

34 And the Spirit of Jehovah clothed Gideon *with Himself*, and he blew with a rams' horn. And the Abiezrites were called after him.

35 And he sent messengers to all Manasseh, and it also was called after him. And he sent messengers to Asher and

Zebulun, and to Naphtali. And they came up to meet them.

36 And Gideon said to God, If You are *to* deliver Israel by my hand, as You have spoken, 37 behold, I *am* placing the fleece of wool on the grain floor; if the dew is on the fleece only, and dryness on all the ground, then I will know that You will deliver Israel by my hand, as You have spoken.

38 And it was so. And he rose early on the next day and wrung the fleece, and drained dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gideon said to God, Let not Your anger glow against me, and I shall speak only this time. Please let me try only this time with the fleece; please let there be dryness on the fleece alone; and let there be dew on all the ground.

40 And God did so on that night, and there was dryness only on the fleece, and there was dew on all the ground.

Judges 7

1 Gideon's army of thirty-two thousand is sifted down to three hundred. 16 His strategy of trumpets and torches in jars. 23 The men of Ephraim take Oreb and Zeeb.

1 ¶ And Jerubbaal (he is Gideon) rose early, and all the people with him. And they camped by the spring of Harod, and the army of Midian was north of him on Mount Moreh, in the valley.

2 And Jehovah said to Gideon, The people with you *are* too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, that Israel not glorify itself against Me, saying, My hand has delivered me.

3 And now please cry in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever fears and trembling, let him return and leave Mount Gilead. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned. And ten thousand were left.

4 And Jehovah said to Gideon, The people are still *too* many. Bring them down to the water, and I will refine them for you there. And it shall be, *he of whom* I say to you, this one shall go with you, he shall go with you. And any of whom I shall say to you, This one shall not go with you, he shall not go.

5 And he brought the people down to the water. And Jehovah said to Gideon,

Everyone who laps of the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set him apart. And everyone who bows on his knees to drink, *set apart*.

6 And the number of those lapping with their hand to their mouth *was* three hundred men. And all the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

7 And Jehovah said to Gideon, I will deliver you by the three hundred men who lapped, and shall give Midian into your hand. And all the people shall go, *each* man to his place.

8 And the people took the food in their hand, and their rams' horns; and he sent away every man of Israel, *each* man to his tent. But he kept hold on the three hundred men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it happened on that night, Jehovah said to him, Rise up, go down to the camp, for I have given it into your hand.

10 And if you fear to go down, you and your young man Phurah go down to the camp.

11 And you shall hear what they say. And afterward your hand shall be made stronger, and you shall go down against the camp. And he went down, he and his young man Phurah, to the edge of the battle ranks by fives who *were* in the camp.

12 And Midian and Amalek, and all the sons of the east, were lying in the valley, as the locusts for multitude. And there was no number of their camels *being* as the sand on the lip of the sea for multitude.

13 And Gideon came; and, behold, a man was telling a dream to his companion. And he said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream. And, behold, a cake of barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian. And it came to the tent and struck it, and it fell, and turned it upside *down*; and the tent fell down.

14 And his companion answered and said, This is nothing but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. God has given Midian and all the army into his hand.

15 And it happened when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and its interpretation, he worshiped. And *he* returned to the army of Israel and said, Rise up, for Jehovah has given the army of Midian into your hand.

16 ¶ And he divided the three hundred men' into three companies. And he put a rams' horn in the hand of all of them, and empty jars, and torches inside the jars.

17 And he said to them, Look at me, and do this; even behold, I am coming to the edge of the camp. And it shall be, as I do, so you shall do.

18 And I shall blow with a rams' horn, I and all who *are* with me. And you shall blow with the rams' horns, you also all around the camp, and shall shout, For Jehovah and for Gideon!

19 And Gideon came, and the hundred men with him, to the edge of the camp *at* the beginning of the middle watch. Only newly rising up they *had* made rise the watching *ones*. And they blew with the rams' horns, and shattered the jars in their hand.

20 And the three companies blew with their rams' horns, and broke the jars, and held the torches in their left hand; and in their right hand the rams' horns, and they cried out, A sword for Jehovah and for Gideon!

21 And they *each* man stood in his place, all around the army. And all the army ran, and they shouted, and they fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the rams' horns, and Jehovah set a man's sword against his companion even in all the army. And the army fled to Beth-shittah, at Zererath, to the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

23 ¶ And the men of Israel were called from Naphtali, and from Asher, and from all Manasseh, and pursued Midian.

24 And Gideon had sent messengers to all the hills of Ephraim, saying, Come down to meet Midian, and capture the waters before them as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan. And every man of Ephraim was called up, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

25 And they captured the two rulers of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And Oreb was slain at the rock of Oreb; and they killed Zeeb at the winevat of Zeeb. And they pursued to Midian. And they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

Judges 8

1 Gideon pacifies the Ephraimites. 4 Succoth and Penuel refuse to feed Gideon's army. 10 Kings Zebah and Zalmunna taken. 13 Succoth taught, Penuel destroyed. 29 Gideon's sons, death.

1 ¶ And the men of Ephraim said to him, What *is* this thing you have done to us, not to call us when you went out to fight against Midian? And they contended with him sharply.

2 And he said to them, What have I done now in comparison to you? Are not the gleanings of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?

3 God has given the rulers of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, into your hand. And what was I able to do like you? Then their spirits quieted toward him when he said this word.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to the Jordan, he crossing over, and three hundred who were with him, *being* weary, yet pursuing.

5 And he said to the men of Succoth, Please give loaves of bread to the people at my feet, for they are weary; and I *am* pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian.

6 And the rulers of Succoth said, *Is* the palm of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore, when Jehovah has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I shall thresh your flesh with thorns of the wilderness and with briers.

8 And he went up from there to Penuel, and spoke to them in this same way. And the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered.

9 And he also spoke to the men of Penuel, saying, When I come back in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 And Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of all the army of the sons of the east. And those who fell were a hundred and twenty thousand men drawing sword.

11 And Gideon went up the way of those who live in tents, on the east of Nobah and

Jogbehah, and struck the army; for the army was at ease.

12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he chased them and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna. And he caused all the army to tremble.

13 And Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle, at the ascent of *Mount* Heres.

14 And he captured a young man of the men of Succoth, and questioned him; and he wrote out to him the rulers of Succoth, and its elders, seventy-seven men.

15 And he came in to the men of Succoth, and said, Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, *about* whom you taunted me, saying, *Is* the palm of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand that we should give bread to your weary men?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and the thorns of the wilderness, and the briers, and taught the men of Succoth with them.

17 And he broke down the tower of Penuel, and killed the men of the city.

18 ¶ And he said to Zebah and to Zalmunna, How were the men whom you killed in Tabor? And they said, As you *are*, so they; *each* one as a king's son in appearance.

19 And he said, They were my brothers, sons of my mother. As Jehovah lives, if you had kept them alive, I would not have killed you.

20 And he said to his first-born, Jether, Rise up, kill them. But the young man did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, for he *was* still a youth.

21 And Zebah and Zalmunna said, You rise up and fall on us, for as the man, so is his might. And Gideon rose up and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the moon crescents which *were* on the necks of their camels.

22 ¶ And the men of Israel said to Gideon, rule over us, both you and your son, and your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said to them, I shall not rule over you, and not shall my son rule over you; Jehovah shall rule over you.

24 And Gideon said to them, Let me ask of you a request, that *each* man give to me a ring from his plunder; for they

had gold rings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.

25 And they said, We will certainly give. And they spread out a garment and each threw a ring from their plunder there.

26 And the weight of the rings of gold which he asked was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold, apart from the ornaments, and the pendants, and the purple clothing that was on the kings of Midian; also apart from the necklaces on the necks of their camels.

27 And Gideon made an ephod of it, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah. And all Israel went fornicating after it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his house.

28 And Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads any more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 ¶ And Jerubbaal the son of Joash departed and lived in his own house.

30 And seventy sons were *born* to Gideon, coming out of his loins; for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine in Shechem bore a son to him, she also; and he called his name Abimelech.

32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the burial place of his father Joash, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 And it happened, when Gideon died that again the sons of Israel fornicated after the Baals, and appointed Baal-berith for a god for themselves.

34 And the sons of Israel did not remember Jehovah their God who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies round about;

35 and they did not act with kindness on the house of Jerubbaal, Gideon, according to all the good which he did with Israel.

Judges 9

1 Abimelech conspires with the men of Shechem to murder his brothers, is made king. 22 Gaal conspires with the men of Shechem against him.

1 ¶ And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them, and to all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Please speak in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, Which is best for you, seventy men ruling over you, all the sons of Jerubbaal, or one man ruling over you? And you should remember that I *am* your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mother's brothers spoke all these words about him in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, and their heart inclined after Abimelech. For they said, He is our brother.

4 And they gave to him seventy silverlings out of the house of Baal-berith. And Abimelech hired worthless and reckless men with them; and they went after him.

5 And he went into his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men on one stone. But Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was left; for he had hidden.

6 And all the leaders of Shechem were gathered together, and all the house of Millo. And *they* came and caused Abimelech to reign as king at the oak of the outpost which is in Shechem.

7 ¶ And they told Jotham, and he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim. And *he* lifted up his voice and cried, and said to them, Listen to me, leaders of Shechem, and God shall listen to you.

8 Going the trees went forth to anoint a king over them. And they said to the olive, Reign over us.

9 And the olive said to them, Should I cease from my fatness, by which they honor God and man, and go to hold sway over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig, You come, reign over us.

11 And the fig said to them, Should I cease from my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to hold sway over the trees?

12 And the trees said to the vine, You come, reign over us.

13 And the vine said to them, Should I cease from my new wine, which rejoices God and men, and go to hold sway over the trees?

14 And all the trees said to the bramble bush, You come, reign over us.

15 And the bramble bush said to the trees, If you truly anoint me king over you, come seek refuge in my shade. And if not,

let fire come out of the bramble bush and burn up the cedars of Lebanon.

16 And now if you have acted in truth and integrity when you made Abimelech king; and if you have done well with Jerubbaal and his house; and you have done to him as his hands did,

17 *in* which my father fought for you, and cast aside his life, and delivered you from the hand of Midian;

18 and you have today risen against my father's house and have killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and have made Abimelech the son of his slave-girl king over the leaders of Shechem, because he *is* your brother,

19 yea, if in truth and in integrity you have acted toward Jerubbaal and his house this day, rejoice in Abimelech; and he shall rejoice, he and you.

20 If not, fire shall come out from Abimelech and consume the leaders of Shechem and the house of Millo. And fire shall come out from the leaders of Shechem and from the house of Millo and consume Abimelech.

21 And Jotham hurried and fled, and went to Beer and lived there, away from the face of his brother Abimelech.

22 ¶ And Abimelech ruled over Israel three years.

23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem. And the leaders of Shechem acted deceitfully with Abimelech;

24 that the violence *against* Jerubbaal's seventy sons, even their blood, might be put on their brother Abimelech who killed them, and on the leaders of Shechem who made his hands strong to kill his brothers.

25 And the leaders of Shechem set for him ambushers at the tops of the mountains; and they robbed all who passed by them on the way. And it was told to Abimelech.

26 And Gaal, the son of Ebed, and his brothers came. And they passed on into Shechem. And the leaders of Shechem trusted in him.

27 And *they* went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards, and trod out, and made a festival, and went into the house of

their god and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal, the son of Ebed, said, Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? Is *he* not the son of Jerubbaal, and Zebul his commander? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem! And why should we serve him?

29 And who will give this people into my hand? And I would remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Multiply your army and come out.

30 And Zebul, the leader of the city, heard the words of Gaal, the son of Ebed; and his anger burned.

31 And craftily he sent messengers to Abimelech, saying, Behold, Gaal, the son of Ebed, and his brothers have come to Shechem. And, behold, they are fortifying the city against you.

32 And now rise up by night, you and the people with you, and lie in wait in the field.

33 And it shall be, in the morning, about the sunrise, you shall rise early and charge against the city. And, behold, he and the people with him *will* come out to you; and you shall do to him as your hand shall find.

34 And Abimelech rose up by night, and all the people with him; and they lay in wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal, the son of Ebed, went out and stood at the opening of the gate of the city. And Abimelech and the people with him rose up from the ambush.

36 And Gaal saw the people, and he said to Zebul, Behold, people are coming down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said to him, You are seeing the shadow of the mountains like men.

37 And Gaal spoke again and said, Behold, people *are* coming down from the high part of the land, and one company is coming by the way of the Sorcerers' Oak.

38 And Zebul said to him, Now where is your mouth *with* which you said, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should serve him? Is this not the people you despised? Please go out now and fight against it.

39 And Gaal went out before the leaders of Shechem and fought against Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him. And many fell down wounded, to the opening of the gate.

41 And Abimelech remained in Arumah. And Zebul threw Gaal and his brothers out from living in Shechem.

42 And it happened on the next day, the people went out in the field and told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people and divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in a field and watched. And, behold, the people were coming out from the city. And he rose up against them and struck them.

44 And Abimelech and the companies with him rushed forward and stood in the opening of the gate of the city. And the two companies charged against all who were in the field, and struck them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and captured the city. And he killed the people in it; and he broke down the city and sowed it *with* salt.

46 And all the leaders of the tower of Shechem heard, and went into the high place of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was told to Abimelech that all the leaders had gathered *into* the tower of Shechem.

48 And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people with him. And Abimelech took the axe in his hand and cut off a bough of the trees, and lifted it up, and set it on his shoulder. And *he* said to the people with him, You have seen what I have done; you hasten and do the same.

49 And all the people also, *each* man, cut down his bough, and went after Abimelech, and set *them* at the stronghold, and kindled the stronghold with fire over them. And all the men of the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ And Abimelech went to Thebez and camped against Thebez, and captured it.

51 And a strong tower was in the middle of the city. And all the leaders of the city, and all the men and women fled there. And they shut *it* behind them, and went up on the roof of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it. And *he* drew near to the door of the tower in order to burn it with fire.

53 And a certain woman threw a piece of a riding millstone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull.

54 And he quickly called to the young man bearing his weapons, and said to him, Draw your sword and cause me to die, that they not say of me, A woman killed him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech *had* died, then *each* man went to his place.

56 And God returned the evil of Abimelech which he did to his father, to kill his seventy brothers.

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem God turned back on their heads. And the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came on them.

Judges 10

1 Tola judges Israel in Shamir. 3 Jair, whose thirty sons had thirty cities. 6 The Philistines and Ammonites oppress Israel. 10 In their misery God sends them to their false gods. 15 Upon their repentance he pities them.

1 ¶ And after Abimelech, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, rose up to save Israel. And he lived in Shamir, in the hills of Ephraim.

2 And he judged Israel twenty-three years. And he died and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him Jair, a Gileadite, rose up. And he judged Israel twenty-two years.

4 And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty ass colts. And they had thirty cities, which are called The Towns of Jair to this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.

6 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of Jehovah again, and served the Baals, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook Jehovah and did not serve Him.

7 And the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel. And He sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hand of the sons of Ammon.

8 And they crushed and oppressed the sons of Israel that *were* beyond the Jordan

in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.

9 And the sons of Ammon crossed over the Jordan to fight against Judah also, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim. And Israel was greatly distressed.

10 ¶ And the sons of Israel cried to Jehovah, saying, We have sinned against You, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Baals.

11 And Jehovah said to the sons of Israel, Did I not *save you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, and from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

12 And the Sidonians, and Amalek, and Maon have oppressed you, and you cried to Me, and I saved you out of their hand.

13 Yet you have forsaken Me, and served other gods; therefore, I did not save you again.

14 Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress.

15 And the sons of Israel said to Jehovah, We have sinned. Do to us whatever *may be* good in Your eyes; only please deliver us this day.

16 And they removed the gods of the alien from among them, and served Jehovah. And His soul was shortened with the misery of Israel.

17 And the sons of Ammon were called together, and camped in Gilead. And the sons of Israel were gathered, and camped in Mizpeh.

18 And the people said, the chief men of Gilead, a man to his neighbor, Who *will be* the man who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He shall be head over all the people of Gilead.

Judges 11

1 The covenant between Jephthah and the men of Gilead. 12 The treaty of peace between him and the men of Ammon is in vain. 29 Jephthah's vow. 32 He defeats the Ammonites.

1 ¶ And Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty warrior. And he *was* the son of a woman, a harlot; and Gilead fathered Jephthah.

2 And the wife of Gilead bore sons to him. And the sons of the wife grew up, and *they*

threw Jephthah out, and said to him, You shall not inherit in the house of your father, for you *are* the son of another woman.

3 And Jephthah fled from the face of his brothers, and lived in the land of Tob. And worthless men were gathered to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4 ¶ And it happened after some time, the sons of Ammon fought with Israel.

5 And it happened when the sons of Ammon fought with Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah from the land of Tob.

6 And they said to Jephthah, Come, and you shall be our commander, that we may fight against the sons of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Have you not hated me? Yea, you threw me out from my father's house. Why have you come to me when you *are* in distress?

8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, For this reason we have come back to you now; and you shall go with us and fight against the sons of Ammon. And you shall be our head, to all the people of Gilead.

9 And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you take me back to fight against the sons of Ammon, and Jehovah gives them up before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, Jehovah shall be witness between us; surely we will do according to your word.

11 And Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people appointed him head over them, and as commander. And Jephthah spoke all his words before Jehovah in Mizpeh.

12 ¶ And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you have come in to me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took my land when he came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. And now, restore them in peace.

14 And Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon,

15 and said to him, So says Jephthah, Israel did not take the land of Moab, and the land of the sons of Ammon.

16 For when they came up out of Egypt, Israel went in the wilderness to the Sea of Reeds, and came in at Kadesh.

17 And Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, Please let me pass on through your land, and the king of Edom did not listen. And *Israel* sent also to the king of Moab, and he was not willing. And Israel remained in Kadesh.

18 And he went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came in at the rising of the sun to the land of Moab. And they camped beyond Arnon, and did not come into the border of Moab, for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 And Israel sent messengers to Sihon the king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, Please let us pass on through your land, to my place.

20 And Sihon did not trust Israel to pass on through his border. And Sihon gathered all his people and they camped in Jahaz, and fought with Israel.

21 And Jehovah the God of Israel gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. And Israel took possession of all the land of the Amorites, *the ones living in that land*.

22 And they dispossessed all the border of the Amorites from Arnon and to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness, and to the Jordan.

23 And now, Jehovah our God has dispossessed the Amorite from before His people Israel. And would you possess it?

24 Whatever Chemosh your god causes you to possess, do you not possess it? And all that which Jehovah our God has dispossessed from before us, we will possess!

25 And now, *are* you at all any better than Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab? And striving, did he strive with Israel? Fighting, did he fight against them?

26 When Israel lived in Heshbon and its daughter-towns, and in Aroer and in its daughter-towns, in all the cities by the sides of Arnon three hundred years, then why have you not delivered them in that time?

27 And I have not sinned against you, and you are doing me wrong to fight against

me. Jehovah the Judge shall judge today between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.

28 And the king of the sons of Ammon did not listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent to him.

29 ¶ And the Spirit of Jehovah was on Jephthah. And he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed on to the sons of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow to Jehovah, and said, If You will indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand,

31 even it shall be that anything which comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, it shall belong to Jehovah; and I will cause it to go up *as* a burnt offering.

32 And Jephthah passed over to the sons of Ammon to fight against them. And Jehovah delivered them into his hand.

33 And he struck them from Aroer until you come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and to the Meadow of the Vineyard, a very great slaughter. And the sons of Ammon were humbled before the sons of Israel.

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh to his house. And, behold his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels, and with choruses. And she only, she alone; there was no *other* son or daughter to him.

35 And it happened when he saw her, he tore his garments, and said, Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are among those making me low. And surely I have opened my mouth to Jehovah, and I am not able to take it back.

36 And she said to him, My father, you have opened your mouth to Jehovah. Do to me whatever has gone out of your mouth, since Jehovah has taken vengeance for you on your enemies, on the sons of Ammon.

37 And she said to her father, Let this thing be done to me. Leave me alone two months, and let me go and go down on the hills, and let me weep for my virginity, my friends and I.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away two months. And she went, she and her

friends. And she wept for her virginity on the hills.

39 And it happened at the end of two months, she returned to her father. And he did to her his vow which he had vowed. And she never knew a man. And it is a fixed custom in Israel,

40 from days to days, the daughters of Israel go to tell again of the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite, four days in a year.

Judges 12

1 The men of Ephraim, quarrel with Jephthah and are killed. 7 Jephthah dies. 8 Ibzan, 11 and Elon, 13 and Abdon, judge Israel.

1 ¶ And the men of Ephraim were called together, and went northward, and said to Jephthah, Why have you passed over to fight against the sons of Ammon, and you have not called on us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire.

2 And Jephthah said to them, I have been a man of strife, my people and I, *having* great strife *with* the sons of Ammon. And I called you, and you did not save me out of their hands.

3 And seeing that you did not save us, I put my life in my hand and passed over against the Ammonites, and Jehovah delivered them into my hand. And why have you come up to me today to fight with me?

4 And Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, You Gileadites *are* fugitives from Ephraim, in the midst of Ephraim, in the midst of Manasseh.

5 And Gilead captured the fords of the Jordan before Ephraim. And it happened when the fugitives from Ephraim said, Let me pass over, even the men of Gilead said to him, You are an Ephraimite. And he said, No.

6 And they said to him, Please say Shibboleth. And he said, Sibboleth, and could not frame to speak so. And they would seize him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan. And at that time forty-two thousand of Ephraim fell.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. And Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in the cities of Gilead.

8 ¶ And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons. And he sent thirty daughters abroad, and he brought thirty daughters in from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 And Ibzan died, and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 And after him Elon of Zebulunite judged Israel. And he judged Israel ten years.

12 And Elon of Zebulun died, and was buried in Aijalon, in the land of Zebulun.

13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, of Pirathon, judged Israel.

14 And he had forty sons, and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy he-asses; and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel of Pirathon died, and was buried in Pirathon, in the land of Ephraim, in the hills of the Amalekites.

Judges 13

1 Israel made to serve the Philistines. 2 An Angel appears to Manoah's wife. 8 The Angel appears to Manoah. 15 Manoah's sacrifice, by which the Angel is revealed. 24 Samson is born.

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah, and Jehovah gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, and his name *was* Manoah. And his wife was barren, and had not borne.

3 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to the woman, and said to her, Behold now, you *are* barren and have not borne. But you shall conceive and bear a son.

4 And now take heed, and please do not drink wine or fermented drink; and do not eat any unclean *thing*.

5 For, behold, you *are* pregnant and bearing a son. And a razor shall not go on his head, for the boy shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb. And he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 And the woman came and spoke to her husband, saying, A Man of God has come to me, and He *was* seen *as* the appearance of the Angel of God, very terrifying. And

I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name.

7 And He said to me, Behold, you *are* being pregnant and will bear a son. And now do not drink wine or fermented drink, and do not eat any unclean *thing*, for the boy shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb, until the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah prayed to Jehovah, and said, O my Lord, the Man of God whom You sent, please let Him come again to us and direct us what we shall do to the boy being born.

9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again to the woman. And she *was* sitting in a field; and her husband Manoah *was* not with her.

10 And the woman hurried and ran, and told her husband, and said to him, Behold, He has appeared to me, the Man who came to me that day.

11 And Manoah rose up and went after his wife, and came to the Man. And he said to Him, *Are You* the Man who spoke to the woman? And He said, *I am*.

12 And Manoah said, Then let Your words come about. What shall be the way of the boy, and his undertaking?

13 And the Angel of Jehovah said to Manoah, Let her be watchful of all that I said to the woman;

14 she shall not eat of anything that came forth from the grapevine; and she shall not drink wine or fermented drink; and she shall not eat any unclean *thing*. She shall be careful of all that I commanded her.

15 ¶ And Manoah said to the Angel of Jehovah, Please let us keep You, and prepare before You a kid of the goats.

16 And the Angel of Jehovah said to Manoah, If you keep Me, I will not eat of your bread. And if you prepare a burnt offering, you shall offer it to Jehovah. For Manoah did not know that He was the Angel of Jehovah.

17 And Manoah said to the Angel of Jehovah, What *is* Your name? When Your words come about, then we shall honor You.

18 And the Angel of Jehovah said to him, Why do you ask this about My name? Yea, it *is* Wonderful.

19 And Manoah took the kid of the goats, and the food offering, and offered on the rock to Jehovah. And He did wonderfully, and Manoah and his wife *were* watching.

20 And it happened as the flame from off the altar was going up to the heavens, that the Angel of Jehovah went up in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife *were* watching. And they fell on their faces to the ground.

21 And the Angel of Jehovah was not ever seen again to Manoah, or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that He *was* the Angel of Jehovah.

22 And Manoah said to his wife, Dying we shall die, because we have seen God.

23 And his wife said to him, If Jehovah pleased to cause us to die, He would not have received a burnt offering and a food offering from our hands, and not made us see all these *things*; and *He* would not now have caused us to hear *things* like these.

24 ¶ And the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson. And the youth grew, and Jehovah blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of Jehovah began to move him in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Judges 14

1 Samson desires a wife of the Philistines. 5 he kills a lion. 8 Later he finds honey in the carcass. 10 Samson's marriage feast. 12 His wife reveals his riddle. 20 His wife is given to another.

1 ¶ And Samson went down to Timnath and saw a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And *he* came up and told his father and mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines. And now get her for me for a wife.

3 And his father and his mother said to him, *Is there* not a woman among the daughters of your brothers, and among all my people, that you must go to take a woman from the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me, for she pleases me very much.

4 And his father and his mother did not know that *it* was from Jehovah, that He *was* seeking an occasion against the Philistines.

For at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.

5 And Samson and his father and his mother went down to Timnath. And they came to the vineyards of Timnath. And, behold, a young lion roaring to meet him.

6 And the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily on him. And he tore it as the cleaving of a kid. And there was nothing in his hand; and he did not tell his father and his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down and talked with the woman. And she was pleasing in the eyes of Samson.

8 And some days *later* he returned to take her, and turned aside to see the remains of the lion. And, behold, a bee-swarm in the carcase of the lion, and honey.

9 And he took it out on his hands, and went on, eating and walking. And he went to his father and to his mother, and gave *some* to them. And they ate, but he did not tell them that he took the honey out of the body of the lion.

10 ¶ And his father went down to the woman, and Samson made a feast there, for so the young men usually did.

11 And it happened when they saw him, they took thirty companions, and they were with him.

12 And Samson said to them, Please let me riddle a riddle to you. If declaring you declare it to me *in* the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I shall give you thirty linen blouses and thirty changes of garments.

13 And if you are not able to tell me, then you shall give me thirty linen blouses and thirty changes of garments. And they said to him, Riddle your riddle, and we shall hear it.

14 And he said to them, Out of the eater came forth food, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they were not able to declare the riddle *in* three days.

15 And it happened on the seventh day, they said to Samson's wife, Entice your husband, that he may declare to us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you called for us to make us poor? Is it not so?

16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, You only hate me, and do not

love *me*. You have riddled the riddle to the sons of my people, and you have not declared it to me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not declared *it* to my father and to my mother, and shall I declare it to you?

17 And she wept before him the seven days *on* which they feasted. And it was on the seventh day, he told her, for she distressed him. And she told the riddle to the sons of her people.

18 And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day, before the sun went in, What *is* sweeter than honey? And what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said to them, Unless you had plowed with my heifer, you would not have found *out* my riddle.

19 And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him. And he went down to Ashkelon and struck thirty men of them, and took their plunder. And *he* gave the changes to those who told the riddle; and his anger burned. And he went up to his father's house.

20 And Samson's wife became his companion's, who had been his friend.

Judges 15

1 Samson is denied his wife. 3 He burns the Philistines' grain. 6 The Philistines burn his wife and her father. 7 Samson smites the Philistines. 9 The men of Judah bind him and deliver him to the Philistines. 14 He smites a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass.

1 ¶ And it happened afterward, in the days of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid of the goats. And *he* said, I will go in to my wife, to the inner room. And her father would not allow him to go in.

2 And her father said, I said that hating you would hate her, and I gave her to your companion. *Is* not her sister, the young *one*, better than she? Please let her belong to you, instead of her.

3 And Samson said to them, This time I will be blameless regarding the Philistines, though I *am* doing evil with them.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put a torch between the two tails, in the middle.

5 And *he* kindled fire on the torches, and sent *them* out into the grain-stalks of the

Philistines, and burned from the stacks and the grain-stalks, and to the vineyard *and* the oliveyard.

6 And the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they said, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he took away his wife and gave her to his companion. And the Philistines went and burned her and her father with fire.

7 And Samson said to them, Though you do this, yet I shall be avenged on you, and afterwards I will stop.

8 And he struck them hip on thigh, a great slaughter, and went down and lived in the cleft of the rock Etam.

9 ¶ And the Philistines went up and pitched in Judah, and were spread out in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said, Why have you come up against us? And they said, We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us.

11 And three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Do you not know that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? And what is this that you have done to us? And he said to them, As they did to me, so I did to them.

12 And they said to him, We have come down to bind you, to give you into the hands of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me that you will not fall on me yourselves.

13 And they spoke to him, saying, No, but binding we will bind you and will give you into their hand. But we will not cause you to die. And they bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock.

14 He came to Lehi, and the Philistines shouted to meet him. And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him, and the ropes which *were* on his arms *were* as flax which *they* burn with fire. And his bonds melted from his hands.

15 And he found a fresh jawbone of an ass, and put out his hand and took it. And *he* struck a thousand men with it.

16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, a heap, two heaps, with the jawbone of an ass I have killed a thousand men.

17 And it happened when he finished speaking, he threw the jawbone out of his hand. And he called that place Jawbone Height.

18 ¶ And he was exceedingly thirsty, and called to Jehovah and said, Surely You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant. And now I am dying with thirst and will fall into the hand of the uncircumcised.

19 And God broke open the hollow place which is in Lehi, and water came out of it. And he drank, and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore its name *is* called the Fountain of the Praying One, which is in Lehi to this day.

20 And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

Judges 16

1 Samson escapes from Gaza. 4 He loves Delilah; she entices him to tell the secret of his strength. 15 At last she persuades him. 21 The Philistines take him, and put out his eyes. 22 He pulls down the stadium upon the Philistines, and dies.

1 ¶ And Samson went to Gaza, and saw a woman there, a harlot, and went in to her.

2 The Gazites *were told*, saying, Samson has come here. And they encircled and set a trap for him all the night at the gate of the city, and kept quiet all night, saying, Until the light of the morning, then we will kill him.

3 And Samson lay down until the middle of the night, and rose up in the middle of the night. And *he* took hold on the leaves of the gate of the city, and on the two side posts, and plucked them up with the bar, and put *them* on his shoulders and took them up to the top of the mountain that *is* before Hebron.

4 ¶ And it happened afterward that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, and her name *was* Delilah.

5 And the Philistine rulers came to her and said to her, Entice him, and see in what *lies* his great strength, and by what can we prevail against him, so that we may bind him, to afflict him. And giving we will *each* man give to you eleven hundred *pieces of* silver.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Now tell me in what your great strength *lies*, and with what you may be bound in order to afflict you.

7 And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven green bowstrings which have not been dried, then I shall be weak and shall be as any man.

8 And Philistine rulers brought to her seven fresh bowstrings which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 And the ambush *was* sitting for her in an inner room. And she said to him, The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson! And he broke the bowstrings like a thread of tow when it smells fire. And his strength was not known.

10 And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have trifled with me, and have told me lies. Now, please tell me with what you may be bound.

11 And he said to her, If binding they bind me with new ropes, by which no work has been done, then I shall be weak and shall be as *any* one of mankind.

12 And Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, Samson, the Philistines *are* upon you! And the ambush *was* sitting in the inner room. And he tore them off his arms like thread.

13 And Delilah said to Samson, Until now you have trifled with me, and have told me lies. Tell me with what you may be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven braids of my head with a web.

14 And she fastened *it* with a pin, and said to him, Samson, the Philistines are upon you! And he awoke out of his sleep and pulled out the pin, the hand-loom, and the web.

15 And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, and your heart *is* not with me. These three times you have trifled with me, and have not told me where your great strength *lies*.

16 And it happened, because she distressed him with her words all the days, and urged him; and his soul was shortened, *even* to death,

17 that he told her all his heart, and said to her, No razor has come on my head, for I *am* a Nazarite to God from my mother's womb. If I were shaved, my strength would go away from me, and I would be weak, and be like *any* one of men.

18 ¶ And Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart. And she sent and called for

the Philistine rulers, saying, Come, for this time he has told me all his heart. And the Philistine rulers came up to her, and brought the silver in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man, and had him shave seven braids of his head, and began to afflict him. And his strength departed from him.

20 And she said, Samson, the Philistines *are* upon you! And He awakened from his sleep, and said, I will go out and shake myself free as time after time. But he did not know that Jehovah had departed from him.

21 And the Philistines seized him, and bored out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. And they bound him with bands of bronze. And he was grinding in the house of prisoners.

22 ¶ But the hair of his head began to grow, for he had been shaved.

23 And the Philistine rulers gathered to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to exult. And they said, Our god has given our enemy Samson into our hand.

24 And the people saw him, and praised their god. For they said, Our god has delivered our enemy into our hand, even *he who* devastated our land, who multiplied our wounded.

25 And it happened when their heart felt good, they said, Call for Samson, and he shall entertain us. And they called for Samson from the prison house. And he entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars.

26 And Samson said to the young man grasping his hand, Let me alone, and let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean on them.

27 And the house was full of men and women, and all the Philistine rulers *were* there. And about three thousand men and women were on the roof watching Samson entertaining.

28 And Samson called to Jehovah, and said, O Lord Jehovah, remember me, I pray, and please make me strong only this time, O God. And I shall be avenged with one vengeance on the Philistines, because of my two eyes.

29 And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and on

which it was supported; one with his right hand, and one with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let my soul die with the Philistines! And he bowed mightily, and the house fell on the rulers, and on all the people who were in it. And the dead that he killed in his death were more than those he killed in his life.

31 And his brothers and all his father's house came down and lifted him up and brought *him* up. And they buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol, in the burying place of his father Manoah. And he judged Israel twenty years.

Judges 17

1 Of the money that Micah first stole, he returned; his mother makes idols, and the ornaments for them. 7 He hires a Levite to be his priest.

1 ¶ And there was a man of the hills of Ephraim, and his name was Micah.

2 And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred *pieces* of silver which were taken from you, and you uttered a curse, even also speaking in my ear; behold, the silver is with me. I have taken it. And his mother said, Blessed be my son by Jehovah.

3 And he gave back the eleven hundred silver *pieces* to his mother. And his mother said, I have wholly consecrated the silver to Jehovah from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image. And now, I am returning it to you.

4 And he returned the silver to his mother. And his mother took two hundred silver *pieces* and gave them to a refiner. And he made it a graven image, and a molten image. And it was in Micah's house.

5 And the man Micah had a house of gods. And he made an ephod, and household idols, and consecrated one of his sons. And he was a priest for him.

6 And in those days *there was* no king in Israel; each man did the right in his own eyes.

7 ¶ And there was a young man of Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah; and he *was* a Levite. And he resided there.

8 And the man went out of the city, out of Bethlehem-judah, to live where he might find a place. And he came to the hills of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, to work his way.

9 And Micah said to him, From where do you come? And he said to him, I *am* a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I am going to live where I may find a place.

10 And Micah said to him, Live with me, and be a father and a priest to me. I will give you ten silver *pieces* for the days, and an order of garments, and your upkeep. And the Levite went in.

11 And the Levite was willing to live with the man, and the young man was to him as one of his sons.

12 And Micah consecrated the hand of the Levite and the young man was a priest to him; and he was in Micah's house.

13 And Micah said, Now I know that Jehovah will do me good, for the Levite is a priest to me.

Judges 18

1 The men of Dan seek a place. 3 At Micah's house they recognize Jonathan. 7 They find Laish unprotected. 11 Six hundred men are sent to seize it. 27 They take Laish, and call it Dan.

1 ¶ In those days *there was* no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to inhabit. For to that day it had not fallen to them by inheritance among the tribes of Israel.

2 And the sons of Dan sent out of their family five men from their whole *number*, men, sons of strength, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it. And they said to them, Go, search the land. And they came to the hills of Ephraim, to Micah's house, and lodged there.

3 They *were* near the household of Micah, and they recognized the young man's voice, the Levite. And they turned in there, and said to him, Who has brought you here? And what are you doing in this *place*? And what have you here?

4 And he said to them, This and this Micah has done to me. And he hired me, and I am a priest to him.

5 And they said to him, Please ask of God and we will know whether our way in which we are going will be prosperous.

6 And the priest said to them, Go in peace. Your way in which you go *is* before Jehovah.

7 ¶ And the five men walked, and came to Laish. And they saw the people living securely in its midst, according to the custom of the Sidonians, quiet and *in* security. And *there were* none to humiliate in *any* thing, *none* possessing *ability* to restrain; and and they were far away from the Sidonians, and they had no word with *any* one of mankind.

8 And they came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol. And their brothers said to them, What did you do?

9 And they said, Rise up, and we shall go against them, for we have seen the land, and, behold, *it is* very good. And would you be quiet? Do not hesitate to go to enter in to possess the land.

10 When you go you shall come to a secure people, and the land *is* large on both hands; for God has given it into your hand, a place in which *there is* no lack of anything which *is* in the land.

11 And six hundred men of the family of the Danites from Zorah and from Eshtaol girded themselves with weapons of war, pulling up *stakes* from there.

12 And they went up and camped in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah. Therefore they called that place a camp of Dan until this day. Behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim.

13 And they passed on from there to the hills of Ephraim, and came into the house of Micah.

14 ¶ And the five men who had gone to spy out the land of Laish answered and said to their brothers, Do you not know that there are in these houses an ephod and household idols, and a graven image, and a molten image? And now, you know what you are to do.

15 And they turned in there, and came into the house of the young man, the Levite in Micah's house. And *they* asked him for the peace.

16 And the six hundred men of the sons of Dan girded with their weapons of war were standing at the opening of the gate.

17 And the five men, those who went to spy out the land, came in there, and they took *the* carved image, and the ephod, and the household idols, and the molten image. And the priest was stand-

ing *at* the opening of the gate, and the six hundred men who were girded with weapons of war.

18 And *when* these went into the house of Micah and took *the* carved image, the ephod, and the household idols, and the molten image, even the priest said to them, What are you doing?

19 And they said to him, Be quiet! Lay your hand on your mouth, and go with us, and be a father and a priest to us. *Is it* better for you to be a priest for one man's house, or for you to be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 And the heart of the priest was glad. And he took the ephod, and the household idols, and the carved image, and went among the people.

21 And they turned and walked, and put the little ones, and the livestock, and the valuables before them.

22 They had gone far away from Micah's house, and the men who were in the houses near Micah's house had been called together, and had overtaken the sons of Dan.

23 And *they* called to the sons of Dan, and they turned their faces and said to Micah, What *ails* you, that you have been called together?

24 And he said, You have taken my gods which I made, and the priest, and you are going, and what more do I have? What is this you say to me, What *ails* you?

25 And the sons of Dan said to him, Do not let your voice be heard among us lest we, men bitter in soul, fall on you, and take away your life, and the lives of your household.

26 And the sons of Dan went on their way. And Micah saw that they were stronger than he, and turned and went back to his house.

27 ¶ And they took that which Micah had made, and the priest he had, and came against Laish, against a people quiet and secure. And *they* struck them with the mouth of the sword, and burned the city with fire.

28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Sidon, and they had no word with *any* one of mankind. And it *was* in the valley which *is* beside Beth-rehob. And they built the city and lived in it.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, by the name of their father Dan, who was born to Israel. And yet Laish *was* the name of the city at first.

30 And the sons of Dan raised up for themselves the graven image. And Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set up for themselves Micah's graven image, which he had made, all the days that the house of God was in Shiloh.

Judges 19

1 A Levite goes to Beth-lehem. An old man, a sojourner, lodges them. 22 The sodomites demand he come out to them. 26 they rape his concubine; she dies. 29 He cuts her into twelve pieces, sending them to the twelve tribes.

1 ¶ And it happened in those days when there was no king in Israel, there was a man, a Levite, living on the further side of the hills of Ephraim. And he took a wife to himself, a concubine out of Bethlehem-judah.

2 And his concubine fornicated against him. And she walked *away* from him to her father's house, to Bethlehem-judah, and there *many* days *passed*, four months.

3 And her husband rose up and went after her, to speak to her heart, to bring her back. And his young man was with him, and a team of asses. And she brought him into her father's house. And the young woman's father saw him and rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him. And he dwelt with him three days. And they ate and drank, and lodged there.

5 And it happened on the fourth day, they rose up early in the morning, and he rose up to go. And the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, Sustain your heart *with* a bit of food, and afterward you shall go on.

6 And they sat and ate, both of them together, and drank. And the young woman's father said to the man, Please be content and stay all night, and let your heart be good.

7 And the man rose up to go; and his father-in-law pressed him, and he turned back and stayed there.

8 And he rose up early in the morning to go on the fifth day. And the young woman's father said, Please refresh your heart. And they stayed until the turning of the day. And they ate, both of them.

9 And the man rose to go, he and his concubine, and his young man. And his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, Please notice that the day has faded toward evening. Please stay the night. Behold, the day is declining. Stay here, and let your heart be good, and you shall rise early tomorrow for your journey. And you shall go to your tent.

10 But the man was not willing to stay the night. And he rose up and departed, and went until *he* was opposite Jebus (it is Jerusalem) and with him *was* a team of saddle asses. And his concubine was with him.

11 They *were* near Jebus, and the day was spent. And the young man said to his master, Please come and we shall turn to this city of the Jebusites, and stay in it.

12 And his master said to him, Let us not turn to the city of alien *men* that is not of the sons of Israel, but we shall pass over to Gibeah.

13 And he said to his young man, Come and we shall draw near to one of the places, and shall stay in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they spoke on and traveled on. And the sun went *down* on them near Gibeah, which *belongs* to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside there, to go in to stay the night in Gibeah. And he went in and sat in a broad place of the city. Yet there was no man that took them into his house to spend the night.

16 ¶ And, behold, an old man, a sojourner, came from his work from the field in the evening. And the man *was* from the hills of Ephraim; and he *was* sojourning in Gibeah. But the men of the place *were* sons of Benjamin.

17 And he lifted up his eyes and saw the man, *one* sojourning, in a broad place of the city. And the old man said, Where are you going, and where do you come from?

18 And he said to him, We *are* passing from Bethlehem-judah to the other side of the hills of Ephraim. I *am* from there, and I am going to Bethlehem-judah. And I am

going to the house of Jehovah. Yet there is no man to take me into the house.

19 But there is straw and food for our asses, and also there is bread and wine for me, and for your concubine, and for the young man with your servants; there is no lack of anything.

20 And the old man said, Peace to you. Only, all that you lack *shall be* on me. Only, do not spend the night in the open.

21 And he brought him to his house, and mixed *fodder* for the asses. And they washed their feet and ate and drank.

22 ¶ They were making their hearts merry. And, behold, men of the city, sons of worthless men, went around the house, beating on the door. And they spoke to the old man, the master of the house, saying, Bring out the man who has come into your house, and we shall know him.

23 And the man, the master of the house went out to them and said to them, No, my brothers, please do not do evil, since this man has come into my house; do not do this grave sin.

24 Behold, my daughter, a virgin, and his concubine. Please let me bring them out, and you humble them. And do to them that which is good in your eyes, but do not do this disgraceful thing to this man.

25 And the men were not willing to listen to him, and the man took hold on his concubine and brought *her* to them outside. And they knew her, and rolled themselves on her all night, until the morning. And *they* sent her away at the dawning of the day.

26 And the woman came in at the dawning of the morning, and fell *at* the door of the man's house where her master *was*, till it was light.

27 And her master rose up in the morning, and opened the door of the house, and went out to go his way. And behold, the woman, his concubine, had fallen *at* the door of the house, and her hands were on the threshold.

28 And he said to her, Rise up, and we will go. But there was no answer. And he took her on the ass, and the man rose up and went to his place.

29 And *he* came to his house, and took the knife and lay hold on his concubine.

And *he* cut her in pieces to her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the borders of Israel.

30 And it happened *that* all who saw *it* said, There has never been, and never was seen, a *thing* like this from the day the sons of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day. Set yourselves on it, take counsel, and speak.

Judges 20

1 The Levite in a general assembly declares his wrong. 8 They demand the rapists. 12 The Benjamites defy the assembly. 18 The men of Benjamin kill 22,000, then 18,000 men of the eleven tribes. 26 In the third battle, they destroy all the men of Benjamin except six hundred.

1 ¶ And all the sons of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and the land of Gilead, to Jehovah at Mizpeh.

2 And the leaders of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of all the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen drawing sword.

3 And the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel had gone up to Mizpeh. And the sons of Israel said, Speak up. How did this evil happen?

4 And the man replied, the Levite, husband of the woman who had been murdered, and said, I came into Gibeah which *is* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose up against me. And they turned around the house against me at night; they thought to kill me, and they raped my concubine, and she died.

6 And I took hold on my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her into all the land of the inheritance of Israel. For they have done lewdness and disgraceful folly in Israel.

7 Behold, you *are* the sons of Israel. Give here your advice and counsel.

8 And all the people rose up as one man, saying, Not one of us shall go to his tent, and not one of us shall return to his house.

9 And now, this *is* the thing which we shall do to Gibeah, *going* against it by lot.

10 And we shall take ten men of a hundred of all the tribes of Israel, and a hun-

dred of a thousand, and a thousand of ten thousand, to take food for the people, that they may act, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the disgraceful folly which it has done in Israel.

11 And every man of Israel was gathered to the city, knit together as one man.

12 ¶ And the tribes of Israel sent men to all the tribes of Benjamin, saying, What *is* this evil which has happened among you?

13 And now, give up the men, sons of worthlessness, which *are* in Gibeah, and we *will* cause them to die. And we shall consume evil from Israel. But Benjamin was not willing to listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.

14 And the sons of Benjamin were gathered out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle with the sons of Israel.

15 And the sons of Benjamin counted themselves on that day. Out of the cities were twenty-six thousand men drawing sword, besides the ones living in Gibeah *who* counted themselves seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people *were* seven hundred chosen men *who were* impeded in the right hand, each of these able to sling a stone at a hair, and he did not miss!

17 And the men of Israel numbered themselves, besides Benjamin, four hundred thousand men drawing sword, each of these a man of war.

18 ¶ And they rose up and went up to Bethel and asked of God. And the sons of Israel said, Who shall go up for us at the beginning of the battle with the sons of Benjamin? And Jehovah said, Judah, at the beginning.

19 And the sons of Israel rose up in the morning and camped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went to battle with Benjamin; and the men of Israel set *themselves* in order against them, to battle against Gibeah.

21 And the sons of Benjamin came out from Gibeah. And on that day *they* destroyed twenty-two thousand to the earth in Israel.

22 And the people, the men of Israel, made themselves strong, and again set the

battle in order in the place where they set themselves on the first day.

23 And the sons of Israel went up and wept before Jehovah until the evening, and asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I again draw near to battle with the sons of my brother Benjamin? And Jehovah said, Go up against him.

24 And the sons of Israel drew near to the sons of Benjamin on the second day.

25 And Benjamin came out to meet them from Gibeah on the second day, and again destroyed to the earth eighteen thousand men of the sons of Israel; all these were drawers of sword.

26 ¶ And all the sons of Israel went up, even all the people, and came to Beth-el, and wept. And *they* sat there before Jehovah, and fasted on that day until the evening, and caused burnt offerings and peace offerings to ascend before Jehovah.

27 And the sons of Israel asked of Jehovah (and the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

28 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron was standing before it in those days) saying, Shall I again go out to battle with the sons of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease? And Jehovah said, Go up, for tomorrow I will give him into your hand.

29 And Israel set ambushers against Gibeah all around.

30 And the sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in order against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 And the sons of Benjamin came out to meet the people. They were drawn away out of the city, and began to strike the people *down* wounded as at other times, in the highways, of which one goes up to Beth-el, and one to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the sons of Benjamin said, They *are* destroyed before us as at the beginning. But the sons of Israel said, Let us flee and draw them away out of the city, into the highways.

33 And all the men of Israel rose from their place and set *themselves* in order at Baal-tamar. And Israel's ambush came out of its place, out of the meadow of Gibeah.

34 And they came in across from Gibeah, ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel. And the battle *was* heavy. And they did not know that evil was striking against them.

35 And Jehovah struck Benjamin before Israel. And the sons of Israel destroyed twenty-five thousand, one hundred men on that day in Benjamin; all these were drawers of sword.

36 And the sons of Benjamin saw that they were stricken. And the men of Israel had given place to Benjamin, for they trusted to the ambush which they had set against Gibeah.

37 And the ambush hurried and came against Gibeah, and the ambush drew itself out and struck all of the city by the mouth of the sword.

38 And there was a sign set to the men of Israel with the ambush, *to make it* great, their causing a rising of smoke to go up from the city.

39 And the men of Israel turned in battle, and Benjamin had begun to strike, *causing some to be* slain of the men of Israel, about thirty men. For they said, Surely they are stricken down before us, as *at* the first battle.

40 And the rising *of smoke* began to go up from the city, a pillar. And Benjamin turned around, and, behold, the whole city had gone up toward the heavens.

41 And the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were troubled. For they had seen that evil had struck them.

42 And they turned before the men of Israel toward the way of the wilderness. And the battle followed them. And those who *were* from the city were destroying them in their midst.

43 They surrounded Benjamin, and they pursued them *without* rest. And *they* trod them down until *they were* opposite Gibeah, at the rising of the sun.

44 And eighteen thousand men of Benjamin fell, all of these men of strength.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon. And they gleaned five thousand men of *them* in the highways, and caught them, to Gidom. And *they* struck two thousand men of them.

46 And all the ones of Benjamin who fell were twenty five-thousand men drawing the sword on that day; all of these men of strength.

47 And six hundred men turned and fled into the wilderness, to the rock of Rimmon. And they lived in the rock of Rimmon four months.

48 And the men of Israel turned back to the sons of Benjamin, and struck them by the mouth of the sword, from the entire city to livestock, to all that was found. Also they set fire to all the cities which were found.

Judges 21

1 The people bewail the desolation of Benjamin. 8

By the destruction of Jabesh-gilead they provide them four hundred wives. 16 They surprise the virgins that danced at Shiloh.

1 ¶ And the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, Not one of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin for a wife.

2 And the people came to Bethel, and sat there before God until the evening. And they lifted up their voices and wept a great weeping.

3 And *they* said, O Jehovah, God of Israel, Why has this happened in Israel, to be lacking one tribe today from Israel?

4 And it happened on the next day, the people rose early and built an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5 And the sons of Israel said, Who *is* he that did not come up in the assembly out of all the tribes of Israel to Jehovah? For a great oath had been undertaken concerning him that did not come up to Jehovah to Mizpeh saying, Dying he shall die.

6 And the sons of Israel repented concerning their brother Benjamin. And they said, One tribe from Israel has been cut off today.

7 What shall we do for them, for those who are left, for wives? For we surely have sworn by Jehovah not to give them of our daughters for wives.

8 And they said, What one *is there* out of the tribes of Israel did not come up to Jehovah to Mizpeh? And, behold, no one had come into the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 And the people numbered themselves. And, behold, there was not a man of those living *in* Jabesh-gilead.

10 And the assembly sent twelve thousand men there of the sons of strength, and commanded them, saying, Go, and you shall strike of *those* living in Jabesh-gilead with the mouth of the sword, even the women and the little ones.

11 And this *is* the thing which you shall do. You shall destroy every male and every woman who has been known by lying with a male.

12 And among *those* living in Jabesh-gilead they found four hundred young women, virgins, who had not known a man by lying with a male. And they brought them into the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And all the assembly sent and spoke to the sons of Benjamin who were in the rock of Rimmon, and called out peace to them.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time. And they gave the women whom they had kept alive, of the women of Jabesh-gilead. But they did not find *enough* for them.

15 And the people repented as to Benjamin, for Jehovah had made a breach among the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ And the elders of the assembly said, What shall we do to the remnant for wives, for the women have been destroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they said, A possession *must be* for the survivor of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be blotted out from Israel.

18 And we surely are not able to give wives to them from our daughters, for the sons of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin.

19 And they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of Jehovah from days to days in Shiloh which is on the north side of Beth-el, toward the rising of the sun, by the highway which goes up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

20 They told the sons of Benjamin, saying, Go, and you shall lie in wait in the vineyards.

21 And you shall watch. And, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then you shall go out from the vineyards and each of you catch his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to strive with us, we shall say to them, Favor us with them, for we did not take for *each* man of them a wife in battle, for if you did not give to them as at this time, you would be guilty.

23 And the sons of Benjamin did so, and took women according to their number from those dancing whom they had seized. And they went and returned to their inheritance, and built the cities, and lived in them.

24 And the sons of Israel went up and down from there at that time, each to his tribe, and to his family. And they went out from there, *each* man to his inheritance.

25 In those days *there was* no king in Israel; *each* man did that which was right in his own eyes.

The Book of **RUTH**

Ruth 1

1 Elimelech driven by famine into Moab, dies there.

4 Mahlon and Chilion, having married wives of Moab, die also. 6 Naomi returns homeward,, advising her daughters-in-law to seek husbands there. 14 Orpah leaves her, Ruth goes with her.

1 ¶ And it happened in the days of the judging, of *those* judging, there was a famine in the land. And a man from Bethlehem-judah went to live in the fields of Moab, he and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech; and the name of his wife Naomi. And the name of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites from Bethlehem-judah. And they came into the fields of Moab, and remained there.

3 And Naomi's husband Elimelech died; And she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took wives to themselves, women of Moab. The name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the second, Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.

5 And they also died, both of them, Mahlon and Chilion. And the woman was bereaved of her two children and of her husband.

6 ¶ And she rose up, she and her daughters-in-law, and turned back from the fields of Moab. For she had heard in the fields of Moab that Jehovah had visited His people, to give food to them.

7 And she went out from the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law with her. And they went in the way to return to the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, each return to the house of her mother. May Jehovah deal kindly with you, as you have done with the dead, and with me.

9 May Jehovah grant to you that you find rest, each in the house of her husband. And she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept.

10 And they said to her, Indeed, we will go back with you to your people.

11 And Naomi said, Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? *Are* there yet sons to me in my belly that they should be husbands for you?

12 Turn back, my daughters, go. For I am too old to belong to a husband. Though I should say, There is hope for me, and I should be tonight with a husband, and also I should bear sons;

13 will you wait for them, that they might grow up? Will you shut yourselves up for them, not to belong to a husband? No, my daughters, for *it is* much more bitter for me than for you, for the hand of Jehovah has gone out against me.

14 And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 And she said, See, your sister-in-law has turned back to her people, and to her gods. You turn back after your sister-in-law.

16 And Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you, to turn back from following you. For where you go, I will go. And where you stay, I will stay. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God my God.

17 Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Jehovah do to me, and more so, if *anything* but death part you and me.

18 And she saw that she had made herself strong to go with her; and she ceased to speak to her.

19 ¶ And they went, both of them, until they came into Beth-lehem. And it happened as they came into Beth-lehem, all the city was moved at them. And they said, *Is* this Naomi?

20 And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi. Call me Bitterness, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and Jehovah has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi,

since Jehovah has set *His* eye against me, and the Almighty has done evil to me?

22 And Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the fields of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 2

1 Ruth gleans in the fields of Boaz. 4 Boaz obtains knowledge of her, 8 shows her great favor.

1 ¶ And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a mighty man of the family of Elimelech. And his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth of Moab said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after *him* in whose sight I shall find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went. And she came and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she came to meet *by* circumstance on the parcel of the field *belonging* to Boaz, who was of Elimelech's family.

4 ¶ And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, Jehovah *be* with you. And they answered him, Jehovah bless you.

5 And Boaz said to his young man who had been set over the reapers, Whose *is* this young woman?

6 And the young man who had been set over the reapers replied and said, She is a young woman of Moab who came with Naomi from the fields of Moab.

7 And she said, Please let me glean, and I shall gather among the sheaves after the reapers. And she came and has remained since morning, even until now. She sat in the house a little while.

8 And Boaz said to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean another field, and also do not pass through this. And you shall stay close to my young women.

9 Your eyes *shall be* on the field which they shall reap, and you shall go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, then you shall go to the vessels and shall drink from that which the young men draw.

10 And she fell on her face and bowed to the earth, and said to him, Why have I

found grace in your eyes, that you should notice me, and I a foreign *one*?

11 And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully revealed to me all that you have done with your mother-in-law after the death of your husband. And you left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people which you had not known before.

12 Jehovah shall repay your work, and your reward shall be complete from Jehovah the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

13 And she said, Let me find grace in your eyes, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken to the heart of your handmaid. And I surely am not as one of your handmaids.

14 And Boaz said to her, At mealtime come here, and you shall eat of the bread and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat at the side of the reapers, and he reached out roasted *grain* to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and had some left over.

15 And she rose up to glean. And Boaz commanded his young men, saying, She shall glean even between the sheaves, and you shall not cause her to be ashamed.

16 And pulling you shall also pull out for her of the bundles, and shall leave; and she shall glean, and you shall not restrain her.

17 ¶ And she gleaned in the field until the evening, and beat out that which she had gleaned. And it was about an ephah of barley.

18 And she took *it* up and went to the city. And her mother-in-law saw that which she had gleaned. And she brought out and gave to her that which she had reserved after she was satisfied.

19 And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? And where have you worked? May *he* who noticed you be blessed. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The name of the man with whom I have worked today *is* Boaz.

20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed *is* he of Jehovah who has not forsaken his kindness with the living and with those who died. And Naomi said to

her, The man *is* near of kin to us; he is of our redeemers.

21 And Ruth of Moab said, And he surely said to me, You shall stay close, near to the young men whom I have, until they have completed the whole harvest which I have.

22 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law Ruth, Good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that *men* may not attack you in another field.

23 And she stayed close to the young women of Boaz to glean, until the end of the barley harvest, and of the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3

1 By Naomi's instruction, 5 Ruth lies at Boaz's feet. 8 Boaz acknowledges the right of a kinsman. 14 He sends her away with six measures of barley.

1 ¶ And her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, My daughter, do I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?

2 And now, *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose young women you have been? Behold, he is winnowing the threshing floor of barley tonight.

3 And you shall bathe, and anoint yourself, and put your garments on you, and go down to the threshing floor. Do not let yourself be known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be, when he lies down, you shall know the place where he lies down. And you shall go in and uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you that which you are to do.

5 And she said to her, All that you say, I will do.

6 ¶ And she went down to the threshing floor and did *according to* all that her mother-in-law directed her.

7 And Boaz ate and drank, and his heart *felt* good. And he went to lie down at the end of the heap. And she came secretly and uncovered his feet, and lay down.

8 And it happened in the middle of the night, that the man trembled and turned himself. And, behold, a woman *was* lying at his feet!

9 And he said, Who *are* you? And she said, I *am* your handmaid Ruth, and you shall

spread your skirt over your handmaid, for you *are* a kinsman redeemer.

10 And he said, Blessed *be* you of Jehovah, my daughter. You have dealt more kindly at the latter end than at the beginning, not to go after the young men, either poor or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. All that you say I will do to you, for all the gate of my people know that you *are* a woman of virtue.

12 And now, surely *it is* true that I *am* a kinsman redeemer. But there also is a redeemer nearer than I.

13 Stay tonight, and it shall be in the morning, if he will redeem you, well; he will redeem. And if he does not delight to redeem you, *as* Jehovah lives, then I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.

14 ¶ And she lay at his feet until the morning, and rose up before one could discern another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman has come to the grain floor.

15 And he said, Give me the covering which is on you, and hold on to it. And she kept hold on it, and he measured six *measures* of barley, and lay it on her. And she went in to the city.

16 And she came in to her mother-in-law. And she said, Who *are* you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said, He gave me these six *measures* of barley, for he said, You shall not go empty to your mother-in-law.

18 And she said, Sit, my daughter, until you shall know how the matter falls, for the man shall not rest until he has finished the matter today.

Ruth 4

1 Boaz calls into judgment the next kinsman. 6 He refuses the redemption. 9 Boaz buys the inheritance. 11 He marries Ruth. 13 She bears Obed the grandfather of David. 18 The generation of Pharez.

1 ¶ And Boaz went up to the gate and sat there. And, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken *was* passing by. And he said, Such a one, turn aside, sit down. And he turned aside and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said to the near kinsman, Naomi, who has returned from the fields of Moab, will sell a portion of the field which *belonged* to our brother, to Elimelech.

4 And I said I would uncover your ear, saying, Buy *it* before those sitting, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem, redeem. But if you will not redeem, tell me so that I may know. For there is no one besides you to redeem, and I after you. And he said, I will redeem it.

5 And Boaz said, In the day you buy the field from Naomi's hand, even you have bought from Ruth of Moab, the wife of *him who* died, to raise up the name of *him who* died, over his inheritance.

6 And the near kinsman said, I am not able to redeem for myself, that I not mar my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself my right of redemption, for I am not able to redeem.

7 And this formerly *was done* in Israel for redemption, and for changing, to lift up every matter. A man would draw off his sandal and give to his neighbor. And this was the attestation in Israel.

8 And the near kinsman said to Boaz, Buy for yourself, and drew off his sandal.

9 ¶ And Boaz said to the elders, and all the people, You *are* witnesses today that I have bought all that *belonged* to Elimelech, and all that was to Chilion and Mahlon, from the hand of Naomi.

10 And also Ruth of Moab, the wife of Mahlon, I have bought for myself for a wife, to raise up the name of *him who* died, over his inheritance. And the name of him who died shall not be cut off from among

his brothers, and from the gate of his place. You *are* witnesses today.

11 And all the people who *were* in the gate and the elders, said, We *are* witnesses. May Jehovah make the woman who is coming into your house *to be* as Rachel and as Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel. And may you do worthily in Ephratah, and proclaim the Name in Bethlehem.

12 And let your house be as the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the Seed which Jehovah shall give to you of this young woman.

13 ¶ And Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and Jehovah gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14 And the women said to Naomi, Blessed *be* Jehovah, who has not left you this day without a redeemer; and may his name be called in Israel.

15 And may he be to you a restorer of life, and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you has borne him, who is better to you than seven sons.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid him in her bosom, and became nurse to him.

17 And the neighboring women gave him a name, saying, This is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed. He *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 And these *are* the generations of Pharez: Pharez fathered Hezron;

19 and Hezron fathered Ram; and Ram fathered Amminadab;

20 and Amminadab fathered Nahshon; and Nahshon fathered Salmon;

21 and Salmon fathered Boaz; and Boaz fathered Obed;

22 and Obed fathered Jesse; and Jesse fathered David.

The First Book of **SAMUEL**

1 Samuel 1

1 Elkanah a Levite worships yearly at Shiloh. 4 He cherishes Hannah, though barren. 9 Hannah prays for a son. 12 Eli the priest blesses her. 19 Hannah bears Samuel, and according to her vow presents him to Jehovah.

1 ¶ And there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim from the hills of Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.

2 And he had two wives, the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the second, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And that man went up from his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice before Jehovah of Hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* priests to Jehovah there.

4 And the day *came*, and Elkanah sacrificed. And he would give to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and her daughters portions.

5 And to Hannah he gave one double portion, for he loved Hannah. And Jehovah had shut up her womb.

6 And her rival provoked her even *to* frustration, so as to make her tremble, because Jehovah had shut up her womb.

7 And so he did year by year, as often as she went up to the house of Jehovah, so she provoked her. And she wept, and did not eat.

8 And her husband Elkanah said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart afflicted? *Am* I not better to you than ten sons?

9 ¶ And Hannah rose up after eating in Shiloh, and after drinking. And Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the side post of the temple of Jehovah.

10 And she *was* bitter of soul, and prayed to Jehovah, and weeping *she* wept.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O Jehovah of Hosts, if looking You will look upon the affliction of Your handmaid, and shall remember me, and not forget Your handmaid, and shall give to Your handmaid a seed of men, then I will give him to Jehovah all the days of his life; and a razor shall not go up on his head.

12 And it happened, when she prayed long before Jehovah, Eli was watching her mouth.

13 And Hannah was speaking in her heart; only, her lips moved; but her voice could not be heard. So Eli thought that she was drunk.

14 And Eli said to her, Until when will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord; I *am* a woman pained in spirit. And I have not drunk wine or fermented drink, but I am pouring out my soul before Jehovah.

16 Do not put your handmaid down for a daughter of wickedness; for from the greatness of my complaint and my frustration until now I have been speaking.

17 And Eli answered and said, Go in peace, and may the God of Israel give you your petition which you have asked of Him.

18 And she said, Let your handmaid find grace in your eyes. And the woman went her way, and ate, and her face was no longer *sad*.

19 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning and worshiped before Jehovah. And they went back and came to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and Jehovah remembered her.

20 And it happened, at the turning of the days, Hannah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of Jehovah.

21 And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to sacrifice to Jehovah a sacrifice of the days, and to vow his vow.

22 And Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, Until the boy is weaned, even I will bring him, that he may be seen before Jehovah and remain there always.

23 And her husband Elkanah said to her, Do that which is good in your eyes. Remain until you wean him. Only, may Jehovah lift up His Word. And the woman remained, and suckled her son until she had weaned him.

24 And when she had weaned him, she brought him up with her, along with three bulls, and one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. And she brought him to the house of Jehovah at Shiloh. And the boy was a young one.

25 And they slaughtered the bull, and brought the boy to Eli.

26 And she said, O my lord, may your soul live! My lord, I *am* the woman who stood with you here to pray to Jehovah.

27 I prayed for this boy, and Jehovah has given my petition to me which I asked of Him;

28 And also I have asked for him to be given to Jehovah. All the days which he shall be, he is asked for Jehovah. And he worshipped there before Jehovah.

1 Samuel 2

1 Hannah's song in thankfulness. 12 The sin of Eli's sons. 18 Samuel's ministry. 22 Eli reproves his sons. 27 A prophecy against Eli's house.

1 ¶ And Hannah prayed and said: My heart has exulted in Jehovah; my horn has been high in Jehovah. My mouth has been large over my enemies; for I have rejoiced in Your salvation.

2 Not *one* is holy like Jehovah, for there is not *one* except You; yea, not *one* is a rock like our God.

3 Do not multiply your haughty *words*; let not arrogance go out from your mouth; for Jehovah is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.

4 Bows of the mighty *ones* are broken; and they that stumble gird on strength.

5 The sated *ones* have hired themselves out for bread; and the hungry have ceased,

while the barren has borne seven; yea, she who had many sons has languished.

6 Jehovah causes to die and keeps alive; He brings down *to* Sheol, and *He* brings up.

7 Jehovah brings out, and He gives wealth; He brings low; yea, He lifts up.

8 He raises the poor *one* from the dust; He lifts up the needy *one* from the dung-hill, to cause *them* to sit with nobles; yea, He causes them to inherit a throne of honor; for to Jehovah *are* the pillars of the earth; and He sets the habitable world on them.

9 He keeps the feet of His godly *ones*, and the wicked *ones* are silenced in darkness; for not by power a man is mighty.

10 *Of* Jehovah, *ones* striving against Him will be smashed against Him; He thunders in the heavens against him. Jehovah judges the ends of the earth and gives strength to His king; and *He* exalts the horn of His anointed.

11 ¶ And Elkanah went to Ramah, to his house. And the boy served Jehovah before Eli the priest.

12 And the sons of Eli were sons of worthlessness; they did not know Jehovah.

13 And the custom of the priests with the people *was*: any man offering a sacrifice and the priest's young man came when the flesh was boiling with the three-toothed hook in his hand,

14 even *he* stuck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the hook brought up, the priest took for himself. So they did to all Israel who came in there to Shiloh.

15 Yea, before they made the fat to smoke, then the priest's young man came in. And *he* said to the man *who was* sacrificing, Give flesh to roast for the priest; and he will not take boiled flesh from you, but raw.

16 And *if* the man said to him, Let the fat be made to smoke as the day, and then take *as much* as your soul desires; then he would say, No, but you shall give now. And *if* not, I will take it by force.

17 And the sin of the young men was very great before Jehovah, for the men had despised the offering of Jehovah.

18 And Samuel was serving before Jehovah, a boy girded *with* an ephod of linen.

19 And his mother made a small robe for him, and she brought *it* up to him from days to days, as she came up with her husband to offer the sacrifice of the days.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, Jehovah shall give you seed of this woman, because of the petition she asked to Jehovah. And they went away to his place.

21 Indeed, Jehovah visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up with Jehovah.

22 And Eli was very old and had heard all that his sons did to Israel, and they lay with the women who served *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said to them, Why do you do things like these which I *am* hearing, of your evil things from all these people.

24 No, my sons, for the report which I *am* hearing *is* not good, causing the people of Jehovah to transgress.

25 If a man sins against a man, then God shall judge him. But if a man sins against Jehovah, who shall pray for him? But they did not listen to the voice of their father because Jehovah desired to cause them to die.

26 And the boy Samuel went on, *growing* both in stature and in good *looks*, both with Jehovah and also with men.

27 ¶ And a man of God came to Eli, and said to him, So says Jehovah: Revealing did I reveal Myself plainly to the house of your father when they were in Egypt, at the house of Pharaoh,

28 even to choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* priest to Me, to go up on My altar, to cause incense to smoke, to bear an ephod before Me? And did I give to your father's house all the fire offerings of the sons of Israel?

29 Why do you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I commanded *in My* habitation? And *why do you* honor your sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of My people?

30 So says Jehovah the God of Israel, I said indeed that your house and your father's

house should walk before Me until forever. But now, a statement of Jehovah, Be it far from Me! For those who honor Me I will honor, and those despising Me will be despised.

31 Behold, days come when I shall cut off your arm, and the arm of your father's house, that no old man shall be in your house.

32 And you shall see an adversary *in My* habitation, in all the good that he does with Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house all the days.

33 And the man of yours that I shall not cut off from My altar shall be to cause your eyes to fail, and to grieve your soul. And all the increase of your house shall die *young* men.

34 And this *shall be* the sign to you, that which shall come on your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day the both of them shall die.

35 And I shall raise up for Myself a faithful priest. He shall do all that *is* in My heart and in My soul. And I shall build for him a sure house; and he shall walk before My anointed all the days.

36 And it shall be, everyone who is left in your house shall come in to bow to him for a wage of silver and a loaf of bread. And *they* shall say, Please admit me into one of the priest's offices to eat a bit of bread.

1 Samuel 3

1 How Jehovah's Word was first revealed to Samuel. 11 Jehovah tells Samuel the vision.

19 Samuel grows in credit.

1 ¶ And the boy Samuel was serving Jehovah before Eli. And the Word of Jehovah was rare in those days. *There was* no breaking-through vision.

2 And it happened at that time, Eli was lying down in his place, and his eyes had begun to be dim; he was not able to see.

3 And the lamp of God had not yet gone out. And Samuel was lying down in the temple of Jehovah, where the ark of God *rested*.

4 And Jehovah called to Samuel. And he said, Behold *me*.

5 And he ran to Eli and said, Behold, I *am* here. For you have called to me. And

he said, I did not call. Go back and lie down. And he went and lay down.

6 And Jehovah again called Samuel. And Samuel rose up and went to Eli and said, Behold *me*, for you have called me. And he said, I have not called, my son. Go back and lie down.

7 And Samuel did not yet know Jehovah, and the Word of Jehovah had not yet been revealed to him.

8 And Jehovah again called Samuel the third time. And he rose up and went to Eli and said, Behold *me*, for you have called me. And Eli understood that Jehovah *was* calling the boy.

9 And Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if *One* calls you, even you shall say, Speak, O Jehovah, for Your servant hears. And Samuel lay down in his place.

10 And Jehovah came and stood, and called as time to time, Samuel, Samuel! And Samuel said, Speak, for Your servant hears.

11 ¶ And Jehovah said to Samuel, Behold! I *am* doing a thing in Israel *at* which the two ears of every one hearing it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will raise up to Eli all that I have spoken to his house, beginning and making an end.

13 And I declare to him that I am judging his house forever, for the iniquity which he has known; for his sons have been making themselves vile, and he has not restrained them.

14 And so I have sworn to the house of Eli, the iniquity of the house of Eli shall not be atoned for, by sacrifice or by offering, until forever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning. And he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah. And Samuel was afraid to declare the vision to Eli.

16 And Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel, my son. And he said, Behold *me*.

17 And he said, What *is* the word which He has spoken to you? Please do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and more also, if you keep back anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you.

18 And Samuel told him all the words, and did not hide from him. And he said, It *is* Jehovah; He does that which is good in His eyes.

19 ¶ And Samuel grew up, and Jehovah was with him, and did not let any of his words fall to the earth.

20 And all Israel knew, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, that Samuel *was* confirmed to be a prophet to Jehovah.

21 And Jehovah again was seen in Shiloh. For Jehovah revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh, by the Word of Jehovah.

1 Samuel 4

1 The Israelites are overcome by the Philistines at Ebenezer. 3 They bring the ark to the battlefield.

10 The ark is taken, Hophni and Phinehas are slain. 12 Eli, falling backward, breaks his neck.

1 ¶ And the word of Samuel was *revealed* to all Israel. And Israel went out to meet the Philistines for battle. And they pitched beside Ebenezer, and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philistines set themselves in order to meet Israel, and the battle was spread. And Israel was stricken before the Philistines. And they struck about four thousand men from the battle line in the field.

3 And the people came into the camp, and the elders of Israel said, Why has Jehovah stricken us today before the Philistines? Let us take the ark of the covenant of Jehovah to us from Shiloh, and let it come into our midst; and it will save us from the palm of our enemies.

4 And the people sent to Shiloh, and they took from there the ark of the covenant of Jehovah of Hosts, who dwells *between* the cherubs. And the two sons of Eli were there with the ark of the covenant of God, Hophni and Phinehas.

5 And it happened, when the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted a great shout, and the earth resounded.

6 And the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, and said, What *is* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they saw that the ark of Jehovah had come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come to the camp. And they said, Woe to us! For never has it been like this yesterday and the day before.

8 Woe to us! Who will deliver us out of the hand of these great gods? These *are* the gods who struck Egypt with every plague in the wilderness.

9 Make yourselves strong and become men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews, *as* they were slaves to you; even be men and fight.

10 ¶ And the Philistines fought, and Israel was stricken. And they *each* one fled to his tent. And the slaughter was very great, and thirty thousand footmen of Israel fell.

11 And the ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli died, Hophni and Phinehas.

12 ¶ And a man of Benjamin ran out of the battle line and came *to* Shiloh on that day. And his clothes were torn, and earth on his head.

13 And he came in. And, behold, Eli was sitting on the seat by the side of the highway, keeping watch. For his heart trembled for the ark of God. And the man came in to report in the city. And all the city cried out.

14 And Eli heard the noise of the cry, and said, What *is* the noise of this tumult? And the man hurried and came and reported to Eli.

15 And Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were set, and he was not able to see.

16 And the man said to Eli, I *am* he who has come from the ranks, and I fled today out of the battle line. And he said, What was the matter, my son?

17 And he bearing the news answered and said, Israel has fled before the Philistines; and also there has been a great slaughter among the people. And also your two sons have died, Hophni and Phinehas. And the ark of God has been taken.

18 And it happened when he mentioned the ark of God, *Eli* fell off the seat backward, by the side of the gate. And his neck was broken, and he died. For the man was old and heavy. And he judged Israel forty years.

19 ¶ And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was with child, about to bear. And she heard the report of the taking of the ark of God, and *that* her father-in-law and her husband had died. And she bowed and bore, for her pains had turned in on her.

20 And at the time of her death, even the women who stood by her said, Fear not, for you have borne a son; she did not even answer, nor set her heart.

21 And she called the child Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel, because of the taking of the ark of God, and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22 And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been taken.

1 Samuel 5

1 The Philistines set the ark in the house of Dagon.

3 Dagon falls in pieces, and the people of Ashdod stricken with hemorrhoids. 8 So Jehovah deals with the people of Gath, and the people of Ekron.

1 ¶ And the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

2 And the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to the house of Dagon, and set it near Dagon.

3 And the *men* of Ashdod rose early on the next day. And, behold! Dagon *had* fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of Jehovah! And they took Dagon and put *it* back in its place.

4 And they rose early in the morning on the next day; and, behold! Dagon *had* fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of Jehovah, and the head of Dagon, and the two palms of its hands, *were* cut off at the threshold. Only the flat *part* had been left to him.

5 On account of this the priests of Dagon, and all those coming into the house of Dagon, do not step on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod until this day.

6 ¶ And the hand of Jehovah was heavy on the men of Ashdod. And He wasted them, and struck them with hemorrhoids, Ashdod and its borders.

7 And the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, and said, The ark of God of Israel shall not remain with us, for His hand has been hard on us, and on our god Dagon.

8 And they sent and gathered all the rulers of the Philistines to them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they said, Let the ark of the God

of Israel go around *to* Gath. And they brought around the ark of the God of Israel.

9 And it happened after they had brought it around, the hand of Jehovah was against the city *with* a very great destruction. And He struck the men of the city, from the least to the greatest; and hemorrhoids broke forth in them.

10 And they sent the ark of God around *to* Ekron. And it happened as the ark of God came into Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought around the ark of the God of Israel to me to cause me and my people to die.

11 And they sent and gathered all the rulers of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its place, and it may not cause me and my people to die. For there had been a destruction *to* death throughout all the city. The hand of God had been very heavy there.

12 And the men who had not died were stricken with hemorrhoids. And the cry of the city went up to the heavens.

1 Samuel 6

1 The Philistines take advice on how to send back the ark. 10 They bring it on a new cart to Beth-shemesh. 19 The people are killed for looking into the ark.

1 ¶ And the ark of Jehovah was in the field of the Philistines seven months.

2 And the Philistines called for priests and for those divining, saying, What shall we do to the ark of Jehovah? Let us know with what we shall send it to its place.

3 And they said, If *you* send away the ark of the God of Israel, you shall not send it away empty. For turning back you shall return a guilt offering back to Him. Then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand has not turned away from you.

4 And they said, What *shall be* the guilt offering which we shall send back to Him? And they said, The number of the rulers of the Philistines, five golden hemorrhoids, and five golden mice. For one plague *has been* on all of you, and on your rulers.

5 And you shall make images of your hemorrhoids, and images of your mice that are corrupting the land, and shall give honor

to the God of Israel. Perhaps He will lighten His hand from off you and from your gods, and from on your land.

6 And why do you make heavy your heart as the Egyptians and Pharaoh made heavy their heart? When He thrust *hardly* with them, did they not send them away? And they went.

7 And now, take and make one new cart, and two suckling cows, on which a yoke has never gone up. And you shall tie the cows to the cart, and cause their young ones to return home from them.

8 And you shall take the ark of Jehovah and put it on the cart, and the vessels of gold which you shall return to Him *for* a guilt offering. Put *them* in a coffer in its side and send it away; and let it go.

9 And watch; if it goes up *by* way of its own border, to Beth-shemesh, He has done this great evil to us. And if not, then we shall know that *it is* not His hand that touched us; it was an accident to us.

10 ¶ And the men did so. And they *took* two suckling cows and tied them to the cart. And they shut their young *ones* in the house.

11 And they placed the ark of Jehovah on the cart, and the coffer *with* the golden mice and the images of their hemorrhoids.

12 And the cows went straight in the way, on the way to Beth-shemesh. They went on one highway, going and lowing. And *they* did not turn *to* the right or to the left. And the rulers of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 And *those* of Beth-shemesh *were* reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*.

14 And the cart had come to the field of Joshua *of* Beth-shemesh, and stood there. And there was a great stone. And they cut the wood of the cart, and they offered the heifers *as* a burnt offering to Jehovah.

15 And the Levites took the ark of Jehovah down, and the coffer which was with it, in which were the vessels of gold. And *they* placed *them* on the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices in that day to Jehovah.

16 And the five rulers of the Philistines saw it, and turned back *to* Ekron on that day.

17 And these *were* the golden hemorrhoids which the Philistines sent back *as* a guilt offering to Jehovah: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron;

18 and the golden mice, the number of all the cities of the Philistines, for the five rulers, from the fortified city even to the hamlet of the villagers, even to the great meadow on which they placed the ark of Jehovah remain until this day in the field of Joshua *of* Beth-shemesh.

19 ¶ And He struck among the men of Beth-shemish, because they looked into the ark of Jehovah. Yea, He struck seventy among the people, fifty *out of* a thousand men. And the people mourned because Jehovah destroyed among the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before Jehovah, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?

21 And they sent messengers to the *ones* living in Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have sent back the ark of Jehovah. Come down: take it up to you.

1 Samuel 7

1 The men of Kirjath-jearim bring the ark into the house of Abinadab. 2 There it remained twenty years. 3 The Israelites solemnly repent at Mizpeh. 7 The Lord troubles the Philistines by thunder at Ebenezer. 15 Samuel peaceably and religiously judges Israel.

1 ¶ And the men of Kirjath-jearim came and brought up the ark of Jehovah, and brought it to the house of Abinadab, in the hill. And they sanctified his son Eleazar to keep the ark of Jehovah.

2 And it happened from the day the ark *began* to dwell in Kirjath-jearim, the days became many; yea, they were twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Jehovah.

3 ¶ And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, saying, If you *are* returning to Jehovah with all your heart, put aside the gods of the foreigner from among you, and the Ashtaroth. And prepare your heart to Jeho-

vah, and serve Him only, and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 And the sons of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served Jehovah only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray to Jehovah for you.

6 And they were gathered to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured out before Jehovah. And *they* fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against Jehovah. And Samuel judged the sons of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 ¶ And the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpeh. And the rulers of the Philistines went up against Israel, and the sons of Israel heard, and were afraid before the Philistines.

8 And the sons of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease to cry to Jehovah our God for us, that He save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Samuel took a milk lamb and offered a whole burnt offering to Jehovah. And Samuel cried to Jehovah for Israel. And Jehovah answered him.

10 And it happened *as* Samuel made a whole burnt offering to go up, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. And on that day Jehovah thundered with a great noise on the Philistines, and troubled them. And they were stricken before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out from Mizpeh and pursued the Philistines, and struck them as far as below Beth-car.

12 And Samuel took a stone and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called its name Stone of Help, saying, Jehovah has helped us until now.

13 ¶ And the Philistines were subdued and did not yet again come into the border of Israel. And the hand of Jehovah was on the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath. And Israel delivered their border out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year even in a circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel *in* all these places.

17 And he returned to Ramah, for his house *was* there. And there he judged Israel; and he built an altar to Jehovah there.

1 Samuel 8

1 Because of the ill government of Samuel's sons, the Israelites ask for a king. 6 Samuel prays and is comforted by Jehovah. 10 He tells the manner of a king. 19 Jehovah wills Samuel to yield to the importunity of the people.

1 ¶ And it happened when Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 And the name of his first-born was Joel, and the name of his second, Abiah, judges in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sons did not walk in his ways, and turned aside after dishonest gain, and took a bribe, and perverted judgment.

4 ¶ And all the elders of Israel gathered and came in to Samuel, to Ramah.

5 And *they* said to him, Behold, you have become old, and your sons have not walked in your ways. Now appoint a king to us, to judge us, like all the nations.

6 And the thing was evil in Samuel's eyes when they said, Give to us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to Jehovah.

7 And Jehovah said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people, to all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them.

8 According to all the works that they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day, when they forsook Me and served other gods, so they are also doing to you.

9 And now listen to their voice. Only, protesting you shall protest to them, and shall declare to them the privilege of the king who shall reign over them.

10 And Samuel spoke all Jehovah's words to the people who were asking a king from him.

11 And he said, This will be the privilege of the king who shall reign over you. He shall take your sons and shall appoint *them* for himself among his chariots, and among his horsemen. And they shall run before his chariots.

12 And *he* will appoint for himself commanders of thousands, and commanders of fifties; and to plow his plowing, and to reap

his reaping; and to make weapons for war for him, and weapons for his charioteer.

13 And he will take your daughters for perfumers, and for cooks, and for bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive-yards, the best, and give them to his servants.

15 And he will tithe your seed and your vineyards, and will give *them* to his eunuchs and to his servants.

16 And he will take your male slaves and your slave-girls, and the best of your young men, and your asses, and will use them for his own work.

17 He will tithe your flock, and you will be servants to him.

18 And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves. And Jehovah will not answer you in that day.

19 And the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and said, No, but a king shall be over us.

20 And we shall be, even we, like all the nations. And our king shall judge us and shall go out before us and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and *he* spoke them in the ears of Jehovah.

22 And Jehovah said to Samuel, Listen to their voice, and you shall cause a king to reign over them. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Go, *each* man of you to his city.

1 Samuel 9

1 Saul despairs to find his father's asses; 15 according to God's revelation, 18 comes to Samuel. 19 Samuel entertains Saul at the feast.

25 Samuel anoints Saul to be the king.

1 ¶ And there was a man of Benjamin, and his name *was* Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath the son of Aphiah, a man of Benjamin, a mighty *man* of strength.

2 And he had a young and handsome son, and his name *was* Saul. And there was not a man among the sons of Israel more handsome than he, being taller than any of the people from his shoulder and upward.

3 ¶ And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul,

Please take with you one of the young men, and rise up, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through the hills of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha. And they did not find *them*. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, and they were not *there*. And he passed through the land of the Benjamites, and they did not find *them*.

5 And they came to the land of Zuph, and Saul said to his young man with him, Come and we shall turn back, lest my father give up the asses and become anxious for us.

6 And he said to him, Behold now, a man of God *is* in this city, and the man is held in honor. All that he speaks certainly comes to pass. Now let us go there. It may be he will declare our way to us on which we *should* go.

7 And Saul said to his young man, Yes, behold, we will go. But what will we bring in to the man? For the bread from our vessels is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What is with us?

8 And the young man answered Saul again and said, Behold, I have found a fourth of a shekel of silver; and I shall give it to the man of God, and he shall declare our way to us.

9 Before in Israel, a man who was going to seek God said this, Come and we shall go to the seer; for the prophet of today, before was called the seer.

10 And Saul said to his young man, Your word is good; come and we shall go. And they went into the city where the man of God *was*.

11 ¶ They were going up the ascent to the city, and found young women going out to draw water, and said to them, Is the seer in this *place*?

12 And they answered them and said, He *is*. See, *he is* before you. Hurry now, for today he will come into the city, for the people have a sacrifice in the high place.

13 As you go into the city, so you shall find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, for he shall bless the sacrifice. Afterward they who are called *will* eat. And now, go up, for this day you will find him.

14 And they went up *to* the city. They were coming into the middle of the city, and, behold, Samuel was coming out to meet them, to go up to the high place.

15 And Jehovah revealed in Samuel's ear one day before Saul came, saying,

16 At this time tomorrow I will send to you a man out of the land of Benjamin. And you shall anoint him for the leader over My people Israel. And he shall save My people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen My people, for their cry has come to Me.

17 And Samuel saw Saul, and Jehovah answered him, Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you. This *one* shall restrain My people.

18 ¶ And Saul drew near to Samuel amidst the gate, and said, Please tell me where *is* the seer's house?

19 And Samuel answered Saul and said, I *am* the seer. Go up before me into the high place, and you shall eat with me today. And I will send you away in the morning, and all that *is* in your heart, I will declare to you.

20 And as to the asses *which were* lost to you three days ago, do not set your heart on them, for they have been found. And to whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not to you and to all the house of your father?

21 And Saul answered and said, *Am I* not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And my family *is* the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin. And why have you spoken to me according to this word?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall, and gave to them a place at the head of those called. And they *were* about thirty men.

23 And Samuel said to the cook, Give the portion which I gave to you, *of* which I said to you, Set it beside you.

24 And the cook lifted up the leg, and that on it, and set *it* before Saul. And he said, Behold that which is left over. Set *it* before you, eat. For *it is* kept for you for this appointed time, saying, I have called the people. And Saul ate with Samuel on that day.

25 And they came down from the high place to the city. And he spoke with Saul on the roof.

26 And they rose up early, and about the going up of the dawn it happened that Samuel called to Saul on the roof, saying, Rise up, and I will send you away. And Saul rose up, and they went out, both of them, he and Samuel, to the outside.

27 They were going down to the edge of the city, and Samuel said to Saul, Say to the young man that he should pass on before us and cross over. And you stand still at this time, and I will cause you to hear the Word of God.

1 Samuel 10

1 Samuel anoints Saul. 2 He confirms him by prediction of three signs. 9 Saul's heart is changed, and he prophesies. 17 Saul is chosen at Mizpeh by lot.

1 ¶ And Samuel took the flask of oil and poured on his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because Jehovah has anointed you for a leader over His inheritance?

2 As you go from me today even you will find two men by Rachel's tomb, in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. And they will say to you, The she-asses that you went to seek have been found. And, behold, your father has left off the matters of the she-asses and is anxious for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 And you will go on from there even further, and you will come to the great tree of Tabor. And you will find three men going up to God at Bethel, one bearing three kids, and one bearing three loaves of bread, and one bearing a skin of wine.

4 And they will ask you of *your* well-being and give to you two *loaves* of bread, and you will take them from their hand.

5 Afterward you will come to the hill of God where there *is* a garrison of the Philistines. And it will happen as you come there to the city even you will meet a band of prophets going down from the high place; and before them will be a harp, and a tambourine, and a flute, and a lyre. And they will be prophesying.

6 And the Spirit of Jehovah will be powerful on you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be turned to another man.

7 And it will be, when these signs come to you, do for yourself what your hand finds, for God *is* with you.

8 And you will go before me to Gilgal. And, behold! I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings, to sacrifice peace offerings. You will wait seven days until I come to you and make known to you what you shall do.

9 ¶ And it happened when he turned his back to go from Samuel, God changed him with another heart. And all these signs came on that day.

10 And they came there to the hill. And behold! A band of prophets were there to meet him. And the Spirit of God pushed on him, and he prophesied in their midst.

11 And it happened, all who knew him from yesterday and the day before, and had seen him, even behold, he prophesied with prophets. And the people said, *each* man to his neighbor, What *is* this happening to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

12 And a man from there answered and said, But who *is* their father? On account of this it is for a proverb: *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

13 And he finished from prophesying, and he came to the high place.

14 And the uncle of Saul said to him and to his young man, Where did you go? And he said, To seek the she-asses. And we saw that *they were* not, and we went to Samuel.

15 And the uncle of Saul said, Please declare to me what Samuel said to you.

16 And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the she asses were found. But he did not declare what Samuel said about the matter of the kingdom.

17 ¶ And Samuel summoned the people to Jehovah, to Mizpeh.

18 And he said to the sons of Israel, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, I caused Israel to go up from Egypt and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all the kingdoms who oppressed you.

19 But today you have rejected your God who Himself is your deliverer from all your evils and your distresses; yet you say to Him, But set a king over us! And now present

yourselves before the face of Jehovah, by your tribes and by your families.

20 And Samuel brought near all the tribes of Israel, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 And he brought near the tribe of Benjamin by its families, and the family of Matri was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken. And they sought him, but not did find him.

22 And they inquired again of Jehovah, Has *the* man yet come here? And Jehovah said, Behold he *is* hiding himself by the baggage.

23 And they ran and took him from there. And he stood in the midst of the people, *and* he was taller than all the people, from his shoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, Do you see him whom Jehovah has chosen, for none *is* like him among all the people? And all the people shouted and said, *Let* the king live!

25 And Samuel spoke to the people the duties of the kingdom, and wrote in the book, and placed it before Jehovah. And Samuel sent all the people away, *each* man to his house.

26 And Saul also went to his house, to Gibeah, and with him went the force whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the sons of worthlessness said, How can this one deliver us? And they despised him and did not bring a gift to him. But he was as one keeping silent.

1 Samuel 11

1 Nahash offers the people of Jabesh-gilead a covenant as exchange for their eyes. 4 They send messengers and are delivered by Saul. 12 Saul is then confirmed and his kingdom renewed.

1 ¶ And Nahash the Ammonite went up and camped against Jabesh-gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Cut a covenant for us, and we will serve you.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite said to them, With this I will cut a covenant for you, when is dug out for you every right eye; and I will make it a reproach on all Israel.

3 And the elders of Jabesh said to him, Slack off from us seven days, and we will

send messengers in all the boundary of Israel. And if there is no deliverer for us, then we will come out to you.

4 And the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul. And they spoke the words in the ears of the people. And all the people lifted up their voice and wept.

5 ¶ And, behold, Saul came behind the oxen from the field. And Saul said, What is it to the people, that they weep? And they related to him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 And the Spirit of God came powerfully on Saul when he heard these words, and his anger glowed greatly.

7 And he took the team of oxen and cut them in pieces, and *he* sent *them* into all the boundary of Israel, by the hand of the messengers, saying, Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so it shall be done to his oxen. And the fear of Jehovah fell on the people. And they came out as one man.

8 And he mustered them in Bezek, and the sons of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah, thirty thousand.

9 And they said to the messengers who came, So you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead. Tomorrow there shall be deliverance for you, in the heat of the sun. And the messengers came and related this to the men of Jabesh; and they rejoiced.

10 And the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you do to us according to all *that is* good in your eyes.

11 And it happened, on the next day Saul put the people in three heads, and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch and they struck Ammon until the heat of the day. And it was, the ones left were scattered; in them were not two left together.

12 ¶ And the people said to Samuel, Who *is* he saying, Shall Saul reign over us? Give the men and we will cause them to die.

13 And Saul said, Not a man shall be caused to die on this day, for today Jehovah worked deliverance in Israel.

14 And Samuel said to the people, Come, and let us go *to* Gilgal and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul to reign there in Gilgal, before the face of Jehovah. And they offered sacrifices of peace offerings there before Jehovah. And Saul and all the men of Israel greatly rejoiced there.

1 Samuel 12

1 Samuel testifies his integrity. 6 He reproaches the people for ingratitude. 16 He terrifies them with thunder in harvest time. 20 He comforts them in God's mercy.

1 ¶ And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have heard your voice, to all that you said to me, and I made a king to reign over you.

2 And now, behold, the king is walking before you, but I am old and gray. And, behold, my sons, they *are* with you. And I have walked before your face from my youth until this day.

3 Behold, I *am* here! Testify against me before Jehovah and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, and whose ass have I taken, and whom have I oppressed? Whom have I crushed, and from whose hand have I taken a bribe that I might hide my eyes with it; and I will give back to you.

4 And they said, You have not oppressed us, and you have not crushed us, and you have not taken from the hand of any man.

5 And he said to them, Jehovah *is* witness against you, and His anointed *is* witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand. And they said, He *is* witness.

6 ¶ And Samuel said to the people, *It is* Jehovah who made Moses and Aaron, and who caused your fathers to go up from the land of Egypt.

7 And now stand, and I will judge you before the face of Jehovah *regarding* all the righteous acts of Jehovah which He did with you and with your fathers.

8 When Jacob came into Egypt, and your fathers cried to Jehovah, then Jehovah sent Moses and Aaron; and they brought your fathers out from Egypt and made them dwell in this place.

9 And they forgot Jehovah their God. And He sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the

hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them.

10 And they cried to Jehovah and said, We have sinned, for we forsook Jehovah and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies and we will serve You.

11 And Jehovah sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you from the hand of your enemies from all around; and you lived securely.

12 And you saw that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, and you said to me, No, for a king shall reign over us even though Jehovah your God *was* your king.

13 And now, behold the king whom you chose, for whom you asked. And behold Jehovah gave a king over you.

14 If you will fear Jehovah and serve Him, and listen to His voice, and do not rebel against the mouth of Jehovah, then you, both you and also the king who reigns over you, shall follow Jehovah your God.

15 But if you will not listen to the voice of Jehovah, and you rebel against the mouth of Jehovah, even the hand of Jehovah shall be against you and against your fathers.

16 ¶ Also, now present yourselves and see this great thing that Jehovah will do before your eyes.

17 *Is* it not wheat harvest today? I will call to Jehovah and He will give sounds and rain. And know and see that your evil is great, that which you have done in the eyes of Jehovah, to ask a king for yourselves.

18 And Samuel called to Jehovah. And Jehovah gave sounds and rain in that day. And all the people greatly feared Jehovah and Samuel.

19 And all the people said to Samuel, Pray to Jehovah your God for your servants, that we may not die, for we have added *this* evil to all our sins, to ask a king for ourselves.

20 And Samuel said to the people, Do not fear. You have done all this evil, only do not turn aside from following Jehovah, and serve Jehovah with all your heart.

21 And do not turn aside to go after vanities which do not profit and do not deliver, for they *are* vanities.

22 For Jehovah will not abandon His people, for the sake of His great name. For Jehovah undertakes to make you a people for Himself.

23 Also I, far be it from me from sinning against Jehovah, from ceasing to pray for you. But I will instruct you in the good and the right way.

24 Only fear Jehovah and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for see that He has done great things for you.

25 But if you still do evilly, both you and your king will be swept away.

1 Samuel 13

1 Saul's selected band. 3 He calls the Hebrews to Gilgal against the Philistines. 6 The distress of the Israelites. 8 Saul, weary of staying for Samuel, sacrifices. 13 Samuel reproves him.

1 ¶ It was one year since Saul began to reign, and he reigned two more years over Israel.

2 And Saul chose for himself three thousand out of Israel. And two thousand were with Saul in Michmash, and in the hills of Bethel. And a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And he sent the rest of the people *each* man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines in Geba. And the Philistines heard. And Saul blew with the rams' horn throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

4 And all Israel heard, saying, Saul has struck a garrison of the Philistines; and also Israel has made himself stink to the Philistines. And all the people were called after Saul, to Gilgal.

5 And the Philistines gathered to fight with Israel, with thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the lip of the sea for multitude. And they came up and pitched in Michmash, east of Bethaven.

6 And the men of Israel saw that they were distressing to them, for the people were distressed. And the people hid themselves in caves, and in crevices, and in crags, and in tombs, and in cisterns.

7 And the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. And

Saul *was* still in Gilgal. And all the people followed him, trembling.

8 ¶ And he waited seven days, according to the set time with Samuel. But Samuel had not come *to* Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring near to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings. And he offered up the burnt offering.

10 And it happened, as soon as he finished the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him, and to bless him.

11 And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and you did not come in the days set out, and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash,

12 and I said, Now the Philistines will come down to me *to* Gilgal, and I have not sweetened the face of Jehovah; and I forced myself, and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, You have acted foolishly that you have not kept the command of Jehovah your God which He commanded you. For now Jehovah would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

14 But now your kingdom shall not stand. Jehovah has sought out for Himself a man according to His own heart, and Jehovah has appointed him as leader over His people. For you have not kept that which Jehovah commanded you.

15 ¶ And Samuel rose up and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were found with him, about six hundred men.

16 And Saul and his son Jonathan, and the people who were found with them, were dwelling in Gibeah of Benjamin; and the Philistines pitched in Michmash.

17 And the ones ravaging came out of the Philistine camp in three heads; one *head* turned to the way *to* Ophrah, to the land of Shual;

18 And one *head* turned the way *to* Bethoron. And one *head* turned to the way of the border looking down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 And there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines

said, Lest the Hebrews make sword or spear.

20 And all Israel went down *to* the Philistines, *each* man to sharpen his plowshare, and his mattock, and his axe, and his plowshare.

21 And the sharpening *charge* was a pim for the plowshares, and for the mattocks, and for the three *pronged* forks, and for the axes, and for setting the plowshares.

22 And it happened in the day of battle that there was neither sword nor spear in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan. But one *was* found with Saul and with his son Jonathan.

23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

1 Samuel 14

1 Jonathan goes and miraculously kills the Philistines' garrison. 20 Saul sets on them. 21 The captive Hebrews, and the hidden Israelites join against them. 24 Saul's foolish oath.

1 ¶ And the day came that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, Come, and we will go over to the garrison of the Philistines on the other side. But he did not speak to his father.

2 And Saul was abiding at the edge of Gibeah, under the pomegranate which *is* in Migron; also the people with him, about six hundred men.

3 And Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, the brother of Ichabod, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli the priest of Jehovah in Shiloh, was wearing the ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4 And between the passes by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there *was* a rocky crag on the one *side*, and the rocky crag opposite this; and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the one, Seneh.

5 The one crag *was* a pillar on the north in front of Michmash, and the one on the south in front of Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man bearing his weapons, Come, we shall cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised ones. It may be Jehovah will work for us, for *there is* no hindrance to Jehovah, to save by many or by few.

7 And his armorbearer said to him, Do all that *is* in your heart; turn yourself. Behold, I am with you according to your heart.

8 And Jonathan said, Behold, we will cross over to the men and show ourselves to them.

9 If they say this to us, Stand still until we reach you, then we will stand *in* our place and not go up to them.

10 But if they say this, Come up to us, then we will go up, for Jehovah has given them into our hand; and this *will be* the sign for us.

11 And both of them were revealed to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, See, Hebrews coming out from the holes there where they hid themselves!

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will teach you a thing. And Jonathan said to his armorbearer, Come up after me, for Jehovah has given them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan went up on his hands and on his feet, and the armorbearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and the armorbearer *was causing* dying behind him.

14 And this *was* the first blow, when Jonathan and his armorbearer struck about twenty men in about half of a furrow of an acre of a field.

15 And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison and those ravaging trembled, even them. And the ground quaked, and it was for a trembling of God.

16 ¶ And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude had melted away; and they went on striking down.

17 And Saul said to the people with him, Number now and see who has gone from us. And they numbered, and, behold, Jonathan and the armorbearer *were not there*.

18 And Saul said to Ahijah, Bring near the ark of God here, for the ark of God was with the sons of Israel on that day.

19 And it happened while Saul spoke to the priest, that the turmoil which *was* in the camp of the Philistines even went on, going and increasing. And Saul said to the priest, Draw back your hand.

20 And Saul and all the people who *are* with him *was* gathered and went to the battle. And, behold, *each* man's sword *was* against his fellow, a very great panic!

21 And the Hebrews who were for the Philistines yesterday and the day before, who had come up with them to the camp all around, even they also *turned* to be with Israel that *was* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 And all the men of Israel who had been hiding themselves in the hill-country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines had fled. And they also pursued after them in battle.

23 And Jehovah saved Israel that day. And the battle passed over to Beth-aven.

24 ¶ And the men of Israel were pressed on that day, for Saul took an oath of the people, saying, Cursed *shall be* the man who eats food until the evening, when I have been avenged on my enemies; and none of the people tasted food.

25 And all *those* of the land came into a forest, and there was honey on the ground.

26 And the people came into the forest; and behold, a flow of honey! But no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.

27 And Jonathan did not hear when his father made the people swear. And *he* put out the tip of the staff in his hand and dipped it into the honeycomb. And he put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened.

28 And one of the people answered and said, Swearing your father made the people swear, saying, Cursed *shall be* the man who eats food today; and the people were weak.

29 And Jonathan said, My father has troubled the land. See, now, that my eyes became bright, for I tasted this little honey.

30 How much more if eating the people had eaten today of this spoil of its enemies which it has found. For now had not the blow among the Philistines have been great?

31 And they struck the Philistines on that day from Michmash to Aijalon; but the people were very weak.

32 And the people made *free* with the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and sons of the herd, and slaughtered them to the ground. And the people ate with the blood.

33 And they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people are sinning against Jehovah, to eat with the blood. And he said, You have acted treacherously; roll to me a great stone today.

34 And Saul said, Scatter among the people and say to them, *Each* man bring his ox near to me, and *each* man his sheep, and you slaughter here, and eat; and you shall not sin against Jehovah, to eat with the blood. And *each* man of all the people brought near his ox in his hand that night, and *they* slaughtered there.

35 And Saul built an altar to Jehovah. With it he began to build an altar to Jehovah.

36 ¶ And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night and plunder among them until the morning light, and not a man remains among them. And they said, Do all that is good in your eyes. And the priest said, Let us draw near here to God.

37 And Saul asked of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will You give them into the hand of Israel? But He did not answer him on that day.

38 And Saul said, All leaders of the people draw near here, and know and see how this sin has happened today.

39 For *as* Jehovah lives, who delivers Israel, surely if it is my son Jonathan, dying he shall die. And *there was not an* answer to him from all the people.

40 And he said to all Israel, You be opposite on one *side*, and my son Jonathan and I will be opposite on one *side*. And the people said to Saul, Do that which is good in your eyes.

41 And Saul said to Jehovah, the God of Israel, Give a perfect *lot*. And Jonathan and Saul were taken, and the people went out.

42 And Saul said, Cast between me and my son Jonathan. And Jonathan was taken.

43 And Saul said to Jonathan, Declare to me, what did you do? And Jonathan declared to him, and said, I indeed tasted a little honey with the end of the staff which *was* in my hand. Behold *me*; I will die.

44 And Saul said, God do so and more also, for dying you shall die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan die, he who did this great

deliverance in Israel? Far be it! As Jehovah lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day. And the people redeemed Jonathan, and he did not die.

46 And Saul went up from following the Philistines. And the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ¶ And Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies all around, with Moab, and with the sons of Ammon, and with Edom, and with the kings of Zobah, and with the Philistines, and wherever he turned, he gained the victory.

48 And he acted *with* strength and struck Amalek, and delivered Israel from the hand of their plunderers.

49 And the sons of Saul were Jonathan and Ishvi, and Malchishua; and his two daughters' names: the first-born's name was Merab; and the name of the younger, Michal.

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of his army commander was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And Kish was Saul's father, and Ner. Abner's father, was the son of Abiel.

52 And the war was strong against the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any mighty man, or any son of strength, even he gathered him to himself.

1 Samuel 15

1 Samuel sends Saul to destroy Amalek. 8 He spares Agag and the best of the plunder.

10 Samuel reveals to Saul Jehovah's rejection of him. 34 Samuel and Saul part.

1 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Jehovah sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. And now listen to the voice of the words of Jehovah.

2 So says Jehovah of Hosts, I will call to account Amalek *for that* which he did to Israel, because he set himself against him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go, and you strike Amalek and destroy all that *is* to him, and you shall have no pity on him, but cause to die *all*, from man to woman, from child to suckling, from ox to sheep, from camel to ass.

4 And Saul called the people to hear. And *he* called them up in Telaim, two

hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand were men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.

6 And Saul said to the Kenites, Go! Depart! Go down from the midst of Amalek, lest I destroy you with him. For *you* acted with kindness toward all the sons of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. And the Kenites departed from the midst of Amalek.

7 And Saul struck Amalek from Havilah, *as you go to Shur, which is before Egypt.*

8 And he captured Agag the king of Amalek alive. But he completely destroyed all the people with the mouth of the sword.

9 And Saul and the people had pity on Agag, and from the best of the flock, and of the herd, and the seconds, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and were not willing to completely destroy them. But they completely destroyed every despised and worthless thing.

10 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Samuel, saying,

11 I repent that I made Saul reign as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and he has not risen to do My words. And Samuel was angry, and he cried *to* Jehovah all night.

12 And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told to Samuel, saying, Saul has come to Carmel. And behold, he has set up a hand to himself, and has gone around, and has passed over and gone down *to* Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, Blessed *are* you of Jehovah. I have risen to do the Word of Jehovah.

14 And Samuel said, What *is* the sound of the flock in my ears, and the sound of the herd that I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from Amalek, because the people had pity on the best of the flock, and of the herd, in order to sacrifice to Jehovah your God; and the rest we have completely destroyed.

16 And Samuel said to Saul, Stop, and I will declare to you that which Jehovah spoke to me tonight. And he said to him, Speak.

17 And Samuel said, Is it not *true, even* you, when you were little in your own

eyes you *became* head of the tribes of Israel? And Jehovah anointed you for king over Israel.

18 And Jehovah sent you on the way, and said, Go, and completely destroy the sinners, Amalek; and fight against them until they are consumed.

19 And why did you not listen to the voice of Jehovah? Yea, *you* flew on the plunder and did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

20 And Saul said to Samuel, I did obey the voice of Jehovah, and I went in the way which Jehovah sent me, and brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I completely destroyed Amalek.

21 And the people took from the plunder of *the* flock, and *the* first of the herd, *that* devoted, to sacrifice to Jehovah your God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? Behold! Obeying *is* better than sacrifice; to give attention *is* better than the fat of rams.

23 For the sin of divination is rebellion; insolence is both iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of Jehovah, so He has rejected you from being king.

24 ¶ And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned, for I have transgressed the mouth of Jehovah and your word, because I feared the people, and I listened to their voice.

25 And now please lift up my sin, and return with me that I may worship Jehovah.

26 And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you, for you have rejected the Word of Jehovah and Jehovah has rejected you from being king over Israel.

27 And Samuel turned around to go. And he took hold on the edge of his robe, and it tore.

28 And Samuel said to him, Jehovah has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to your neighbor who is better than you.

29 And also the Glory of Israel will not lie and not repent, for He *is* not a man that He should repent.

30 And he said, I have sinned. Honor me now, please, before the elders of my people,

and before Israel, and return with me; and I shall worship Jehovah your God.

31 And Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped Jehovah.

32 ¶ And Samuel said, Bring near to me Agag the king of Amalek. And Agag came to him cheerfully. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death has passed.

33 And Samuel said, As your sword has bereaved women of *their* children, so shall your mother be bereft among women. And Samuel cut Agag in pieces before Jehovah in Gilgal.

34 And Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house, *in* Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel did not again see Saul until the day of his death, for Samuel mourned for Saul. And Jehovah repented that He had caused Saul to reign over Israel.

1 Samuel 16

1 Samuel sent to Bethlehem. 6 His human judgment reprov'd. 11 He anoints David. 15 Saul sends for David to quiet his evil spirit.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to Samuel, Until when will you mourn for Saul, for I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have seen a king for Me among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? And if Saul hears, even he will kill me. And Jehovah said, Take a heifer from the herd in your hand, and you shall say, I have come to sacrifice to Jehovah.

3 And you call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make you know what you shall do. And you shall anoint for Me whomever I say to you.

4 And Samuel did what Jehovah said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city trembled to meet him, and said, Do you come *in* peace?

5 And he said, *In* peace! I have come to sacrifice to Jehovah. Consecrate yourselves and you shall come to me to the sacrifice. And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 ¶ And it happened as they came in, that he saw Eliab, and said, Surely His anointed *is* before Jehovah.

7 And Jehovah said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance, and not to the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For man does not see what He sees. For man looks for the eyes, but Jehovah looks for the heart.

8 And Jesse called to Abinadab, and he passed him before Samuel, but he said, Also Jehovah has not chosen this *one*.

9 And Jesse passed Shammah by, but he said, Also Jehovah has not chosen this *one*.

10 And Jesse passed seven of his sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, Jehovah has not chosen among these.

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, Are these all the young men? And he said, There yet remains the youngest; and behold, he is tending the flock. And Samuel said to Jesse, send and bring him, for we will not sit until he comes here.

12 And he sent and brought him in. And he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and good form. And Jehovah said, Rise up, anoint him, for this is he.

13 And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon David from that day and onward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ And the Spirit of Jehovah departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Jehovah terrified him.

15 And Saul's servants said to him, Behold, now an evil spirit from God is terrifying you.

16 Please let our lord say to your servants before you, Let them seek out a man who knows *how to* play on the harp. And it shall be, when the evil spirit from God is upon you, then he shall play with his hand, and it *shall be* well with you.

17 And Saul said to his servants, Now look for a man who is good at playing for me, and bring *him* to me.

18 One of the servants answered and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows to play, and a mighty *man* of strength, and a man of battle, and skillful in speech, and a man of form; and Jehovah *is* with him.

19 And Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, Send your son David to me, who *is* with the flock.

20 And Jesse took an ass, *with* bread, and a skin of wine, and one kid of the goats; and he sent by the hand of his son David to Saul.

21 And David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly; and he bore *his* weapons.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Please let David stand before me, for he has found grace in my eyes.

23 And it happened, when the *evil* spirit from God was on Saul, even David would take the harp and play with his hand. And there *was* relief for Saul, and *it was* well with him. And the evil spirit would depart from him.

1 Samuel 17

1 The armies of the Israelites and Philistines ready, 4 Goliath issues a challenge. 12 David takes the challenge. 38 With no armor he kills the giant.

1 ¶ And the Philistines had gathered their armies for battle, and were gathered at Shochoh of Judah. And they camped between Shochoh and Azekah in Ephesdammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and camped in the valley of Elah. And they set in order *for* battle to meet the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on the mountain on this *side*, and Israel stood on the mountain on this *side*, and the valley between them.

4 And a man between the two came out from the armies of the Philistines, Goliath *was* his name, from Gath; his height *was* six cubits and a span.

5 And a helmet of bronze *was* on his head, and he *was* clothed with scaled body armor; and the weight of the armor *was* five thousand shekels of bronze.

6 And leg-armor of bronze *was* on his feet, and a javelin of bronze between his shoulders.

7 And the wood of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and the blade of his spear *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron. And he who bore the shield went before him.

8 And he stood and called to the ranks of Israel, and said to them, Why do you come

out to set in order *the* battle? *Am* I not the Philistine, and you Saul's servants? Choose one of yourselves, and let him come to me.

9 If he is able to fight with me and strike me, then we shall become slaves to you. But if I prevail over him, and strike him, then you will become slaves to us and shall serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man, and we will fight together.

11 And Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine. And they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12 ¶ And David *was* the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem-Judah named Jesse. And to him *were* eight sons. And the man *was* old among men in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went out; they went after Saul to the battle. And the name of his three sons who went into the battle: Eliab, the first-born; and his second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah.

14 And David *was* the youngest. And the three eldest had gone after Saul.

15 And David was going and returning from Saul, to feed his father's flock *at* Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said to his son David, Please take to your brothers an ephah of this roasted *grain* and these ten loaves, and run to the camp, to your brothers.

18 And you shall take these ten cuttings of cheese to the commander of the thousand, and you shall visit your brothers, *as to their* well-being; and you shall bring their token.

19 And Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 And David rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper, and took *the things*, and went, as Jesse commanded him. And he came to the barricade, and to the army which was going out to the battle array; and they were shouting for battle.

21 And Israel and the Philistines set up in battle array for rank to meet rank.

22 And David left the goods on him into the hands of the keeper of the goods, and

he ran to the army, and came and asked his brothers of *their* well-being.

23 And *as* he was speaking to them, even, behold! The man between the two, Goliath the Philistine *was* his name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines; and he spoke according to these words; and David heard.

24 And when they saw the man, all the men of Israel ran from him, and were very much afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man who comes up? For he has come to reproach Israel. And it shall be, the man who strikes him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and he will give his daughter to him. And he will make his father's house free in Israel.

26 And David spoke to the men who were standing with him, saying, What shall be done to the man who strikes this Philistine, and turns aside reproach from Israel? For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine that he should reproach the armies of the living God?

27 And the people spoke to him according to this word, saying, So shall it be done to the man who strikes him.

28 And his eldest brother Eliab heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger burned against David. And he said, Why *is* it you have come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I done now? Was it not but a word?

30 And he turned around from him to another and said according to this word. And the people answered him a word like the first word.

31 ¶ And the words which David had spoken were heard. And they were told before Saul, and he received him.

32 And David said to Saul, Let not a man's heart fail over him. Your servant will go and will fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, You are not able to go to this Philistine, to fight with him, for you *are* a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said to Saul, Your servant has been one shepherding among sheep for his father. And the lion came, and the bear, and took away a sheep out of the flock.

35 And I went out after him and struck him, and delivered out of his mouth. And he rose against me, and I took hold of his beard and struck him, and killed him.

36 Your servant has struck both the lion and the bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, for he has reproached the armies of the living God.

37 And David said, Jehovah, who has delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He shall deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and Jehovah be with you.

38 And Saul clothed David with his apparel, and put a bronze helmet on his head, and clothed him *with* body armor.

39 And David girded his sword on his apparel, and started to go. But he had not tested these. And David said to Saul, I am not able to go with these, for I have not tested *them*; and David took them off him.

40 ¶ And he took his staff in his hand, and chose for himself five smooth stones from the valley. And *he* put them in the bag which he had, of one shepherding, even in his pouch. And his sling *was* in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on, coming and drawing near to David; and the man bearing the shield *was* before him.

42 And the Philistine looked, and *he* saw David, and disdained him, for he was a youth, even ruddy, with a handsome appearance.

43 And the Philistine said to David, *Am I* a dog that you have come to me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the field.

45 And David said to the Philistine, You are coming to me with sword, and with spear, and with javelin. But I am coming to you in the name of Jehovah of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, which you have reproached.

46 This day Jehovah shall shut you up into my hand, and I shall strike you, and take off your head from you and give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the heavens and to the living *things* of the earth this day. And all the earth shall know that there is a God for Israel.

47 And all this company shall know that Jehovah does not save by sword and by spear, *but* that the battle *belongs* to Jehovah, and He has given you into our hand.

48 ¶ And it happened, when the Philistine rising up and going and drawing near to meet David, David hurried and ran toward the ranks to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand into the pouch and took a stone from there. And *he* slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

50 And David was stronger than the Philistine with the sling and with the stone. And he struck the Philistine and caused him to die. And there *was* no sword in David's hand.

51 And David ran and stood by the Philistine, and took his sword; and *he* drew it out of its sheath and caused him to die. And *he* cut off his head with it. And the Philistines saw that their warrior *was* dead, and *they* fled.

52 And the men of Israel and Judah rose up and shouted, and pursued the Philistines until you enter the valley, even to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell in the way of Shaaraim, even to Gath, and to Ekron.

53 And the sons of Israel returned from hotly pursuing the Philistines; and they plundered their camps.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it *to* Jerusalem; and he put his weapons in his own tent.

55 And when Saul saw David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner, the army commander, Whose son *is* this youth, Abner? And Abner said, As your soul lives, O king, I do not know.

56 And the king said, You ask whose son this young man *is*.

57 And when David returned from striking the Philistine, then Abner took him and

brought him before Saul; and the head of the Philistine *was* in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, Whose son *are* you, boy? And David said, The son of your servant Jesse, the Bethlehemite.

1 Samuel 18

1 Jonathan loves David. 8 Saul envies his praise, 10 seeks to kill him in his fury, 12 fears him for his good success, 17 offers him his daughters for a snare. 27 David gives two hundred foreskins of the Philistines for Michal's dowry.

1 ¶ And it happened, when he finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David; and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would not let him return to his father's house.

3 And Jonathan and David cut a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped off the robe that *was* on him and gave it to David; also his apparel, even to his sword and to his bow and to his belt.

5 And David went out wherever Saul sent him. And he acted wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war. And it was good in the eyes of all the people, and also in the eyes of the servants of Saul.

6 ¶ And it happened as they came in, as David returned from striking the Philistine, the women came out from all the cities of Israel to sing, and dancing to meet Saul the king with tambourines and with joy and three-stringed instruments.

7 And the women who were playing answered and said, Saul has slain his thousands, but David his myriads.

8 And it very much burned Saul, and this thing was evil in his eyes. And he said, They have given myriads to David, and to me they have given thousands. And *is there* more to him, except the kingdom?

9 And from that day forward Saul was eyeing David.

10 And on the next day it happened that the evil spirit *from* God advanced on Saul. And he prophesied in the midst of the house; and David was playing with his hand, as *day* by day; and Saul's spear *was* in his hand.

11 And Saul threw the spear, and said, I will strike David, even to the wall. And David twice drew back from his face.

12 ¶ And Saul feared David, because Jehovah was with him and *He* had departed from Saul.

13 And Saul removed him from himself and set him as his commander over a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David acted wisely in all his ways, and Jehovah *was* with him.

15 And Saul saw that he *was* acting wisely, and *he* was very afraid of him.

16 And all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab! I will give her to you for a wife; only, you be a son of strength for me and fight the battles of Jehovah. And Saul said, Let not my hand be on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him.

18 And David said to Saul, Who *am* I, and what *is* my life, *and* the family of my father in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?

19 And it happened at the time Saul was to give *his* daughter Merab to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite for a wife.

20 And Saul's daughter Michal loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing was right in his eyes.

21 And Saul said, I will give her to him, and she shall be a snare to him; and the hand of the Philistines shall be on him. And Saul said to David a second time, You shall be my son-in-law today.

22 And Saul commanded his servants, Speak to David secretly, saying, Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you. And now, be son-in-law to the king.

23 And Saul's servants spoke these words in David's ears. And David said, Is it a light thing in your eyes to be son-in-law to the king? And I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed.

24 And Saul's servants declared to him, saying, David has spoken according to these words.

25 And Saul said, So you shall say to David, There is no delight to the king in dowry, but in a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged on the king's enemies. And Saul

thought to cause David to fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And his servants declared these words to David. And the thing was right in David's eyes, to be son-in-law to the king; and the days had not been fulfilled.

27 And David rose up and went out, he and his men. And *they* struck two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and he gave them in full to the king, in order to be son-in-law to the king. And Saul gave him his daughter Michal for a wife.

28 And Saul saw and knew that Jehovah *was* with David, and that Saul's daughter Michal loved him.

29 And Saul was still more afraid of David; and Saul was hating David continually.

30 And the rulers of the Philistines came out. And it happened as often as they came out, David acted more wisely than all the servants of Saul; and his name was greatly esteemed.

1 Samuel 19

1 Jonathan tells David of his father's plan to kill him. 4 He persuades his father to reconciliation. 8 By reason of David's good success in a new war, Saul's malicious rage breaks out again. 20 Saul's messengers sent to take David,

1 ¶ And Saul spoke to his son Jonathan, and to all his servants, to cause David to die.

2 And Saul's son Jonathan delighted exceedingly in David. And Jonathan declared *it* to David, saying, My father Saul is seeking to kill you. And now, please be on guard in the morning, and you shall stay in the secret place, and shall hide.

3 And I, I will go out and will stand by my father's side in the field where you *are*. And I will speak of you to my father, and shall see what *it is*, and will declare *it* to you.

4 And Jonathan spoke good of David to his father Saul, and said to him, Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you; also because his works for you *are* very good.

5 Yea, he has put his life in his hand and struck the Philistine. And Jehovah worked

a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. And why do you sin against innocent blood, to cause David to die without cause?

6 And Saul listened to Jonathan's voice, and Saul swore, *As Jehovah lives he shall not die.*

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan declared to him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was before him as yesterday and the day before.

8 ¶ And there was war again. And David went out and fought against the Philistines, and struck among them with a great slaughter; and they fled from his face.

9 And the evil spirit from Jehovah was on Saul. And he *was* sitting in his house, and his spear in his hand, and David was playing with the hand.

10 And Saul tried to strike with the spear through David and through the wall, but he slipped away from the face of Saul. And he struck the spear through the wall. And David fled and slipped away during that night.

11 ¶ And Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, and to cause him to die in the morning. And his wife Michal told David, saying, If you do not slip away *with* your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed.

12 And Michal made David go down through the window. And he went, and fled, and slipped away.

13 And Michal took an image and laid *it* on the bed; and she put the quilt of goat's *hair* at his head-place, and covered with a spread.

14 And Saul sent messengers to take David. And she said, He *is* sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, to cause him to die.

16 And the messengers came in. And, behold, the image *was* on the bed, and the quilt of goat's *hair was* at his head-place.

17 And Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me this way, that you have sent away my enemy, and he has slipped away? And Michal said to Saul, He said to me, Send me away; why should I kill you?

18 ¶ And David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel at Ramah, and declared to him all that Saul had done to him. And he went, he and Samuel, and they lived in Naioth.

19 And it was told to Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* in Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David. And they saw the assembly of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* head over them. And the Spirit of God came on Saul's messengers, and they also prophesied.

21 And they told Saul, and he sent other messengers. And they also prophesied. And again Saul sent messengers, a third time. And they also prophesied.

22 And he went, he also, to Ramah, and came to the great well in Sechu. And Saul asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, in Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went there, to Naioth in Ramah, and the Spirit of God was on him, him also. And going on, he went and prophesied until he came into Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he stripped off his garments, he also, and *he* prophesied before Samuel, even he. And he fell down disrobed all that day and all that night. On account of this they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 20

1 David talks with Jonathan about his safety.

11 Jonathan and David renew their promise.

18 Jonathan's token to David. 24 Saul, missing David, seeks to kill Jonathan. 35 Jonathan leaves David.

1 ¶ And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? What *is* my iniquity, and what *is* my sin before your father, that he is seeking my soul?

2 And he said to him, Far be it! You shall not die. Behold, my father shall not do a great thing or a small thing and not reveal *it* to my ear. And why should my father hide this thing from me? *It is not so.*

3 And David again swore and said, Your father has certainly known that I have found favor in your eyes; and he said, Do not let Jonathan know this, that he not be grieved.

And yet, *as* Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, *there is* only a step between me and death.

4 And Jonathan said to David, What your soul may say, I also will do for you.

5 And David said to Jonathan, Behold, the new moon *is* tomorrow. And sitting I should sit with the king to eat. And you shall send me away, and I shall be hidden in the field until the third evening.

6 If looking your father looks for me, even you shall say, David asked earnestly of me to run to his city Bethlehem; for the yearly sacrifice *is* there for all the family.

7 If he shall say so, Good! Peace *shall be* for your servant. But if it burns him greatly, know that evil has been determined by him.

8 And you shall do kindness to your servant, for you have brought your servant with you into a covenant of Jehovah. And if there is iniquity in me, you cause me to die; for why is this, that you bring me to your father?

9 ¶ And Jonathan said, Far be it from you! For if knowing I knew that evil was determined by my father to come on you, and would I not declare *it* to you?

10 Then David said to Jonathan, Who shall declare *it* to me? Or what *if* your father answers *in a hard way*?

11 And Jonathan said to David, Come, and we shall go out *to* the field; and both of them went out to the field.

12 And Jonathan said to David, Jehovah the God of Israel *be witness* when I search my father about this time tomorrow, *or* the day before, and behold, *there is* good toward David and I do not send to you and do not reveal *it in* your ear,

13 so may Jehovah do to Jonathan and do much more also. *If* it should seem good to my father *to do* evil to you, then I will reveal *it in* your ear and send you away. And you shall go in peace; and may Jehovah be with you, as He was with my father.

14 And not only while I live, even you shall do with me the kindness of Jehovah, that I not die,

15 but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, not even when Jehovah cuts off the enemies of David, each *man* from off the face of the earth.

16 And Jonathan covenanted with the house of David, that Jehovah should seek *it* from the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan again made David swear, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 And Jonathan said to him, Tomorrow *is* the new moon, and you shall be expected, for your seat will be empty.

19 And on the third *day* you shall quickly come down, and shall come there to the place where you were hidden in the day of the deed. And *you* shall remain near the stone Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows to the side, shooting at a mark for myself.

21 And, behold, I shall send a boy, *saying*, Find the arrows! If I expressly say to the boy, Behold, the arrows *are* from you, take them; then you come, for peace *shall be* to you, and there is nothing, *as* Jehovah lives.

22 But if I say to the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* away from you and onwards; go, for Jehovah has sent you away.

23 *As to* the thing which we have spoken, you and I; behold, Jehovah is between you and me forever.

24 ¶ And David was hidden in the field. And it was the new moon. And the king sat down by the food to eat.

25 And the king sat on his seat, as *from* time to time, on the seat by the wall. And Jonathan rose up, and Abner sat at Saul's side. And David's place was empty.

26 But Saul did not say anything on that day, for he said, It is an accident; he is not clean; he *is* surely not clean.

27 And it happened on the day after the new moon, David's place was empty. And Saul said to his son Jonathan, Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal, either yesterday or today?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked of me to *go to* Bethlehem.

29 And he said, Please send me away, for a family sacrifice *is* to us in the city, and my brother commanded me. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me be released, and to see my brothers. On account of this he has not come to the table of the king.

30 And the anger of Saul burned against Jonathan. And he said to him, Son of a perverse rebelliousness! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your shame, and to the shame of the nakedness of your mother?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on earth you shall not be established, you and your kingdom. And now send and bring him to me, for he *is* a son of death.

32 And Jonathan answered his father Saul, and said to him, Why should he die? What has he done?

33 And Saul threw the spear at him, to strike him. And Jonathan knew that it had been determined by his father to cause David to die.

34 And Jonathan rose up from the table in the heat of anger. And he did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David. For his father had put him to shame.

35 ¶ And it happened in the morning that Jonathan went out *to* the field for the meeting with David; and a little boy *was* with him.

36 And he said to the boy, Now run and find the arrow which I am shooting. The boy ran, and he shot the arrow, causing it to pass over him.

37 And the boy came to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot. And Jonathan called after the boy and said, Is the arrow not away from you and onwards?

38 And Jonathan called after the boy, Hurry, make haste, do not stand! And Jonathan's boy gathered the arrow and came to his master.

39 And the boy did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy who *was* to him, and said to him, Go, bring *them* to the city.

41 The boy left, and David rose up from the south side. And *he* fell on his face to the ground. And *he* bowed three times. And they each one kissed his friend. And they each wept *on* his friend, until David grew great *in* grief.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, because we have sworn, the two

of us, in the name of Jehovah, saying, Jehovah shall be between you and me, and between my seed and your seed forever. And he rose up and went. And Jonathan went to the city.

1 Samuel 21

1 David obtains Ahimelech's holy bread. 7 Doeg the Edomite was present. 9 David takes Goliath's sword. 10 David pretends to be mad.

1 ¶ And David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech trembled at meeting David, and said to him, Why *are* you by yourself, and no man with you?

2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, The king has commanded me a matter; and he said to me, Do not let a man know anything of the matter about which I am sending you, and which I directed you. And I have directed the young men to such and such a place.

3 And now, what is there under your hand? Give five *loaves* into my hand, or whatever is found.

4 And the priest answered David and said, There is no common bread under my hand, but only holy bread, if the young men have only been kept from a woman.

5 And David answered the priest and said to him, Surely, a woman *has been* kept from us as yesterday and the day before, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy. And *in* a way the holy bread is common; also surely today *it is* sanctified in the vessels.

6 And the priest gave the holy bread to him, for there was no bread there except the Bread of the Presence which is taken from the presence of Jehovah in order to put hot bread in on the day it is taken away.

7 And a man *was* there on that day, of the servants of Saul, detained before Jehovah. And his name *was* Doeg the Edomite, the chief of the shepherds which *were* to Saul.

8 And David said to Ahimelech, Is there not here under your hand *a* spear or sword? For I have taken neither my sword or my weapons, for the king's matter was urgent.

9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck in the valley of Elah; behold, it *is* wrapped in the cloak behind the ephod. If you desire, take it for yourself; for there is no other except it in this *place*. And David said, There is none like it. Give it to me.

10 ¶ And David rose up and fled from the face of Saul on that day, and he came to Achish the king of Gath.

11 And the servants of Achish said to him, *Is* this not David the king of the land? Is it not of this one they sang in dances, saying, Saul killed his thousands, and David his myriads?

12 And David put these words in his heart, and was very much afraid of the face of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behavior before their eyes, and pretended himself to be insane in their hand, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall onto his beard.

14 And Achish said to his servants, Behold, you see the man is one showing madness. Why do you bring him to me?

15 *Am* I in need of *one* showing madness that you have brought this *one* in to show madness beside me? Shall this *one* come into my house?

1 Samuel 22

1 Companies go to David at Adullam. 5 Admonished by Jehovah, he comes to Hareth. 6 Saul complains of his servants' unfaithfulness.

11 Saul commands to kill the priests.

1 ¶ And David went from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And his brothers heard, and all his father's house, and *they* went down to him there.

2 And every man in distress, and every man who had a creditor, and every man bitter of soul, gathered themselves to him. And he became commander over them. And about four hundred men were with him.

3 And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, Please let my father and my mother come and be with you, until I know what God will do to me.

4 And he settled them before the king of Moab; and they lived with him all the days David was in the stronghold.

5 And Gad the prophet said to David, You shall not remain in the stronghold. Go, and you come into the land of Judah. And David went and came into the forest of Hareth.

6 ¶ And Saul heard that David and the men who *were* with him, had been seen, And Saul was staying in Gibeah under the tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand; and all his servants were standing by him.

7 And Saul said to his servants who were standing by him, Now hear, Benjamites. Will the son of Jesse also give to any of you fields and vineyards? Will he make each of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds,

8 that all of you have conspired against me, and no one was revealing *in* my ear when my son cut *a covenant* with the son of Jesse? And not one of you is sorry for me, even *to* reveal in my ear that my son has aroused my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day.

9 And Doeg the Edomite answered and said (and he was set over Saul's servants), I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 And he asked for him of Jehovah, and gave provisions to him, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 And the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who *were* in Nob. And they came, all of them, to the king.

12 And Saul said, Now hear, son of Ahitub. And he said, Behold *me*, my lord.

13 And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, by your giving bread and a sword to him, and to ask of God for him, to rise up against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 And Ahimelech answered the king and said, And who among all your servants *is* as David *the* faithful, and son-in-law of the king; *who* does your bidding, and is honorable in all your house?

15 Have I today begun to ask of God for him? Far be it from me! Do not let the king lay anything against his servant, against any of my father's house, for your servant has known nothing of this, great or small.

16 And the king said, Dying you shall die, Ahimelech, you and your father's house.

17 And the king said to the runners that stood by him, Turn and cause the priests of Jehovah to die, because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing, and did not reveal *it in* my ear. But the king's servants were not willing to put forth their hand to fall on the priests of Jehovah.

18 And the king said to Doeg, You turn and fall on the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned and fell on the priests and caused to die eighty-five men bearing a linen ephod in that day.

19 And he struck Nob, the city of the priests with the mouth of the sword, from man even to woman, from child even to suckling, and ox, and ass, and sheep, with the mouth of the sword.

20 ¶ And one son escaped of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And his name *was* Abiathar, and he fled after David.

21 And Abiathar declared to David that Saul had killed the priests of Jehovah.

22 And David said to Abiathar, I knew on that day when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that telling he would tell Saul. I am turned *to grief* for every soul of the house of your father.

23 Dwell with me. Do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life. For with me you *will be under* protection.

1 Samuel 23

1 David rescues Keilah. 14 In Ziph Jonathan comes and comforts him. 19 The Ziphites reveal him to Saul. 25 At Maon he is rescued from Saul by the invasion of the Philistines.

1 ¶ And they declared to David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they are plundering the threshing floors.

2 And David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go? And shall I strike against these

Philistines? And Jehovah said to David, Go, and you shall strike the Philistines and save Keilah.

3 And David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah; and what if we go to Keilah to the armies of the Philistines?

4 And David once again inquired of Jehovah. And Jehovah answered him and said, Rise up, go down to Keilah, for I am giving the Philistines into your hand.

5 And David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and led away their livestock, and struck among them with a great slaughter. And David saved those living in Keilah.

6 And it happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David, near Keilah, an ephod came in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was told to Saul that David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, God has estranged him into my hand; for he is shut in, to enter into a city of gates and a bar.

8 And Saul heard and called all the people to battle, to go down to Keilah, to lay siege to David and to his men.

9 But David knew that Saul was devising evil against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring the ephod near.

10 And David said, O Jehovah the God of Israel, Your servant hearing has heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city because of me.

11 Will the masters of Keilah shut me up into his hand? Will Saul come down as Your servant has heard? O Jehovah the God of Israel, I pray, declare to your servant. And Jehovah said, He will come down.

12 And David said, Will the masters of Keilah shut me and my men up into Saul's hand? And Jehovah said, They will shut you up.

13 And David and his men, about six hundred men, rose up and left Keilah, and went wherever they could go. And it was told to Saul that David had slipped away from Keilah. And he ceased to go out.

14 ¶ And David was dwelling in the wilderness, in the strongholds. And he was dwelling in the hill, in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him all his days. And God did not give him into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life; and David was in the wilderness of Ziph, in the forest.

16 And Jonathan the son of Saul rose up and went out to David, to the forest. And he made his hand strong in God,

17 and said to him, Do not fear, for the hand of my father Saul shall not find you; and you shall reign over Israel; and I shall be second to you. And my father Saul knows it is so.

18 And they cut a covenant, both of them, before Jehovah. And David stayed in the forest, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 ¶ And the men of Ziph went to Saul, to Gibeah, saying, Is not David hiding himself with us in strongholds, in the forest, in the hill of Hachilah, which is south of the wilderness?

20 And now, come down according to all the desires of your soul, O king. Come down, and it is for us to shut him up into the king's hand.

21 And Saul said, You are blessed of Jehovah, for you have had pity on me.

22 Please go, please make yet more sure, and know, and see his place where his foot is; who has seen him there, for one has said to me, He is being very crafty.

23 And see and know of all the hiding places there where he hides himself. And you shall return to me ready, and I shall go with you, and it shall be, if he is in the land, that I shall search him out through all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they rose up and went to Ziph before Saul. But David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of the desert.

25 And Saul and his men went to search. And they told David. And he went down to the rock, and dwelt in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul heard, and pursued David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain. And David was hurrying to go away from the face of Saul. And Saul and his men were encircling David and his men, to catch them.

27 And a messenger came to Saul, saying, Hurry, and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land.

28 And Saul turned back from pursuing David, and went to meet the Philistines. On account of this they have called that place, The Rock of the Division.

29 And David went up from there and stayed in the strongholds at En-gedi.

1 Samuel 24

1 David cuts off Saul's skirt, but spares his life.

8 He shows him his innocence. 16 Saul takes an oath of David, and departs.

1 ¶ And it happened, when Saul had returned from after the Philistines, they declared to him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of En-gedi.

2 And Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the front of the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And on the way he came in to the folds of the flock. And there *was* a cave. And Saul went in to cover his feet. And David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.

4 And David's men said to him, Behold, the day of which Jehovah said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it is good in your eyes. But David rose up and quietly cut off the skirt of Saul's robe.

5 And it happened afterward, the heart of David struck him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

6 And he said to his men, Far be it from me, by Jehovah. I shall not do this thing to my lord, to the anointed of Jehovah, to put out my hand against him. For *he* is the anointed of Jehovah.

7 And David held back his men by words, and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul rose up from the cave and went in the way.

8 And David rose up afterward and went out from the cave and called after Saul, saying, My lord the king! And Saul looked behind him. And David bowed nose to the earth, even bowed down.

9 ¶ And David said to Saul, Why do you listen to the words of man, saying, Behold, David seeks to do you evil?

10 See, this day your eyes have seen how Jehovah has delivered you today into my hand in the cave. And *one* said to kill you, but *I* had pity on you. And I said, I shall not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the anointed of Jehovah.

11 And my father, behold! Yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand. For in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is not evil and transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you are lying in wait for my soul, to take it.

12 Jehovah shall judge between you and me, and Jehovah shall avenge me of you. But my hand shall not be on you.

13 As the proverb of the ancients says, Wickedness proceeds from the wicked *one*. But my hand shall not be on you.

14 After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom are you pursuing after, after a dead dog, after one flea?

15 Yea, Jehovah shall be judge, and shall judge between you and me. Yea, He shall see and contend for my cause, and shall deliver me out of your hand.

16 ¶ And it happened, when David finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 And he said to David, You *are* a righteous *one* more than I. For you have rewarded me *as with* a good *one*, and I have rewarded you *as with* an evil *one*.

18 And you have today declared that you have done well with me, in that Jehovah shut me up into your hand, and you did not kill me.

19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go on his way well? And Jehovah will repay you good for that which you have done to me today.

20 And now, behold, I know that you shall certainly reign, and the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 And now, swear to me by Jehovah that you shall not cut off my seed after me, nor shall you destroy my name from the house of my father.

22 And David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his house, and David and his men went up into the stronghold.

1 Samuel 25

1 Samuel dies. 2 David sends to Nabal. 10 Provoked by Nabal's ungratefulness, he intends to destroy him. 14 Abigail understands and takes a present, 23 and by her wisdom she pacifies David. 36 Nabal dies. 39 David takes Abigail as his second wife.

1 ¶ And Samuel died, and all Israel was gathered, and mourned for him. And they buried him in his house, in Ramah. And David rose up and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 ¶ And a certain man *was* in Maon, and his work *was* in Carmel. And the man *was* very great, and there *were* three thousand sheep and a thousand goats to him. And he was shearing his flock in Carmel.

3 And the man's name *was* Nabal, and his wife's name, Abigail. And the woman *was* of good understanding, and beautiful of form. And the man *was* hard and evil in his dealings. And he *was of* Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his flock.

5 And David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, Go up to Carmel, and you shall come to Nabal and ask him of his well-being in my name.

6 And say this, Long life and peace to you! And peace to your house, and peace to all that you have.

7 And now, I have heard that shearers *are* to you. And your shepherds have been with us; we have not shamed them, nor was anything missing to them all the days they were in Carmel.

8 Ask your young men, and they will declare to you. And may the young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come at a good day. Please give that which your hand finds to your servants, and to your son, to David.

9 And the young men of David came and spoke to Nabal according to all these words, in the name of David, and rested.

10 And Nabal answered David's servants and said, Who *is* David, and who the son of Jesse? The servants who have broken away from his master have multiplied today.

11 And shall I take my bread, and my water, and my meat which I have killed for

my shearers, and give to men whom I have not known, from where they are?

12 ¶ And the young men of David turned to their way, and returned and came and told him according to all these words.

13 And David said to his men, *Each* man gird on his sword. And David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David and two hundred stayed by the baggage.

14 And one young man of the youths reported to Abigail the wife of Nabal, saying, Behold, David has sent messengers out of the wilderness to bless our lord, and he screamed at them.

15 And the men were good to us, and have not shamed us, and we have not missed anything all the days we have gone up and down with them when we were in the field.

16 They have been a wall to us both by day and by night, all the days we have been with them, feeding the flock.

17 And now, know and consider what you should do; for evil has been determined against our lord, and on all his house. And he is a son of worthlessness, no one can speak to him.

18 ¶ And Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, and two skins of wine, and five prepared sheep, and five measures of roasted *grain*, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. And she set *them* on the asses.

19 And she said to her young men, Pass on before me. Behold, I am coming after you. But she did not declare *it* to her husband Nabal.

20 And it happened she was riding on the ass and coming down by the cover of the mountain. And, behold, David and his men were coming down to meet her; and she met them.

21 And David had said, Surely, in vain I have guarded all that *belongs* to this man in the wilderness so that not anything was missed of all that *was* his; and he has returned to me evil for good.

22 So may God do to the enemies of David, and may He do more so, if I leave any of all that is to him to the light of the morning, of one who urinates against a wall.

23 And Abigail saw David, and she hurried, and she dismounted from the ass and fell on her face before David and bowed to the earth.

24 And she fell at his feet and said, On me, even me, my lord, *be* the iniquity. And please, let your handmaid speak in your ears; and hear the words of your handmaid.

25 Please, do not let my lord set his heart toward this man of worthlessness, on Nabal. For as his name *is*, so *is* he. Nabal *is* his name, and foolishness *is* with him. And I, your handmaid, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

26 And now, my lord, *as* Jehovah lives, and *as* your soul lives, in that Jehovah has withheld you from coming in with blood, and delivering your hand for you; even now let your enemies be as Nabal, even those seeking evil to my lord.

27 And now this blessing which your handmaid has brought to my lord, even let it be given to the young men who walk at the feet of my lord.

28 Please, bear with the transgression of your handmaid, for making Jehovah shall make a sure house for my lord. For my lord has fought the battles of Jehovah, and evil has not been found in you *all* your days.

29 And *if* a man rises up to pursue you and to seek your soul, the soul of my lord will be bound up in the bundle of life with Jehovah your God; and the souls of your enemies, He shall sling them from the hollow of the sling.

30 And it shall be, when Jehovah does to my lord according to all the good which He has spoken concerning you, and has commanded you to *be* ruler over Israel,

31 that this shall not be for a cause of staggering, or of stumbling of heart to my lord, either to shed blood for nothing, or *that* my lord saved himself. And may Jehovah do good to my lord, and you remember your handmaid.

32 ¶ And David said to Abigail, Blessed *is* Jehovah the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today.

33 And blessed *is* your discernment. And blessed *are* you in that you have kept me from coming in with blood this day, and from delivering myself *with* my own hand.

34 And, indeed, *as* Jehovah the God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from doing evil to you, for unless you had hurried and had come to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal one who urinates against the wall till the light of morning.

35 And David received from her hand what she had brought to him. And he said to her, Go in peace to your house. See, I have heard your voice and have accepted your face.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal. And, behold, to him *was* a feast in his house, like the feast of the king. And Nabal's heart *felt* good within him, and he *was* drunk until excess. And she did not report to him a word, more or less, until the light of the morning.

37 And it happened in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, and his wife reported to him these things, even his heart died within him, and he became *like* a stone.

38 And it happened in about ten days, Jehovah struck Nabal and he died.

39 And David heard that Nabal had died, and said, Blessed *be* Jehovah who has contended for the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal; and His servant has been kept back from evil. And Jehovah has caused the evil of Nabal to return on his head. And David sent and spoke with Abigail, to take her to himself for a wife.

40 And David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, and spoke to her, saying, David has sent us to you to take you to him for a wife.

41 And she rose up and bowed her nose to the earth, and said, Behold, let your handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hurried and arose and rode on an ass, and five of her young women following her. And she went after David's messengers. And *she* became a wife to him.

43 And David had taken Ahinoam from Jezreel. And they became, even both of them, wives to him.

44 And Saul gave his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, who *was* of Gallim.

1 Samuel 26

1 Saul comes to Hachilah against David. 5 David stops Abishai from killing Saul, but takes his spear and cruse. 13 David reproves Abner, 18 and exhorts Saul. 21 Saul acknowledges his sin.

1 ¶ And the men of Ziph came to Saul, to Gibeah, saying, Is not David hiding himself in the hill of Hachilah, on the face of the desert?

2 And Saul rose up and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and three thousand men were with him, chosen ones of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah which *is* on the face of the desert, by the way. And David was dwelling in the wilderness. And he saw that Saul had come after him into the wilderness.

4 And David sent spies, and he knew that Saul had certainly come to Nachon.

5 And David rose up and came to the place where Saul camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay down. And Abner the son of Ner, his army commander, and Saul were lying within the barricade. And the people were camping all around him.

6 ¶ And David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, saying, Who shall go down with me to Saul, to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with you.

7 And David and Abishai came to the people by night. And, behold, Saul was lying down, sleeping within the barricade. And his spear was stuck into the earth at his head-place. And Abner and all the people were lying all around him.

8 And Abishai said to David, God has shut up your enemy into your hand today. And now please let me strike him with a spear, even to the earth one time, and I will not repeat *it* to him.

9 And David said to Abishai, Do not destroy him. For who shall put forth his hand against the anointed of Jehovah and be guiltless?

10 And David said, As Jehovah lives, except Jehovah strike him, or his day shall come and he dies, or he goes down and is devoured in battle,

11 far be it from me, by Jehovah, from putting forth my hand against the anointed of Jehovah. And now, please take the spear which *is* at his head-place, and the jar of water, and we will go.

12 And David took the spear and the jar of water at the head-place of Saul, and they went away. And no one was seeing; and no one knew; and no one was awake; for all of them *were* sleeping because a deep sleep *from* Jehovah had fallen on them.

13 ¶ And David crossed over *to* the other side and stood on the top of the hill far away, the distance between them *being* great.

14 And David called to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Do you not answer, Abner? And Abner replied and said, Who *are* you, *the one* calling to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, *Are* you not a man? And who *is* like you in Israel? But why have you not watched over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy your lord the king.

16 This which you have done *is* not a good thing. *As* Jehovah lives, you also are sons of death, in that you have not watched over your lord, over the anointed of Jehovah. And now, see where the king's spear is, and the jar of water which *was* at his head-place?

17 And Saul recognized the voice of David, and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, My voice, my lord, O king!

18 And he said, Why is this, *that* my lord is pursuing after his servant? For what have I done, and what in my hand *is* evil?

19 And now, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If Jehovah has moved you against me, let Him accept an offering. And if the sons of men, they *are* cursed before Jehovah; for they have driven me out today from joining myself with the inheritance of Jehovah, saying, Go, serve other gods.

20 And now, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of Jehovah, for the king of Israel has come out to seek one flea, as one hunts the partridge in the mountains.

21 ¶ And Saul said, I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I shall not do evil to you any more, instead of which my life *has been* precious in your eyes

today. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and I have erred exceedingly much.

22 And David answered and said, Behold, the king's spear! And let one of the young men cross over and take it.

23 And Jehovah will return to *each* man his righteousness and his faithfulness, in that Jehovah has delivered you into *my* hand, and I have not been willing to put forth *my* hand against the anointed of Jehovah.

24 And behold, as your life has been highly esteemed in my eyes today, so let my soul be highly esteemed in the eyes of Jehovah, and may He deliver me out of all distress.

25 And Saul said to David, Blessed *be* you, my son David. Both doing you shall do, also you shall surely be able. And David went on his way. And Saul returned to his place.

1 Samuel 27

1 Saul learns David is in Gath and no longer seeks him. 5 David begs Ziklag of Achish. 8 He strikes other lands. Achish thinks it was Judah.

1 ¶ And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul. Nothing *is* better for me than that slipping away I should slip away to the land of the Philistines. And Saul will despair of me, to still seek me in all the border of Israel, and I shall slip away out of his hand.

2 And David rose up and crossed over, he and six hundred men who *were* with him, to Achish the son of Maoch, the king of Gath.

3 And David lived with Achish in Gath, he and his men, *each* man and his household: David and his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the *former* wife of Nabal of Carmel.

4 And it was told to Saul that David had fled to Gath, and he did not seek for him any more.

5 And David said to Achish, Please, if I have found favor in your eyes, they shall give to me a place in one of the cities of the field, and I shall live there. Yea, why should your servant live in the city of the kingdom with you?

6 And Achish gave Ziklag to him in that day. Therefore, Ziklag has been *counted* to the kings of Judah until this day.

7 And the number of days which David lived in the field of the Philistines was *a year* of days and four months.

8 ¶ And David and his men went up and made a raid to the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites. For they *were* the *ones* living *in* the land which *were* from the past, as you come into Shur and into the land of Egypt.

9 And David struck the land, and did not let live man, or woman, and took sheep, and oxen, and asses, and camels, and garments, and turned back and returned to Achish.

10 And Achish said, Did you not make raids today? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and to the south of the Kenites.

11 David did not let live man or woman to bring news to Gath, saying, Lest they speak against us, saying, So David has done; And so *has been* his custom all the days that he has lived in the fields of the Philistines.

12 And Achish trusted David, saying, Surely he has made himself to be hated among his people in Israel, and has become my servant forever.

1 Samuel 28

1 Achish puts confidence in David. 3 Saul, having destroyed the mediums, 4 now being forsaken of God, seeks a medium. 9 She raises Samuel. 15 Saul hears of his ruin and faints.

1 ¶ And in those days it happened that the Philistines gathered their armies to go forth to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, Knowing you know that you shall go out with me in the army, you and your men.

2 And David said to Achish, Therefore you shall know that which your servant will do. And Achish said to David, Then I appoint you keeper of my head all the days.

3 And Samuel was dead. And all Israel had mourned for him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his city. And Saul had taken away the mediums and spirit-knowers out of the land.

4 And the Philistines had gathered and had come in and camped in Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they camped in Gilboa.

5 And Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, and his heart trembled and *he* greatly feared.

6 And Saul asked of Jehovah, but Jehovah did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.

7 ¶ And Saul said to his servants, Seek out for me a woman, a medium, and I will go to her and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, a woman, a mistress, a medium, is in En-dor.

8 And Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes. And he and two of the men with him went; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, Please divine for me *by* a medium, and bring up to me him whom I say to you.

9 And the woman said to him, Behold, you know that which Saul has done, that he has cut off mediums, and the spirit-knowers, out of the land. And why are you laying a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul swore to her by Jehovah, saying, As Jehovah lives, no guilt shall happen to you because of this thing.

11 And the woman said, Whom shall I bring up to you? And he said, Bring up Samuel to me.

12 And the woman saw Samuel, and cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why have you deceived me? For you *are* Saul!

13 And the king said to her, Do not be afraid. For what have you seen? And the woman said to Saul, I have seen gods coming up out of the earth.

14 And he said to her, What is his appearance? And she said, An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a robe. And Saul knew that he *was* Samuel. And *he* bowed *his* nose to the earth, and prostrated himself.

15 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disturbed me, to bring me up? And Saul said, Much distress *is* to me, and the Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned from me and has not answered me any more, either by the hand of the prophets, or by dreams. And I called for you to make known to me what I should do.

16 And Samuel said, And why do you ask me, since Jehovah has turned aside from you and is your adversary?

17 And Jehovah is doing for Himself as He spoke by my hand. And Jehovah is tearing the kingdom out of your hand, and *is*

giving it to your neighbor, to David.

18 Because you did not listen to the voice of Jehovah, or execute the anger of His wrath on Amalek, on this account Jehovah is doing this thing to you today.

19 Yea, Jehovah is also giving Israel into the hand of the Philistines along with you. And tomorrow you and your sons also *will be* with me. And Jehovah will give the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

20 ¶ And Saul hurried and fell the full length of his stature to the earth, and greatly feared from the words of Samuel; also there was no strength in him, for he had not eaten food all that day, and all the night.

21 And the woman came to Saul. And *she* saw that he was much terrified, and said to him, Behold, your handmaid has listened to your voice, and I put my life in my hand, and I obeyed your words which you spoke to me.

22 And now, please, you also listen to the voice of your servant, and I will set before you a bit of bread; and eat, and there will be strength in you when you go on your way.

23 And he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants broke him down, and the woman also. And he listened to their voices and rose from the earth and sat on the bed.

24 And a calf of the stall *was* to the woman in the house. And she hurried and slaughtered it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and baked unleavened *cakes* of it.

25 And *she* brought *it* near before Saul, and before his servants. And they ate, and rose up, and went on during that night.

1 Samuel 29

1 David marches with the Philistines. 3 He is disallowed by their rulers. 6 Achish dismisses him with commendations of his fidelity.

1 ¶ And the Philistines gathered all their armies to Aphek. And Israel was camped at a fountain which *is* in Jezreel.

2 And the Philistine rulers were passing on by hundreds and by thousands. And David and his men were passing on in the rear with Achish.

3 And the leaders of the Philistines said, What *are* these Hebrews? And Achish said to the Philistine leaders, Is this not David the servant of Saul the king of Israel who

has been with me *these* days and years? And I have not found anything *evil* in him from the day he fell away until today.

4 And the Philistine leaders were angry against him. And the Philistine leaders said to him, Send the man back, and he shall return to his place there where you have appointed him. And he shall not go down with us into battle, and shall not become an adversary to us in battle. And with what should this one give pleasure to his master, if not with the heads of these men?

5 Is this not David, of whom they answer in dances, saying, Saul has killed his thousands, and David his myriads?

6 ¶ And Achish called David and said to him, As Jehovah lives, surely you *are* an upright and a good *one* in my eyes in your going out and in your coming in with me in the camp. For I have not found evil in you from the day of your coming in to me until today; but you are not a good *one* in the eyes of the rulers.

7 And now return, and go in peace, that you not do evil in the eyes of the rulers of the Philistines.

8 And David said to Achish, But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant from the day that I have been before until today, that I may not go in and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Achish answered and said to David, I have known that you are a good *one* in my eyes, like an angel of God, yet the leaders of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us into battle.

10 And now, you and the servants of your lord who have come with you, you rise early in the morning, and light is to you, *then* go.

11 And David rose up early, he and his men, to go in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

1 Samuel 30

1 The Amalekites plunder Ziklag. 7 David is encouraged by God to pursue them. 11 He recovers all the plunder. 22 David's law to divide the spoil equally. 26 He sends presents to his friends.

1 ¶ And it happened when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the

Amalekites had raided to the Negeb, even to Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag and burned it with fire.

2 And they took captive the women who *were* in it, from the small even to the great; they did not cause anyone to die, but they led them away, and went *on* their way.

3 And David and his men came into the city. And, behold! *It was* burned with fire! And their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

4 And David and the people who *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no power in them to weep.

5 And the two wives of David had been taken, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the former wife of Nabal of Carmel.

6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people said to stone him. For the soul of the people was bitter, *each* man for his sons and for his daughters. And David made himself strong in Jehovah his God.

7 ¶ And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, Please bring the ephod near to me. And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

8 And David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake it? And He said to him, Pursue, for overtaking you will overtake, and recovering you shall recover.

9 So David went on, he and six hundred men who *were* with him. And they came to the torrent Besor. And those that were left stood.

10 And David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred men stood, who were too exhausted to pass over the torrent Besor.

11 And they found a man, an Egyptian, in the field, and took him to David, and gave him food, and he ate. And they made him drink water.

12 And *they* gave to him a piece of fig-cake, and two bunches of raisins. And he ate, and his spirit returned to him, for he had not eaten food nor drunk water three days and three nights.

13 And David said to him, Whose *are* you? And from where do you come? And he said, I am an Egyptian youth, slave to an Amalekite man. And my lord abandoned me, for I had been sick three days.

14 We raided the south of the Cherethites, and went against that *belonging* to Judah, and against the south of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag with fire.

15 And David said to him, Are you able to bring me down to this troop? And he said, Swear to me by God that you will not cause me to die, nor close me up into my master's hand, and I will bring you down to this troop.

16 And he brought him down. And, behold, *they were* spread out over the face of all the earth, eating and drinking and feasting, with all the great plunder which they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day. And not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David recovered his two wives.

19 And nothing was missing to them, from the small even to the great, and to sons and daughters, and from the plunder, even to all that they had taken for themselves; David brought back the whole of it.

20 And David took all the flock, and the herd. They drove on before those *other* cattle. And they said, This *is* David's plunder.

21 ¶ And David came to the two hundred men who were too exhausted to go after David, and whom they caused to remain at the torrent Besor. And they went out to meet David, and to meet the people with him. And David came up to the people, and asked them of *their* peace.

22 And every evil and worthless man of the men who had gone with David answered, and they said, Because they did not go with me, we will not give to them from the plunder which we have plundered, except *to each* man his wife and his sons. And let them take them and go.

23 And David said, You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which Jehovah has given to us. And He has protected us, and has given the troop which came against us into our hand.

24 And who will listen to you in this thing? For as the portion of him who goes down to battle, so shall be his share who remains by the baggage. They shall share together.

25 And it was *so*, from that day and forward he commanded it for a statute and for an ordinance for Israel to this day.

26 And David came to Ziklag. And he sent of the plunder to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, Behold, a blessing for you of the plunder of the enemies of Jehovah;

27 to those in Bethel, and to those in Ramoth of the Negeb, and to those in Jattir,

28 and to those in Aroer, and to those in Siphmoth, and to those in Eshtemoa,

29 and to those in Rachal, and to those in the cities of Jerahmeel, and to those in the cities of the Kenites,

30 and to those in Hormah, and to those in Chorashan, and to those in Athach,

31 and to those in Hebron, and to all the places where David had gone up and down, he and his men.

1 Samuel 31

1 Saul and his armor bearer kill themselves.

7 The Philistines possess the towns of Israel.

11 The people of Jabesh-gilead recover and burn

the bodies of Saul and his three sons by night,

1 ¶ And the Philistines were fighting against Israel. And the men of Israel fled from the face of the Philistines, and they fell down wounded in Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed Saul and his sons. And the Philistines struck Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.

3 And the battle went hard against Saul. And the archers, men with the bow, found him and he was sorely wounded by the archers.

4 And Saul said to his armorbearer, Draw your sword and thrust it through me, lest these uncircumcised ones come and thrust it through me and abuse me. But his armorbearer would not, for he was much afraid. So Saul took the sword and fell on it.

5 And his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, and he also fell on his sword and died with him.

6 And Saul and three of his sons, and his armorbearer, and all his men died together on that day.

7 And the men of Israel who *were* beyond the valley, and who *were* beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they abandoned the cities and fled. And the Philistines came in and lived in them.

8 ¶ And it happened on the next day, the Philistines came to strip the wounded. And they found Saul and his three sons fallen down on Mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his weapons, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around to bear the news

in the house of their idols, and *among* the people.

10 And they put his weapons in the house io Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body on the wall of Beth-shan.

11 and when they, those living in Jabesh-gilead, heard about it, that which the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 then all the men of strength rose up, and they went all the night; and *they* took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, from the wall of Beth-shan. And *they* came to Jabesh, and burned them there.

13 And they took their bones and buried *them* under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh. And *they* fasted seven days.

The Second Book of SAMUEL

2 Samuel 1

1 The Amalekite, who brought tidings of the overthrow, and accused himself of Saul's death, is executed. 17 David laments Saul and Jonathan.

1 ¶ And it happened, after the dying of Saul, David returned from striking the Amalekites; and David remained in Ziklag two days.

2 And it happened in the third day, behold, a man came in out of the camp from Saul. And his garments were torn, and earth on his head. And it happened as he came to David, he fell to the earth and bowed himself.

3 And David said to him, From where do you come? And he said to him, I have escaped out of the camp of Israel.

4 And David said to him, How was the matter? Please tell me. And he answered, The people fled from the battle and also a multitude of the people have fallen, and they died, and also Saul and his son Jonathan have died.

5 And David said to the youth who was telling him, How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan have died?

6 And the youth who was telling him said, Drawing near I happened to be on Mount Gilboa. And behold, Saul was leaning on his spear. And, behold, the chariots and the masters of horses closely pursued him!

7 And he turned behind him and he saw me and called to me. And I said, Behold me.

8 And he said to me, Who *are* you? And I said, I *am* an Amalekite.

9 And he said to me, Please stand over me and kill me, for agony has seized me; for all my life is still in me.

10 And I stood over him and caused him to die, for I knew that he could not live after his falling. And I took the crown on his head, and *the* bracelet on his arm, and I brought them to my lord here.

11 ¶ And David took hold on his garments and tore them; and also all the men with him *did* so.

12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until the evening, for Saul, and for his son Jonathan, and for the people of Jehovah, and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

13 And David said to the youth who told him, From where *are* you? And he said, I *am* the son of a foreign man, an Amalekite.

14 And David said to him, Why were you not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the anointed of Jehovah?

15 And David called to one of the young men, and said, Draw near and fall on him. And he struck him, and he died.

16 And David said to him, Your blood *be* on your own head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I caused to die the anointed of Jehovah.

17 ¶ And David chanted this dirge over Saul, and over his son Jonathan;

18 and he said to teach the sons of Judah *The Song of the Bow*. Behold, it is written in the Book of Jasher:

19 The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places. How are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath; do not make *it* known in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

21 Mountains of Gilboa, *let* not dew and not do *let* rain *be* on you, and not fields of offerings; for there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not *being* anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back; and the sword of Saul did not return empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan! *They* were beloved and delightful in their lives; and in their death they were not parted. They

were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions.

24 Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with scarlet delights, who brought ornaments of gold on your clothing.

25 How *are* the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain on your high places!

26 Distress *is* to me over you, my brother Jonathan. You were very delightful to me; your love was wonderful to me, more than the love of women.

27 How *are* the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

2 Samuel 2

1 David goes to Hebron; he is made king of Judah.

8 Abner makes Ishbosheth king of Israel. 12 A mortal skirmish between twelve of Abner's and twelve of Joab's men. 18 Asahel is slain.

1 ¶ And it happened after this, David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah? And Jehovah said to him, Go up. And David said, Where shall I go up? And He said, To Hebron.

2 And David went up there, and also his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the *former* wife of Nabal of Carmel.

3 And his men that *were* with him, David brought up, *each* man and his household. And they lived in the city of Hebron.

4 And the men of Judah came and anointed David to *be* king over the house of Judah there. And they told David, saying, *It was* the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul.

5 And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, Blessed *are* you of Jehovah that you have done this kindness with your lord, with Saul, that you have buried him.

6 And now, may Jehovah do with you *in* kindness and truth. And I also will do good to you because you have done this thing.

7 And now, let your hands be made strong, and be sons of strength, for your lord Saul *is* dead. And also, the house of Judah has anointed me to *be* king over them.

8 ¶ And Abner the son of Ner, the commander of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and caused him to cross over to Mahanaim.

9 And *he* caused him to reign over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ishbosheth the son of Saul *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah *followed* after David.

11 And it happened, the number of the days that David was king in Hebron, over the house of Judah, was seven years and six months.

12 And Abner the son of Ner and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13 And Joab the son of Zeruah, and David's servants went out. And they met by the pool of Gibeon together and sat down, these by the pool on this *side*, and those by the pool on that *side*.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men rise up now and make sport before us. And Joab said, Let them rise.

15 And they rose up and passed over by number, twelve for Benjamin, and for Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And *each* man seized the head of his companion, and *thrust* his sword into the side of his companion. And they fell together. And *one* called that place The Field of Rocks, which is in Gibeon.

17 And the battle was very hard on that day, and the men of Israel and Abner were stricken before David's servants.

18 ¶ And there were three sons of Zeruah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel. And Asahel *was* swift with his feet, like one of the gazelles which *is* in the field.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner, and did not turn to go to the right or to the left from *following* after Abner.

20 And Abner looked behind him, and said, *Is* this you Asahel? And he said, *It is* I.

21 And Abner said to him, Turn aside to your right, or to your left, and seize one of the young men for yourself, and take his plunder for yourself. And Asahel was not willing to turn aside from after him.

22 And Abner said yet again to Asahel, Turn aside yourself from after me. Why

should I strike you to the ground? And how shall I lift up my face to your brother Joab?

23 And he refused to turn aside. And Abner struck him *in* the fifth rib with the butt of the spear. And the spear came out from behind him; and he fell there, and died in his place. And it happened that all who came to the place, there where Asahel fell and died, they stood still.

24 And Joab and Abishai ran after Abner, and the sun was going. And they came to the hill of Ammah which is before Giah, *by* the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 ¶ And the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a certain hill.

26 And Abner called to Joab, and said, Does *the* sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the end? And until when will you say to the people to turn back from after their brothers?

27 And Joab said, As God lives, for if you had not spoken, surely then in the morning the people would have gone up, *each* man from after his brother.

28 And Joab blew the rams' horn. And all the people stood still, and did not still pursue after Israel; and not did they still fight again.

29 And Abner and his men went through the Arabah all that night, and crossed the Jordan, and went all the forenoon, and came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from after Abner. And *he* gathered all the people. And there were lacking nineteen men of David's servants, and Asahel.

31 And David's servants had struck three hundred and sixty men of Benjamin, even among the men of Abner *who* died.

32 And they lifted up Asahel and buried him in the grave of his father, which *is in* Bethlehem. And they went all night, Joab and his men; and it was light to them *coming* into Hebron.

2 Samuel 3

1 David is stronger. 2 Six sons were born to him in Hebron. 12 Abner joins David. 22 Joab murders Abner. 31 David mourns for Abner.

1 ¶ And there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. And

David *was* going on and *was* strong, but the house of Saul *was* going on and *was* weak.

2 And sons were born to David in Hebron. And his first-born *was* Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel.

3 And his second *was* Chileab, of Abigail the *former* wife of Nabal of Carmel. And the third *was* Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur.

4 And the fourth *was* Adonijah the son of Haggith. And the fifth *was* Shephatiah the son of Abital.

5 And the sixth *was* Ithream, of Eglah the wife of David. These were born to David in Hebron.

6 And it happened while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul.

7 ¶ And to Saul *was* a concubine, and her name was Rizpah the daughter of Aiah. And *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?

8 And Abner was exceedingly angry over the words of Ishbosheth. And he said, *Am* I a dog's head, that I act with kindness with the house of your father Saul *in regards* to Judah today, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not caused you to be found in the hand of David, and you charge a stroke against me *with* the woman today?

9 May God do so to Abner, and add to it so, if I do not do to David as Jehovah has sworn,

10 that thus I will do for him, to cause to pass over the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to establish the throne of David over Israel and over Judah from Dan even to Beer-sheba.

11 And he was not able yet to return a word to Abner, because he feared him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David in his place, saying, Whose *is* the land? And saying, Cut your covenant with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with you, to bring all Israel around to you.

13 And he said, Good, I will cut a covenant with you, but one thing I ask of you, saying, You shall not see my face except you first bring Michal the daughter of Saul when you come to see my face.

14 And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth the son of Saul, saying, Give up my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself with a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

15 And Ishbosheth sent and took her from *her* man, from Phaltiel the son of Laish.

16 And her man went with her, going on and weeping behind her to Bahurim. And Abner said to him, Go, return. And he returned.

17 And the word of Abner was with the elders of Israel, saying, Before now you have been seeking David for king over you.

18 And now do *it*. For Jehovah has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of My servant David he will save My people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin. And Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that *was* good in the eyes of Israel, and in the eyes of all the house of Benjamin.

20 And Abner came to David, to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made a feast for Abner and for the men with him.

21 And Abner said to David, let me rise up and go, and gather to my lord the king all Israel. And they shall cut a covenant with you. And you shall reign over all that your soul desires. And David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop. And *they* brought much plunder with them. And Abner *was* not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away; and he had gone in peace.

23 And Joab and all the army that *was* with him had come. And they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner has come to the king. And he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace.

24 And Joab came to the king, and said, What have you done? Behold, Abner has come to you; why *is* this, that you have sent him away, and going he is gone?

25 You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your

going out and your coming in, and to know all that you are doing.

26 And Joab went out from David, and sent messengers after Abner. And they brought him back from the well of Sirah. But David did not know it.

27 And Abner returned *to* Hebron. And Joab turning him aside into the middle of the gate, to speak with him privately, even *he* struck him *in* the fifth rib there, and he died, because of the blood of his brother Asahel.

28 And afterward David heard, and said, I and my kingdom *are* innocent from before Jehovah forever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner.

29 May it whirl about the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that has a discharge, or that is leprous, or that leans on a staff, or who falls by the sword, or that lacks bread!

30 And Joab and his brother Abishai killed Abner because he had caused their brother Asahel to die in Gibeon, in battle.

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people with him, Tear your garments and gird on sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And King David walked after the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented for Abner, and said, Should Abner die like the death of a foolish *one*?

34 Your hands *were* not bound, and your feet were not brought into bronze *fetters*. As one falls before *sons* of evil, you have fallen! And all the people wept again over him.

35 And all the people came to cause David to eat food while *it was* yet day. But David swore, saying, So may God do to me, and still more, if I taste bread or *anything* before the sun goes in.

36 And all the people took notice, and it was good in their eyes. As to all the king did, *it was* good in the eyes of all the people.

37 And all the people, even all Israel, knew in that day that it was not from the king to cause Abner the son of Ner to die.

38 And the king said to his servants, Do you not know that a leader and a great one has fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I *am* weak today, though anointed king. And these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too hard for me. May Jehovah reward the doer of evil according to his evil!

2 Samuel 4

1 The Israelites troubled by the death of Abner.

2 Baanah and Rechab kill Ishbosheth and bring his head to Hebron.

1 ¶ And the son of Saul heard that Abner was dead in Hebron. And his hands were feeble; and all *those in* Israel were terrified.

2 And Saul's son had two men, troop commanders, one's name *being* Baanah, and the other's name Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for Beeroth also is counted to Benjamin).

3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and are aliens there to this day.

4 And to Jonathan the son of Saul was a son *with* crippled feet. He was a son of five years when the news of Saul and Jonathan came out of Jezreel; and his nurse lifted him up and fled; and it happened as she hurried to flee, that he fell and became lame; and his name *was* Mephibosheth.

5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went and came at the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth. And he was lying *on his* bed *at* noon.

6 And they came to the middle of the house, bringing wheat. And they struck him to the fifth rib. And Rechab and his brother Baanah escaped.

7 And they entered the house, and he was lying on his bed in his bedroom; and they struck him and killed him, and took off his head. And they took his head and went the way of the Arabah all the night.

8 And *they* brought Ishbosheth's head to David in Hebron, and said to the king, Behold, the head of Ishbosheth the son of your enemy Saul, who sought your life. And may Jehovah give to my lord the king vengeance this day, on Saul and on his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rechab and his brother Baanah, the sons of Rimmon the

Beerothite, and said to them, As Jehovah lives, who has redeemed my life out of all distress,

10 when one spoke to me, saying, Behold Saul *is* dead, and he was as a bearer of good news in his own eyes; even I seized and killed him in Ziklag. I gave that to him as a reward.

11 And when wicked men have slain a righteous man in his own house on his bed, should I not even now seek his blood from your hand, and burn you from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men. And they killed them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hung *them* over the pool in Hebron. And they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it *in the* burying place of Abner in Hebron.

2 Samuel 5

1 The tribes come to Hebron to anoint David over Israel. 4 David's age. 6 He takes Zion from the Jebusites and lives in it. 13 Eleven sons are born to him in Jerusalem. 17 David kills the Philistines at the Breaches of Baal, 22 and again at the weeping trees.

1 ¶ And all the tribes of Israel came to David, to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we *are* your bone and we *are* your flesh.

2 Both yesterday and the day before, when Saul was king over us, you were he who led out and brought in Israel. And Jehovah said to you, You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be for a leader over Israel.

3 And all the elders of Israel came to the king, to Hebron. And King David cut a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah. And they anointed David to *be* king over Israel.

4 And David was a son of thirty years when he became king; he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ¶ And the king and his men went *to* Jerusalem, to the Jebusites, *those* dwelling in the land. And one spoke to David, saying, You shall not come in here except the blind *ones* and the lame *ones* will turn you away, saying, David cannot come in here.

7 And David captured the stronghold of Zion. *It is* the city of David.

8 And David said on that day, Anyone who strikes the Jebusite, let him reach by the water shaft and *take* the lame *ones* and the blind *ones*, the hated of the soul of David. On account of this they say, The blind *one* and the lame *one* shall not enter into the house.

9 And David lived in the stronghold, and called it *the* city of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward.

10 And David went on and became great. And Jehovah the God of Hosts *was* with him.

11 ¶ And Hiram the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and craftsmen in wood, and craftsmen in stone *for* the wall; and they built a house for David.

12 And David knew that Jehovah had established him for king over Israel, and that He had lifted up his kingdom because of His people Israel.

13 And David again took concubines and wives out of Jerusalem after he came from Hebron. And again sons and daughters were born to David.

14 These *are* the names of those born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

15 and Ibhaz, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

16 and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

17 ¶ And the Philistines heard that they had anointed David to *be* king over Israel. And all the Philistines came up to seek David. And David heard and went down to the stronghold.

18 And the Philistines came and were spread out in the Valley of the Giants.

19 And David asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Will You give them into my hand? And Jehovah said to David, Go up, for giving I will give the Philistines into your hand.

20 And David came to the Breaches of Baal. And David struck them there, and said, Jehovah has broken forth *on* my enemies before me as the breaking forth of waters. On account of this he called the name of that place The Breaches of Baal.

21 And they abandoned their idols there; and David and his men took them away.

22 And the Philistines again came up and were spread out in the Valley of the Giants.

23 And David asked of Jehovah, and He said, You shall not go up. Turn around to *go* after them, and come to them in front of the weeping trees.

24 And it shall be, when you hear the sound of the marching in the tops of the weeping trees, then you shall strike. For then Jehovah shall go out before you to strike the army of the Philistines.

25 And David did so, *that* which Jehovah commanded him. And *he* struck the Philistines from Geba until you come to Gezer.

2 Samuel 6

1 David gets the ark from Kirjath-jearim on a new cart. 6 Uzzah is killed at The Breach of Uzzah. 12 David brings the ark to Zion with sacrifices and dances before it. 17 He places it in a tent with great joy and feasting.

1 ¶ And David again gathered every chosen one in Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David rose up and went, and all the people with him, from Baal-judah, to bring up the ark of God from there which *is* called by the Name, the Name of Jehovah of Hosts, who dwells *above* the cherubs.

3 And they caused the ark of God to ride on a new cart, and took it from the house of Abinadab, which *is* on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio the sons of Abinadab *were* leading the new cart.

4 And they took it from the house of Abinadab, which *is* on the hill, with the ark of God. And Ahio *was* going before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel *were* dancing before Jehovah with all *instruments* of fir wood, with lyres and with harps, and with tambourines, and with sistra, and with cymbals.

6 ¶ And when they came to the threshing-floor of Nachon, and Uzzah reached out to the ark of God, and took hold of it, for the oxen *nearly* upset *it*,

7 then the anger of Jehovah burned against Uzzah. And God struck him there for the fault. And he died there by the ark of God.

8 And it angered David because Jehovah broke out a break against Uzzah. And one calls that place The Breach of Uzzah to this day.

9 And David feared Jehovah on that day, and said, How shall the ark of Jehovah come to me?

10 And David was not willing to bring the ark of Jehovah to himself, to the city of David. And David turned it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

11 And the ark of Jehovah remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months. And Jehovah blessed Obed-edom and all his house.

12 ¶ And it was told to King David, saying, Jehovah has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that *is* his, because of the ark of God. And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with joy.

13 And it happened, when those bearing the ark of Jehovah had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

14 And David was dancing with all *his* might before Jehovah. And David *was* girded with a linen ephod.

15 And David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of Jehovah with shouting, and with the sound of a rams' horn.

16 And it happened, *when* the ark of Jehovah had come to the city of David, and Michal the daughter of Saul looked through the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before Jehovah, she despised him in her heart.

17 And they brought the ark of Jehovah in, and set it up in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And David caused burnt offerings to be offered before Jehovah, and peace offerings.

18 And David finished offering the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings, and blessed the people in the name of Jehovah of Hosts.

19 And he shared out to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, from man even to woman, to *each* man a cake of bread and one date cake and one raisin cake. And all the people left, *each* man to his house.

20 ¶ And David returned to bless his house. And Michal the daughter of Saul

went out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovering was uncovered today before the eyes of the slave-girls of his servants, as one of the vain *ones* uncovers himself.

21 And David said to Michal, Before Jehovah, who chose me over your father and over all your father's house, to command me *to be* leader over the people of Jehovah, and over Israel, so I danced before Jehovah.

22 And I will be yet lighter than this, and shall be lowly in my own eyes. But with the slave-girls of whom you spoke, with them I will be honored.

23 And there was no child to Michal the daughter of Saul until the day of her death.

2 Samuel 7

1 Nathan first approves of David building Jehovah a house 4 later Jehovah forbids him. 12 He promises him benefits and blessings in his seed.

18 David's prayer and thanksgiving.

1 ¶ And it happened, when the king lived in his house, and Jehovah had given him rest from all his enemies all around,

2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, See, now, I am living in a house of cedar, and the ark of God dwells within tent curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, All that *is* in your heart, go, do. For Jehovah *shall be* with you.

4 ¶ And it happened in that night, the Word of Jehovah was to Nathan, saying,

5 Go, and you shall say to My servant, to David, So says Jehovah, Will you build a house for Me, for My dwelling?

6 For I have not dwelt in a house even from the day of My bringing the sons of Israel out of Egypt, I have been going about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.

7 In all *places* in which I have gone with all of the sons of Israel, have I spoken a word with one of the tribes of Israel, *those* I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, Why have you not built for me a house of cedars?

8 And now, so you shall say to My servant, to David, So says Jehovah of Hosts, I have taken you from the resting place, from following the flock, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.

9 And I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you and have made you a great name, like the name of the great *men* who are on the earth.

10 And I will appoint a place for My people, for Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and not be made to tremble any more; and not shall the sons of evil afflict them again, as at the first,

11 even from the day I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel. And I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. And Jehovah declares to you that Jehovah will make you a house.

12 When your days *are* fulfilled, and you lie with your fathers, even I shall raise up your seed after you, who shall come out from your loins, and I shall establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I shall be to him for a father, and he shall be to Me for a son. When he sins, then I will chasten him with a rod of men, and with strokes of the sons of men.

15 But My kindness shall not be turned aside from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I turned aside from before you.

16 And your house shall be established, and your kingdom before you forever. Your throne *shall be* established forever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

18 ¶ And King David came in and sat before Jehovah, and said: Who *am* I, O Lord Jehovah, and what *is* my house, that You have brought me to here?

19 And this was yet but little in Your eyes, O Lord Jehovah. But You have spoken also of Your servant's house for a time afar off; and *is* this the law of men, O Lord Jehovah?

20 And what more can David add to say to You? And You know Your servant, O Lord Jehovah.

21 Because of Your Word, and according to Your heart, You have done all this greatness to make Your servant know.

22 On account of this, O Jehovah God, You are great; for there is none like You;

and there is no God except You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation in the earth that God went to redeem to be a people for Himself, and to make Himself a name, and to do for You great and fearful things for Your land, before Your people which You redeemed to You from Egypt, *from* nations and their gods?

24 Yea, You have established Your people Israel to Yourself, to You for a people forever. And You, O Jehovah, have become to them for God.

25 And now, O Jehovah God, establish the Word which You have spoken concerning Your servant, and concerning his house, forever. And do as You have spoken.

26 And Your name shall be great forever, saying, Jehovah of Hosts *is* God over Israel, and the house of Your servant David is established before You.

27 For You, O Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, You have uncovered the ear of Your servant, saying, I will build a house for you. On account of this Your servant has found his heart to pray to You this prayer.

28 And now, O Lord Jehovah, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You speak this goodness to Your servant.

29 And now, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, to be forever before You. For You, O Lord Jehovah, have spoken, and with Your blessing shall the house of Your servant be blessed forever.

2 Samuel 8

1 David subdues the Philistines and the Moabites.

3 He kills Hadadezer and the Syrians. 9 Toi sends Joram with presents to bless him.

1 ¶ And it happened afterward, David struck the Philistines, and humbled them. And David took the Bridle of the Mother City out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he struck Moab, and measured them with a line; making them to lie down on the ground. And he measured two lines to cause *them* to die, and the fulness of the line to keep alive. And the Moabites were slaves to David, bearing a gift.

3 And David struck Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the River.

4 And David captured from him seventeen hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. And David hamstringed all of the chariot *horses*; but he left a hundred chariots of them.

5 And the Syrians of Damascus came to give help to Hadadezer the king of Zobah. And David struck twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians.

6 And David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus. And the Syrians became servants to David, bearing a gift. And Jehovah saved David in all *places* in which he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold which were on Hadadezer's servants and bore them to Jerusalem.

8 And King David took very much bronze from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer.

9 ¶ And Toi the king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer.

10 And Toi sent his son Joram to King David to ask of his peace, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him. For Hadadezer had been a man of wars against Toi. And in his hand were silver articles, and golden articles, and bronze articles.

11 King David also dedicated them to Jehovah, with the silver and the gold which he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued:

12 from Syria, and from Moab, and from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek, and from the plunder of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, the king of Zobah.

13 And David made a name *for himself* when he returned, after he had struck the Syrians in the Valley of Salt, eighteen thousand *men*.

14 And he put garrisons in all Edom, in all Edom he put garrisons, and all Edom became servants to David. And Jehovah saved David in all places in which he went.

15 ¶ And David reigned over all Israel, and David did judgment and righteousness to all his people.

16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* the recorder;

17 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar *were* priests; and Seraiah *was* scribe;

18 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were priests.

2 Samuel 9

1 David by Ziba sends for Mephibosheth. 7 For Jonathan's sake he entertains him at his table and returns to him all that was Saul's. 9 He makes Ziba the manager of his estate.

1 ¶ And David said, Is there yet *any* who remain left to the house of Saul, that I may do with him kindness because of Jonathan?

2 And to the house of Saul *was* a servant, and his name *was* Ziba. And they called him to David. And the king said to him, *Are* you Ziba? And he said, Your servant!

3 And the king said, *Is there* not yet a man to the house of Saul, that I may do with him the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, *There is* yet a son to Jonathan, lame in both feet.

4 And the king said to him, *Where is* he? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar.

5 And King David sent and took him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, of Lo-debar.

6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul came to David and fell on his face, and prostrated himself. And David said, Mephibosheth! And he said, Behold, your servant.

7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for doing I will do with you kindness because of your father Jonathan. And I will give back to you all the land of your father Saul. And you shall eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed and said, *What is* your servant, that you should turn to *a* dead dog which *is* like me?

9 ¶ And the king called to Ziba the servant of Saul, and said to him, All that *belonged* to Saul and to all his house, I have given to the son of your lord.

10 And you shall till the land for him, you and your sons and your servants. And you shall bring in *the fruits*, so that your master's son may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread continually at my table. And Ziba had fifteen sons, and twenty servants.

11 And Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant will do. And Mephibosheth *was* eating at my table like one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth *had* a young son, and his name *was* Micha. And everyone living in Ziba's house were servants to Mephibosheth.

13 And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the table of the king. And he *was* lame in both his feet.

2 Samuel 10

1 David's servants are sent to comfort Hanun.

Hanun humiliates them. 6 The Ammonites are overcome by Joab and Abishai. 15 Shobach is slain by David.

1 ¶ And it happened afterward, the king of the Ammonites died. And his son Hanun reigned in his place.

2 And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me. And David sent to comfort him concerning his father by the hand of his servants. And David's servants came into the land of the sons of Ammon.

3 And the leaders of the sons of Ammon said to their lord Hanun, Is David honoring your father in your eyes, because he has sent comforters to you? Has not David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?

4 And Hanun took David's servants and shaved off half of their beards, and cut off their long robes in the center, to their buttocks; and *he* sent them away.

5 And they told David, and he sent to meet them; for the men were very humiliated. And the king said, Remain in Jericho until your beard grows; then you shall return.

6 ¶ And the sons of Ammon saw that they were odious to David. And the sons of

Ammon sent and hired Syrians from Beth-rehob, and Syrians from Zobah, twenty thousand footmen; and the king of Maacah *with* a thousand men; and the men of Tob *with* twelve thousand men.

7 And David heard, and he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty *men*.

8 And the sons of Ammon came out and set in order *for* battle *at* the opening of the gate. And the Syrians of Zobah, and Rehob, and the men of Tob, and Maacah were by themselves in the field.

9 And Joab saw that the face of the battle from the front was against him before and behind. And he chose from all the chosen in Israel, and set *them* in order to meet the Syrians.

10 And the rest of the people he gave into the hand of his brother Abishai, and he set in order to meet the sons of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians are stronger than I, then you shall be for me for help; and if the sons of Ammon are stronger than you, then I will come to help you.

12 Be strong, and let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of our God. And may Jehovah do that which seems good in His eyes.

13 And Joab and the people who *were* with him drew near to battle against the Syrians; and they fled before him.

14 And the sons of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, and they fled before Abishai, and went into the city. And Joab returned from the sons of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 ¶ And the Syrians saw that they were stricken before Israel. And they gathered together.

16 And Hadarezer sent and brought out the Syrians which *were* beyond the River. And they came to Helam, and Shobach *was* the commander of the army of Hadarezer before them.

17 And it was told to David. And he gathered all Israel, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in order to meet David. And they fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed from Syria seven hundred *in* chariots, and forty thousand horsemen. And

he struck Shobach the commander of the army, and he died there.

19 And all the kings, the servants of Hadarezer, saw that they had been stricken before Israel. And *they* made peace with Israel, and served them. And Syria feared to help the sons of Ammon any more.

2 Samuel 11

1 While Joab besieged Rabbah, David committed adultery with Bath-sheba. 6 Uriah, sent for by David to cover the adultery, would not go home. 14 He carries to Joab the letter of his death. 18 Joab sends news to David. 26 David weds Bath-sheba.

1 ¶ And it happened at the turn of the year, at the time *when* messengers go out, David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they destroyed the sons of Ammon, and lay siege to Rabbah. But David abode at Jerusalem.

2 And it happened at evening time, David rose up from his bed and walked up and down on the roof of the king's house. And *he saw* from the roof a woman bathing. And the woman *was* very good of form.

3 And David sent and asked about the woman. And one said, Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers and took her. And she came to him, and he lay with her. And she purified herself from uncleanness, and she returned to her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent, and told David. And *she* said, I *am* pregnant.

6 ¶ And David sent to Joab, Send Uriah the Hittite to me. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And Uriah came to him. And David asked the peace of Joab, and the peace of the people, and of the success of the war.

8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house and wash your feet. And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a gift from the king went out after him.

9 Uriah lay down at the entrance of the king's house, with all the servants of his lord. And *he* did not go down to his house.

10 And they told David, saying, Uriah did not go down to his house. And David said to Uriah, Have you not come from a journey? Why have you not gone down to your house?

11 And Uriah said to David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah dwell in booths. And my lord Joab, and my lord's servants are camping on the face of the field. And I, shall I go into my house to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *As* you live, and *as* your soul lives, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to Uriah, Abide here today also, and tomorrow I will send you away. And Uriah remained in Jerusalem on that day, and on the next day.

13 And David called for him, and he ate and drank before him. And he made him drunk, and he went out in the evening to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord. And he did not go down to his house.

14 ¶ And it happened in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Place Uriah in the front of the strongest battle, and withdraw from him, that he may be struck, and die.

16 And it happened, as Joab watched the city, that he sent Uriah to the place where he knew *would be* men of strength.

17 And the men of the city went out and fought with Joab, and *some* of the people fell of David's servants. And Uriah the Hittite also died.

18 And Joab sent and told David all the matters of the war.

19 And *he* commanded the messenger, saying, As you finish all the matters of the war, speaking to the king,

20 even it shall be, if the king's fury rises, and he says to you, Why did you draw near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from off the wall?

21 Who killed Abimelech the son of Jerubesheth? Did not a woman throw a piece of a riding millstone on him from the wall, and he died in Thebez? Why did you draw near to the wall? Then you shall say, Also your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.

22 And the messenger went and came and told David all that which Joab had sent him to *tell*,

23 and the messenger said to David, Surely the men have been mighty against us, and came out to us *into* the field. And we were on them to the entrance of the gate.

24 And those shooting shot at your servants from off the wall, and *some* of the servants of the king are dead; and also your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.

25 And David said to the messenger, You shall say to Joab, Do not let this thing be evil in your eyes; for as this *one* so that *one* the sword devours. Make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it. And make him strong.

26 And Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah *was* dead. And *she* mourned for her husband.

27 And the mourning time passed by. And David sent and gathered her to his house; and she became to him for a wife, and bore a son to him. And the thing which David had done *was* evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

2 Samuel 12

1 Nathan's parable of the ewe lamb. 13 David confesses his sin, and is pardoned. 15 David mourns and prays for the child, while it lived.

24 Solomon is born, and named Jedidiah.

26 David takes Rabbah.

1 ¶ And Jehovah sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said to him, There were two men in one city, one rich, and one poor.

2 The rich one had flocks and very many herds.

3 But the poor one had nothing except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and kept alive. And it grew up with him, and with his sons together, and it ate of his morsel, and it drank from his cup, and it lay in his bosom. And it was like a daughter to him.

4 And a traveler came to the rich one, and he spared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to prepare for the traveler who had come to him. And he took the ewe lamb of the poor man, and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

5 And David's anger glowed greatly against the man. And he said to Nathan, As Jehovah lives, surely the man who did this *is* a son of death.

6 And he shall repay fourfold for the ewe lamb, because he has done this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 And Nathan said to David, You *are* the man! So says Jehovah, the God of Israel,

I anointed you as king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

8 And I gave you the house of your master, and your master's wives into your bosom. And I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if *that were* too little, then I would have added to you these and these *things*.

9 Why have you despised the Word of Jehovah, to do the evil in His eyes? You have stricken Uriah the Hittite by the sword, and you have taken his wife to yourself for a wife. And you have killed him by the sword of the sons of Ammon.

10 And now the sword shall not turn aside from your house forever, because even you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be a wife to you.

11 So says Jehovah, Behold, I *am* raising up evil against you out of your house, and shall take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor. And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of the sun.

12 For you acted in secret, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.

13 And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against Jehovah. And Nathan said to David, Jehovah also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

14 Only, because you have made the enemies of Jehovah to scorn derisively by this thing, also the son who shall be born to you dying shall die.

15 ¶ And Nathan went to his house, and Jehovah struck the boy whom the *former* wife of Uriah had borne to David. And it became sick.

16 And David sought God for the boy. And David fasted a fast, and went in and stayed the night, and lay on the earth.

17 And the elders of his house rose up toward him, to raise him up from the earth. But he was not willing; and he ate no bread with them.

18 And it happened on the seventh day, the boy died. And David's servants feared to tell him that the boy has died, for they said, Behold, while the boy was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not listen to our voice. And how shall we tell

him that the boy had died? And he may do harm.

19 And David saw that his servants were whispering among themselves. And David understood that the boy had died. And David said to his servants, Has the boy died? And they said, He has died.

20 And David rose up from the earth, and bathed, and anointed. And *he* changed his clothing, and came into the house of Jehovah, and worshiped. And he came to his house, and commanded, and they brought bread for him; and he ate.

21 And his servants said to him, What *is* this thing you have done? You fasted and wept because of the living boy, yet when the boy has died, you have risen up and have eaten food?

22 And he said, While the boy was alive, I fasted and wept. For I said, Who knows? Jehovah may be gracious to me and the boy *may stay* alive.

23 And now he has died. Why this, that I should fast? Am I able to bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

24 And David comforted his wife Bathsheba. And he went in to her, and lay with her. And she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And Jehovah loved him,

25 and sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and called his name Jedidiah, because of Jehovah.

26 ¶ And Joab fought against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and captured the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and I have captured the city of waters.

28 And now gather the rest of the people, and encamp against the city, and take it; that I not take the city, and my name be called over it.

29 And David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took the crown of their king from off his head. And its weight *was* a talent of gold, and a precious stone in it. And it was set on David's head. And he brought out the plunder of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought out the people in it, and put them to the saw, and to sharp tools of iron, and to axes of iron. And he caused them to go over into the brick kiln. And so he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 13

1 Amnon loves Tamar and pretends to be ill and he rapes her. 19 Absalom comforts her. 23 At a sheepshearing he kills Amnon. 37 Absalom flees to Talmai at Geshur.

1 ¶ And afterward it happened that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, and her name *was* Tamar. And Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was distressed, even to becoming sick, because of his sister Tamar. For she *was* a virgin, and it was hard in the eyes of Amnon to do anything to her.

3 And Amnon had a friend, and his name *was* Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. And Jonadab *was* a very shrewd man.

4 And *he* said to him, Why *are* you, the king's son, so low morning by morning? Will you not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

5 And Jonadab said to him, Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And your father will come in to see you, and you shall say to him, Please let my sister Tamar come in and give me food to eat. And she shall make the food before my eyes, so that I may see and may eat from her hand.

6 And Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. And the king came to see him. And Amnon said to the king, Please let my sister Tamar come, and she shall make two cakes before my eyes, and I shall eat from her hand.

7 And David sent home to Tamar, saying, Please go to the house of your brother Amnon and make food for him.

8 And Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house. And he was lying down. And she took the dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes before his eyes, and baked the cakes.

9 And she took the baking pan and poured out before him. But he refused to eat, and

Amnon said, Cause every man to go out from me. And every one of them went out from him.

10 And Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the food into the inner room, and I shall eat from your hand. And Tamar took the cakes that she had made and brought them in to her brother Amnon, into the inner room.

11 And she brought near to him to eat. And he lay hold on her, and said to her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she said to him, No, my brother, do not humble me, for it is not done so in Israel. Do not do this foolishness.

13 And I, where should I cause my disgrace to go? And you, you shall be as one of the foolish *ones* in Israel. But now, please speak to the king; for he shall not withhold me from you.

14 But he was not willing to listen to her voice. And he was stronger than she, and humbled her, and lay with her.

15 And Amnon hated her *with* a very great hatred, so that the hatred *with* which he hated her *was* greater than the love *with* which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Get up and go!

16 And she said to him, No, for this evil is greater than the other that you have done to me, to send me away. But he was not willing to listen to her.

17 And he called his young man who attended him, and said, Now put this *one* out from me and bolt the door after her.

18 And a long tunic was on her, for so usually dressed the daughters of the king who *were* virgins. And *the one* attending him brought her robes outside, and bolted the door after her.

19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore the long tunic on her, and put her hand on her head, and left; going on and crying out.

20 And her brother Absalom said to her, Has your brother Amnon been with you? But now, my sister, keep silent. He *is* your brother. Do not set your heart on this thing. And Tamar lived in the house of her brother Absalom, but *she was* desolate.

21 ¶ And King David heard all these things, and it angered him very much.

22 But Absalom did not speak either good or evil with Amnon, for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had humbled his sister Tamar.

23 And after two years it happened that Absalom had shearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim. And Absalom called to all the sons of the king.

24 And Absalom came to the king and said, Behold, shearers *are* to your servant. Please let the king and his servants go with your servant.

25 And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go now, and we shall not be too heavy on you. But he urged him, and he was not willing to go, but he blessed him.

26 And Absalom said, If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you?

27 And Absalom urged him, and he sent Amnon with him, and all the king's sons.

28 And Absalom commanded his young men, saying, Now watch when Amnon's heart is glad with wine, and when I say to you, Strike Amnon, you shall cause him to die. Do not fear. *Is it* not that I commanded you? Be strong, and become sons of strength.

29 And the young men of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom commanded. And all the king's sons rose up, and they *each* man rode on his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And it happened while they *were* in the way, even the report had come to David, saying, Absalom has stricken all the sons of the king, and not one of them is left.

31 And the king rose up and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants were standing by with torn garments.

32 And Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, Do not let my lord say, They have caused all of the young men, the king's sons to die; for only Amnon has died. For by the mouth of Absalom it has been settled from the day of his humbling of his sister Tamar.

33 And now, do not let my lord the king lay the word to heart, saying, All the king's sons have died; for only Amnon has died.

34 And Absalom fled. And the young man who was watching lifted up his eyes and

saw. And, behold! Many people were coming by the highway behind him, by the side of the hill.

35 And Jonadab said to the king, See, the sons of the king have come; as the word of your servant, so it has been.

36 And it happened as he finished speaking, behold, the king's sons came. And they lifted up their voice and wept. And also the king and all his servants wept with a very great weeping.

37 And Absalom fled, and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son all the time.

38 And Absalom had fled, and had gone to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And ended *the anger of King David* to go out to Absalom, for he had been comforted for Amnon, for he had died.

2 Samuel 14

1 The woman of Tekoah pretends to be a widow.

13 She asks for Absalom to come back to Jerusalem. 25 Absalom's beauty. 28 After two years, Joab brings Absalom to the king's presence.

1 ¶ And Joab the son of Zeruah knew that the king's heart *was* on Absalom.

2 And Joab sent to Tekoah and took a wise woman from there, and said to her, Pretend yourself to be a mourner now, and please put on garments of mourning. And do not anoint yourself with oil, and you shall be a woman who *has been* mourning many days for one who died.

3 And you shall go to the king and speak with him according to this word. And Joab put the words into her mouth.

4 And the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, and fell on her face to the earth, and bowed and said, Save, O king!

5 And the king said to her, What shall be to you? And she said, Truly I *am* a widow woman, and my husband died.

6 And your servant had two sons. And the two of them fought in the field, and there *was* no deliverer between them. And the one struck the other, and caused him to die.

7 And, behold, the whole family has risen against your servant, and said, Give up him who struck his brother, and we will cause him to die for the life of his

brother whom he has killed. And we will also destroy the heir. And they will quench my coal which is left, so as not to set to my husband a name and remnant on the face of the earth.

8 And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give command concerning you.

9 And the woman of Tekoah said to the king, My lord, O king, let the iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's house; and the king and his throne shall be guiltless.

10 And the king said, Whoever speaks to you, you also shall bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more.

11 And she said, Please let the king remember Jehovah your God, that the avenger of blood not destroy any more, and that they may not destroy my son. And he said, As Jehovah lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the earth.

12 And the woman said, Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king. And he said, Speak.

13 And the woman said, And why have you thought in this way about the people of God? Yea, the king is speaking this thing as a guilty one, in that the king has not brought back his outcast.

14 For dying we die and *are* as water which is spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up. And God does not take a life, but has devised plans so that the outcast is not cast out from Him.

15 And now that I have come to speak this word to my lord the king, because the people made me afraid; and your servant said, Please let me speak to the king; it may be the king shall do the word of his servant.

16 For the king has listened, to deliver his servant out of the hand of the man seeking to destroy me and my son together, out of the inheritance of God.

17 And your servant said, Please let the word of my lord the king rest. For as a messenger of God, so is my lord the king, to understand the good and the evil. And Jehovah your God shall be with you.

18 And the king answered and said to the woman, Please do not hide from me the thing that I am asking you. And the woman said, Now let my lord the king speak.

19 And the king said, *Is* the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* your soul lives, my lord, O king, none *shall turn* to the right or to the left from all that my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab ordered me, and he put all these words in your servant's mouth.

20 Your servant Joab has done this thing to turn about the face of the matter, and my lord *is* wise according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all that is in the land.

21 ¶ And the king said to Joab, Behold, now, I have done this thing. Then go, bring back the young man Absalom.

22 And Joab fell on his face to the earth, and bowed, and blessed the king. And Joab said, Today your servant has known that I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, O king, in that the king has done the word of his servant.

23 And Joab rose up and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his house, and he shall not see my face. And Absalom turned to his house, and he did not see the king's face.

25 And no man was handsome like Absalom in all Israel, to *be so* greatly praised. From the sole of his foot to his crown there was not a blemish in him.

26 And when he sheared his head (for it was at the end of days of days that he sheared *it*, because the hair was heavy on him, and he sheared *it*), he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels by the king's weight.

27 And three sons were born to Absalom, and one daughter. And her name *was* Tamar; she was a woman of a beautiful form.

28 ¶ And Absalom lived in Jerusalem two years, and had not seen the king's face.

29 And Absalom sent to Joab, to send him to the king. But he was not willing to come to him. And he sent again a second time, and he was not willing to come.

30 And he said to his servants, Behold, Joab's allotment *is* to my hand, and to him *is* barley there. Go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the allotment on fire.

31 And Joab rose up and came to Absalom, to the house, and said to him, Why have your

servants set fire on the allotment which *is* to me?

32 And Absalom said to Joab, Behold, I sent to you, saying, Come here, and I will send you to the king to say, Why have I come from Geshur? It *was* good for me *to be* there still. And now, let me see the king's face, and if there is guilt in me, then you shall cause me to die.

33 And Joab came to the king and told him. And he called to Absalom; and he came to the king, and bowed to him on his nose to the earth before the king. And the king kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel 15

1 Absalom steals the hearts of Israel. 7 He obtains leave to go to Hebron. 10 He makes there a great conspiracy. 13 David flees from Jerusalem. 24 Zadok and Abiathar are sent back with the ark. 32 Hushai is sent to deceive Absalom.

1 ¶ And it happened afterward that Absalom prepared a chariot for himself, and horses, and fifty men running before him.

2 And Absalom rose up and stood by the side of the way of the gate. And it happened that every man who had a cause to come to the king for judgment, Absalom called to him and said, Of what city *are* you? And he said, Your servant *is* from one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Absalom said to him, Behold, your matters *are* good and right. And there is no listener to you from the king.

4 And Absalom said, Who shall make me a judge in the land, that every man who has a dispute, I will then declare him right, even *with* judgment?

5 And it happened, when a man drew near to bow himself to him, he put out his hand and laid hold on him, and gave him a kiss.

6 And Absalom acted this way to all Israel who came in to the king for judgment. And Absalom stole the heart of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ And at the end of forty years, it happened, Absalom said to the king, Please let me go and I shall pay my vow that I have vowed to Jehovah, in Hebron.

8 For your servant has vowed a vow when I lived in Geshur in Syria, saying,

If bringing Jehovah shall bring me back to Jerusalem, then I shall serve Jehovah.

9 And the king said to him, Go in peace. And he rose up and went to Hebron.

10 And Absalom sent spies among all the tribes of Israel, saying, When you hear the sound of the rams' horn, then you shall say, Absalom is king in Hebron.

11 And two hundred men went out of Jerusalem with Absalom, chosen ones. And they went out in their simplicity and did not know anything.

12 And Absalom sent Ahithophel the Gilonite, a counselor of David, out of his city, out of Giloh, as he offered the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong. And the people were going on and increasing with Absalom.

13 ¶ And a messenger came to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.

14 And David said to all his servants who *were* with him in Jerusalem, Rise up, and we will flee; for there *is* no escape from the face of Absalom. Hurry to leave, lest he overtake us and bring evil down on us, and strike the city with the mouth of the sword.

15 And the king's servants said to the king, According to all that my lord the king chooses, behold, your servants *will do*.

16 And the king went out, and all his household at his feet. And the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went out, and all the people at his feet. And they stood still at the house farthest away.

18 And all his servants were passing on by his side, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came at his feet from Gath. *These* were passing on before the king.

19 And the king said to Ittai the Gittite, Why do you go, even you, with us? Turn back and remain with the king, for you are a foreigner, and also you *are* an exile. Go to your place.

20 You came in yesterday and today. Should I make you roam with us, to go while I go, where I go? Turn back, and turn back your brothers *to go* with you *in* kindness and truth.

21 And Ittai answered to the king and said, As Jehovah lives, and my lord the king lives, surely in the place where my lord the king is, there your servant shall be, whether for death or for life.

22 And David said to Ittai, Go on and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who *were* with him.

23 And all the land was weeping *with* a loud voice. And all the people were passing over. And the king was passing over through the torrent Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ And, behold, Zadok also *came*, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set the ark of God down. And Abiathar went up until all the people finished passing on out of the city.

25 And the king said to Zadok, Take the ark of God back to the city. If I find grace in the eyes of Jehovah, then He will bring me back and make me see it and His dwelling place.

26 And if He says this, I have not delighted in you, behold, I am here. He shall do to me as *seems* good in His eyes.

27 And the king said to Zadok the priest, *Are* you a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, your son Ahimaaz, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28 Behold, I will wait in the plain of the wilderness until word comes from you to report to me.

29 And Zadok and Abiathar took the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And they remained there.

30 And David was going up in the Ascent of the Olives, going up and weeping. And his head *was* covered, and he was going barefooted. And all the people who *were* with him *each* man had covered his head, and had gone up, going up and weeping.

31 ¶ And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O Jehovah, I pray, make the counsel of Ahithophel foolish.

32 And it happened *as* David had come to the top, there where he bowed himself to God. And, behold, Hushai the Archite came

to meet him, his tunic torn, and earth on his head.

33 And David said to him, If you pass on with me, then you shall be a burden to me.

34 But if you return to the city, and shall say to Absalom, I also *will be* your servant, O king; I *was* servant of your father before now; and now I *am* also your servant. Then you can break down the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

35 And *are* not there with you Zadok and Abiathar, the priests? And it shall be, you shall declare everything that you hear from the house of the king; you shall report to Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests.

36 Behold, there *are* with them their two sons, Ahimaaz to Zadok, and Jonathan to Abiathar. And you shall send to me by their hand anything that you hear.

37 And David's friend Hushai came into the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 16

1 Ziba lies to steal his master's inheritance.

5 Shimei curses David. 9 David abstains against revenge. 15 Hushai insinuates himself into Absalom's favor. 20 Ahithophel's advice.

1 ¶ And David had passed on a little from the top. And behold, Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, came to meet *him* with a team of saddled asses, and on them two hundred loaves and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruit, and a skin of wine.

2 And the king said to Ziba, What *are* these to you? And Ziba said, The asses *are* for the king's household to ride on, and the bread and the summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine for the wearied to drink in the wilderness.

3 And the king said, And where *is* the son of your lord? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, *he is* staying in Jerusalem, for he said, Today the house of Israel will turn back to me the kingdom of my father.

4 And the king said to Ziba, Behold, to you *is* all that *is* Mephibosheth's. And Ziba said, I bow myself; may I find favor in your eyes, my lord, O king.

5 ¶ And King David came to Bahurim. And, behold, a man was coming out from

there, of the family of the house of Saul; and his name *was* Shimei, the son of Gera. He came out, and he came cursing.

6 And he stoned David with stones and all the servants of King David, and all the people, and all the mighty *men* on his right and on his left.

7 And Shimei said this in his cursing, Go out! Go out, man of blood, man of worthlessness!

8 Jehovah has turned back on you all the blood of the house of Saul, of whom instead of him you have reigned. And Jehovah shall give the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And, behold, you *are taken* in your mischief, for you *are* a man of blood.

9 And Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, Why does this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please let me pass over, and I will take off his head.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, sons of Zeruiah? For let him curse, even because Jehovah has said to him, Curse David. And who shall say, Why have you done so?

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son who came out of my loins is seeking my life, and surely now also the Benjamite. Leave him alone, and let him curse, for Jehovah has spoken to him.

12 It may be Jehovah will look on my affliction, and Jehovah will return good to me for his cursing this day.

13 And David went with his men in the way, and Shimei was going along at the side of the hill across from him. *As* he went, he cursed, and stoned with stones across from him, and dusted with dust.

14 And the king came in wearied, and all the people who *were* with him; and he was refreshed there.

15 ¶ And Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, had come into Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it happened, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, had come to Absalom, Hushai said to Absalom, Let the king live! Let the king live!

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this your kindness with your friend? Why have you not gone with your friend?

18 And Hushai said to Absalom, No, for he whom Jehovah and this people have chosen, even all the men of Israel, his I shall be, and I shall remain with him.

19 And a second time, Whom should I serve? *Should* I not *be* before the face of his son. As I served before the face of your father, so shall I be before your face.

20 And Absalom said to Ahithophel, Give your counsel, what we shall do.

21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines, *those* he left to keep the house. And all Israel shall hear that you have become odious with your father. And the hands of all who *are* with you will be strong.

22 And they stretched out a tent for Absalom on the roof. And Absalom went in to his father's concubines before the eyes of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel which he counseled in those days *was* as one who had inquired at the Word of God. So *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel, both to David and to Absalom.

2 Samuel 17

1 Ahithophel's advice is overthrown by Hushai's.

15 Secret intelligence sent to David.

23 Ahithophel hangs himself. 25 Amasa is made commander.

1 ¶ And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Please let me choose twelve thousand men, and I shall rise up and pursue David tonight.

2 And *I* shall come on him, and he shall be weary and feeble handed. And I will make him tremble, and the people with him shall flee. And I shall strike the king by himself.

3 And I shall turn all the people back to you when all return, except the man whom you *are* seeking. All the people shall be in peace.

4 And the thing was pleasing in Absalom's eyes, and in the eyes of all the elders of Israel.

5 And Absalom said, Please call for Hushai the Archite also. And we shall hear what is in his mouth, also he.

6 And Hushai came in to Absalom. And Absalom spoke to him, saying, Ahithophel has spoken according to this word. Shall we do this word? If not, you speak.

7 And Hushai said to Absalom, The counsel Ahithophel counseled *is* not good at this time.

8 And Hushai said, You have known your father and his men, that they *are* mighty *men*. And they *are* bitter of soul, like a bear bereaved of cubs in the field. And your father *is* a man of war, and shall not stay the night with the people.

9 Behold, now he is hidden in one of the pits, or in one of the places. And it shall be, at the falling among them at the beginning, that whoever hears even shall say, There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.

10 And also he, the son of strength, whose heart *is* as the heart of the lion, shall utterly melt. For all Israel knows that your father *is* a mighty *man*, and those with him sons of strength.

11 So I counsel *this*: Gathering, let all Israel be gathered to you, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude. And you in person shall go into battle.

12 And we shall come in to him, in one of the places, there where he shall be found. And we shall fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of all the men who *are* with him, not even one shall be left.

13 And if he is taken into a city, then all Israel shall bear ropes to that city. And we shall draw it into the torrent bed, until there shall not be found even a pebble.

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, Good *is* the counsel of Hushai the Archite from the counsel of Ahithophel. And Jehovah had ordained to break down the good counsel of Ahithophel, for the sake of bringing the evil of Jehovah to Absalom.

15 ¶ And Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests, Ahithophel has counseled this and this to Absalom and the elders of Israel. And I have counseled this and this.

16 And now send quickly and tell David, saying, Do not stay in the fords of the wilderness tonight. And, also, passing pass over, that there not be a swallowing up of the king and of all the people with him.

17 And Jonathan and Ahimaaz were standing at En-rogel, for they were not able to

be seen going into the city. And a slave-girl went and told them. And they went and told *it* to King David.

18 And a youth saw them, and told Absalom. And they went on, both of them in haste, and came into the house of a man in Bahurim. And to him *was* a well in his court, and they went down there.

19 And the woman took and spread the covering over the well, and spread ground grain on it. And the thing was not known.

20 And the servants of Absalom came in to the woman, to the house, and said, Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They passed over the river of water. And they looked and did not find *them*. And *they* returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it happened after they left, they came up out of the well and went and told King David. And *they* said to David, Rise up and quickly pass over the waters, for Ahithophel has counseled this against you.

22 ¶ And David and all the people with him rose up, and they passed over the Jordan until the light of the morning, until there was not one lacking who had not crossed the Jordan.

23 And Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not done. And he saddled the ass and rose up and went to his house, to his city. And *he* gave command to his household, then hanged himself, and died. And he was buried in the grave of his father.

24 And David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom had set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. And Amasa *was* the son of a man *whose* name *was* Ithra the Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail, the daughter of Nahash, the sister of Zeruah, the mother of Joab.

26 And Israel camped with Absalom in the land of Gilead.

27 And it happened as David came into Mahanaim, Shobi the son of Nahash, from Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite, from Rogelim,

28 *brought* beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour,

and parched grain, and beans, and lentils, and roasted grain,

29 and honey, and curds, and sheep, and cheese from the herd, for David, and for the people who *were* with him to eat. For they said, The people *are* hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.

2 Samuel 18

1 David views the armies as they go out; asks them to treat Absalom gently. 6 The Israelites are killed in the forest of Ephraim. 9 Absalom is killed by Joab. 19 Ahimaaz and Cushie bring tidings to David. 33 David mourns for Absalom.

1 ¶ And David mustered the people who were with him, and *he* set over them commanders of hundreds.

2 And David sent one third of the people by the hand of Joab, and one third by the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, and one third by Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, Going out I will go with you, I also.

3 And the people said, You shall not go out, for if we flee they will not set *their* heart on us even if half of us die; for now *you are* like ten thousand to us. And now *it is* good that you be for us from the city to help.

4 And the king said to them, I will do that which is good in your eyes. And the king stood at the side of the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, For my sake deal gently with the young man, with Absalom. And all the people heard as the king commanded the commanders concerning Absalom.

6 And the people went *into* the field to meet Israel. And the battle was in the forest of Ephraim.

7 And the people of Israel were stricken before David's servants. And there was a great destruction on that day of twenty thousand.

8 And it happened, there the battle was scattered over the face of all the land, and the forest devoured among the people more than the sword had devoured in that day.

9 ¶ And Absalom happened to come before David's servants. And Absalom was

riding on a mule, and the mule came in under the thick branches of a great oak. And his head was firmly held in the oak, and he was lifted up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him passed on.

10 And one man saw *it* and told Joab, and said, Behold! I saw Absalom hanging in the oak;

11 and Joab said to the man who told him, And behold, you have seen. And why did you not strike him to the earth there and call on me to give you ten silverlings and a girdle?

12 And the man said to Joab, Yes, though I weighed a thousand silverlings in my hand, I would not put forth my hand to the king's son. For in our ears the king commanded you, and Abishai, and Ittai saying, Take heed, *you* who go against the youth, against Absalom.

13 Or I would have dealt falsely against my soul. For not any matter is hidden from the king, and you, you yourself would have set against me.

14 And Joab said, I will not wait this way before you. And he took three darts in his hand and struck them into Absalom's heart while he *was* alive, in the midst of the oak.

15 And they went around, ten young men bearing Joab's weapons, and struck Absalom, and caused him to die.

16 And Joab blew the rams' horn, and the people returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab had held the people back.

17 And they took Absalom and threw him into a great pit in the forest, and set up a very great heap of stones over him. And all Israel fled, *each* man to his tent.

18 And during his lifetime Absalom had taken and set up for himself a standing-pillar, which is in the King's Valley. For he said, I have no son to cause my name to be remembered. And he called the standing pillar by his name and it is called Absalom's Monument to this day.

19 ¶ And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, Please let me run, and I will bear news to the king. For Jehovah has judged him from the hand of his enemies.

20 And Joab said to him, You are not a man of news this day; but you shall bear news

another day. And today you shall not bear news, because the king's son has died.

21 And Joab said to Cushie, Go, tell the king that which you have seen. And Cushie bowed to Joab, and ran.

22 And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said yet again to Joab, Yet whatever may be, please let me run after the Cushite, I also. And Joab said, Why is this that you are running, my son? Also for you there is no news found.

23 And he said, Yet whatever it may be, let me run. And he said to him, Run. And Ahimaaz ran the way of the circuit and passed by the Cushite.

24 And David was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went to the roof of the gate and lifted up his eyes and saw; and, behold, a man running by himself!

25 And the watchman called and told the king. And the king said, If he *is* by himself, tidings *are* in his mouth. And he came, coming on, and drawing near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, Behold, a man running by himself! And the king said, Also this one is bearing news.

27 And the watchman said, I see the running of the first as the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, This is a good man and he comes with good news.

28 And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, Peace! And he bowed on his face to the earth to the king and said, Blessed *be* Jehovah your God who has shut up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, Peace to the young man, to Absalom? And Ahimaaz said, I saw the great tumult, at the sending away of the servant of the king, even your servant *sent* by Joab, but I do not know what.

30 And the king said, Turn aside, stand here. And he turned aside and stood.

31 And, behold, the Cushite had come. And the Cushite said, News is borne, my lord, O king! For Jehovah has judged you today out of the hand of those rising up against you.

32 And the king said to the Cushite, Peace to the young man, to Absalom? And the Cushite said, Let them be as the young man,

the enemies of my lord the king, and all who have risen up against you for evil.

33 And the king trembled. And he went up to the upper room of the gate and wept. And he said this as he went, My son! My son Absalom! My son Absalom! Oh that I had died instead of you, my son Absalom, my son!

2 Samuel 19

1 Joab causes the king to cease his weeping. 9 The Israelites are earnest to bring the king back.

24 Mephibosheth excused and given back half of his lands.

1 ¶ And it was announced to Joab, Behold, the king is weeping and mourning over Absalom.

2 And the deliverance on that day became mourning to all the people, for the people had heard on that day, saying, The king is grieving for his son.

3 And the people stole away on that day to go into the city, as the people steal away who are ashamed as they flee in battle.

4 And the king had covered his face. Yea, the king cried *with* a loud voice, My son Absalom! Absalom my son, my son!

5 And Joab came in to the king *to* the house, and said, You have put to shame today the faces of all your servants, those delivering your life today, and the life of your sons, and of your daughters, and the life of your wives, and the life of your concubines,

6 by loving those who hate you, and by hating those who love you, for you have declared today that there are no leaders and servants to you. For I know today that if Absalom were alive and all of us had died today, that *it would be* right in your eyes.

7 And now rise up; go out and speak to the heart of your servants. For I have sworn by Jehovah that *if* you do not go out, not a man shall remain with you tonight. And this *would be* worse for you than all the evil that has come on you from your youth until now.

8 And the king rose up and sat in the gate. And they told *it* to all the people, saying, Behold, the king is sitting in the gate. And all the people came in before the king. And Israel had fled, *each* man to his tents.

9 ¶ And it happened, all the people *were* quarreling through all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies. Yea, he himself delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines. And now he has fled out of the land because of Absalom.

10 And Absalom whom we anointed over us *is* dead in battle. And now why are you silent as to bringing back the king?

11 And King David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring back the king to his house? For the word of all Israel had come to the king, to his house.

12 You *are* my brother; you *are* my bone and my flesh. And why are you the last to bring back the king?

13 And say to Amasa, *Are* you not my bone and my flesh? So shall God do to me, and more so He shall do, if you *are* not commander of the army before me all the days, instead of Joab.

14 And he inclined *the heart of* all the men of Judah as one man, and they sent to the king, Return, you and all your servants.

15 And the king returned and came in to the Jordan. And Judah had come to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over the Jordan.

16 ¶ And Shimei, the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who *was* from Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

17 And a thousand men *were* with him from Benjamin; also Ziba, the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him. And they had rushed over the Jordan before the king.

18 And *they* had crossed over the ford to carry over the king's household, and to do the good in his eyes. And Shimei the son of Gera had fallen before the face of the king as he crossed over the Jordan.

19 And *he* said to the king, Do not let my lord charge iniquity to me, nor shall you remember that which your servant *per-*versely did in the day that my lord the king went out from Jerusalem, for the king to lay it to his heart.

20 For your servant knows that I have sinned; and behold, I come today, the first of the house of Joseph, to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 And Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei die for this, because he cursed the anointed of Jehovah?

22 And David said, What *is* to me and to you, sons of Zeruiah, that you are as an adversary to me today? Shall *any* man die today in Israel? For do I not know that today I am king over Israel?

23 And the king said to Shimei, You shall not die. And the king swore to him.

24 ¶ And Mephibosheth the son of Saul had come down to meet the king. And he had not dressed his feet, nor had shaved his upper lip. Yea, he had not washed his garment, even from the day that he went away till the day that he came in peace.

25 And it happened when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he said, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, I will saddle the ass for myself and ride on it and go with the king, for your servant is lame.

27 And he spoke slander against your servant to my lord the king. And my lord the king *is* as a messenger of God; yet you do that which is good in your eyes.

28 For all the house of my father would be nothing except men of death before my lord the king, and you have set your servant among those eating at your table. And what right is there to me any more, even to cry any more to the king?

29 And the king said to him, Why do you speak any more of your matters? I have said, You and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, Yes, let him take all, since my lord the king has come in peace to his house.

31 ¶ And Barzillai the Gileadite had gone down from Rogelim and had crossed over the Jordan with the king, to send him away over the Jordan.

32 And Barzillai was very old, a son of eighty years, and he had sustained the king

as he abode in Mahanaim, for he *was* a very great man.

33 And the king said to Barzillai, You pass over with me and I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzillai said to the king, How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?

35 I am a son of eighty years today. Can I distinguish between good and evil? Can your servant taste that which I am eating, and that which I drink? Can I any more listen to the voice of singing men and singing women? And why should your servant be any more as a burden to my lord the king?

36 Just a little *way* your servant shall cross over the Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me *with* this reward?

37 Please let your servant return, and I shall die in my own city, near the grave of my father and my mother. And, behold your servant Chimham! Let him cross over with my lord the king, and you do to him the good in your eyes.

38 And the king said, Chimham shall go over with me, and I shall do to him that which *is* good in your eyes. Yea, all that you shall choose of me I will do for you.

39 And all the people crossed over the Jordan, and the king crossed over. And the king gave a kiss to Barzillai and blessed him. And he returned to his place.

40 ¶ And the king crossed over to Gilgal. And Chimham crossed over with him, and all the people of Judah. And they brought the king over, and also half of the people of Israel.

41 And, behold, all the men of Israel were coming to the king. And they said to the king, Why have they, our brothers, the men of Judah, stolen you away? For they brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all the men of David with him.

42 And, behold, all the men of Judah answered against the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near to us. And why is this that you are angry about this matter? Have we at all eaten from the king, or has he given a gift to us?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said, We have ten hands in the king, and we also have more in David than you. Why then did you despise us, that our word was not first to bring back our king? And the word of the men of Judah was more fierce than the word of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 20

1 Sheba causes a rebellion in Israel. 10 Amasa is murdered by Joab. 14 Joab pursues Sheba to Abel. 16 A wise woman saves the city by throwing down Sheba's head.

1 ¶ And a man of worthlessness met *them* there, and his name *was* Sheba, the son of Bichri, a man of Benjamin. And he blew the rams' horn and said, We have no part in David, and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; *each* man to his tents, O Israel.

2 And every man of Israel went up from following David, *going* after Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah stayed close to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And David came into his house at Jerusalem. And the king took *the* ten women, *the* concubines whom he had left to guard the house, and fed them. But he did not go in to them, and they were shut up to the day of their death in widowhood.

4 ¶ And the king said to Amasa, Call for me the men of Judah *within* three days; and you stand here.

5 And Amasa went to call Judah, but delayed beyond the set time which he had set for him.

6 And David said to Abishai, Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do more evil to us than Absalom. You take the servants of your lord and pursue him, that he not find fortified cities for himself, and deliver himself *from* our eye.

7 And the men of Joab went out after him, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty *men*. And they went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 They *were* near the great stone in Gibeon, and Amasa had gone before them. And Joab *was* girded *with* his war coat as his clothing; and over it *was* a belt *with* a sword fastened on his loins in its sheath. And as he went out, it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, *Is it well with* you, my brother? And Joab's right hand took hold of Amasa's beard to give a kiss to him.

10 And Amasa was not on guard against the sword in Joab's hand. And he struck him with it *in* the fifth *rib*, and poured out his bowels to the ground, and did not strike him again. And he died. And Joab and his brother Abishai pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 And a man stood beside him, of the young men of Joab; and he said, Whoever delights in Joab, and whoever is for David *follow* after Joab!

12 And Amasa was wallowing in blood in the middle of the highway. And the man saw that all the people stood still. And he turned away Amasa from the highway *to* the field, and threw a garment over him, when he saw that all who came beside him stood still.

13 When he was taken from the highway, every man passed on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and to all the Berites. And they were gathered, and went after him also.

15 And they went in and lay siege against him in Abel-beth-maachah, and mounded up a siege-mound against the city. And it stood against the outermost wall, and all the people with Joab were undermining, to cause the wall to fall.

16 And a wise woman called out of the city, Hear! Hear! Please say to Joab, Come near here and I will speak to you.

17 And he came near to her. And the woman said, *Are* you Joab? And he said, *I am*. And she said to him, Hear the words of your handmaid. And he said, *I am* listening.

18 And she spoke, saying, They spoke often formerly saying, Asking they will ask at Abel, and so they ended *all dispute*.

19 *I am of* the peaceful, faithful ones of Israel. You are seeking to cause to die a city, and a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the inheritance of Jehovah?

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it! Far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The case *is* not such. For a man of the hills of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri *is*

his name, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David. Give him up by himself and I will go away from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head will be thrown over the wall to you.

22 And the woman came to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw *it* to Joab. And he blew the rams' horn, and they were dispersed from the city, *each* man to his tents. And Joab went back *to* Jerusalem to the king.

23 ¶ And Joab *was* over all the army of Israel, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites.

24 And Adoram *was* over the forced labor, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud recorded to make remembrance.

25 And Sheva *was* the scribe, and Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

26 And also Ira the Jairite *was* a priest to David.

2 Samuel 21

1 The three years of famine for the Gibeonites ceases by hanging seven of Saul's sons.

10 Rizpah's kindness to the dead. 12 David buries the bones of Saul and Jonathan in his father's grave.

1 ¶ And there was a famine in the days of David, three years, year after year. And David sought the face of Jehovah. And Jehovah said, *It is* for Saul and for *his* bloody house, because he caused the Gibeonites to die.

2 And the king called for the Gibeonites and said to them (as to the Gibeonites, they *were* not of the sons of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites, and the sons of Israel had sworn to them and Saul sought to strike them in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah.)

3 And David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? And with what shall I atone, and you bless the inheritance of Jehovah?

4 And the Gibeonites said to him, We will have neither silver nor gold by Saul and by his house. Also, we will have no man in Israel die. And he said, What you say, I will do for you.

5 And they said to the king, The man who destroyed us and thought to waste

us from standing in all the border of Israel *was* Saul.

6 Let be given to us seven men of his sons to us. And we will expose them to Jehovah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Jehovah. And the king said, I will deliver them.

7 But the king spared Jonathan's son Mephibosheth the son of Saul because of the oath of Jehovah that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan, the son of Saul.

8 And the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth. And he *took* the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite.

9 And *he* gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites. And they hanged them in the mountain before Jehovah. And *the* seven fell together. And they were caused to die in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 ¶ And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and stretched it out for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water poured on them out of the heavens. And *she* did not allow a bird of the heavens to rest on them by day nor the beast of the field by night.

11 And that which Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Saul's concubine, had done was told to David.

12 And David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of his son Jonathan from the rulers of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the plaza of Beth-shan, there where the Philistines hanged them in the day the Philistines struck Saul in Gilboa.

13 And he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan from there, and they gathered up the bones of those hanged.

14 And *they* buried the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin, in Zelah, in the grave of his father Kish, and did all that the king had commanded. And afterward God heard prayer for the land.

15 ¶ And there was war again for the Philistines with Israel. And David went down, and his servants with him. And they fought with the Philistines. And David was weary.

16 And Ishbibenob, who *was* of the sons of Rapha *the giant*, the weight of his spear *being* three hundred bronze shekels in weight, and was girded with a new *sword*; and he said to strike David.

17 And Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine, and caused him to die. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall not again go out with us to battle, that you not cause to go out the lamp of Israel.

18 And it happened after this that the battle was again in Gob of the Philistines. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite struck Saph, who *was* among the sons of Rapha.

19 And again the battle was in Gob with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite struck Goliath the Gittite, and the wood of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

20 And it happened again *that* the battle *was* in Gath, and it happened *there was* a man of stature, and the fingers of his hands *were* six, and the toes of his feet six, twenty-four *in* number; and he also had been born to Rapha.

21 And he taunted Israel; and Jonathan, the son of David's brother Shimeah, struck him.

22 These four were born to Rapha *the giant* in Gath. And they fell by the hand of David, by the hand of his servants.

2 Samuel 22

A psalm of thanksgiving for Jehovah's powerful deliverance and manifold blessings.

1 ¶ And David spoke to Jehovah the words of this song in the day Jehovah delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.

2 ¶ And he said: Jehovah *is* my rock and my fortress, and my Deliverer.

3 My God is my rock; I shall take refuge in Him; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge! My Savior, You save me from violence.

4 I call on Jehovah, *the One to be* praised; and I am saved from my enemies.

5 When the waves of death surround me, the torrents of wickedness terrify me,

6 the cords of Sheol are all around me, the snares of death confronted me;

7 in my distress I called on Jehovah, and I called to my God; and He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry *was* in His ears.

8 And the earth shook and quaked, the foundations of the heavens were quaking and were shaken; for there was anger to Him.

9 Smoke rose up in His nostrils, and fire devoured out of His mouth; coals were kindled by it.

10 And He bowed the heavens and came down, and thick darkness *was* under His feet.

11 And He rode on a cherub, and did fly, and was seen on the wings of the wind.

12 And He made darkness pavilions all around Him, the gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

13 From the brightness before Him were brands of fire kindled!

14 Jehovah thundered from the heavens, and the Most High gave forth His voice,

15 and He sent forth arrows and scattered them; lightning, and confused them;

16 and the channels of the sea were seen; the world's foundations were seen by the rebuke of Jehovah, from the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

17 He sent from above; He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were stronger than I.

19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, and Jehovah was a support to me;

20 and He brought me out to a broad place; He delivered me, for He delighted in me.

21 Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands, He has repaid me.

22 For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, and have not acted wickedly against my God.

23 For all His judgments *were* before me. And I do not turn away from His statutes.

24 And I was blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.

25 And Jehovah gave back to me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His eyes.

26 With the kind You show Yourself kind. With the blameless man, You show Yourself perfect.

27 With the pure, You will show Yourself pure, and with the perverted *one* You will appear perverse.

28 And You shall save the afflicted people, and Your eyes *are* on the exalted *one, whom* You bring low.

29 For You *are* my lamp, O Jehovah; and Jehovah shall enlighten my darkness.

30 For by You I run *through* a troop; by my God I leap over a wall.

31 *As for* God, His way *is* perfect; the Word of Jehovah *is* tested; He is a shield to all those who seek refuge in Him.

32 For who *is* God except Jehovah? And who *is* a rock except our God?

33 God is my strong fortress; and He sets the blameless free *in* his way,

34 making my feet like hinds' *feet*, even causing me to stand on my high places;

35 teaching my hands for battle, so that my hands may bend a bow of bronze.

36 And You have given to me the shield of Your salvation; and You afflicted me to make me great.

37 You enlarged my steps under me, and my ankles have not slipped.

38 I pursued my enemies and destroyed them; and I did not turn back until they were consumed.

39 And I consumed them, and struck them, and they did not rise; but fell under my feet.

40 Yea, You girded me *with* might for battle; You caused those rising against me to bow under me.

41 And You gave to me the necks of my enemies; those hating me I silenced.

42 They looked, and there *was* none to save; to Jehovah, and He did not answer them.

43 And I pulverized them as the dust of the earth; I crushed them as the mire of the streets; I stamped them.

44 And You delivered me from the strife of my people; You kept me as the head of the nations; a people I have not known serve me.

45 The sons of strangers feign obedience to me; at the hearing of *the* ear they listen to me.

46 The sons of strangers fade away, and shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

47 Jehovah lives! And blessed is the Rock,

and exalted be the God of the Rock of my salvation;

48 the God who is giving vengeance for me, and brings down peoples under me,

49 and brings me forth from my enemies; yea, You raise me up above those rising up against me; You deliver me from the violent man.

50 On account of this I will confess You, Jehovah, among nations; and I will sing praise to Your name.

51 A tower of salvation *is He* to His king; even doing mercy to His anointed, to David and to his seed, until forever!

2 Samuel 23

1 David, in his last words, professes his faith in Jehovah's promises. 8 David's mighty men.

1 ¶ And these *are* the last words of David, a saying of David the son of Jesse, and a statement of the man raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet singer of Israel:

2 The Spirit of Jehovah has spoken by me, and His Word *is* on my tongue.

3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me: One ruling over a righteous man, who rules *in* the fear of God,

4 is as the light of the morning, as the sun shines; a morning without clouds; through shining after rain the tender grass *sprouts* from the earth.

5 For *is* not my house so with God? For He has made an everlasting covenant with me, ordered in all things, and sure; for all my salvation, and all my desire, will He not make *it* grow?

6 As to the ungodly, all of them *shall be* as a thorn driven away; for they cannot be taken by the hand;

7 but the man who shall touch them must be armed *with* iron and the shaft of a spear; they shall be utterly burned with fire in *their* place.

8 ¶ These *are* the names of the mighty who *were called* to David: he who sat in the seat of the Tachmonite, chief of the captains; he *was called* Adino the Eznite, because of the eight hundred *he* wounded at one time.

9 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the son of *the* Ahohi; *He was* of the

three mighty *men* with David when they taunted the Philistines, *when they* were gathered there to battle; and the men of Israel went up;

10 he rose up and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And Jehovah worked a great salvation on that day, and the people went back after him only to plunder.

11 And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines had gathered into a company, and there was a plot of the field full of lentils, and the people had fled before the Philistines.

12 And he set himself in the midst of the plot, and saved it, and struck the Philistines. And Jehovah worked out a great salvation.

13 And three of the thirty head men went down and came to the harvest, to David, to the cave of Adullam. And the company of the Philistines *was* camping in the Valley of the Giants.

14 And David *was* then in a stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem.

15 And David longed, and said, Who shall give me drink, water from the well of Bethlehem which *is* by the gate?

16 And the three mighty *ones* broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem beside the gate, and took *it* up, and brought *it* to David. But he was not willing to drink it, and poured it out to Jehovah;

17 and *he* said, Far be it from me, O Jehovah, to do this; *is it not* the blood of the men who went with their lives? And he was not willing to drink it. The three mighty *ones* did these *things*.

18 And Abishai the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, *was* the head of three. And he raised up his spear against three hundred, and wounded *them*. And to him *was* a name among the three.

19 *With* honor he was honored more than the three. And he was the commander to them, but he did not come to the *first* three.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada from Kabzeel, a son of a mighty *man*, great in deeds; he struck two lionlike men of Moab. And he went down and struck a lion in the middle of a pit in a day of snow.

21 And he struck an Egyptian, a man of form; and a spear *was* in the Egyptian's hand; and he went down to him with a staff and tore away the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these *things*, and had a name among three mighty *ones*.

23 He was more honored *than* the thirty, but he did not come to the *first* three. And David set him over his guard.

24 Asahel the brother of Joab *was* of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem;

25 Shammah of Harodite; Elikah of Harod; 26 Helez the Paltite; Ira the son of Ikkesh, of Tekoa;

27 Abiezer of Anathoth; Mebunnai of Hushath;

28 Zalmon of Ahoah; Maharai of Netophath;

29 Heleb the son of Baanah, of Netophath; Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah, of the sons of Benjamin;

30 Benaiah of Pirathon; Hiddai of the torrent of Gaash;

31 Abialbon of Beth-arabah; Azmaveth of Barhum;

32 Eliahba of Shaalbim, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan;

33 Shammah of Harar Ahiam the son of Sharar, of Harar;

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of Maachah; Eliam the son of Ahithophel, of Gilon;

35 Hezrai of Carmel; Paarai of Arab;

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah; Bani of Gad;

37 Zelek of Ammon; Naharai of Beeroth, armor-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah;

38 Ira the Ithrite; Gareb, an Ithrite;

39 Uriah the Hittite; thirty-seven in all.

2 Samuel 24

1 David, tempted by Satan, forces Joab to number the people. 15 After the death of seventy thousand, David by repentance prevents the destruction of Jerusalem. 18 David, by Jehovah's direction, purchases Araunah's threshing-floor; where having sacrificed, the plague is stayed.

1 ¶ And again the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel, and moved David against them, to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.

2 And the king said to Joab, the commander of the army that *was* with him, Go about now to and fro through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Joab said to the king, Yea, may Jehovah your God add to the people like them, however many they may be, and like them a hundred times. And may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 But the word of the king prevailed against Joab, and against the army commanders. And Joab and the army commanders went out *from* the presence of the king to number the people of Israel.

5 And they crossed over the Jordan and camped in Aroer, on the right of the city, in the middle of the Valley of Gad, and to Jazer.

6 And they came into Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi (*Lowest Moon*). And they came to Dan-jaan, and around to Sidon.

7 And they came into the fortress of Tyre, and all the cities of the Hivite, and *of* the Canaanite. And *they* went out to the south of Judah, *to* Beer-sheba.

8 And they had gone into all the land through all the land, and came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave the count from the mustering of the people to the king. And Israel mighty *men* drawing sword; and the men of Judah five hundred thousand men.

10 ¶ And after he had numbered the people, the heart of David struck him. And David said to Jehovah, I have sinned greatly *in* that which I have done. And now, O Jehovah, I pray, take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly.

11 And David rose up in the morning; and the Word of Jehovah came to Gad the prophet, the seer of David's, saying,

12 Go and you shall speak to David, So says Jehovah, I am setting up three *things* for you; you choose one of them and I will do *it* for you.

13 And Gad came in to David and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of

famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee before your adversary three months, and he pursues you? Or shall three days' plague in your land? Now consider, and see what I shall take back to Him who sent word to me.

14 And David said, Because of this *it is* great distressing to me. Let us fall now into the hand of Jehovah, for many *are* His mercies; and do not let me fall into the hand of man.

15 And Jehovah sent a plague on Israel from the morning even to the time appointed. And from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand of the people died.

16 And the angel put forth his hand *to* Jerusalem, to destroy it. And Jehovah had pity as to the evil, and said to the angel who was destroying among the people, Enough! Now drop your hand. And the angel of Jehovah was near the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 And when he saw the angel who was striking among the people, David spoke to Jehovah and said, Behold, I have sinned. Yea, I have acted perversely. And these, the flock, what have they done? Now let your hand be on me, and on my father's house.

18 ¶ And Gad came in to David on that day and said to him, Go up, raise up an altar to Jehovah in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

19 And David went up according to Gad's word, as Jehovah commanded.

20 And Araunah looked and saw the king and his servants crossing over to him. And Araunah went out and bowed himself to the king, his nose to the earth.

21 And Araunah said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor from you, in order to build an altar to Jehovah; and the plague will be stayed from the people.

22 And Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up that which is good in his eyes. Behold, the oxen for a burnt offering, and the threshing instruments, for the yokes of the oxen for wood.

23 O king, all these Araunah gives to the king. And Araunah said to the king, May Jehovah your God accept you.

24 And the king said to Araunah, No, for buying I will buy from you for a price, and I will not offer to Jehovah my God burnt offerings for nothing. And David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built an altar there to Jehovah, and offered burnt offering and peace offerings. And Jehovah was entreated for the land; and the plague was stayed from Israel.

The First Book of **KINGS**

1 Kings 1

1 Abishag gives warmth to David in his last days.

5 Adonijah lusts for the kingdom. 28 David renews his oath to Bath-sheba. 32 Solomon being anointed king by Zadok and Nathan, the people cheer.

1 ¶ And King David was old, going into days. And they covered him with garments, for he had no heat.

2 And his servants said to him, Let them seek out a young woman for my lord the king, a virgin, and she shall stand before the king, and be a nurse to him, and lie in your bosom, and my lord the king shall have heat.

3 And they sought out a beautiful young woman in all the border of Israel. And *they* found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her in to the king.

4 And the young woman *was* exceedingly beautiful, and she *was* a nurse to the king and served him. But the king did not know her.

5 ¶ And Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will reign. And he prepared a chariot for himself, and horsemen, and fifty men running before his face.

6 And his father had not grieved him *all* his days, saying, Why have you done so? And he also *was* very good of form, and *one* had borne him after Absalom.

7 And his words were with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they helped, *going* after Adonijah.

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

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings near the Stone of Serpents which is near En-rogel. And he called all his brothers, the sons of the king, and all the men of Judah, the servants of the king.

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

11 ¶ And Nathan spoke to Bath-sheba, the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and our lord David does not know?

12 And now, come, please let me counsel you *with* counsel, and save your life, and the life of your son Solomon.

13 Go up and go in to King David. And you shall say to him, My lord, O king, have you not sworn to your handmaid, saying, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne? And why does Adonijah reign?

14 Behold, while you are speaking with the king, then I will come in after you and will confirm your words.

15 And Bath-sheba came in to the king, to the inner room. And the king *was* old, and Abishag the Shunammite *was* serving the king.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed and knelt before the king. And the king said, What *is it* for you?

17 And she said to him, My lord, you have sworn to your handmaid by Jehovah your God, *saying*, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.

18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigns. And now, my lord O king, you have not known.

19 And he sacrifices oxen, and fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army. But he has not called to your servant Solomon.

20 And you, my lord O king, the eyes of Israel are on you, to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 And it will be, when my lord the king lies with his fathers, that I, my son Solomon and I, shall be offenders.

22 And, behold, she was speaking with the king, and Nathan the prophet came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet! And he came in before the king and bowed himself to the king, his nose to the earth.

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

25 For he has gone down today and sacrificed oxen, and fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the army commanders, and Abiathar the priest. And behold, *they* are eating and drinking before him, and they are saying, Let King Adonijah live!

26 But *as* for me, I, your servant, and for Zadok the priest, and for Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and for your servant Solomon, he has not called.

27 If this thing is to come about from my lord the king, then you have not caused your servant to know who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

28 And King David replied and said, Call Bath-sheba for me. And she came in before the king, and stood before the king.

29 And the king swore and said, *As* Jehovah lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 surely as I swore to you by Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place; surely so I will do this day.

31 And Bath-sheba bowed *her* nose to the earth, even bowing to the king, and said, Let my lord King David live forever.

32 ¶ And King David said, Call Zadok the priest for me and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came in before the king.

33 And the king said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and you shall cause my son Solomon to ride on the mule which *is* to me, and cause him to go down to Gihon.

34 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel. And you shall blow with the rams' horn and shout, Let King Solomon live!

35 And you shall come up after him, and let him come and sit on my throne, for he shall reign in my place. For I have appointed him ruler over Israel, and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, Amen! So says Jehovah the God of my lord the king.

37 As Jehovah has been with my lord the king, so shall He be with Solomon, and shall make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.

38 And Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went out and caused Solomon to ride on King David's mule, and caused him to go to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the *Tabernacle* and anointed Solomon. And they blew with the rams' horn, and all the people shouted, Let King Solomon live!

40 And all the people came up after him. And the people were piping with pipes, and rejoicing *with* great joy. And the earth was torn with their sound.

41 ¶ And Adonijah heard, and all those invited, who *were* with him. And they made an end of eating. And Joab heard the sound of the rams horn, and said, What *is* this noise roaring *from* the city?

42 And he was still speaking, and, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came in. And Adonijah said, Come in, for you *are* a man of strength and bear good news.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord, King David, has caused Solomon to reign.

44 And the king sent Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet with him, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites. And they caused him to ride on the king's mule.

45 And they anointed him, Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, as king in Gihon. And they have come up from there rejoicing. And the city was roaring. It is the noise that you heard.

46 And also Solomon has sat on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And also the king's servants have come in to bless our lord, King David, saying,

Your God shall make the name of Solomon better than your name, and his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed himself on the bed.

48 And also the king has said, Blessed is Jehovah the God of Israel who has today given *one* sitting on my throne, and my eyes seeing *it*.

49 And they trembled and rose up, all those who *were* called by Adonijah, and left, *each* man to his way.

50 And Adonijah was afraid because of Solomon, and *he* rose up and went and lay hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told to Solomon, saying, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon. And, behold, he has laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let King Solomon swear to me as of today that he will not put his servant to death by the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he becomes a son of virtue, not a hair of his head shall fall to the earth. But if evil is found in him, then he shall die.

53 And King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came in and bowed to King Solomon. And Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

1 Kings 2

1 David gives charge to Solomon. 5 Joab charged.

10 David dies. 13 Adonijah dies for boldness.

26 Abiathar is deprived of the priesthood. 28 Joab flees to horns of altar and is executed. .

1 ¶ And the days of David drew near *for him* to die. And he commanded his son Solomon, saying,

2 I am going in the way of all the earth. And you be strong, and be a man,

3 and keep the charge of Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commands, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, so that you may do wisely all that you do, and there wherever you may turn,

4 so that Jehovah may establish His Word which He spoke to me, saying, If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth, with all their heart, and with all their soul, saying, There shall not be a man to you cut off from the throne of Israel.

5 And also, you know that which Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, that which he did to the two army commanders of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, that he murdered them, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war on his girdle that *was* on his loins and in his sandals that *were* on his feet;

6 and you shall do according to your wisdom, and shall not let his gray hair go down to Sheol in peace.

7 You shall be merciful to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and they shall be among those eating at your table, for so they drew near to me when I fled from the face of your brother Absalom.

8 And, behold, with you *is* Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite of Bahurim. And he cursed me *with* a grievous cursing in the day I went to Mahanaim. And he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by Jehovah, saying, I will not cause you to die by the sword.

9 And now, do not acquit him, for you *are* a wise man, and you know that which you shall do to him and shall bring his old age down with blood to Sheol.

10 And David lay with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

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

12 ¶ And Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was firmly established.

13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came in to Bath-sheba, the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come in peace? And he said, Peace.

14 And he said, A word to you *and* to me? And she said, Speak.

15 And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had set their faces toward me to reign. Yet the kingdom has been turned around and is my brother's, because it was his from Jehovah.

16 And now I am asking one petition of you. Do not turn away your face. And she said to him, Speak.

17 And he said, Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not turn away your

face, that he give to me Abishag the Shunammite for a wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, Well! I will speak to the king for you.

19 And Bath-sheba came in to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed to her, and sat on his throne, and placed a throne for the king's mother. And she sat at his right hand.

20 And she said, I ask one small petition of you. Do not turn away my face. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother, for I will not turn away your face.

21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to your brother Adonijah for a wife.

22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Also ask the kingdom for him, for he *is* my older brother; yea, for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23 And King Solomon swore by Jehovah, saying, So shall God do to me, and so shall He do more, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his life.

24 And now, *as* Jehovah lives, who has established me and caused me to sit on the throne of my father David, and who has made a house for me, as He spoke, surely today Adonijah shall be caused to die.

25 And King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he fell on him, and he died.

26 ¶ And the king said to Abiathar the priest, Go *to* Anathoth, to your fields. For you are a man of death. But I will not at this time cause you to die, because you have borne the ark of the Lord Jehovah before my father David, and because you were afflicted in all *the things with* which my father was afflicted.

27 And Solomon drove Abiathar from being priest to Jehovah, to fulfill the Word of Jehovah which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 And the report came to Joab, for Joab had turned aside after Adonijah though he did not turn aside after Absalom. And Joab

fled to the tabernacle of Jehovah, and lay hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told to King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of Jehovah, and, behold, *he was* by the altar. And Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall on him.

30 And Benaiah came into the tabernacle of Jehovah and said to him, So says the king, Come out. And he said, No, but I will die here. And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, So says Joab. Yea, so he answered me.

31 And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall on him, and bury him, and turn aside the innocent blood which Joab shed, off of me and off of my father's house.

32 And Jehovah shall turn back his blood on his own head, who has fallen on two men more righteous and better than he, and murdered them with the sword; and my father David not knowing: Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah.

33 Yea, *He* shall turn back their blood on the head of Joab, and on the head of his seed forever. And *as* for David and for his seed, and for his house, and for his throne, there shall be peace forever from Jehovah.

34 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell on him, and caused him to die. 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 army. And the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

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

37 And it shall be, in the day you go out and cross the torrent Kidron, knowing you shall know that dying you shall die; your blood shall be on your head.

38 And Shimei said to the king, The word *is* good. As my lord the king has spoken, so your servant shall do. And Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it happened at the end of three years, two of Shimei's servants fled to Achish the son of Maachah, the king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, your servants *are* in Gath.

40 And Shimei rose up and saddled his ass and went to Gath, to Achish, to seek his servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.

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

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not cause you to swear by Jehovah, and testify to you, saying, In the day you go out, and you have gone anywhere, knowing you shall know that dying you shall die. And you said to me, The word I have heard *is* good.

43 And why have you not kept the oath of Jehovah, and the charge that I commanded you?

44 And the king said to Shimei, You shall know all the evil that your heart has known, that which you did to my father David; and Jehovah has turned back your evil on your head.

45 And King Solomon *shall* be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Jehovah forever.

46 And the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell on him, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

1 Kings 3

1 *Solomon marries Pharaoh's daughter.*

4 *Solomon sacrifices at Gibeon. 5 Solomon, in the choice which Jehovah gave him, obtains wisdom, riches and honor.*

1 ¶ And Solomon made an alliance by marriage with Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And *he* took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he finished building his own house, and the house of Jehovah, and the wall of Jerusalem all around.

2 Only, the people were sacrificing in high places, for a house for the name of Jehovah had not been built until those days.

3 And Solomon loved Jehovah, to walk in the statutes of his father David. Only,

he was sacrificing in high places and burning incense.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for it *was* the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 ¶ Jehovah appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream of the night. And God said, Ask. What shall I give to you?

6 And Solomon said, You have done great kindness to Your servant, my father David, 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, and have given to him a son sitting on his throne, as today.

7 And now, O Jehovah my God, You have caused Your servant to reign instead of my father David. And I *am* a little boy; I do not know to go out and to come in.

8 And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a numerous people that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude.

9 Also give to Your servant an understanding heart, to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this, Your great people?

10 And the word was good in the eyes of 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 many days, and not asked riches for yourself, and not asked the life of your enemies, and have asked for discernment for yourself, to understand judgment,

12 behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given to you a wise and understanding heart, so that there was none like you before you, and after you none shall rise up like you.

13 And also, I have given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, that there shall not be a man like you among the kings all your days.

14 And if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commands, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.

15 And Solomon awakened, and behold, *it was* a dream! And he came to Jerusalem

and stood before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings, and made peace offerings. And he made a banquet for all his servants.

16 ¶ Then two women, harlots, came in to the king and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, this woman and I were living in one house. And I gave birth, with her in the house.

18 And it happened on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. And we *were* together; no stranger *was* with us in the house, only we two in the house.

19 And the son of this woman died at night, because she laid on it.

20 And she rose up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me and laid it in her bosom; and your handmaid was sleeping. And she laid her son that died in my bosom.

21 And I rose up in the morning to suckle my son; and behold! *he had* died. And I looked at it in the morning; and, behold, it was not my son whom I had borne.

22 And the other woman said, No, but my son *is* the living, and your son the *one* that died. And this *one* said, No, but your son *is* the *one* that died, and my son the living. And they spoke before the king.

23 And the king said, This *one* says, This *is* my son, the living one, and your son the *one* that died. And that *one* says, No, but your son *is* the *one* that died, and my son the living.

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

25 And the king said, Divide the living child into two, and give the half to the one, and the half to the *other* one.

26 And the woman whose son *was* the living one said to the king (for her womb yearned over her son,) yea, she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and dying do not cause him to die. And this *one* said, Let it be neither yours or mine, divide *it*.

27 And the king answered and said, Give to her the living child, and dying do not cause him to die; she *is* his mother.

28 And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had judged, and feared from

the face of the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him to do judgment.

1 Kings 4

1 Solomon's rulers. 7 His twelve officers for provision. 22 His daily provision. 29 His wisdom.

1 ¶ And King Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these *were* the rulers who *were* to him: Azariah the son of Zadok *was* the priest.

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, *were the* scribes, Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud who recorded.

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

5 And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers. And Zabud the son of Nathan *was* the minister and friend of the king.

6 And Ahishar *was* over the household. And Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the forced labor.

7 And to Solomon *were* twelve officers over all Israel. And they sustained the king and his household. Each man had one month in the year to provide.

8 And these *are* their names: Ben-hur in the hills of Ephraim;

9 the son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan;

10 the son of Hesed, in Aruboth (to him *was* Sochoh and all the land of Hopher);

11 the son of Abinadab in all the height of Dor, Taphath the daughter of Solomon *was* to him for a wife;

12 Baana the son of Ahilud *to whom was* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean which *is* by Zartanah below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, *to the place that is* beyond Jokneam;

13 the son of Geber in Ramoth-gilead (to him *were* the towns of Jair, Manasseh's son, which *are* in Gilead; *and* to him *was* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars);

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* Mahanaim;

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basemath 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 *was* in Issachar;

18 Shimei the son of Elah *was* in Benjamin;

19 Geber the son of Uri *was* in the land of Gilead, the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan; and *there was* one officer who *was* in the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand by the sea in multitude; eating and drinking and rejoicing.

21 And Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms from the *Euphrates* River 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 food for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal,

23 ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides deer and gazelles, and roebucks, and fattened fowl.

24 For he had the rule over all on this side of the River, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side of the River. And he had peace on all sides from around him.

25 And Judah and Israel lived securely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree; from Dan even to Beer-sheba 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, a man in his month: they did not lack anything.

28 They also brought barley and straw for the horses and mules to the place where the officers were, each man according to his charge.

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

30 And Solomon's wisdom was greater

than the wisdom of all the sons of the east, and than all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was wiser than all men; *wiser* than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his name 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 in Lebanon, even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fish.

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

1 Kings 5

1 Solomon asks Hiram, king of Tyre, for timber to build the temple. 7 Hiram furnishes trees.

1 ¶ And Hiram the king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, for he heard that they had anointed him king instead of his father. For Hiram was a lover of David all his days.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 You knew my father David, that he was not able to build a house to the name of Jehovah his God because of the wars that were all around him, until Jehovah had put them under the soles of his feet.

4 And now Jehovah my God has given me rest all around; *there is* no adversary nor evil happening.

5 And, behold, I am saying to build a house to the name of Jehovah my God, as Jehovah spoke to my father David, saying, Your son whom I will appoint in your place on your throne, he shall build the house for My name.

6 And now, command and they shall cut down for me cedars out of Lebanon. And my servants shall be with your servants. And I will give you hire for your servants according to all that you say. For you know that there is not a man among us knowing to cut timber like the Sidonians.

7 And it happened, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced exceedingly, and said, Blessed *be* Jehovah today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have heard that for which you have sent to me. I will do all your will as to cedar wood and fir wood.

9 My servants will bring *it* down from Lebanon to the sea. And I will make floats for them in the sea to go to the place that you tell me. And I will spread them out there; and you shall take *them* up. And you shall do *what* I desire, to give food *for* my house.

10 ¶ And Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees, all his desire.

11 And Solomon gave to Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat, food for his house; and twenty measures of beaten oil. This Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

12 And Jehovah gave wisdom to Solomon, as He had spoken to him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they cut a covenant, the two of them.

13 And King Solomon caused a labor force to go out of all Israel; and the labor force was thirty thousand men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses. They were a month in Lebanon, two months in their own house. And Adoniram was over the labor force.

15 And Solomon had seventy thousand bearing burdens, and eighty thousand hewing in the mountain;

16 besides the rulers of those stationed of Solomon, overseers who were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, those ruling over the people who were working in the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, pulled-out stones, stones of hewing, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders, and the Giblites, cut and prepared the wood and the stones to build the house.

1 Kings 6

1 The building of Solomon's temple. 5 The side-structure and its rooms. 15 The ceiling and adorning of the temple. 23 The cherubs. 31 The doors. 36 The court. 37 The time of building it.

1 ¶ And it happened in the four hundred and eightieth year from the going out of the sons

of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month of Zif, it is the second month, in the reigning of Solomon over Israel he built the house for Jehovah.

2 As to the house that King Solomon built for Jehovah, its length was sixty cubits, its breadth twenty, and its height thirty cubits.

3 As to the porch on the front of the temple of the house, its length was twenty cubits according to the breadth of the house; its breadth on the front of the house was ten cubits.

4 And he made windows of narrowing frames for the house.

5 And he built a side-structure on the wall of the house all around, *against* the walls of the house all around; to the temple and to the sanctuary. And he made side sections all around.

6 The lowest side-structure was five cubits wide; and the middle was six cubits wide; and the third *story side-structure* was seven cubits wide. For outside of the house he made narrowed ledges for the house round about, so as not to lay hold of the walls of the house.

7 And when it was being built, the house was built of finished stone made ready beforehand. And there was not heard in the house a hammer or an axe, *or* any iron tool, while it was being built.

8 The door for the middle side-section was in the right side of the house. And they went up with winding stairs into the middle one; and from the middle one into the third.

9 And he built the house and finished it, and covered the house *with* beams and rows of cedars.

10 And he built the side-stories on all the house, *each* five cubits *in* height; and they held *to* the house *with* cedar wood.

11 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah came to Solomon, saying,

12 *As to* this house that you are building, if you shall walk in My statutes, and shall do My judgments, and shall do all My commandments, to walk in them, then I shall lift up My Word with you which I spoke to your father David.

13 And I shall dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel, and shall not forsake My people Israel.

14 And Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 ¶ And he built the walls of the house inside with beams of cedar, from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling. He overlaid the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with boards of fir.

16 And he built the twenty cubits on the back part of the house with boards of cedar, from the floor to the walls. And he built for it inside, for the innermost room, for the Holy of Holies.

17 And the house was forty cubits, that is, the temple before it.

18 And the cedar for the house inside was with carvings of gourds and flowers spread out; the whole was cedar; not a stone was seen.

19 And he prepared the Holy of Holies in the midst of the house, to place the ark of the covenant of Jehovah there.

20 And the face of the Holy of Holies was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in height. And he overlaid it with refined gold, and overlaid the altar with cedar.

21 And Solomon overlaid the house inside with refined gold, and caused it to pass over in chains of gold to the face of the Holy of Holies, and overlaid it with gold.

22 And he overlaid all of the house with gold, until all of the house was complete. And he overlaid with gold all of the altar that belonged to the Holy of Holies.

23 And inside the Holy of Holies he made two cherubs of the olive tree; their height was ten cubits.

24 And one wing of the cherub was five cubits; and the second wing of the cherub five cubits; ten cubits from the ends of its wings even to the ends of its wings.

25 And the second cherub was ten cubits; one measure and one form to the two cherubs.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the second cherub.

27 And he set the cherubs in the middle of the inner house. And they spread out the wings of the cherubs. And the wing of the one touched the wall; and the wing of the second touched the second wall; and their wings were to the middle of the house, coming wing against wing.

28 And he overlaid the cherubs with gold.

29 And all the walls of the house all around he carved with figures of cherubs and palm trees, and spread out flowers inside and out.

30 And he overlaid the floor of the house with gold, inside and out.

31 And for the entrance of the Holy of Holies, he made doors of the olive tree; the lintel, the side posts, being a fifth part.

32 And the two doors were of olive wood. And he carved on them carvings of cherubs and palm trees, and spread out flowers; and he overlaid them with gold. And he caused the gold to go down on the cherubs and on the palm trees.

33 So also he made side posts for the entrance of the temple, from olive wood, from a fourth part.

34 And the two doors were of fir wood; the two sides of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

35 And he carved cherubs, and palm trees, and spread out flowers, and overlaid them with gold made level on the carved work.

36 And he built the inner court, three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37 The house of Jehovah was founded in the fourth year, in the month of Zif.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, the eighth month, the house was finished as to all its parts, and according to all its plans. So he built it for seven years.

1 Kings 7

1 The building of Solomon's house. 2 The house of Lebanon. 6 The porch of pillars. 7 The porch of judgment. 8 The house for Pharaoh's daughter. 13 Hiram's work of the two pillars. 23 The casted sea. 27 The ten bases. 38 The ten basins.

1 ¶ And Solomon built his own house for thirteen years. And he finished all his house.

2 And he built the house of the forest of Lebanon. Its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits on four rows of cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the pillars.

3 And it was covered with cedar above, on the sides that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row.

4 And windows *were* in three rows, and light *was* against light in three rows.

5 And all the doors and the side posts *were* square *along with* the windows; and the front of a window *was* against a window in three rows.

6 And he made the porch of the pillars, its length fifty cubits, and its breadth thirty cubits. And the porch *was* over, in front, *corresponding to* them; and the pillars and the roof *were* over, in front, *corresponding to* them.

7 And he made the porch of the throne where he judged, the porch of judgment. And *it was* covered with cedar from floor to floor.

8 As to his house where he lived, the other court *was* within the porch, as this work *was*. Solomon also made a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken, like this porch.

9 And these *were* of costly stone according to the measures of hewn stones, sawed with a saw, inside and out, even from the foundation to the coping, and from the outside, to the great court.

10 And the foundation *was* of costly stones, huge stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above *were* costly stones, according to the measures of hewn stone and cedar.

12 And the great court all around *was* three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams, even for the inner court of the house of Jehovah, and for the porch of the house.

13 ¶ And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram out of Tyre.

14 He *was* the son of a widow woman of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father a man of Tyre, an engraver in bronze. And he was filled with the wisdom and understanding and knowledge to do all work in bronze. And he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

15 And he formed the two pillars of bronze; eighteen cubits *was* the height of the one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits went around the second pillar.

16 And he made two capitals to put on the tops of the pillars, cast in bronze; five cubits *was* the height of the one capital, and five cubits the height of the second capital.

17 He made gratings of network *with* twisted threads of chain-work for the capitals on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital.

18 And he made the pillars. And two rows *were* all around on the one grating, to cover the capitals on the top with the pomegranates. And so he did for the other capital.

19 And the capitals on the top of the pillars in the porch *were* lily-work, four cubits.

20 And the capitals *were* on the two pillars, also above, over against the belly which *was* by the grating; and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows all around on the other capital.

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. And he set up the left pillar, and called its name Boaz.

22 And on the top of the pillars *was* lily-work. So the work of the pillars was finished.

23 And he made a casted sea of ten cubits from brim to brim; *it was* round all about. And its height *was* five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits went around it all about.

24 And gourds *were* below its brim all around, going around it, ten by the cubit, circling the sea all around; the gourds *were* cast in two rows when it was cast.

25 It stood on twelve oxen: three facing the north, and three facing the west, and three facing the south, and three facing the east. And the sea was above on them; and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

26 And its thickness *was* one hand wide; and its brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup, *with* a bud of a lily. It contained two thousand baths.

27 And he made ten bases of bronze; four cubits the length of the one base, and four cubits the breadth, and three cubits the height.

28 And this *was* the work of the base: they had borders; and there *were* borders between the stays.

29 And on the borders that *were* between the stays *were* lions, oxen, and cherubs. And a pedestal was on the stays above. And below the lions and oxen *were* wreaths of hanging work.

30 And the one base had four wheels of bronze, and axles of bronze. And its four feet *were* supports to them; under the basin *were* molten supports *with* wreaths at *each* side.

31 And its mouth within and above the capital *was* a cubit; and its mouth *was* round *like* the work of a pedestal, a cubit and half of the cubit. And also on its mouth *were* carvings; and their borders were square, not round.

32 And the four wheels *were* under the borders. And the hands of the wheels *were* in the base; and the height of the one wheel *was* a cubit and a half.

33 And the work of the wheels *was* as the work of a chariot wheel, their hands, and their rims, and their spokes, and their hubs *were* all casted.

34 And *there were* four supports to the four corners of one base; the supports *were* of the base itself.

35 And in the top of the base *was* a round compass of half a cubit high. And on the top of the base its sides and its borders *were* from it.

36 And he engraved cherubs, lions, and palm trees on the plates of its sides, and on its borders, as the place of each, with wreaths all around.

37 So he made the ten bases, one casting, one measure, one form *was* to them all.

38 And he made ten basins of bronze; the one basin contained forty baths. The one basin was four cubits, one basin on the one base, to the ten bases.

39 And he put the five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. And he put the sea on the right side of the house, eastward, across from the south.

40 And Hiram made the basins, and the shovels, and the bowls. And Hiram finished all the work that he made for King Solomon *for* the house of Jehovah:

41 two pillars, and two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the top of the pillars; and the two gratings to cover the two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the top of the pillars;

42 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two gratings, two rows of pomegran-

ates for each grating, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the pillars;

43 and ten bases, and ten basins on the bases;

44 and one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And all these vessels which Hiram made for King Solomon for the house of Jehovah were of burnished bronze.

46 The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the thick soil of the ground between Succoth and Zarethan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed* because *they were* very, very many; the weight of the bronze was not searched out.

48 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that *were* in the house of Jehovah: the altar of gold; and the table of gold on which *was* the Bread of the Presence;

49 and the lampstands, five on the right and five on the left before the Holy of Holies, of refined gold, and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *were* of gold;

50 and the basins, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the firepans *were* of refined gold; and the hinges for the doors of the inner house, for the Holy of Holies, for the doors of the house of the temple *were* of gold.

51 And it was complete, all the work that King Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah. And Solomon brought in the sanctified things of his father David: the silver, and the gold, and the vessels he had put into the treasuries of the house of Jehovah.

1 Kings 8

1 The feast of the dedication of the temple. 62 His sacrifice of peace offerings.

1 ¶ Then Solomon gathered the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel were assembled to King Solomon, in the month of Ethanim, at the feast, which is the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came in, and the priests lifted up the ark,

4 and brought up the ark of 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.

5 And King Solomon and all the company of Israel who had assembled to him *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted or numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah to its place, to the innermost room, into the Holy of Holies, to the place of the wings of the cherubs;

7 for the cherubs were spreading forth their wings to the place of the ark, and the cherubs covered over the ark, and over its staves from above.

8 And they lengthened the staves, and the heads of the staves were seen from the holy *place* on the front of the Holy of Holies, and were not seen outside; and they are there to this day.

9 Nothing *was* in the ark, only the two tables of stone which Moses put there in Horeb, when Jehovah cut a covenant with the sons of Israel as they went out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it happened as the priests went out from the Holy of Holies, that the cloud filled the house of Jehovah,

11 and the priests were not able to stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Jehovah had filled the house of Jehovah.

12 ¶ And Solomon said, Jehovah has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 Building I have built a house of loftiness for You, a settled place for You to abide in forever.

14 And the king turned around his face and blessed all the assembly of Israel; and all the assembly of Israel was standing.

15 And he said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, God of Israel, who spoke by His mouth with my father David, and by his hand has fulfilled *it*, saying,

16 From the day that I brought out My people, even Israel, from Egypt, I have not chosen a city out of all the tribes of Israel

to build a house for My name to be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of Jehovah, God of Israel;

18 and Jehovah said to my father David, Because it has been in your heart to build a house for My name, you have done well that it has been in your heart;

19 only, you shall not build the house, but your son who shall come out from your loins, he shall build the house for My name.

20 And Jehovah has lifted up His Word that He spoke; for I have risen up instead of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah spoke, and have built the house for the name of Jehovah, the God of Israel;

21 and set there a place for the ark, in which *is* the covenant of Jehovah which He made with our fathers when He brought them out from the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And Solomon stood before the altar of Jehovah, across from the assembly of Israel, and spread his palms toward the heavens;

23 and said, Jehovah, God of Israel, *there is* no God like You in the heavens above or on the earth beneath; who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants that walk before You with all their heart;

24 who have kept for Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him; yea, You spoke with Your mouth, and with Your hand have fulfilled *it* as *it is* this day.

25 And now, Jehovah, God of Israel, keep for Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him, saying, There shall not be cut off from you a man from before Me, sitting on the throne of Israel; only, if your sons watch their way, to walk before Me as you have walked before Me.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let it be established, I pray, Your Word which You have spoken to Your servant, my father David.

27 But will God in truth dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and heaven of the heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built!

28 Yet You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant, and to his supplication, O

Jehovah my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today;

29 for Your eyes are open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, My name shall be there; to listen to the prayer which Your servant prays toward this place.

30 And You shall listen to the supplication of Your servant, and of Your people Israel when they shall pray toward this place; yea, You shall listen in Your dwelling-place, in Heaven; and *You shall* hear and shall forgive.

31 If any man sins against his neighbor and is lifting up an oath to cause him to swear, and the oath has come before Your altar in this house,

32 even You hear *in* Heaven, and shall act, and shall judge Your servants, to declare *the one* being wicked, the wicked *one*, to put his way on his head, and to declare *the one* being righteous *to be* a righteous *one*, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 When Your people Israel are stricken before the enemy, when they sin against You, if they turn again to You, and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this house;

34 even You hear *in* Heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and shall bring them back to the land that You gave to their fathers.

35 When the heavens are restrained, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they have prayed toward this place, and confess Your name, and have turned from their sin because You have afflicted them,

36 even You hear *in* Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, for You shall teach them the good way in which they shall go, and shall give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

37 When there is famine in the land; when there is pestilence, blasting, mildew, locusts; when there is the stripping locust; when its enemy has distressed it in the land *in* its gates; any plague, any sickness,

38 any prayer, any supplication that *shall come* from any man of all of Your people

Israel, who shall *each* man know the plague of his own heart, and shall spread his palms toward this house,

39 even You hear *in* Heaven Your dwelling-place and shall forgive and shall act, and shall give to *each* man according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You have known, You alone, the heart of all the sons of Adam),

40 so that they shall fear You all the days that they are living on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers.

41 And also, to the alien who *is* not of Your people Israel, and has come from a land afar off for Your name's sake,

42 (for they shall hear of Your great name, and of Your strong hand, and of Your stretched out arm, and he shall have come in and prayed toward this house,)

43 You hear *in* Heaven, Your dwelling-place, and shall do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You like Your people Israel, and to know that Your name has been called on this house which I have built.

44 If Your people shall go out to battle against its enemy, in the way that You have sent them, and they have prayed to Jehovah the way *to* the city which You have chosen, and *to* the house which I have built for Your name,

45 even hear *in* Heaven their prayer and their supplication, and perform their cause.

46 When they sin against You (for there is not a man who does not sin) and You have been angry with them, and have given them up before an enemy, and capturing them they are captured to the land of the enemy, far off or near;

47 and they turn their heart back in the land where they have been taken captive, and turn back, and make supplication to You in the land *where* they were captured, saying, We have sinned and done perversely; we have been wicked;

48 and they have turned back to You with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and have prayed to You *to* the way of their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which

You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name,

49 even hear *in* Heaven their prayer and their supplication, Your dwelling-place, and perform their cause,

50 and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, even all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You, and give them pity before those capturing them that they pity them.

51 For they *are* Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out of Egypt, out of the midst of the furnace of iron;

52 for Your eyes shall be open to the supplication of Your servant, and to the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them *in* all *that* for *which* they call to You;

53 for You have separated them to Yourself for an inheritance out of all the peoples of the earth, as You spoke by the hand of Your servant Moses when You brought out our fathers from Egypt, O Lord Jehovah.

54 ¶ And it happened as Solomon finished praying to Jehovah all this prayer and supplication, he arose from before the altar of Jehovah, from bending on his knees, and his palms spread out to Heaven;

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

56 Blessed *be* Jehovah who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He has spoken; not one word of all His good Word has fallen, which He spoke by the hand of His servant Moses.

57 Jehovah our God is with us as He has been with our fathers; He shall not forsake us and not leave us,

58 to stretch out our heart to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commands, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers;

59 and these words of mine which I have prayed before Jehovah be near to Jehovah our God by day and by night, to perform the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel, the matter of *each* day in its day;

60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that Jehovah, He *is* God; there is no other.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as *at* this day.

62 ¶ And the king and all Israel with him were offering a sacrifice before Jehovah;

63 and Solomon offered the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he had offered to Jehovah: twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep; and the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Jehovah.

64 On that day the king sanctified the middle of the court that *was* before the house of Jehovah, for he had made the burnt offering there, and the food offering, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the bronze altar that was before Jehovah *was* too small to contain the burnt offering, and the food offering, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon made a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath to the torrent of Egypt, before Jehovah our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents rejoicing and joyous of heart for all the good that Jehovah had done to His servant David, and to His people Israel.

1 Kings 9

1 *God's covenant in a vision with Solomon.*

10 *The mutual presents of Solomon and Hiram.*

24 *Pharaoh's daughter moves to her house.*

1 ¶ And it happened, as Solomon finished building the house of Jehovah, and the house of the king, and all the desire of Solomon that he delighted to do,

2 that Jehovah appeared to Solomon a second time, as He appeared to him in Gibeon.

3 And Jehovah said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication with which you have made supplication before Me; I have sanctified this house that you have built to put My name there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there all the days.

4 And you, if you walk before me as your father David walked, in singleness of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, you shall keep My statutes and My judgments;

5 even I shall lift up the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I spoke to your father David, saying, There shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.

6 If you at all turn back, you and your sons, from following me, and do not keep My commands, My statutes which I have set before you, and you shall go and serve other gods and bow yourselves to them,

7 then I shall cut off Israel from the face of the land that I have given to them, and the house that I have sanctified for My name I shall send away from My face, and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

8 As to this house, which *is* high, everyone passing by it shall be astonished and shall hiss, and they shall say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land and to this house?

9 And they shall say, Because they have forsaken Jehovah their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they firmly held onto other gods and bowed themselves to them and served them. On account of this Jehovah has brought in upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And it happened, at the end of twenty years Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Jehovah and the house of the king.

11 Hiram the king of Tyre had lifted Solomon with cedar trees and with fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire; then King Solomon gave to Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, and they were not right in his eyes.

13 And he said, What *are* these cities that you have given to me, my brother? And one called them the land of Cabul to this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this *is* the reason of the labor force that King Solomon raised, to build

the house of Jehovah, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 (Pharaoh the king of Egypt had gone up and had captured Gezer, and had burned it with fire. And he killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and gave it *as* a dowry to his daughter, the wife of Solomon.)

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the lower,

18 and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land;

19 and all the store cities which Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities of the horsemen, and the desire of Solomon that he desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 All the people that were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites who *were* not of the sons of Israel,

21 their sons left behind them in the land, whom the sons of Israel had not been able to exterminate, Solomon even caused to go on them a burden of forced labor to this day.

22 But Solomon did not give *as* a slave out of the sons of Israel, for they *were* the men of war, and his servants, and his rulers, and his commanders, and the commanders of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These *were* the commanders of the officers who *were* over the work of Solomon: five hundred and fifty, those ruling among the people who *were* producing in the work.

24 But the daughter of Pharaoh went up out of the city of David to her house that he built for her; then he built Millo.

25 And three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he built to Jehovah, and he burned incense on the altar before Jehovah, and finished the house.

26 And King Solomon built a navy in Ezion-geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the lip of the Sea of Reeds, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent his servants in the navy, shipmen who knew the sea, with the servants of Solomon;

28 and they came to Ophir and took gold from there, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* in to King Solomon.

1 Kings 10

1 The queen of Sheba admires Solomon's wisdom.

14 Solomon's gold. 16 His targets. 18 The throne of ivory. 21 His vessels. 24 His presents.

1 ¶ And the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon as to the name of Jehovah, and she came to test him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great company, camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones. And she came to Solomon and spoke with him all that had been in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her matters; there was not one thing hidden from the king that he did not declare to her.

4 And the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he built,

5 and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the standing of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and his burnt offering that he offered in the house of Jehovah; and there was no more breath in her.

6 And she said to the king, The word that I heard in my land was true as to your matters and your wisdom.

7 And I did not believe the words until I had come and my eyes had seen; and behold, the half was not told to me. You have wisdom and prosperity exceeding the fame which I heard.

8 Oh the happiness of your men! Oh the happiness of your servants, these who stand before you continually, who hear your wisdom!

9 Blessed be Jehovah your God who delighted in you, *putting* your person on the throne of Israel, because Jehovah loved Israel forever, therefore He appointed you king, to do judgment and righteousness.

10 And she gave to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and very many spices, and precious stones; no spice like that came any more for abundance, that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

11 And also, the navy of Hiram that bore gold from Ophir brought in from Ophir almug trees, a great many, and precious stones;

12 and the king made the almug trees a support for the house of Jehovah, and for the king's house, and harps and lyres for singers; no such almug trees have come, and not have there been seen *such* to this day.

13 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire that she asked, apart from that which he gave to her as a memorial of King Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

14 ¶ And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

15 apart from the merchant men, and from the traffic of the traders, and from all the Arabian kings, and from the governors of the lands.

16 And King Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *of* gold went to one target;

17 and three hundred shields of beaten gold: three minas of gold went to one shield; and the king put them in the house of the forest *in* Lebanon.

18 And the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with refined gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind; and hands *were* on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions were standing beside the hands;

20 and twelve lions were standing on the six steps, on this *side* and on that; there was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 And all the drinking vessels of King Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* refined gold; there *was* none of silver: it was not accounted for anything in the days of Solomon;

22 For a navy of Tarshish at sea *was* to the king along with a navy of Hiram; once in three years the navy of Tarshish would come bearing gold, and silver, and ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 And King Solomon was greater than any of the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom;

24 and all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom that God had put into his heart;

25 and they were *each* man bringing his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, the matter of a year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen, and he had a thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; and he placed them in the cities of the chariots, and with the king in Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as the sycamores that *are* in the low country, for abundance.

28 And the horses that King Solomon had were brought from Egypt, and from Kue; the king's merchants received them from Kue at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria they brought *them* out by their hand.

1 Kings 11

1 Solomon's wives and concubines. 4 In his old age they draw him to idolatry. 14 Solomon's adversaries were Hadad 23 Rezon, in Damascus, 26 Jeroboam, to whom Ahijah prophesied.

1 ¶ And King Solomon loved many foreign women, even the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, Hittites;

2 of the nations which Jehovah said to the sons of Israel, You shall not go in to them, and they shall not go in to you; they shall turn aside your heart 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 And it happened, at the time Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, like the heart of his father David.

5 And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the detested *idol* of the Ammonites;

6 and Solomon did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and did not *go* fully after Jehovah like his father David.

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 sons of Ammon;

8 and so he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

9 ¶ And Jehovah *was* angry with Solomon, for his heart had bent away from Jehovah, God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

10 and had given a charge to him concerning this thing, not to go after other gods; and he did not keep that which Jehovah commanded.

11 And Jehovah said to Solomon, Because this has been done by you, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes that I commanded on you, tearing I shall tear the kingdom from you and shall give it to your servant.

12 Only, I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I shall tear it out of your son's hand.

13 Only I will not tear away all the kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for my servant David's sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.

14 ¶ And it happened, Jehovah raised an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he *was* of the seed of the king in Edom.

15 And it happened when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the ones who died, after he had stricken every male in Edom;

16 Joab and all Israel remained there six months until every male in Edom was cut off.

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

18 And they rose up out of Midian and came to Paran, and *they* took men with them out of Paran and came into Egypt, to Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And he gave him a house and commanded bread for him, and gave land to him.

19 And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh, and he gave him a wife, the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore him a son, Genubath, and Tahpenes weaned him in Pharaoh's house among Pharaoh's sons.

21 And Hadad had heard in Egypt that David had slept with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, Send me away and I will go to my land.

22 And Pharaoh said to him, But what are you lacking with me, that, behold, you are seeking to go to your land? And he said, Nothing. However, sending you shall send me away.

23 And God raised up an adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer the king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men to himself, and was head of a troop when David killed them. And they went to Damascus and lived in it, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the evil that Hadad *did*; and he despised Israel and reigned over Syria.

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

27 And this was the thing *for* which he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, repairing the breaks of the city of his father David.

28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty *one* of strength. And Solomon saw the young man, that he was doing work. And *he* appointed him to all the burden of the house of Joseph.

29 And at that time it happened that Jeroboam had gone out from Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite, the prophet, found him in the way. And he covered himself with a new garment, and both of them were by themselves in a field.

30 And Ahijah laid hold on the new garment that was on him and tore it into twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take ten pieces for yourself. For so says Jehovah, God of Israel, Behold, I am tearing the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and giving to you the ten tribes.

32 And he shall have the one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.

33 Because they have forsaken Me, and bow themselves to Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh the god of Moab, to Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and have not walked in My ways, to do the right in My eyes, and My statutes and My judgments, as his father David did.

34 But I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him one lifted up all the days of his life, for My servant David's sake, whom I chose, because he kept My commands and My statutes.

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

36 And I will give one tribe to his son, that there may be a lamp to My servant David before Me all the days in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen to Myself, to put My name there.

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

38 And it shall be, if you shall hear all that I command you, and shall walk in My ways, and do that which is right in My eyes, to keep My statutes and My commands, as My servant David did, then I shall be with you and shall build a sure house for you, as I built for David, and shall give Israel to you.

39 And for this I will humble the seed of David; but not all the days.

40 And Solomon sought to cause Jeroboam to die. And Jeroboam rose up and fled to Egypt, to Shishak the king of Egypt; and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the rest of the matters of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon?

42 And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel were forty years;

43 and Solomon lay with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

1 Kings 12

1 The Israelites, assembled at Shechem to crown Rehoboam, ask relief from burdens.

6 Rehoboam answers roughly. 16 Revolting, ten tribes leave, they kill Adoram, and cause Rehoboam to flee.

1 ¶ And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to cause him to reign.

2 And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard (and he was still in Egypt where he had fled from the face of Solomon the king, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt,)

3 that they sent and called for him; and they came, Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Your father made our yoke hard; and now you should lighten *some* of the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve you.

5 And he said to them, Go; yet in three days come back to me. And the people went.

6 And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing before the face of his father Solomon while he was alive, saying, How do you advise in order to return a word to this people?

7 And they spoke to him, saying, If you are servant to this people today, and will serve them, and answer them and speak to them good words, then they will be servants to you all the days.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they advised him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who were standing before him.

9 And he said to them, What do you advise, and we shall return a word to this people who have spoken to me, saying, Lighten *some* of the yoke that your father put upon us?

10 And they spoke to him, the young men who had grown up with him, saying, So you shall say to this people who have spoken to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and you make *it* light from on us; so you shall speak to

them, My little *finger* is thicker than the loins of my father.

11 And now my father loaded a heavy yoke on you, and I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 And they came, Jeroboam and all the people, to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had spoken, saying, Come back to me on the third day.

13 And the king replied to the people harshly, and forsook the counsel of the elders which they advised him,

14 and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I shall add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn of events was from Jehovah, in order to lift up His Word that Jehovah spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, and the people sent the king back word, saying, What portion *is* for us in David? Yea, *there is* no inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel; now see *to* your house, O David! And Israel went to its tents.

17 *As to* the sons of Israel, those living in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 And King Rehoboam sent Adoram who *was* over the tribute, and all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. And King Rehoboam made haste to go up into a chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

19 And Israel transgressed against the house of David to this day.

20 And it happened when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the company, and caused him to reign over all Israel; none followed after the house of David except the tribe of Judah only.

21 And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, and assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen makers of war to fight with the house

of Israel, to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 And it happened *that* the Word of God came to Shemaiah a man of God, saying,

23 Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon the king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah, and Benjamin, and the rest of the people, saying,

24 So says Jehovah, Do not go up and do not fight with your brothers the sons of Israel. *Each* man turn back to his house, for this thing has been from Me. And they heard the Word of Jehovah, and turned to go back, according to the Word of Jehovah.

25 ¶ And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hills of Ephraim and lived in it, and went out from there and built Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now the kingdom shall turn back to the house of David;

27 if this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, even the heart of this people shall turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam the king of Judah, and they will kill me and turn back to Rehoboam the king of Judah.

28 And the king took counsel and made two calves *of* gold. And he said to them, *It is* too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt!

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other he put in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin, for the people went before the one, to Dan.

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

32 And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, in the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that *is* in Judah; and he offered on the altar, so he did in Beth-el, to sacrifice to the calves which he made; and he made stand in Bethel the priests of the high places that he made.

33 And he offered up on the altar that he made in Bethel, on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month that he devised out of his own heart; and he made a feast for the sons of Israel, and offered on the altar, to burn incense.

1 Kings 13

1 A prophet is sent to Israel. 4 Jeroboam's hand withers, 6 The prophet prays, his hand is restored. 7 The prophet leaves Bethel. 11 An old prophet, lying to him, brings him back. 20 He is reproved by Jehovah, 23 slain by a lion, 26 buried by the old prophet, the prophecy is fulfilled.

1 ¶ And, behold, a man of God had come from Judah to Beth-el, by the Word of Jehovah, and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar, by the Word of Jehovah, and said, Altar! Altar! So says Jehovah, Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, his name Josiah, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who are burning incense on you, and they shall burn the bones of man on you.

3 And on that day he gave a sign, saying, *This is* the sign that Jehovah has spoken: Behold, the altar is torn, and the ashes that *are* on it poured out.

4 And it happened when the king heard the saying of the man of God which he had cried against the altar in Beth-el, Jeroboam put out his hand from the altar, saying, Seize him. And his hand which he put out against him withered, and he was not able to bring it back to him.

5 And the altar was torn, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the Word of Jehovah.

6 And the king answered and said to the man of God, Please entreat the face of Jehovah your God, and pray for me, and my hand shall come back to me. And the man of God entreated the face of Jehovah, and the hand of the king came back to him, and it was as at the beginning.

7 And the king spoke to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a gift.

8 And the man of God said to the king, If you would give me the half of your house, I would not go in with you, and I will not eat bread, and I will not drink water in this place.

9 For so He commanded me by the Word of Jehovah, saying, You shall not eat bread

nor drink water, and not turn back in the way that you have come.

10 And he went on another way, and did not turn back in the way in which he came into Beth-el.

11 ¶ And a certain aged prophet was living in Beth-el, and his sons came and told him all the deeds that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el, the words that he had spoken to the king; yea, they told them to their father.

12 And their father said to them, Where *is* this *man*, *what* way did he go? And his sons saw the way that the man of the priests of the man of God from Judah had gone.

13 And he said to his sons, Saddle the ass for me. And they saddled the ass for him, and he rode on it,

14 and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak tree. And he said to him, *Are* you the man of God who has come from Judah? And he said, *I am*.

15 And he said to him, Come home with me and eat bread.

16 And he said, I am not able to go back with you, and to go in with you, and I may not eat bread, and not may drink water with you in this place;

17 for a word *came* to me by the Word of Jehovah, You shall not eat bread and not drink water there; you shall not turn back to go in the way in which you came.

18 And he said to him, I also *am* a prophet like yourself, and an angel spoke to me by the Word of Jehovah, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, and he shall eat bread and water (he lied to him).

19 And he turned back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.

20 And it happened as they were sitting at the table, and a Word of Jehovah came to the prophet who brought him back;

21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, So says Jehovah, Because you have rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, and have not kept the command that Jehovah your God commanded you,

22 and turned back and ate bread and drank water in the place of which He said to you, You shall not eat bread and not

drink water; your carcass shall not come to the grave of your fathers.

23 ¶ And after he ate bread and after he drank, it happened that he saddled the ass for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And he left, and a lion found him in the way and killed him; and his carcass was thrown down in the way, and the ass was standing near it, and the lion was standing near the carcass.

25 And behold, men were passing by and saw the carcass thrown in the way, and the lion standing near the carcass; and they came and spoke of *it* in the city in which the old prophet lived.

26 And the prophet who brought him back out of the way heard and said, It is the man of God who rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, and Jehovah gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and caused him to die, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke to him.

27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the ass for me.

28 And he went and found the carcass thrown down in the way, and the lion and the ass were standing near the carcass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God,

30 and he placed it on the ass. And the old prophet brought him back to the city to mourn, and to bury him.

31 And it happened after he buried him that he said to his sons, saying, When I die you shall bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried, place my bones beside his bones.

32 For being it shall be that the word he called by the Word of Jehovah concerning the altar which *is* in Beth-el, and concerning all the houses of the high places that *are* in the cities of Samaria *shall occur*.

33 ¶ After this thing Jeroboam did not turn back from his evil way, but turned and made from the ends of the people priests of *the* high places; he who desired he filled his hand and he was *one* of the priests of the high places.

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

1 Kings 14

1 Jeroboam sends his wife to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh. 5 Ahijah pronounces Jehovah's judgment. 17 Ahijah dies and is buried. 20 Nadab succeeds Jeroboam. 21 Rehoboam's wicked reign.

1 ¶ At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam was sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Please rise up and disguise yourself, that not they shall know that you *are* the wife of Jeroboam. And you shall go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet *is* there. He spoke to me of *being* king over this people.

3 And you take in your hand ten loaves, and cakes, and a flask of honey, and come to him. He will tell you what shall become of the boy.

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and rose up and went to Shiloh and entered the house of Ahijah. And Ahijah was not able to see, for his eyes were set because of his being gray-headed, because of his age.

5 And Jehovah said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to ask a thing of you for her son, for he is sick. You shall say this and this to her, and it shall be when she comes in, she will act as being foreign.

6 And it happened when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she came in the door, that he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why are you acting as being foreign? And I *am* sent to you *with* a hard thing.

7 ¶ Go, say to Jeroboam, So says Jehovah, God of Israel, Because I have lifted you up from the midst of the people, and have appointed you leader over My people Israel;

8 and have torn the kingdom from the house of David, and have given it to you, and you have not been as My servant David who kept My commandments, and who walked after Me with all his heart, to do only that *which is* right in My eyes;

9 and you did evil more than all who have been before you, and went and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger; and you have cast Me behind your back.

10 Therefore, behold, I am bringing evil to the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him who urinates against the wall, bound and free in Israel; and will

sweep away the rest of the house of Jeroboam as a man sweeps away the dung, until it is all gone;

11 he of Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat; and he who dies in the field, the birds of the heavens shall eat; for Jehovah has spoken.

12 And you, rise up, go to your house; when your feet enter the city, the boy shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him, for only this one of Jeroboam shall come to the grave because there has been found in him a good thing toward Jehovah, God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

14 And Jehovah shall raise up a king over Israel for Himself, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam this day. And what? Even now!

15 And Jehovah shall strike Israel as the reed waves in the water, and shall pluck up Israel from off this good land that He gave to their fathers. And *He* shall scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherahs, provoking Jehovah to anger.

16 And He shall give up Israel because of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned, and that he caused Israel to sin.

17 And Jeroboam's wife rose up and went, and came to Tirzah. She came in to the threshold of the house, and the boy died.

18 And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he fought, and how he reigned, behold, *they* are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel.

20 And the days that Jeroboam reigned *were* twenty-two years. And he lay with his fathers, and his son Nadab reigned in his place.

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 Jehovah chose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah the Ammonitess.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and they provoked Him to jealousy above all their fathers did by their sins that they had sinned.

23 And they built, they also, high places for themselves, and standing pillars, and Asherahs on every high hill, and under every luxuriant tree.

24 And also the sodomite was in the land; they did according to all the disgusting things of the nations that Jehovah dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

25 And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt went up against Jerusalem.

26 And he took the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house; yea, he took all. And he took all the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

27 And King Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze. And he committed *them* into the hand of the commander of the runners who guarded the door of the king's house.

28 And it happened, when the king entered the house of Jehovah, the runners bore them, and brought them back to the room of the runners.

29 And the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days.

31 And Rehoboam lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah the Ammonitess. And his son Abijam reigned in his place.

1 Kings 15

1 Abijam rules 3 years; Asa succeeds him. 9 Asa's good reign. 24 Jehoshaphat succeeds Asa.

25 Nadab's wicked reign. 27 Baasha executes Ahijah's prophecy. 31 Nadab's acts and death.

1 ¶ And in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem, and his mother's name *was* Maachah the daughter of Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, those that he did before him, and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, as *was* the heart of his father David.

4 But for David's sake Jehovah his God gave to him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem.

5 *For* David did that which *is* right in the eyes of Jehovah, and did not turn aside from all 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 And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 And Abijam lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Asa reigned in his place.

9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam the king of Israel Asa reigned over Judah.

10 And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem, and his *grandmother's* name *was* Maachah the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did that which *was* right in the eyes of Jehovah, like his father David.

12 And *he* removed the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers made.

13 And he also removed his *grandmother* Maachah from *being* queen, in that she made a horrid thing for Asherah. And Asa cut down her horrid thing and burned it by the torrent Kidron.

14 But they did not remove the high places. Only the heart of Asa was perfect with Jehovah all the days.

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated and his holy things, into the house of 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, to keep anyone from going out and coming in to Asa the king of Judah.

18 And Asa took all the silver and gold that remained in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house, and gave them into his servants' hand; and King Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, the king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying,

19 A treaty between you and me, between my father and your father! Behold, I have sent you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha the king of Israel, that he go up from me.

20 And Ben-hadad listened to King Asa, and sent his army commanders against the cities of Israel. And he struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it happened, when Baasha heard, he ceased building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 And King Asa proclaimed to all Judah (no one *was* exempt) and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber with which Baasha had built. And King Asa built with it Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 And the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities he built, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah? Only, at the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David. And his son Jehoshaphat reigned in his place.

25 ¶ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.

26 And *he* did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made 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. For Nadab and all Israel had laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 And in the third year of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha killed him, and reigned in his place.

29 And it happened when he reigned, he struck all the house of Jeroboam; he did not leave Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him according to the saying of Jehovah which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the man of Shiloh:

30 because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and that he caused Israel to sin by his provocation with which he provoked Jehovah the God of Israel to anger.

31 And the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

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

33 In the third year of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah reigned over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty-four years.

34 And he did that which *was* evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

1 Kings 16

1 *Jehu's prophecy against Baasha. 6 Elah succeeds him; 9 Zimri kills Elah and succeeds him.*

15 *Omri forces Zimri to burn himself. 21 Omri defeats Tibni. 23 Omri builds Samaria. 28 Ahab succeeds him. 29 Ahab's most wicked reign.*

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

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

3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 Him who dies of Baasha in the city, the dogs shall eat; and whoever of his dies in the field, the birds of the heavens shall eat.

5 And the rest of the acts of Baasha, and that which he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

6 And Baasha lay with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah. And his son Elah reigned in his place.

7 And also by the hand of Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet, the Word of Jehovah came against Baasha, and against his house, and against all the evil that he did in the eyes of Jehovah to provoke Him to anger with the work of his hands, to be like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed him.

8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa the king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9 And his servant Zimri, the captain of half of the chariots, conspired against him.

And he *was* in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who *was* over the house of Tirzah.

10 And Zimri came in and struck him, and killed him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa the king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

11 And it happened, when he began to reign, as he sat on his throne, that he struck all the house of Baasha; he did not leave him one who urinated against the wall, nor of his kinsmen, nor of his friends.

12 And Zimri destroyed the whole house of Baasha, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke as to Baasha, by the hand of Jehu the prophet;

13 concerning all the sins of Baasha and the sins of his son Elah that they sinned, and that they caused Israel to sin, to provoke to anger Jehovah the God of Israel with their vanities.

14 And the rest of Elah's acts, and all he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the twenty-seventh year of Asa the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* camped against Gibbethon, which *was* the Philistines'.

16 And the people who *were* encamped heard, saying, Zimri has conspired and has struck the king. And all Israel made Omri the commander of the army to rule over Israel on that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up, and all Israel with him from Gibbethon, and they laid siege to Tirzah.

18 And it happened when Zimri saw that the city would be captured he came into a high place of the king and burned the house of the king with fire over him, and died,

19 for his sins that he sinned, to do the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to walk in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin that he did, to cause Israel to sin.

20 And the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his conspiracy that he made, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath to cause him to reign, and the other half after Omri.

22 And the people that followed Omri were stronger than the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath; and Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa the king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel, twelve years. He reigned six years in Tirzah;

24 then he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer with two talents of silver, and built the hill, and called the name of the city that he built by the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, *that is* Samaria.

25 And Omri did that which *was* evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and did evil above all who *were* before him,

26 and walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin, to provoke to anger Jehovah the God of Israel with their vanities.

27 And the rest of the acts of Omri that he did, and his might that he attained, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

28 And Omri laid down with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria. And his son Ahab reigned in his place.

29 ¶ And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa the king of Judah, 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 eyes of Jehovah above all who *were* before him.

31 And it happened as if it were a light thing, that he walked in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took a wife, Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and bowed himself to it.

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

33 And Ahab made an Asherah, and Ahab did still more to provoke to anger Jehovah the God of Israel than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 In his days Hiel the man of Beth-el built Jericho; he laid its foundation in his first-born Abiram, and he set up its doors in Segub his youngest, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

1 Kings 17

1 Elijah is sent to Cherith where the ravens feed him. 8 He is sent to the widow of Zarephath.

17 He prays to Jehovah for the widow's son to live.

1 ¶ And Elijah the Tishbite, of the sojourners of Gilead, said to Ahab, As Jehovah the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be no dew nor rain these years, except according to my word.

2 And the Word of Jehovah came to him, saying,

3 Go away from here; and you shall turn eastward and shall hide by the torrent Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, you shall drink of the torrent; and I shall command the ravens to feed you there.

5 And he went and did according to the Word of Jehovah; for he went and lived by the torrent Cherith, which *is* before Jordan.

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

7 And it was after days that the torrent dried up, because no rain was in the land.

8 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah came to him, saying,

9 Rise up, go to Zarephath that *belongs* to Sidon; and you shall live there. Behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you.

10 And he rose up and went to Zarephath, and came in to the entrance of the city; and, behold, there *was* a widow woman gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, Please bring to me a little water in a vessel, and I shall drink.

11 And she went to bring *it*. And he called to her and said, Please bring me a bit of bread in your hand.

12 And she said, As Jehovah your God lives, I do not have a cake, only a handful of meal in a pitcher, and a little oil in a jar; and behold, I am gathering two sticks and will go in and prepare for myself and for my son; and we shall eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said to her, Do not fear, go, do according to your word, only first make me a little cake of it, and bring to me and

afterward prepare for you and for your son.

14 For so says Jehovah the God of Israel, The pitcher of meal shall not be consumed, and the jar of oil shall not fail, until the day that Jehovah sends rain on the land.

15 And she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she ate, she and he and her household, *many* days;

16 the pitcher of meal was not consumed, and the jar of oil did not fail, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of Elijah.

17 ¶ And it happened after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his illness was very severe until he had no breath left to him.

18 And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to cause my iniquity to be remembered, and to cause my son to die?

19 And he said to her, Give me your son; and he took him out of her bosom, and caused him to go up into the upper room where he was abiding, and laid him on his own bed.

20 And he cried to Jehovah and said, Jehovah my God, have You also brought evil on the widow with whom I am abiding, to cause her son to die?

21 And he stretched himself on the boy three times, and called to Jehovah and said, O Jehovah my God, I pray, let the soul of this boy return within him.

22 And Jehovah listened to the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the boy returned to within him, and he lived.

23 And Elijah took the boy and brought him down from the upper room of the house, and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, See, your son lives!

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know this, that you *are* a man of God, and the Word of Jehovah in your mouth *is* truth.

1 Kings 18

1 Elijah meets good Obadiah. 9 Obadiah brings Ahab to Elijah. 17 Elijah by fire from heaven convinces Baal's prophets. 41 Elijah, by prayer obtains rain, and follows Ahab to Jezreel.

1 ¶ And it happened after many days the Word of Jehovah came to Elijah in the third

year, saying, Go, make yourself seen to Ahab, and I will give rain on the face of the earth.

2 And Elijah went to be seen by Ahab. And the famine in Samaria was severe.

3 And Ahab called to Obadiah, who *was* over the house (and Obadiah greatly feared Jehovah;

4 and it happened, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Jehovah, that Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and had hidden them, fifty men in a cave, and had fed them with bread and water);

5 and Ahab said to Obadiah, Go through the land to all the springs of water, and to all the torrents; perhaps we may find grass and keep alive horse and mule, and will not cut off any of the livestock.

6 And they divided the land to themselves, to pass over into it; Ahab went in one way by himself, and Obadiah went in another way by himself.

7 And Obadiah was in the highway; and behold, Elijah *came* to meet him. And he recognized him, and *he* fell on his face, and said, *Are* you this one, my lord Elijah?

8 And he said to him, I *am*; Go, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah!

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab to cause me to die?

10 *As* 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 here, then he caused the kingdom and the nation to swear that it did not find you.

11 And now, you are saying, Go, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah.

12 And it shall be, I will go away from you, and the Spirit of Jehovah will lift you up, where I do not know, and I will come to tell Ahab, and he will not find you, and he will kill me. And your servant has feared Jehovah from my youth.

13 Was it not told to my lord that which I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of Jehovah, that I hid a hundred men of the prophets, fifty by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now you are saying, Go, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah, and he will kill me.

15 And Elijah said, *As* Jehovah of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely today I will be seen by him.

16 And Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it happened when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, *Are* you this one disturbing Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not disturbed Israel, but you and the house of your father, in that you have forsaken the commands of Jehovah, and you have gone after the Baals.

19 And now send, gather all Israel to me, to Mount Carmel and four hundred and fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of the Asherah, who eat at the table of Jezebel.

20 And Ahab sent among all the sons of Israel and gathered the prophets to Mount Carmel.

21 ¶ And Elijah came near all the people and said, Until when are you limping over two opinions? If Jehovah *is* God, follow Him; and if Baal, follow him. But the people did not answer him a word.

22 And Elijah said to the people, I, I alone, remain a prophet of Jehovah; but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men.

23 And let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and place *it* on the wood, and place no fire. And I, I will prepare the other bull and will put it on the wood, and I will not place fire.

24 And you shall call on the name of your god; and I, I will call on the name of Jehovah; and it shall be, the god who answers by fire, he is the God. And all the people answered and said, The word *is* good.

25 And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose the one bull for yourself, and prepare first, for you *are* many; and you call on the name of your god, but place no fire.

26 And they took the bull that *one* gave to them, and prepared, and called on the name of Baal from the morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, answer us! And there *was* no sound, and no one *was* answering; and they limped about the altar that *one* had made.

27 And it happened at noon, that Elijah taunted them and said, Call with a loud voice, for he *is* a god; for he *is* meditating, or a moving *is* to him, or a journey *is* to him; perhaps he *is* asleep and must be awakened.

28 And they called with a loud voice, and cut themselves, according to their way, with swords and with spears until blood gushed out on them.

29 And it happened as noon passed by, that they prophesied madly until the offering up of the offering; and no sound *came*, and no one *was* answering, and no one *was* paying attention.

30 And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him; and he healed the altar of Jehovah that had been 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 Jehovah came, saying, Israel shall be your name.

32 And he built an altar with the stones in the name of Jehovah, and made a trench around the altar as large as two seahs of seed.

33 And he arranged the wood, and cut the bull in pieces, and placed *it* on the wood, and said, Fill four water jars *with* water and pour on the burnt offering and on the wood.

34 And he said, Repeat *it*; and they repeated *it*; and he said, Do *it* a third time; and they did *it* a third time.

35 And the water went around the altar, and also he filled the trench *with* water.

36 And it happened at the going up of the offering that Elijah the prophet came near and said, O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that You *are* God in Israel, and I Your servant, that by Your Word I have done all these things.

37 Answer me, O Jehovah, answer me; and this people shall know that You *are* Jehovah God; and You have turned their hearts back again.

38 And fire fell from Jehovah and burned up the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust; and the water that *was* in the trench it licked up.

39 And all the people saw, and fell on their faces, and said, Jehovah, He *is* the God; Jehovah, He *is* the God!

40 And Elijah said to them, Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let a man of them escape. And they caught them, and Elijah brought them down to the Kishon and killed them there.

41 ¶ And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, because of the sound of abundance of rain.

42 And Ahab went up to eat, and to drink; and Elijah went up to the top of Carmel, and he stretched himself out on the earth, and he put his face between his knees;

43 and said to his young man, Now go up, look to the way of the sea. And he went up and looked, and said, There is nothing; and he said, Go back seven times.

44 And it happened at the seventh *time*, he said, Behold, a little cloud like the palm of a man is coming up out of the sea. And he said, Go up and say to Ahab, Bind up and go down, that the rain may not stop you.

45 And until this and this, it happened that the heavens became black *with* thick clouds and wind, and the rain was great; and Ahab rode and went to Jezreel;

46 and the hand of Jehovah was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and ran before Ahab until you come to Jezreel.

1 Kings 19

1 Elijah, threatened by Jezebel, flees to Beer-sheba.

4 In the wilderness he is given food and drink by an angel. 9 At Horeb God appears to him, sending him to anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha.

19 Elisha follows Elijah.

1 ¶ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah did, and all that he killed, all the prophets by the sword.

2 And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do, and more so, if not at this time tomorrow I will cause your life to be as the life of one of them.

3 And he saw, and rose up and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba of Judah, and left his young man there;

4 and he himself went into the wilderness a day's journey, and came and sat under a certain broom tree. And he begged for his life, that he might die, and said, Enough, now, O Jehovah; take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers.

5 And he lay down and slept under a certain broom tree; and behold, an angel touched him and said to him, Get up, eat!

6 And he looked, and behold, at his head *was* a cake on burning stones, and a jar of water; and he ate and drank, and turned and lay down.

7 And the angel of Jehovah returned a second time, and touched him, and said, Get up, eat, for the way *is* too great for you.

8 And he rose up and ate and drank, and went in the power of that food forty days and forty nights to the mount of God, Horeb.

9 ¶ And he came there to the cave, and lodged there; and behold, the Word of Jehovah *came* to him, and said to him, What *is* to you here, Elijah?

10 And he said, *Being* zealous, I have been zealous for Jehovah the God of Hosts, for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant; they have thrown down Your altars, and they have struck Your prophets with the sword, and I am left, I, I alone, and they seek my life, to take it.

11 And he said, Go out and stand on the mountain before Jehovah. And, behold, Jehovah passed by, and a great and strong wind breaking to pieces the mountains and breaking up the rocks before Jehovah! Jehovah *was* not in the wind. And after the wind *was* an earthquake, *but* Jehovah *was* not in the earthquake.

12 And after the earthquake *was* a fire, *but* Jehovah *was* not in the fire; and after the fire *came* a voice, a small whisper.

13 And it happened when Elijah heard, he wrapped his face in his robe and went out and stood at the cave opening; and, behold, a voice *came* to him, and it said, What *is* to you here, Elijah?

14 And he said, *Being* zealous, I have been zealous for Jehovah, God of Hosts, for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant; they have thrown down Your altars, and they have struck Your prophets by the sword; and I, I alone, am left; and they seek my life, to take it.

15 And Jehovah said to him, Go, return to your way, to the wilderness of Damascus, and you shall go in and anoint Hazael for king over Syria;

16 and you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat, of Abelmeholah, as prophet in your place.

17 And it shall be, he who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall cause to die; and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall cause to die.

18 And I have left in Israel seven thousand, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

19 ¶ And he left there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat; and he *was* plowing; twelve pairs *were* before him, and he *was* with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him, and threw his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and I may go after you. And he said to him, Go back; for what have I done to you?

21 And he returned from after him, and took the pair of oxen, and sacrificed them, and boiled their flesh with the yoke of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and ministered to him.

1 Kings 20

1 Ben-hadad besieges Samaria. 13 a prophet tells how to defeat them. 22 Forewarned Ahab, the Syrians are smitten again. 31 The Syrians submitting themselves, Ahab sends Ben-hadad away with a covenant.

1 ¶ And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together; and there *were* thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it.

2 And *he* sent messengers to Ahab the king of Israel, to the city, and said to him, So says Ben-hadad,

3 Your silver and your gold *are* mine, and your wives and your sons, the best, *are* to me.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, According to your word, my lord, O king, I *am* to you, and all that *is* to me.

5 And the messengers came again and said, So says Ben-hadad, saying, Sending I sent to you, saying, Your silver and your gold

and your wives and your sons you shall give to me;

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

7 And the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Please note, and see the evil this one is seeking, for he sent to me for my wives, and for my sons, and for my silver, and for my gold, and I did not withhold from him.

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

9 And he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, Say to my lord the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first, I will do; but this thing I am not able to do; and the messengers went and took word back to him.

10 And Ben-hadad sent to him, and said, So shall the gods do to me and more also if the dust of Samaria shall be enough for handfuls for all the people that *are* at my feet.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Do not let him girding *on armor* boast himself *like one* loosening *it*.

12 ¶ And it happened when this word was heard, and he *was* drinking, he and the kings, in the booths, that he said to his servants, Set in order; and they set in order against the city.

13 And behold, one prophet came near to Ahab the king of Israel, and said, So says Jehovah, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold I *am* giving it into your hand today, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, So says Jehovah, by the young men of the rulers of the provinces. And he said, Who shall join the battle? And he answered, You.

15 Then he called up the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two; and after them he called up all the people, even all the sons of Israel, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon, and Ben-hadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the

booths, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings helping him.

17 And the young men of the rulers of the provinces went out at first; and Ben-hadad sent, and they told him, saying, Men have come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, If they have come out for peace, seize them alive; and if they have come to battle, seize them alive.

19 And these went out of the city, the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and the army which *was* after them.

20 And *each* man struck his man, and Syria fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse, also the horsemen.

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

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, Go, make yourself strong, and know and see what you do; for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.

23 And the king of Syria's servants said to him, Their God *is* a god of the hills; on account of this 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 away the kings, *each* man out of his place, and set commanders in their place.

25 And number to yourself an army like the army that fell from you, even horse for horse and chariot for chariot; and we shall fight with them in the plain; Are we not stronger than they? And he listened to their voice and did so.

26 And it happened at the turn of the year, Ben-hadad called up the Syrians, and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.

27 And the sons of Israel were called up, and were supplied, and *they* went to meet them. And the sons of Israel camped before them, like two flocks of goats. And the Syrians filled the land.

28 And a man of God came near to the king of Israel and said, So says Jehovah, Because the Syrians have said, Jehovah *is* God of the hills and not God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great

multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

29 And they pitched, these over against those, seven days. And it happened in the seventh day, the battle came up. And the sons of Israel struck Syria, a hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 And those remaining fled to Aphek, to the city. And the wall fell on *them*, on twenty-seven thousand *of* those left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner room.

31 ¶ And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel that they *are* kings of mercy. Please let us put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes on our heads, and we shall go to the king of Israel. It may be he will keep alive your life.

32 And they girded sackcloth on their loins, and ropes on their heads. And they came in to the king of Israel and said, Your servant Ben-hadad has said, Please let my life live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? He *is* my brother.

33 And the men observed, and quickly caught *it* from him, and said, Your brother, Ben-hadad. And he said, Go, bring him. And Ben-hadad came out to him. And he took him up on the chariot.

34 And he said to him, The cities that my father took from your father, I give back. And you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria. And I will let you go with a covenant. And he cut a covenant with him and sent him away.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor, By the Word of Jehovah, please strike me. And the man refused to strike him.

36 And he said to him, Because you have not listened to the voice of Jehovah, behold, you shall go from me, and a lion shall strike you. And he went from him, and the lion found him and struck him.

37 And he found another man and said, Please strike me. And the man struck him, striking and wounding.

38 And the prophet went and stood for the king on the highway, and disguised himself with ashes on his eyes.

39 And as the king passed by, it happened that he cried to the king, and said, Your

servant went out into the middle of the battle, and behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me, and said, Guard this man. If he is at all missing, even your life shall be for his life; or you shall weigh out a talent of silver.

40 And it happened, your servant was working here and there, and he was not *there*. And the king of Israel said to him, Your judgment is right. You have decided *it*.

41 And he hurried and took the ashes from his eyes. And the king of Israel saw him, that he *was* of the prophets.

42 And he said to him, So says Jehovah, Because you have sent away the man I had devoted from your hand, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and angry, and came to Samaria.

1 Kings 21

1 Ahab covets Naboth's vineyard. 5 Jezebel suborns evil men to accuse Naboth of blasphemy; he is stoned. 15 Ahab takes possession of the vineyard. 17 Elijah announces God's coming judgments against Ahab and Jezebel. 27 Ahab repenting, God defers the judgment.

1 ¶ And it happened after these things, Naboth the Jezreelite *had* a vineyard which *was* in Jezreel near the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, and it shall be a garden of green herbs for me, for it *is* near, by my house. And I will give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If *it is* good in your eyes, I will give silver to you, the price of this one.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, Far be it from me, by Jehovah, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.

4 And Ahab came into his house sullen and angry over the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken. For he had said, I will not give the inheritance of my fathers to you. And he lay on his bed and turned away his face, and would not eat food.

5 ¶ And his wife Jezebel came in to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit sullen and you are not eating food?

6 And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, Give me your vineyard for silver, or if you desire, I will give you a vineyard in its place. And he said, I will not give you my vineyard.

7 And his wife Jezebel said to him, Do you now rule over Israel? Rise up, eat food and let your heart be good. I will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 And she wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and sealed with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who *were* in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people.

10 And set two men, sons of worthlessness, across from him; and they shall testify of him, saying, You have cursed God and the king. And they shall bring him out and stone him; and he shall die.

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

12 They proclaimed a fast, and made Naboth to sit at the head of the people.

13 And two men, sons of worthlessness, came in and sat in front of him. And the men of worthlessness testified of him before the people, even Naboth, saying, Naboth has cursed God and the king. And they took him out *to the* outside of the city, and stoned him with stones, and he died.

14 And they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned and has died.

15 And it happened when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned, and had died, Jezebel said to Ahab, Rise up, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, that he refused to give to you for silver. For Naboth is not alive, but has died.

16 And it happened when Ahab had heard that Naboth had died, that Ahab rose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to possess it.

17 ¶ And it happened, the Word of Jehovah *was* to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Rise up, Go down to meet Ahab the king of Israel, who *is* in Samaria. Behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to possess it.

19 And you shall speak to him, saying, So says Jehovah, Have you murdered, and also possessed? So says Jehovah, In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, so the dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he said, I have found *you*, because you have sold yourself to do that *which is* evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

21 Behold, I am bringing evil on you, and shall take away your posterity, and cut off to Ahab him who urinates against a wall, both restrained and left in Israel.

22 And I shall give up your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and have caused Israel to sin.

23 And also Jehovah has spoken of Jezebel, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 He who dies of Ahab in the city, the dogs shall eat. And the birds of the heavens shall eat him who dies in a field.

25 Surely, none has been like Ahab, who sold himself to do that *which was* evil in the eyes of Jehovah, whom his wife Jezebel incited.

26 And he did very abominably, to go after idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Jehovah dispossessed from before the sons of Israel.

27 And it happened, when Ahab heard these words, he tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the Word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Have you seen that Ahab has been humbled before Me? Because he was humbled before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days. I will bring the evil on his house in the days of his son.

1 Kings 22

1 Ahab is slain at Ramoth-gilead. 37 The dogs lick up his blood in Naboth's vineyard. 40 Ahaziah succeeds him. 41 Jehoshaphat's good reign.

1 ¶ And they continued three years; and *was* no war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it happened in the third year, Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, Have you known that Ramoth-gilead is ours? And we remain still from taking it from the king of Syria's hand.

4 And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go to battle with me, to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as you, my people as your people; my horses as your horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Please inquire at the Word of Jehovah today.

6 And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, that the Lord may give it into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we might inquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Yet one man, to seek Jehovah by him. But I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil, Micaiah the son of Imlah. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 And the king of Israel called to a certain eunuch and said, Cause Micaiah the son of Imlah to hurry.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each man was sitting on his throne having put on their robes, in a threshing-floor in the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets were prophesying before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself. And he said, So says Jehovah, With these you shall push the Syrians until you finish them.

12 And all the prophets were prophesying so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper. For Jehovah shall give it into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets with one mouth are good to the king. Please let your

word be as the word of one of them, and speak good.

14 And Micaiah said, As Jehovah lives, surely that which Jehovah says to me, that I will speak.

15 ¶ And he came in to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to battle to Ramoth-gilead, or shall we leave off? And he said to him, Go up, and prosper, and Jehovah shall give it into the king's hand.

16 And the king said to him, Until how many times have I adjured you that you shall speak nothing to me but truth in the name of Jehovah?

17 And he said, I have seen all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep that there is no shepherd to them. And Jehovah said, No lords are to these; they shall each man return to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not say to you, He will not prophesy good of me, but evil?

19 And he said, Therefore, hear the Word of Jehovah: I saw Jehovah sitting on His throne, and all the host of Heaven were standing by Him, on His right and on His left.

20 And Jehovah said, Who shall entice Ahab, and he shall go up and fall in Ramoth-gilead? And this one said this, and this one said that.

21 And a spirit came forth and stood before Jehovah, and said, I will entice him.

22 And Jehovah said to him, How? And he said, I will go out and shall be a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, You shall entice him, and also you are able. Go out and do so.

23 And now, behold, Jehovah has put a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all these prophets of yours; and Jehovah has spoken evil as to you!

24 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Where did the Spirit of Jehovah pass over from me to speak with you?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, You shall see on that day when you go into the innermost room to be hidden.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the ruler of the city, and to Joash the king's son,

27 and say, So says the king, Put this one in the house of restraint, and cause him to eat the bread of oppression, and the water of oppression, until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah said, If you at all return in peace, Jehovah has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, O people, all of them.

29 ¶ And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

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 And the king of Syria commanded the thirty-two commanders of the chariots, saying, You shall not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel, only him.

32 And it happened when the commanders of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, Surely he *is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight with him; and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it happened when the commanders of the chariots saw that he *was* not the king of Israel, they turned back from after him.

34 And a man drew a bow in his simplicity, and *he* struck the king of Israel between the joints of the breastplate. And he said to his charioteer, Turn your hand and take me out from the camp, for I am wounded.

35 And on that day the battle went on, and the king was caused to stand up in the chariot in front of Syria. And he died in the evening, and the blood of the wound poured out into the middle of the chariot.

36 And the cry passed through the camp when the sun went, saying, *Each* man to his city, and *each* man to his land.

37 And the king died, and came to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And *they* rinsed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood when they had washed the armor, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke.

39 And the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the house of ivory that he built, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

40 And Ahab lay with his fathers. And his son Ahaziah reigned in his place.

41 ¶ And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab the king of Israel.

42 He *was* a son of thirty-five years 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 his father Asa. He did not turn aside from it, doing right in the eyes of Jehovah. Only, the high places were not taken away; the people offered and burned incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he did, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

46 And he took out of the land the rest of the sodomites which remained in the days of his father Asa.

47 No king *was* in Edom; a deputy *was* king.

48 Jehoshaphat *had* ten ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold. But they did not go, for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat *was* not willing.

50 And Jehoshaphat lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David. And his son Jehoram reigned in his place.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And *he* did evil in the eyes of 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 made Israel to sin.

53 For he served Baal, and bowed to it, and provoked to anger Jehovah the God of Israel, according to all his father had done.

The Second Book of KINGS

2 Kings 1

1 Moab rebels. 10 Elijah twice brings fire from heaven upon them whom Ahaziah sent to apprehend him. 16 He tells the king of his death. 17 Jehoram succeeds Ahaziah.

1 ¶ And Moab transgressed against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell through the lattice-work in his upper room in Samaria, and was sick. And *he* sent messengers and said to them, Go, ask of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron if I will recover from this sickness.

3 And an angel of Jehovah spoke to Elijah the Tishbite, Rise, 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 are going to ask of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 And therefore Jehovah says this, You shall not come down from that bed on which you have gone up there, but dying you shall die. And Elijah departed.

5 And the messengers returned to him. And he said to them, What *is* this, that you have turned back?

6 And they said to him, A man came up to meet us, and said to us, Go, return to the king who sent you. And you shall say to him, So says Jehovah, *Is it* because there is not a God in Israel *that* you are sending to ask of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore, you shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, for dying you shall die.

7 And he said to them, What was the fashion of the man who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?

8 And they said to him, A lord of hair, and a girdle of leather was girded about his loins. And he said, He *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

9 ¶ And *the king* sent to him the commander of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him. And behold, he was sit-

ting on the top of the hill. And he spoke to him, O man of God, the king has said, Come down.

10 And Elijah answered and said to the commander of fifty, And if I *am* a man of God, fire will come down from the heavens and consume you and your fifty. And fire came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty.

11 And he turned and sent another commander of fifty and his fifty to him. And he answered and said to him, O man of God, so says the king, Hurry, come down.

12 And Elijah answered and said to them, If I *am* a man of God, fire will come down from the heavens and will consume you and your fifty. And fire from God came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty.

13 And he turned and sent a third commander of fifty and his fifty. And the third commander of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, O man of God, please let my life and the life of your servants, these fifty, be precious in your eyes.

14 Behold, fire has come down from the heavens and has consumed the two commanders of the former fifties and their fifties. And now let my life be precious in your eyes.

15 And the Angel of Jehovah spoke to Elijah, Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him. And he rose up and went down with him to the king.

16 And *he* said to him, So says Jehovah, Because you have sent messengers to ask of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, *is it* because *there is* not a God in Israel to inquire of His Word? Therefore, you shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up there, for dying you shall die.

17 And he died, according to the Word of Jehovah that Elijah spoke. And Jehoram

reigned in his place, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, for he had no son.

18 And the rest of the acts of Ahaziah that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

2 Kings 2

1 Elijah divides Jordan with his mantle 9 and is taken to heaven in a fiery chariot. 13 Elisha is acknowledged his successor. 19 Elisha heals the polluted waters with salt. 23 Bears destroy the children that mocked Elisha.

1 ¶ And it happened, when Jehovah was to cause Elijah to go up to Heaven in a tempest, Elijah and Elisha went from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said to Elisha, Please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said, As Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they went down to Beth-el.

3 And the sons of the prophets in Beth-el came out to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that today Jehovah will take your lord from your head? And he said, Yes, I know. Keep silent.

4 And Elijah said to him, Elisha, please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they came into Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets in Jericho came near to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that today Jehovah will take away your lord from your head? And he said, Yes, I know. Keep silent.

6 And Elijah said to him, Please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they went on, both of them.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went on and stood afar off, across *from them*. And they both stood by the Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and rolled *it* up, and struck the waters. And they were divided here and there, so that they both went over on dry ground.

9 ¶ And it happened, when they were crossing, Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I

shall do for you before I am taken from you. And Elisha said, Even let there now be a double mouth of your spirit on me.

10 And he said, You have asked a hard thing. If you shall see me taken from you, it shall be so to you. And if not, it shall not be.

11 And it happened, as they were going on and speaking, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire *came*. And they separated between them both, and Elijah went up in a tempest to the heavens.

12 And Elisha was watching, and he was crying, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen! And he did not see him again. And he took hold on his garments and tore them into two pieces.

13 ¶ And he lifted up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and turned back and stood on the lip of the Jordan.

14 And he took Elijah's mantle that had fallen from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where *is* Jehovah the God of Elijah, even He? And he struck the waters; and they were divided here and there, and Elisha crossed.

15 And when they saw him, the sons of the prophets who *were* in Jericho, in front of *it*, even they said, The spirit of Elijah has rested on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the earth to him.

16 And *they* said to him, Behold, now, there are with your servants fifty men, sons of strength. Please let them go, and they shall seek your lord, lest the Spirit of Jehovah has taken him up and has cast him on one of the mountains, or into one of the valleys. And he said, You shall not send.

17 And they urged him until he was ashamed. And he said, Send. And they sent fifty men, and they sought three days and did not find him.

18 And they returned to him, and he was abiding in Jericho. And he said to them, Did I not say to you, Do not go?

19 ¶ And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, now, the site of the city *is* good, as my lord sees, but the waters *are* bad; and the ground causes barrenness.

20 And he said, Bring a new dish to me, and put salt there. And they took it to him.

21 And he went out to the going forth of the waters and threw salt there, and said,

So says Jehovah, I have given healing to these waters; there shall not be death and barrenness there any more.

22 And the waters were healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha that he spoke.

23 And he went up from there to Beth-el. And he was going up in the highway. And little boys came out from the city and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, bald head! Go up, bald head!

24 And he turned behind him and saw them, and put a curse on them in the name of Jehovah. And two bears came out of the forest and tore forty-two boys of them.

25 And he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

2 Kings 3

1 Jehoram's reign. 6 Jehoram, Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom, by Elisha obtain water and promise of victory. 21 The Moabites are overcome. 26 The king of Moab raises the siege.

1 ¶ And Jehoram the son of Ahab reigned over Israel in Samaria, in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah; and he reigned twelve years.

2 And *he* did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah; only not like his father and his mother. For he turned away the pillar of Baal that his father had made.

3 But he clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. He did not turn aside from it.

4 And Mesha the king of Moab was a sheepmaster. And he paid a hundred thousand lambs to the king of Israel and a hundred thousand rams *with* wool.

5 And it happened at the death of Ahab, the king of Moab transgressed against the king of Israel.

6 ¶ And King Jehoram went out in that day from Samaria, and called up all Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has transgressed against me. Will you go with me to Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up. I *am* as you; my people as your people; 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 And the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom. And they made a circuit of seven days' journey. And there was no water for the army, and for the livestock that *were* at their feet.

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas, that Jehovah has called these three kings to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

11 And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of Jehovah, that we may inquire of Jehovah by him? And one of the servants of the king of Israel 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 Jehovah is with him. And 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, for Jehovah has called these three kings in order to give them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Elisha said, As Jehovah of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, for if I did not regard the face of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah I would not look toward you, and not see you.

15 And now, bring a minstrel to me. And it happened when the minstrel played, the hand of Jehovah was on him.

16 And he said, So says Jehovah, Make this valley full of trenches.

17 For so says Jehovah, You shall not see wind nor shall you see rain. Yet that stream bed shall be filled *with* water, so that you may drink, both you and your livestock, and your animals.

18 But this is a light thing in the eyes of Jehovah; He also has given Moab into your hand.

19 And you shall strike every fortified city, and every choice city. And you shall fell every good tree, and you shall stop all the fountains of water. And you shall ruin every good piece with stones.

20 ¶ And it happened in the morning, when the food offering was caused to go up, behold, water came by the way of Edom; and the land was filled with water.

21 And all Moab had heard that the kings had come up to fight against them. And they were called together, everyone *able* to gird on a girdle, and upward. And they stood by the border.

22 And they rose up early in the morning. And the sun was shining on the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the opposite *side as* red as blood.

23 And they said, This *is* blood. The kings attacking have attacked one another, and they *each* man struck his neighbor. And now to the plunder, Moab!

24 And they came to the camp of Israel. And the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites. And they fled from before them. And striking even they struck Moab.

25 And they broke down the cities; and they *each* man cast his stone on every good piece of *land*, and filled it. And they stopped every fountain of water. And they felled every good tree, until there was left *only* Kir-haraseth with its stones. But the slingers surrounded it and struck it.

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too strong for him, then he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords to break through to the king of Edom. And they were not able.

27 And he took his son, the first-born who would reign in his place and caused him to go up *for* a burnt offering on the wall. And there was great wrath against Israel. And they pulled up from him and returned to the land.

2 Kings 4

1 Elisha multiplies the widow's oil. 16 He gives a son to the good Shunammite. 24 He raises again her dead son. 42 He satisfies a hundred men with twenty loaves.

1 ¶ And a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets had cried to Elisha, saying, My husband, your servant, is dead. And you know that your servant has seen Jehovah. And the *one* who loaned has come to take my two boys to himself for 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 has nothing in the house except a pot of oil.

3 And he said, Go, ask vessels for yourself from outside, from your neighbors, empty vessels. Do not let *them* be few.

4 And you shall go in and shut the door on you, and on your sons, and shall pour out into all these vessels. And you shall set aside the full ones.

5 And she left him, and shut the door on her and on her sons. They carried to her, and she poured out.

6 And it happened when the vessels were full, she said to her son, Bring another vessel to me. And he said to her, There is no other vessel; and the oil stopped.

7 And she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and repay your debt. And you and your sons shall live from the rest.

8 ¶ And the day came that Elisha crossed over to Shunem. And a great woman *was* there. And she lay hold on him to eat bread. And it happened, as often as he went past, he turned aside there to eat bread.

9 And she said to her husband, Behold now, I know that he *is* a holy man of God who passes by us continually.

10 Now let us make a little walled roof room, and let us set a bed for him there, and a table, and a chair, and a lampstand. And it shall be, when he comes to us, he shall turn in there.

11 And the day came when he came in there and turned into the roof room, and lay there.

12 And he said to his young man Gehazi, Call this Shunammite. And he called her, and she stood before him.

13 And he said to him, Now say to her, Behold, you have trembled with all this care for us. What *shall I* do for you? Shall I speak to the king for you, or to the army commander? And she said, I live among my people.

14 And he said, What then *shall I* do for her? And Gehazi said, Truly there is no son to her. And her husband *is* old.

15 And he said, Call for her. And he called for her. And she stood at the door.

16 And he said, At this season, according to the time of life you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, O man of God, do not lie to your handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived and bore a son, at this season, according to the time of life that Elisha spoke of to her.

18 ¶ And the boy grew, and the day came 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 the young man, Bear him to his mother.

20 And he bore him, and brought him to his mother. And he sat on her knees until noon, and died.

21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* on him, and went out.

22 And *she* called to her husband, and said, Please send to me one of the young men, and one of the asses, and I shall run to the man of God, and return.

23 And he said, Why are you going to him today; *it is* not new moon and not sabbath? And she said, Peace.

24 And she saddled the ass and said to her young man, Lead on, and go. Do not hold back riding for me except I speak to you.

25 And she went, and came to the man of God, to Mount Carmel. And it happened, when the man of God saw her from afar, he said to his young man Gehazi, Behold, the Shunammite!

26 Now please run to meet her, and say to her, *Is it* well with you? *Is it* well with your husband? *Is it* well with the boy? And she said, Well.

27 And she came to the mountain to the man of God, and lay hold on his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away. But the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul *is* bitter in her, and Jehovah has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me.

28 And she said, Did I ask a son from my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29 And he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand, and go. When you meet a man, you shall not greet him. And when a man shall greet you, you shall not answer him. And you shall lay my staff on the face of the boy.

30 And the mother of the boy said, As Jehovah lives, and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he rose up and went after her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff on the face of the boy. But there *was* no voice, and there *was* no hearing. And he turned back to meet him, and told him, saying, The boy has not awakened.

32 And Elisha came into the house. And, behold, the boy was dead, laid out on his bed.

33 And he went in and shut the door on both of them, and prayed to Jehovah.

34 And he went up and lay down on the boy, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, and stretched himself on him. And the flesh of the boy became warm.

35 And he returned, and walked in the house, once here and once there. And *he* went up and stretched himself on him. And the boy sneezed seven times, and the boy opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi and said, Call this Shunammite. And he called her, and she came in to him. And he said, Take up your son.

37 And she went in and fell at his feet, and bowed to the earth, and took up her son, and went out.

38 ¶ And Elisha returned to Gilgal. And the famine *was* in the land. And the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him. And he said to his young man, Set on the big pot and boil soup for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out to the field to gather herbs, and found a vine of the field, and gathered wild gourds from it in the field. And with the lap of his garment full, he came in and shredded *them* into the pot of soup; for they did not know.

40 And they poured out for the men to eat. And it happened, when they were eating the soup, they cried out and said, Death *is* in the pot, O man of God! And they were not able to eat.

41 And he said, Then bring meal. And he threw into the pot, and said, Pour out for the people and they shall eat. And there was no evil thing in the pot.

42 And a man came from Baal-shalisha and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and ripe ears of grain in his sack. And he said, Give to the people, and they may eat.

43 And his servant said, What? Should I set this before a hundred men? And he said, Give to the people, and they shall eat. For so says Jehovah, Eat and have *some* left.

44 And he set before them, and they ate, and had *some* left, according to the Word of Jehovah.

2 Kings 5

1 Naaman is sent to Samaria to be cured of his leprosy. 8 Elisha sends him to Jordan and cures him. 27 Gehazi is struck with leprosy.

1 ¶ And Naaman the commander of the army of the king of Syria was a man, a mighty *one*, before his lord, for Jehovah had given deliverance to Syria by him; and the man was a mighty *one* of strength, *but* leprous.

2 And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and they seized from the land of Israel a little girl. And she was before Naaman's wife.

3 And she said to her mistress, Oh that my lord *were* before the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would take away his leprosy from him.

4 And *one* went in and told his lord, saying, This and this she said, the girl who *is* from the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go, go in, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he went and took in his hand ten talents of silver, and six thousand of gold, and ten changes of garments.

6 And he came to the king of Israel *with* the letter, saying, And now when this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent to you my servant Naaman. And you shall take away his leprosy from him.

7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his garments and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to keep alive, that this *one* is sending to me to take away his leprosy from a man? For consider now, and see, for he is seeking an occasion with me.

8 And it happened, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his garments, he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your garments? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 ¶ And Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go, and you shall wash seven times in the Jordan. And your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean.

11 And Naaman was angry, and went on, and said, Behold, I said, He will certainly come out to me and will stand and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and will wave his hand over the place, and take away *my* being leprous.

12 *Are* not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Shall I not wash in them and be clean? And he turned and went on in fury.

13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had spoken a great thing to you, would you not do *it*? How much rather then when he says to you, Wash, and be clean?

14 And he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God. And his flesh returned like the flesh of a little boy, and he was clean.

15 ¶ And he went back to the man of God, he and all his company, and came in and stood before him, and said, Behold, now I know that *there is* not a God in all the earth except in Israel. And now, please take a blessing from your servant.

16 And he said, *As* Jehovah lives, before whom I stand, I shall not take. And he pressed on him to take, but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, If not, please let a couple of mules' burden of earth be given to your servant. For your servant shall not make any more burnt offering and sacrifice to other gods, only to Jehovah.

18 May Jehovah pardon your servant for this thing, when my lord goes to the house of Rimmon to bow there, and he is supported by my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon; when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, may Jehovah pardon your servant in this thing.

19 And he said to him, Go in peace. And he went away a little way from him.

20 ¶ And Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my lord has

spared this Syrian, Naaman, not to receive from his hand that which he has brought. As Jehovah lives, surely I will run after him, then I shall take something from him.

21 And Gehazi ran after Naaman. And Naaman saw one running after him, and got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Peace?

22 And he said, Peace. My lord has sent me, saying, Behold this now, two young men from the hills of Ephraim have come to me, of the sons of the prophets. Please give to them a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Be pleased, take two talents. And he forced *these* on him, and bound two talents of silver and two purses, and two changes of garments, and gave to two of his young men, and they carried before him.

24 And he came into the hill, and took out of their hand, and put away in the house, and sent away the men, and they went.

25 And he went in and stood by his lord. And Elisha said to him, Where *from* Gehazi? And he said, Your servant did not go here or there.

26 And he said to him, Did not my heart go out when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to take silver, and to take garments and olives, and vineyards, and flock, and herd, and male slaves, and slave-girls?

27 Yea, the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you, and to your seed forever. And he went out from him as leprous as snow.

2 Kings 6

1 Elisha causes iron to swim. 8 He reveals the plans of the king of Syria. 18 The army sent to take Elisha is struck with blindness. 24 The famine in Samaria. 30 The king wants Elisha killed.

1 ¶ And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, See, now, the place where we are living with you *is* too narrow for us.

2 Please let us go to the Jordan, and we *each* man shall take a beam from there, and we shall make for ourselves a place there, to live there. And he said, Go.

3 And the one said, Please be willing, and go with your servants. And he said, I will go.

4 And he went with them. And they came to the Jordan, and cut down trees.

5 And it happened that one was making the beam to fall, and the iron fell into the water. And he cried out and said, Alas, my lord! For it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he made him see the place. And he cut a stick and threw *it* in there, and made the iron float.

7 And he said, Take *it* up to you. And he put out his hand and took it.

8 ¶ And the king of Syria was fighting against Israel, and rose up with his servants, saying, At such and such a place *shall be* my camp.

9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Be on guard in passing by this place, for the Syrians are coming down there.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place of which the man of God spoke to him and warned him. And he protected himself there not once and not twice.

11 And the heart of the king of Syria was enraged over this thing. And he called his servants and said to them, Will you not tell me who of us *is* for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, No, my lord O king, For Elisha the prophet who *is* in Israel tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your sleeping room.

13 ¶ And he said, Go and see where he *is*, and I will send and seize him. And it was told him, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

14 And he sent horses and chariots there, and a heavy army. And they came in by night and surrounded the city.

15 And the servant of the man of God rose up early and went out. And, behold, an army was surrounding the city, and horses and chariots. And his young man said to him, Alas, my lord! What shall we do?

16 And he said, Do not fear, for those with us *are* more than those with them.

17 And Elisha prayed and said, I pray, O Jehovah, open his eyes so that he may see. And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man. And he looked, and behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 And they came down to it, and Elisha prayed to Jehovah and said, I pray, 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, and this *is* not the city. Go after me, and I will bring you to the man you seek. And he led them to Samaria.

20 And it happened, when they came to Samaria, Elisha said, Open the eyes of these, O Jehovah, and they will see. And Jehovah opened their eyes, and they looked; and, behold, *they were* in the middle of Samaria!

21 And when he saw them, the king of Israel said to Elisha, Shall I strike? Shall I strike, my father?

22 And he said, You shall not strike. Would you strike those whom you have captured with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them that they may eat and drink and go to their master.

23 And he prepared a great banquet for them, and they ate and drank. And he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria did not come into the land of Israel any more.

24 ¶ And afterwards it happened that Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his army and went up and laid siege to Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria. And behold! They were laying siege to it until the head of an ass was at eighty silver *pieces*, and a fourth of a cab of dove's dung at five silver *pieces*.

26 And it happened, the king of Israel was passing by on the wall. And a woman cried to him, saying, Save, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, If Jehovah does not save you, from where shall I save you? Out of the threshing floor, or out of the winevat?

28 And the king said to her, What *ails* you? And she said, This woman said to me, Give your son and we will eat him today; and tomorrow we will eat my son.

29 And we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him. But she hid her son.

30 And it happened when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his garments. And he was passing by on the wall,

and the people looked. And, behold, the sackcloth *was* inside on his flesh.

31 And he said, So may God do to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall remain on him today.

32 And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And *the king* sent a man from before him. Before the messenger came to him, even he himself said to the elders, Do you see that this son of the murderer has sent this *one* to take away my head? Behold, when the messenger comes in, shut the door, and you shall hold him fast at the door. *Is* not the sound of the feet of his lord behind him?

33 While he was speaking with them, then, behold, the messenger came down to him. And he said, Behold, this *is* the evil from Jehovah. Why should I wait for Jehovah any more?

2 Kings 7

1 Elisha prophesies incredible plenty in Samaria.

3 Four lepers, venturing on the host of the Syrians, bring news of their flight. 12 The king plunders the tents of the Syrians. 17 The officer who would not believe is trodden to death..

1 ¶ And Elisha said, Hear the Word of Jehovah: So says Jehovah, About this time tomorrow a measure of fine flour *will be* at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 And the third officer on whose hand the king leaned replied to the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* Jehovah would make windows in the heavens, this thing might be. And he said, Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.

3 ¶ And four men, being lepers, were at the gate entrance. And they said *each* man to his neighbor, Why should we sit here until we die?

4 If we say, We shall go into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. If we sit here, then we shall die. Therefore now, come and we will fall into the camp of Syria. If they keep us alive, we shall live. And if they cause us to die, then we die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight to go to the Syrian camp. And they came to the edge of the Syrian camp. And, behold, there *was* not a man there!

6 For the Lord had caused the Syrian army to hear a sound of chariots, and a sound of horses, and a sound of a great army. And they said to one another, Behold, the king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites against us, and the kings of Egypt, to come against us.

7 And they rose up and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, *and* the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

8 And these being lepers came to the edge of the camp, and came into one tent, and ate and drank, and took up from there silver and gold and garments, and went and hid them. And they returned and went into another tent, and took from there, and went and hid *them*.

9 And they said to one another, We are not doing right this day. It *is* a day of good news, and we are keeping silent. And if we wait until the morning light, then punishment will find us. And now come and we will go and tell the house of the king.

10 And they came in and called to the gatekeeper of the city, and spoke for themselves, saying, We have come to the camp of the Syrians. And, behold, there *is* not a man there, nor voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*.

11 And he called the gatekeepers, and they told the house of the king inside.

12 ¶ And the king rose up by night and said to his servants, Let me tell you now that which the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *are* famished, and they have gone out from the camp to hide in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, then we will catch them alive and we shall come into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let *men* take now five of the horses that remain, which *are* left in the city. Behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel who have been left in it. Behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel who have perished. And we will send and see.

14 And they took two chariots *with* horses, and the king sent after the Syrian army, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them to the Jordan. And, behold, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels that the Syrians had

thrown away in their haste. And the messengers returned and told the king.

16 And the people went out and plundered the Syrian camp. And it happened, a measure of fine flour *sold* at a shekel, and two measures of barley at a shekel, according to the Word of Jehovah.

17 And the king appointed the third officer over the gate, *he* on whose hand he leaned. And the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God spoke, which he spoke when the king came down to him.

18 And it happened according to the saying of the man of God to the king, saying, Two measures of barley at a shekel, and a measure of fine flour at a shekel; *this* shall be at this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria.

19 And the third officer had answered the man of God, and said, And behold, *if* Jehovah should make windows in the heavens, it shall be according to this word. And he said, Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but you shall not eat from there.

20 And it happened to him in this way; yea, the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

2 Kings 8

1 The Shunammite has her land restored by the king. 7 Hazael is sent with a present to Elisha.

15 As Elisha predicted, Hazael kills the king, and succeeds him. 16 Jehoram's wicked reign in Judah.

1 ¶ And Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had revived, saying, Rise up and go, you and your household. And reside where you can reside, for Jehovah has called for a famine. And also, it shall come on the land seven years.

2 And the woman rose up and did according to the word of the man of God. And she and her household went and stayed in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it happened at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, and went to cry to the king for her house, and for her field.

4 And the king was speaking to Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, Please tell me all of the great *things* that Elisha has done.

5 And it happened *as* he was telling the king how he had revived the dead, then, behold, the woman whose son he had revived was crying to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son whom Elisha revived.

6 And the king asked the woman, and she told him. And the king appointed to her a certain eunuch, saying, Give back all that she has, and all the produce of the field from the day she left the land even until now.

7 ¶ And Elisha came to Damascus. And Ben-hadad the king of Syria *was* sick. And he was told, saying, The man of God has come here.

8 And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand and go to meet the man of God. And you shall seek Jehovah by him, saying, Shall I live from this sickness?

9 And Hazael went to meet him and took a present in his hand, even of every good thing from Damascus, a burden of forty camels. And he came in and stood before him, and said, Your son Ben-hadad, the king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Shall I live from this sickness?

10 And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, Living you shall live. But Jehovah has made me see that dying he shall die.

11 And he fixed his face; yea, he settled it until he was ashamed. And the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael said, Why is my lord weeping? And he said, Because I know the evil that you will do to the sons of Israel. You will send their fortified places into fire and you will slay their young men with the sword. And you will dash their sucklings to pieces; and you will rip up their pregnant women.

13 And Hazael said, But what! *Is* your servant a dog that he should do this great thing? And Elisha said, Jehovah has shown me that you *will be* king over Syria.

14 And he left Elisha and came to his lord, and he said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he said, He said to me, Living you shall live.

15 And it happened on the next day, he took a plaited cloth and dipped *it* in water,

and spread it on his face, and he died. And Hazael reigned in his place.

16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Jehoram the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat *was* king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, reigned.

17 And he was a son of thirty-two years when he began his reign. And he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for a daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

19 And Jehovah was not willing to destroy Judah, for His servant David's sake, as He had said to give him a lamp to his sons forever.

20 In his days Edom transgressed from under the hand of Judah, and they caused a king to reign over them.

21 And Jehoram passed over to Zair, and all the chariots with him. And it happened, he rose up by night and struck Edom; *he* and the commanders of the chariots had turned around him. And the people fled to their tents.

22 Yet Edom transgressed from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah transgressed at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Jehoram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

24 And Jehoram lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Ahaziah began to reign in his place.

25 ¶ In the twelfth year of Jehoram the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, began to reign.

26 Ahaziah *was* a son of twenty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah the daughter of Omri, the king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did *that which was* evil in the eyes of Jehovah, like the house of Ahab, for he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 And he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab to battle with Hazael the king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead. And the Syrians struck Jehoram.

29 And Jehoram the king returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds with which the Syrians had struck him in Ramah, as he fought with Hazael the king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah had gone down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, for he was sick.

2 Kings 9

1 Elisha sends a young prophet to anoint Jehu at Ramoth-gilead. 24 Jehu kills Jehoram in the field of Naboth. 27 Ahaziah is slain at Gur, and buried at Jerusalem. 30 Jezebel is thrown out from a window, and eaten by dogs.

1 ¶ And Elisha the prophet called to one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, Gird up your loins and take this vial of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead.

2 And you shall go there, and you shall see there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. And you shall go in and cause him to rise up from among his brothers. And you shall bring him to an inner room.

3 And take the vial of oil and pour on his head, and say, So says Jehovah, I have anointed you for a king to Israel. And you shall open the door and flee, and shall not wait.

4 And the young man went, the servant of the prophet, to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And *he* came in; and, behold, the army commanders *were* sitting. And he said, I have a word to you, O commander. And Jehu said, To which of all of us? And he said, To you, O commander.

6 And he rose up and came into the house, and poured the oil on his head, and said to him, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I have anointed you for a king to the people of Jehovah, to Israel.

7 And you shall strike the house of your lord Ahab, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Jehovah from the hand of Jezebel.

8 And all the house of Ahab shall perish. Yea, I have cut off to Ahab those who uri-

nate against the wall, both bound and free in Israel.

9 And I have given up the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel. And there shall be none to bury *her*. And he opened the door and fled.

11 ¶ And Jehu went out to the servants of his lord. And *one* said to him, Peace? Why did this madman come to you? And he said to them, You know the man, and his complaint.

12 And they said, A lie! Tell us now. And he said, Like this and like this he said to me, saying, So says Jehovah, I have anointed you for a king to Israel.

13 And they hurried, and *each* man took his garment and put *it* under him on the bare steps, and blew with the rams' horn, and said, Jehu reigns!

14 And Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi conspired against Jehoram. And Jehoram was keeping *watch* at Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel before Hazael the king of Syria.

15 And King Jehoram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds with which the Syrians had smitten him as he fought with Hazael the king of Syria. And Jehu said, If it is in your minds, do not let one leave the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

16 ¶ And Jehu rode and went to Jezreel, for Jehoram lay there. And Ahaziah the king of Judah had gone down to see Jehoram.

17 And the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel. And *he* saw the troop of Jehu as he came. And *he* said, I see a troop. And Jehoram said, Take a charioteer, and send to meet them, and let him say, Peace?

18 And the *one* riding on the horse went to meet him, and said, So says the king, Peace? And Jehu said, What *have* you to do with peace? Turn behind me. And the watchman spoke, saying, The messenger came to them, and he has not returned.

19 And he sent a second *one* riding on a horse. And he came to them, and said, So says the king, Peace? And Jehu said, What *have* you to do with peace? Turn behind me.

20 And the watchman spoke, saying, He came to them, and he has not returned. And the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives with madness.

21 And Jehoram said, Harness up! And his chariot was harnessed. And Jehoram the king of Israel and Ahaziah the king of Judah went out, *each* man in his chariot. And they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it happened, when Jehoram saw Jehu, he said, Peace, Jehu? And he said, What peace, *while* the fornications of your mother Jezebel and her sorceries *are so many*?

23 And Jehoram turned his hands and fled, and said to Ahaziah, Treachery, O Ahaziah!

24 And Jehu filled his hand with a bow and struck Jehoram between his arms. And the arrow went out from his heart. And he sank down in his chariot.

25 And *Jehu* said to his third officer, Bidkar, Take up, throw him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For, remember, you and I were riding together after his father Ahab, and Jehovah laid this burden on him:

26 Surely yesterday I have seen the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, a statement of Jehovah. And I will repay you in this portion, a statement of Jehovah. Now, then, take *him* up, throw him into the portion *of Naboth*, according to the Word of Jehovah.

27 And Ahaziah the king of Judah saw, and *he* fled the way of the garden house. And Jehu pursued him, and said, Strike him, him also, in the chariot, in the ascent to Gur, that *is*, Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo and died there.

28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his burial site, with his fathers in the city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Jehoram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

30 ¶ And Jehu came to Jezreel. And Jezebel had heard, and had painted her eyes and adorned her head, and looked down through the window.

31 And Jehu came to the gate. And she said, Peace *to* Zimri the slayer of his lord?

32 And he lifted his face to the window, and said, Who *is* with me? Who? And two *or* three eunuchs looked down to him.

33 And he said, Throw her down! And they threw her down. And some of her blood was splashed on the wall, and on the horses. And he trampled her.

34 And he came in and ate and drank, and said, Now look after this cursed *woman* and bury her, for she is a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her, but did not find *any* of her except the skull, and the feet, and the palms of the hands.

36 And they came back and told him. And he said, It *is* the Word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel, the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel.

37 And the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

2 Kings 10

1 Jehu causes seventy of Ahab's children to be beheaded. 12 At the shearing house he slays forty-two of Ahaziah's brethren. 18 He destroys all the worshipers of Baal. 29 Jehu follows Jeroboam's sins. 34 Jehoahaz succeeds Jehu.

1 ¶ And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, the elders, and to the supporters of Ahab, saying,

2 And now when this letter comes to you, and with you *are* the sons of your lord, and chariots and horses *are* with you, and a fortified city, and armor;

3 and you shall look out the best and the most upright of the sons of your lord, and you shall set *him* on the throne of his father. And you shall fight for the house of your lord.

4 And fearing they feared, and said, Behold, the two kings have not stood before him, and how shall we stand?

5 And he who *was* over the house, and he over the city, and the elders, and the supporters, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* your servants, and all that you say to us we will do. We will not make anyone to reign. Do what is good in your eyes.

6 And he wrote a letter to them a second time, saying, If you *are* for me, and are listening to my voice, take the heads of the men, the sons of your lord, and come to me about *this* time tomorrow, to Jezreel. And the king's sons, seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, who caused them to grow up.

7 And it happened, when the letter came to them, they took the sons of the king and slaughtered them, seventy men, and put their heads in baskets, and sent to him in Jezreel.

8 And the messenger came and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Make them two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning.

9 And it happened in the morning, he went out and stood, and said to all the people, You *are* righteous *ones*. Behold, I have conspired against my lord, and have killed him; but who struck all these?

10 Then know that nothing of the Word of Jehovah shall fall to the earth, that which Jehovah spoke against the house of Ahab. For Jehovah has done that which He spoke by the hand of His servant Elijah.

11 And Jehu killed all those left to the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and his great men, and his friends, and his priests, until he did not leave a survivor to him.

12 And he rose up and came in, and went to Samaria. He *was at* the house of those shepherding shearing *sheep* in the way.

13 And Jehu met the brothers of Ahaziah the king of Judah, and said, Who *are* you? And they said, We *are* brothers of Ahaziah, and we are going down to *ask* the welfare of the sons of the king, and the sons of the queen.

14 And he said, Capture them alive! And they captured them alive, and slaughtered them at the pit of the shearing house, forty men. And he did not leave a man of them.

15 ¶ And he left there and found Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him, and *he* blessed him. And *he* said to him, *Is* your heart right, as my heart *is* with your heart? And Jehonadab said, It is. If it is, give your hand. And he gave his hand, and he made him to go up to him into the chariot.

16 And *he* said, Go with me and see my zeal for Jehovah. And they made him ride in the chariot.

17 And he came to Samaria and struck all those left of Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke to Elijah.

18 And Jehu gathered all the people and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu shall serve him much.

19 And now call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Do not let a man be lacking, for I shall have a great sacrifice to Baal. Anyone who is lacking, he shall not live. And Jehu was acting with cunning in order to destroy the servants of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, Separate an assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

21 And Jehu sent to all Israel, and all the servants of Baal came in. And there *was not* a man left who did not come in. And they came into the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was full from mouth to mouth.

22 And he said to him who *was* over the wardrobe, Bring out garments to all the servants of Baal. And he brought out the garments to them.

23 And Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went in to the house of Baal and said to the servants of Baal, Search and see that there *are* none of the servants of Jehovah here with you; but only the servants of Baal.

24 And they came in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. And Jehu had set for himself eighty men on the outside. And *he* said, The man who lets any of the men escape whom I am bringing into your hands, his life for the life of him.

25 And it happened, when he finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the runners and the third officers, Go in, strike them. Do not let any man come out. And they struck them by the mouth of the sword. And the runners and the third officers threw *them* out. And they went into the city to the house of Baal,

26 and brought out the pillars of the house of Baal and burned them.

27 And *they* broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it an outhouse to this day.

28 And Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ Only, from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not turn from following them, the calves of gold at Beth-el, and in Dan.

30 And Jehovah said to Jehu, Because you have done well, to do the right in my eyes, and you have done to the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in My heart, the sons of the fourth *generation* shall sit for you on the throne of Israel.

31 And Jehu did not take heed to walk in the Law of Jehovah, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin.

32 In those days Jehovah began to cut off in Israel, and Hazael struck them in all the border of Israel;

33 from the Jordan eastward, the whole land of Gilead, of the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer by the Arnon torrent, even Gilead and Bashan.

34 And the rest of the matters of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu lay with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And his son Jehoahaz reigned in his place.

36 And the days that Jehu reigned over Israel *were* twenty-eight years, in Samaria.

2 Kings 11

Joash is saved from Athaliah's massacre 2 and is hiddden six years in a bedroom in the house of Jehovah. 4 Jehoiada, in the seventh year, anoints him king. 13 Athaliah is slain.

17 Jehoiada restores the worship of Jehovah.

1 ¶ And Athaliah *was* the mother of Ahaziah. And when she saw that her son had died, then she rose up and destroyed all the seed of the kingdom.

2 But Jehosheba the daughter of King Jehoram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the sons of the king's sons *who were* caused to die, him and his nurse, in the bedroom. And they hid him from the face of Athaliah, and he had not died.

3 And he was with her in the house of Jehovah, hiding himself six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land.

4 ¶ And in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent and called the rulers of the hundreds, with the Carites and the runners. And he brought them to him into the house of Jehovah, and cut a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of Jehovah. And *he* made them see the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that you shall do. A third of you *shall* go in *on* the sabbath for keepers of the watch of the king's house.

6 A third *shall be* at the Sur Gate. A third *shall be* at the gate behind the runners. And you shall keep the watch of the house, alternately.

7 And two parts of you, all who go out *on* the sabbath, they shall keep the watch of the house of Jehovah about the king.

8 And you shall fully surround the king, *each* man with his weapons in his hand. And he that comes within the ranks shall be made to die. And you shall be with the king as he goes in and goes out.

9 And the rulers of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And *each* man took his men, going in on the sabbath, with those going out on the sabbath, and came in to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And the priest gave to the rulers of the hundreds King David's spears and the shields, that *were* in the house of Jehovah.

11 And the runners stood, *each* man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, beside the altar and beside the house, by the king round about.

12 And he brought out the son of the king, and put the crown on him, and the testimony. And they made him to reign, and anointed him, and clapped their hands, and said, Let the king live!

13 ¶ And Athaliah heard the sound of the runners of the people. And she came *to* the people, to the house of Jehovah.

14 And *she* looked, and, behold, the king was standing by the pillar, according to the custom. And the rulers and the trumpeters *were* beside the king. And all the people of the land were rejoicing, and blowing with trumpets. And Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, Treason! Treason!

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the commanders of the hundreds who were set *over* the army, and said to them, Bring her out to the outside of the ranks; and he who comes after her cause *her* to die by the sword. For the priest had said, Do not cause her to die in the house of Jehovah.

16 And they laid hands on her, and she entered the way of the horse's entrance to the house of the king, and was caused to die there.

17 ¶ And Jehoiada cut a covenant between Jehovah and the king and the people to be for a people to Jehovah, and between the king and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal and broke it down. They completely smashed its altars and its images. And they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest set guards over the house of Jehovah.

19 And he took the commanders over the hundreds, and the Carites, and the runners, and all the people of the land. And they brought the king down from the house of Jehovah, and came by the way of the Runners' Gate 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 quiet. And they had slain Athaliah by the sword in the king's house.

21 Joash was a son of seven years when he began to reign.

2 Kings 12

1 Joash reigns well all the days of Jehoiada. 6 He repairs the temple. 17 Hazeal is diverted from Jerusalem by a present of the dedicated things.

19 Amaziah succeeds Joash.

1 ¶ Joash reigned in the seventh year of Jehu. And he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Joash did *that which* was upright in the eyes of Jehovah all his days in which Jehoiada the priest directed him;

3 only, the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and offered incense in high places.

4 ¶ And Joash said to the priests, All the silver of the devoted things that is brought into the house of Jehovah, the silver coming over, *each* man the silver of the value of the

soul, all the silver that comes upon any man's heart to bring into the house of Jehovah,

5 even the priests shall take to themselves, *each* man from his friend; and they shall strengthen the breach of the house, in all *places* where a breach may be found.

6 And it happened, in the twenty-third year of King Joash, that the priests had not strengthened the breach of the house.

7 And King Joash called to Jehoiada the priest, and the priests, and said to them, Why have you not made strong the breach of the house? And now, do not receive *any* silver from your friends, but give it for the breach of the house.

8 And the priests agreed not to receive silver from the people, and to strengthen the breach of the house.

9 And Jehoiada the priest took a chest and cut a hole in its lid, and put it near the altar, on the right *side*, as a man comes to the house of Jehovah, and the priests who guarded the threshold put in it all the silver brought into the house of Jehovah.

10 And it happened, when they saw that the silver in the chest *was* much, that a scribe of the king and the high priest went up, and they bound *it* up, and counted the silver found *in* the house of Jehovah.

11 And they weighed silver into the hands of those doing the work, those overseeing the house of Jehovah; and they gave it, weighed out, to the craftsmen in wood, and to the builders who were working on the house of Jehovah,

12 and to the masons, and the stone cutters, and to buy wood and cut stone to strengthen the breach of the house of Jehovah; and for all that went out on the house, to make it strong.

13 Only, there were not made for the house of Jehovah basins of silver, snuffers, sprinkling basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold or vessels of silver, of the silver brought into the house of Jehovah;

14 for they gave it to those doing the work, and they made strong the house of Jehovah with it.

15 And they did not reckon with the men into whose hand they gave the silver, to give to those doing the work, for they were dealing with faithfulness.

16 And the guilt-offering silver and the sin-offering silver was not brought into the house of Jehovah, for it was the priests'.

17 ¶ Then Hazael the king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and captured it; and Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem.

18 And Joash the king of Judah took all the dedicated things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, the kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own dedicated things, and all the gold found in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and of the house of the king, and sent to Hazael the king of Syria; and he went away from Jerusalem.

19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

20 And his servants rose up and made a conspiracy and killed Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down *to* Silla.

21 For 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 his son Amaziah reigned in his place.

2 Kings 13

1 Jehoahaz's wicked reign. 8 Joash succeeds him.

14 Elisha dying, prophecies to Joash three victories over the Syrians. 20 Elisha's bones raise up a dead man.

1 ¶ In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, the king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel, in Samaria, seventeen years.

2 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and went after the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not turn aside from it.

3 And the anger of Jehovah burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hand of Hazael the king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all the days.

4 And Jehoahaz sought the face of Jehovah, and Jehovah listened to him, for He saw the oppression of Israel; for the king of Syria had oppressed them.

5 And Jehovah gave a deliverer to Israel, and they went out from under the hand of

Syria, and the sons of Israel lived in their tents as before.

6 Only, they did not turn aside from the sins of the house of Jeroboam that he caused Israel to sin; he walked in it, and also the Asherah remained in Samaria.

7 For he did not leave to Jehoahaz *any* of the people except fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like dust by threshing.

8 And the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

9 And Jehoahaz lay with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And his son Joash reigned in his place.

10 ¶ In the thirty-seventh year of Joash the king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz reigned over Israel, in Samaria, sixteen years.

11 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he walked in it.

12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought with Amaziah the king of Judah, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

13 And Joash lay with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 And Elisha had become sick with his illness in which he died; and Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept on his face, and said, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen!

15 And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took bow and arrows to himself.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Cause your hand to ride on the bow. And he caused his hand to ride. And Elisha put his hand on the hands of the king,

17 and said, Open the window eastward. And he opened. And Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of deliverance of Jehovah, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you shall strike the Syrians in Aphek, until it is finished.

18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them* up. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike the earth. And he struck three times, and stood.

19 And the man of God was angry with him, and said, By striking five or six times, then you would have stricken Syria until it was finished; but now, you shall strike Syria three times.

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of Moab came into the land, at the coming of the year;

21 and it happened, they were burying a man; and, behold, they saw the band, and threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And the man fell and touched the bones of Elisha, and came alive, and rose on his feet.

22 And Hazael the king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 And Jehovah was gracious to them, and pitied them, and turned toward them, for the sake of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and was not willing to destroy them, and not to cast them out from His presence as yet.

24 And Hazael the king of Syria died, and his son Ben-hadad reigned in his place.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz returned and took the cities out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael that he had taken out of the hand of his father Jehoahaz in battle. Jehoash struck him three times, and he brought back the cities of Israel.

2 Kings 14

1 Amaziah's good reign. 7 His victory over Edom.

15 Jeroboam succeeds Jehoash. 17 Amaziah slain. 21 Azariah succeeds him. 23 Jeroboam's evil reign. 28 Zachariah succeeds him.

1 ¶ In the second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz the king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash the king of Judah began to reign.

2 He was a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, but not like his father David; he did according to all that his father Joash did;

4 however, the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and offered in the high places.

5 And it happened, when the kingdom was strong in his hand, he struck his servants, those who struck his father, the king.

6 But he did not cause to die the sons of those who struck *him*, as it is written in the book of the Law of Moses that Jehovah commanded, saying, The fathers not shall die for the sons, and the sons not shall die for the fathers, but *each* man shall die for his own sin.

7 He struck Edom in the Valley of Salt, ten thousand, and captured the Rock by war, and called its name Joktheel to this day.

8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, Come, we shall look *one another* in the face.

9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah the king of Judah, saying, The thorn that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son as wife; and a beast of the field in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thorn.

10 Striking you have stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Glory *in it* and stay in your house; and why should you stir yourself up to evil so that you may fall, you and Judah with you?

11 But Amaziah would not listen, and Jehoash the king of Israel went up; and they saw *one another* in the face, he and Amaziah the king of Judah, in Beth-shemesh of Judah.

12 And Judah was stricken before Israel, and they *each* man fled to his tent.

13 And Amaziah the king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, was captured by Jehoash the king of Israel in Beth-shemesh. And they came in to Jerusalem, and he broke through the wall of Jerusalem at the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and the sons of the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah the king of Judah, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

16 And Jehoash lay with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. And his son Jeroboam reigned in his place.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash the king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz the king of Israel.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

19 And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; and they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

20 And *they* lifted him up on the horses, and he was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah (and he *was* a son of sixteen years), and they made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath and restored it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash the king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Jehoash the king of Israel reigned in Samaria, forty-one years.

24 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he caused Israel to sin.

25 He restored the border of Israel from the entering in of Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to the Word of Jehovah the God of Israel, which He spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah the prophet, the son of Amittai of Gath-hepher.

26 For Jehovah had seen the affliction of Israel *to be* very bitter; and none was bound, and none free, and there *was* no helper for Israel.

27 And Jehovah had not spoken that He would blot the name of Israel from under the heavens, but saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, all that he did, and his might with which he fought, and with which he recovered Damascus and Hamath of Judah for Israel, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam lay with his fathers, with the kings of Israel. And his son Zachariah reigned in his place.

2 Kings 15

1 Azariah's good reign. 5 Jotham succeeds him.

8 Zachariah reigns ill and is slain by Shallum,

13 Menahem. slays him 16 Menahem strengthens himself by Pul. 21 Pekahiah succeeds him,

by Tiglath-pileser, and slain by Hoshea.

32 Jotham's good reign. 36 Ahaz succeeds him.

1 ¶ In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam the king of Israel Azariah (*Ussiah*) the son of Amaziah the king of Judah began to reign.

2 He *was* a son of sixteen years when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah did;

4 however, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.

5 And Jehovah touched the king, and he was being leprous to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, and Jotham the son of the king *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah (*Uzziah*), and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

7 And Azariah lay with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Jotham reigned in his place.

8 ¶ In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah the king of Judah, Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel, in Samaria, six months.

9 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, as his fathers did; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him and struck him before the people, and caused him to die, and reigned in his place.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel.

12 This *was* the Word of Jehovah that He spoke to Jehu, saying, Your son of the fourth *generation* shall sit to you on the throne of Israel; and it was so.

13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah the king of Judah, and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

14 And Menahem the son of Gadi from Tirzah went up and came into Samaria and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and caused him to die, and *he* reigned in his place.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy that he conspired, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem struck Tiphshah, and all who *were* in it, and its borders from Tirzah, for it did not open, and he struck it; he ripped up all its pregnant women.

17 In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah (*Uzziah*) the king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel, ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, all his days.

19 Pul the king of Assyria came against the land, and Menahem gave a thousand talents of silver to Pul, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20 And Menahem brought out the silver *from* Israel, on all the mighty *men* of wealth, to give to the king of Assyria, fifty shekels of silver for *each* man; and the king of Assyria turned back and did not stay there 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 Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem lay with his fathers. And his son Pekahiah reigned in his place.

23 In *the* fiftieth year of Azariah the king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem reigned over Israel two years in Samaria.

24 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

25 And Pekah the son of Remaliah, his general, conspired against him and struck him in Samaria, in the high place of the house of the king, with Argob and Arieah, and fifty men of the sons of *the* Gileadites with him; and he caused him to die and reigned in his place.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel.

27 In the fifty-second year of Azariah (*Uzziah*) the king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel, twenty years in Samaria.

28 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah; he did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Pekah the king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and removed them to Assyria.

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah conspired a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and caused him to die, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah, the king of Judah, began to reign.

33 He *was* a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name *was* Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah; he did according to all that his father Uzziah did.

35 Only, the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in high places. He built the Upper Gate of the house of Jehovah.

36 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

37 In those days Jehovah began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

38 And Jotham lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David. And his son Ahaz reigned in his place.

2 Kings 16

1 Ahaz's wicked reign. 10 He diverts the altar to his own devotion. 17 He spoils the temple.

19 Hezekiah succeeds him.

1 ¶ In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham the king of Judah began to reign.

2 Ahaz *was* a son of twenty years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do the right in the eyes of Jehovah his God, like his father David.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and also he caused his son to pass through the fire, like the disgusting things of the nations whom Jehovah had cast out from before the sons of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and offered incense in the high places, and on the heights, and under every green tree.

5 ¶ Then Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war. And they besieged Ahaz, but they were not able to fight.

6 At that time Rezin the king of Syria brought Elath back to Syria, and cleared the Jews out of Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath and lived there to this day.

7 And Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser the 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 have risen up against me.

8 And Ahaz took the silver and the gold which *was* found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent to the king of Assyria a bribe.

9 And the king of Assyria listened to him. And the king of Assyria went up to Damascus and captured it, and removed it to Kir, and he caused Rezin to die.

10 ¶ And King Ahaz went to meet Tiglathpileser the king of Assyria at Damascus.

And *he* saw the altar that *was* in Damascus. And King Ahaz sent the likeness of the altar to Urijah the priest, and its pattern, according to all its work.

11 And Urijah the priest built the altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus; so Urijah the priest did until King Ahaz came in from Damascus.

12 And the king came in from Damascus, and the king saw the altar; and the king drew near to the altar and offered on it;

13 and offered his burnt offering, and his food offering, and poured out his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar.

14 But as to the bronze altar that *was* before Jehovah, he brought near from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of Jehovah, and put it on the north side of *his* altar.

15 And King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, On the great altar sacrifice the burnt offering of the morning, and the evening food offering, and the king's burnt offering and his food offering with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their food offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; but the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by.

16 And 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 laver from them; and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen under it, and put it on a pavement of stones.

18 And the covered way that they had built in the house for the sabbath, and the king's entry outside, he turned from the house of Jehovah, because of the king of Assyria.

19 And the rest of the acts of Ahaz that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz lay with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. And his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

2 Kings 17

1 Hoshea's wicked reign. 3 He conspires against Shalmaneser with So, king of Egypt. 6 Samaria is captured. 24 Alien nations were transplanted in Samaria, making a mixture of religions.

1 ¶ In the twelfth year of Ahaz the king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah reigned in Samaria, nine years over Israel.

2 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3 Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came against him, and Hoshea was a servant to him, and paid him tribute.

4 And the king of Assyria found a conspiracy in Hoshea, in that he had sent messengers to So the king of Egypt, and had not offered tribute up to the king of Assyria, as year by year. And the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in a prison.

5 And the king of Assyria went up into all the land, and he went up to Samaria and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and removed Israel to Assyria, and made them live in Halah, and in Habor, by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 ¶ And it was so because the sons of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and feared other gods,

8 and walked in the statutes of the nations that Jehovah had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel, and of the kings of Israel that they made.

9 And the sons of Israel secretly did the things that *were* not right against Jehovah their God, and built high places for themselves in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city,

10 and set up for themselves Asherahs and pillars on every high hill, and under every green tree;

11 and burned incense there in all high places, like the nations that Jehovah had removed from their face; and did evil things to provoke Jehovah,

12 and served the idols, of which Jehovah had said to them, You shall not do this thing.

13 And Jehovah testified against Israel, and against Judah, by the hand of all His prophets, and every seer, saying, Turn back from your evil ways, and keep My commands, My statutes, according to all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by the hand of My servants the prophets.

14 And they did not listen, and hardened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not remain faithful to Jehovah their God.

15 And *they* rejected His statutes and His covenant that He made with their fathers, and His testimonies that He testified against them, and went after the vain thing, and became vain, and after the nations that *were* around them, of whom Jehovah had commanded them not to act like them.

16 And they left all the commands of Jehovah their God and made for themselves molten images, two calves, and made an Asherah, and bowed to all the host of the heavens, and served Baal,

17 and caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire and divined divination, and used incantations, and sold themselves to do the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to provoke Him,

18 so that Jehovah was very angry against Israel, and turned them away from His face; not one was left, only the tribe of Judah alone.

19 Also Judah did not keep the commands of Jehovah their God, and they walked in the statutes of Israel that they had made.

20 And Jehovah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and gave them into the hand of the plunderers, until He had cast them out from His presence.

21 For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam lured Israel from following Jehovah, and caused them to sin a great sin.

22 And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam that he did; they did not turn aside from them;

23 until Jehovah turned away Israel from His face, as He spoke by the hand of all His servants the prophets; and Israel was exiled from off its land to Assyria to this day.

24 ¶ And the king of Assyria brought *men* in from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and *they* lived in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel; and they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities.

25 And it happened at the beginning of their living there, they did not fear Jehovah, and Jehovah sent lions among them, and they were striking among them.

26 And they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations that you have exiled and have made to live in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the God of the land, and He has sent the lions into their midst; and, behold, they are killing them, since they do not know the custom of the God of the land.

27 And the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Cause one of the priests whom you removed from there to go there, and they shall go and live there; and he shall teach them the custom of the God of the land.

28 And one of the priests whom they exiled from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and he taught them how they should fear Jehovah.

29 And nation *by* nation was making gods of their own, and putting them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, nation *by* nation in their cities where they lived.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth; 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 burned their sons with fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So it was that they feared Jehovah, and made for themselves, of the lowest of them, priests of the high places and they sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared Jehovah, and served their own gods, according to the custom of the nations from where they exiled them.

34 To this day they do according to the former custom; they do not fear Jehovah, and do not do according to their statutes, and according to their ordinances, and ac-

ording to the Law, and according to the commandment that Jehovah commanded the sons of Jacob, on whom He set His name, Israel.

35 And Jehovah made a covenant with them, and commanded them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, and not bow yourselves to them, and not serve them, and not sacrifice to them;

36 but Jehovah who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a stretched out arm, you shall fear Him, and you shall bow yourselves to Him, and you shall sacrifice to Him;

37 and the statutes, and the judgments, and the Law, and the commandments that He wrote for you, you shall observe to do forever, and you shall not fear other gods;

38 and the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget, and you shall not fear other gods;

39 but you shall fear Jehovah your God, and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 But they did not listen, but did according to their former custom.

41 And it happened, these nations feared Jehovah, yet they served their graven images, both their sons and their sons' sons. As their fathers did, they are doing to this day.

2 Kings 18

1 Hezekiah's good reign. 4 He destroys idolatry and prospers. 13 Sennacherib, invading Judah, is pacified by a tribute.

1 ¶ And it happened in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah the king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz the king of Judah began to reign.

2 He *was* a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years; and the name of his mother *was* Abi the daughter of Zachariah.

3 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father David did;

4 he took away the high places, and broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherah, and beat to bits the bronze serpent that Moses made (for in those days it

was that the sons of Israel burned sacrifices to it) and he called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in Jehovah the God of Israel, and after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, and who were before him;

6 and he clung to Jehovah; he did not turn aside from following Him, and kept His commands that Jehovah commanded Moses.

7 And Jehovah was with him. He acted prudently every place he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him.

8 He struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the Watch Tower to the fortified city.

9 ¶ And it happened, in the fourth year of King Hezekiah (it *was* the seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah the king of Israel) Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

10 And they captured it at the end of three years; in the sixth year of Hezekiah (it *was* the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Israel) Samaria was conquered;

11 and the king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor *by* the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 because they did not listen to the voice of Jehovah their God, and transgressed His covenant, all that Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded; yea, they did not listen and did not do *them*.

13 And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib the king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and captured them.

14 And Hezekiah the king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria, to Lachish, saying, I have offended, turn back from me; that which you put on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria laid on Hezekiah the king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave all the silver that *was* found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the house of the king.

16 At that time Hezekiah cut off the doors of the temple of Jehovah, and the pillars that Hezekiah the king of Judah had overlaid, and gave them to the king of Assyria.

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Tartan, and the chief of the eunuchs, and the chief of the cupbearers from Lachish, to King Hezekiah with a heavy force, to Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem, and they went up and came in and stood by the conduit of the upper pool that *was* in the highway of the Fuller's Field.

18 And they called to the king, and Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder went out to them.

19 And the chief of the cupbearers said to them, Now say to Hezekiah, So says the great king, the king of Assyria, What is this hope in which you have trusted?

20 Do you say *that* only a word of the lips *is* counsel and strength for war; now, on whom have you trusted that you have rebelled against me?

21 Now, behold, you have trusted for yourself on the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt, which if a man lean on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it! So is Pharaoh the king of Egypt to all those who trust in him.

22 And when you say to me, We have trusted to Jehovah our God, is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has removed, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Before this altar you shall bow yourselves in Jerusalem?

23 And, now, I ask you, exchange pledges for yourself to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will give to you two thousand horses if you are able to give for yourself riders on them.

24 And how will you turn back the face of one governor of the least of the servants of my lord, that you trust for yourself upon Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Now, have I come up against this place to destroy it without Jehovah? Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land, and you shall destroy it.

26 And Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna, and Joah said to the chief of the cupbearers, Please speak Aramaic to your servants, for we understand; and do not

speak with us *in Jewish*, in the ears of the people on the wall.

27 And the chief of the cupbearers said to them, Has my master sent me to speak these words to your master, and to you, *and* not to the men that sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink the water of their feet with you?

28 And the chief of the cupbearers stood and called with a great voice in Jewish, and spoke and said, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

29 So says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he is not able to deliver you out of his hand;

30 and do not let Hezekiah make you trust to Jehovah, saying, Jehovah delivering shall deliver us; and, This city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for so says the king of Assyria, Make with me a peace treaty and come out to me; and you *each* man shall eat of his vine, and *each* man of his fig tree, and you *each* man shall drink of the waters of his own well,

32 until I come; and I will take you to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil, and honey; and live, and do not die; and do not listen to Hezekiah, when he lures you, saying, Jehovah shall deliver us.

33 Have the gods of the nations at all delivered *each* man his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? For have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

35 Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their land out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

36 But the people kept silent and did not answer him a word, for the command of the king was, saying, Do not answer him.

37 And Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came in to Hezekiah, having torn their garments; and they told him the words of the chief of the cupbearers.

2 Kings 19

1 Hezekiah sends to Isaiah to pray for them.

6 Isaiah comforts them. 8 Sennacherib sends a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiah's prayer. 20 Isaiah's prophecy of the destruction of Sennacherib. 35 An angel slays the Assyrians.

36 Sennacherib is slain at Nineveh by his own sons.

1 ¶ And it happened, when King Hezekiah heard, that he tore his garments and covered himself with sackcloth and went in to the house of Jehovah;

2 and *he* sent Eliakim, who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covering themselves with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, So says Hezekiah, *it is* a day of distress, and of rebuke, and of contempt today; for the sons have come to the birth, and *there is* no power to bring forth.

4 It may be that Jehovah your God will hear all the words of the chief cupbearer, with which his master the king of Assyria has sent him to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which Jehovah your God has heard; and you shall lift up prayer for the remnant that is found.

5 And the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, You shall say this to your lord: So says Jehovah, Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled Me.

7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumor and shall turn back to his land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his land.

8 ¶ And the chief cupbearer returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had traveled from Lachish.

9 And when he heard it said of Tirhakah the king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is coming out to fight against you, he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,

10 So you shall speak to Hezekiah the king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, 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 them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the sons of Eden in Telassar?

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 took the letters out of the hand of the messengers, and read them, and went up to the house of Jehovah. And Hezekiah spread it before the face of Jehovah.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah, and said, O Jehovah the God of Israel, who sits *above* the cherubs, You *are* God Himself, You alone, to all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made the heavens and the earth.

16 O Jehovah, stretch out Your ear and hear; O Jehovah, open Your eyes and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib with which he has sent him to reproach the living God.

17 Truly, O Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations, and their lands;

18 and have put their gods into the fire, for they *were* no gods, but the work of the hands of man, wood and stone, and have destroyed them.

19 And now, O Jehovah our God, we pray to You, save us out of his hand, and all the kingdoms of the earth shall know that You *are* Jehovah God, You alone.

20 ¶ And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I have heard that which you have prayed to Me regarding Sennacherib the king of Assyria:

21 This *is* the Word that Jehovah spoke concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you *and* mocked you; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head behind you.

22 Whom have you reproached and reviled? Against whom have you lifted up a voice? Yea, you have lifted up your eyes on high, even against the Holy One of Israel!

23 By the hand of your messengers, you have reproached the Lord, and have said,

With the multitude of my chariots I have gone up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and I will cut down the height of its cedars, the best of its firs, and I will enter into the furthest dwelling, its densest forest;

24 I have dug and drunk strange waters, and I dried up with the sole of my feet every river of Egypt.

25 Have you not heard from afar, I made it? From days of old I formed it. Now I have caused it to come, that you should make fortified cities desolate ruin heaps.

26 And *those* living *in* them were short in hand; they were terrified and were ashamed; they were *as* the grass of the field, and the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops and blasted grain before it was grown!

27 But I have known your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against Me.

28 Because of your raging against Me, and because your arrogance has come up into My ears, even I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way which you came.

29 And this shall be the sign for you: you shall eat this year that which grows of itself, 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 their fruits.

30 And the refugees of the house of Judah that is left shall again *take* root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and what *is* spared out of Mount Zion; the zeal of Jehovah of Hosts shall do this.

32 Therefore, thus says Jehovah, concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, and not shoot an arrow there, and not come before it with shield, and not shall he pour out a siege mound against it.

33 By the way that he came in, in it he shall return; and he shall not come into this city, a statement of Jehovah.

34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.

35 ¶ And it happened in that night, that the Angel of Jehovah went out and struck

a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of Assyria; and they rose up early in the morning, and behold, all of them *were* corpses *having* died.

36 And Sennacherib the king of Assyria moved, and went and returned, and lived in Nineveh.

37 And it happened, as he was bowing himself in the house of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And his son Esar-haddon reigned in his place.

2 Kings 20

1 Hezekiah receives a message of death. By prayer his life is lengthened. 8 The sun goes ten degrees backward for a sign of that promise.

14 Isaiah foretells the Babylonian captivity.

1 ¶ In those days Hezekiah was sick to death, and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and said to him, So says Jehovah, Order your house, for you are dying, and shall not live.

2 And he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Jehovah, saying,

3 I pray, O Jehovah, please remember how I have walked always before Your face in truth, and with a perfect heart, and I have done the good in Your eyes. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping.

4 And it happened *when* Isaiah had not gone out to the middle court, the Word of Jehovah came to him, saying,

5 Turn back, and you shall say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, So says Jehovah, the God of your father David, I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you; you shall go up *to* the house of Jehovah the third day.

6 And I have added fifteen years to your days; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and shall defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs; and they took and laid *it* on the boil; and he recovered.

8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What *will* be the sign that Jehovah will heal me, that I will go up on the third day to the house of Jehovah?

9 And Isaiah said, This *will be* the sign to you from Jehovah, that Jehovah will do the thing that He has spoken: Shall the shadow go *down* ten steps, or shall it turn back ten steps?

10 And Hezekiah said, It would be a light thing for the shadow to stretch out ten steps; no, but let the shadow turn back ten steps.

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried to Jehovah; and He turned back the shadow by the steps that it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz, ten steps backward.

12 ¶ At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan the king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been ill.

13 And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his treasury, the silver and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his weapons, and all found in his treasure house; there was not a thing that Hezekiah did not show them in his house and in all his dominion.

14 And Isaiah the prophet came in to King Hezekiah and said to him, What did these men say? And from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a land afar off, from Babylon.

15 And he said, What did they see in your house? And Hezekiah said, They saw all that is in my house; there was not a thing that I did not make them see among my treasures.

16 And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the Word of Jehovah:

17 Behold, the days are coming when all that *is* in your house, and all that your fathers have treasured up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; there shall not a thing be left, says Jehovah.

18 And of your sons that shall go out from you, whom you shall father, *they* shall be taken away and shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, The Word of Jehovah that you have spoken *is* good. And he said, *Is it* not *good* if peace and truth are in my days?

20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought in the waters to the city, *are* they not written in

the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah lay with his fathers. And his son Manasseh reigned in his place.

2 Kings 21

1 Manasseh's reign. 10 His wickedness causes prophecies against Judah. 17 Amon succeeds him. 23 He is slain by his servants and Josiah is made king.

1 ¶ Manasseh was a son of twelve years when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem, and the name of his mother was Hephzibah.

2 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, like the disgusting things of the nations that Jehovah dispossessed from before the sons of Israel.

3 And he built again the high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed, and raised up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as did Ahab the king of Israel, and worshiped all the host of the heavens, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, of which Jehovah had said, In Jerusalem I will put My name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of Jehovah's house.

6 And he made his son to pass through the fire, used magic, and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spirit-knowers. He increased to work the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to provoke *Him* to anger.

7 And he set a graven image of the Asherah he had made in the house of which Jehovah had said to David and to his son Solomon, In this house, and in Jerusalem, that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.

8 And I will not again make the feet of Israel wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they observe to do all that I commanded them, and to all the Law that My servant Moses commanded them.

9 But they did not listen, and Manasseh caused them to be led astray above the nations that Jehovah had destroyed from before the sons of Israel.

10 ¶ And Jehovah spoke by His servants the prophets, saying,

11 Because Manasseh the king of Judah has done these disgusting things, doing more wickedly than all that the Amorites did before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols,

12 therefore so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing evil on Jerusalem and Judah, so that whoever hears of it, his two ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch out over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab, and shall wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish (he wipes and turns *it* on its face).

14 And I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance, and give them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall be for a prey and for a spoil to all their enemies,

15 because they have done evil in My eyes, and have provoked Me to anger from the day their fathers came out from Egypt, even to this day.

16 And also Manasseh has shed very much innocent blood, till he has filled Jerusalem from mouth to mouth; apart from his sin that he caused Judah to sin, to do evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

17 And 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 Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

18 And Manasseh lay with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his house, in the Garden of Uzza. And his son Amon reigned in his place.

19 ¶ Amon was a son of twenty-two years when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, as his father Manasseh did,

21 and walked in all the way that his father walked, and served the idols that his father served, and bowed himself to them.

22 And *he* forsook Jehovah, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of Jehovah.

23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him and caused the king to die in his own house.

24 And the people of the land killed all those who conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

25 And the rest of the acts of Amon that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

26 And *they* buried him in his grave in the garden of Uzza. And his son Josiah reigned in his place.

2 Kings 22

1 Josiah's good reign. 8 Hilkiyah finds the Book of the Law. Hilkiyah sends to inquire about Jehovah. 15 Huldah prophesies the destruction of Jerusalem, but not during Josiah's time.

1 ¶ Josiah was a son of eight years when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in all the way of his father David, and did not turn aside to the right or the left.

3 And it happened, in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, *to* the house of Jehovah, saying,

4 Go to Hilkiyah the high priest, and he shall complete the silver that is brought into the house of Jehovah that the keepers of the door have gathered from the people.

5 And they will give into the hand of the workers, those who oversee in the house of Jehovah; and they shall give it to the doers of the work who *are* in the house of Jehovah, to strengthen the breaks of the house;

6 to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and to buy wood and cut stone to strengthen the house;

7 only, the silver that is given into their hand shall not be accounted with them, for they are acting in faithfulness.

8 And Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Jehovah; and

Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word *to* the king, and said, Your servants have poured out the silver that has been found in the house, and have given it into the hand of the doers of the work, those who oversee in the house of Jehovah.

10 And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest has given a book to me; and Shaphan read it before the king.

11 ¶ And it happened when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his garments.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah the king's servant, saying,

13 Go, inquire of Jehovah for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, as to the words of this book that has been found; for great *is* the wrath of Jehovah that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.

14 And 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, the keeper of the wardrobe; and she lived in Jerusalem, in the second *quarter*. And they spoke with her.

15 And she said to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 So says Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on *those* living *in* it, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read;

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; and My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 And to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of Jehovah, you shall say this to him, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, the words that you have heard,

19 because your heart *was* tender, and you have bowed before Jehovah when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against the *ones* living *in* it, to become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and have wept before Me; even also I have heard, a statement of Jehovah.

20 Therefore behold! I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered into your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place. And they brought back *this* word to the king.

2 Kings 23

1 Josiah causes the Book of the Law to be read in a solemn assembly. 3 He renews the covenant of Jehovah. 4 He destroys idolatry. 21 He keeps a most solemn passover. 29 Josiah is killed at Megiddo.

1 ¶ And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up to the house of Jehovah, and every man of Judah, and all the *ones* living *in* Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, from small to great; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that *was* found in the house of Jehovah.

3 And the king stood by the pillar, and made the covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all *his* heart, and with all *his* soul, to lift up the words of this covenant that were written in this Book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 ¶ And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring out from the temple of Jehovah all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for Asherah, and for all the host of the heavens. And he burned them at the outside of Jerusalem, in the fields of Kidron, and bore their ashes to Beth-el.

5 And he caused to cease the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had given *place* to burn *incense* in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places around

Jerusalem, and those burning *incense* to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to constellations, and to all the host of the heavens.

6 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of Jehovah to the outside of Jerusalem, to the torrent Kidron, and burned it at the torrent Kidron, and pulverized *it* to powder, and threw the powder of it on the graves of the sons of the people.

7 And he broke down the houses of the male prostitutes that *were* in the house of Jehovah, there where the women were weaving houses of the Asherah.

8 And he brought in all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places there where the priests burned *incense*, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that *were* at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the ruler of the city, which *were* on a man's left at the gate of the city.

9 However the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of Jehovah in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened *bread* among their brothers.

10 And he defiled Topheth in the valley of the sons of Hinnom, so that no man could cause his son and his daughter to pass through the fire of Molech.

11 And he caused to cease the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of Jehovah, by the room of Nathan-melech the eunuch, that *was* in the Parbor. And he burned with fire the chariots of the sun.

12 And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of Jehovah, the king broke down, and ran from there and threw the dust of them into the torrent 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 idol of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the idol of the Moabites, and for Milcom the disgusting *idol* of the sons of Ammon, the king defiled.

14 And he shattered the pillars, and cut down the Asherahs, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 And also the altar that *was* in Beth-el, the high place that Jeroboam the son of Nebat had made by which he made Israel to sin, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place; he pulverized *it* into powder, and burned the Asherah.

16 And Josiah turned and saw the graves that *were* there in the mount, and sent and took the bones out of the graves and burned *them* on the altar, and defiled it, according to the Word of Jehovah that the man of God had proclaimed, who had proclaimed these things.

17 And he said, What *is* this monument that I see? And the men of the city said to him, The grave of the man of God who came from Judah and cried these things that you have done concerning the altar of Beth-el.

18 And he said, Let him alone, let no one touch his bones. And they let his bones escape with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And also all the houses of the high places in the cities of Samaria, that the kings of Israel had made to provoke Jehovah to anger, Josiah took away, and *he* did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And he slaughtered all the priests of the high places who *were* there by the altars, and burned the bones of man upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Perform a Passover to Jehovah your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant.

22 Surely none has been performed like this Passover from the days of the judges who judged Israel even to all the days of the kings of Israel, and of the kings of Judah;

23 but in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was performed to Jehovah in Jerusalem.

24 And also the mediums and the spirit-knowers and the family gods, and the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, Josiah put away in order to fulfill the words of

the Law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had found in the house of Jehovah.

25 ¶ And there was no king before him like him, who turned to Jehovah with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; and after him none rose up like him.

26 However, Jehovah did not turn away from the fury of His great anger, with which His anger glowed against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

27 And Jehovah said, I will also turn away Judah from My face, as I turned away Israel, and I will reject this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I have said, My name shall be there.

28 And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

29 In his days Pharaoh-necho the king of Egypt came up against the king of Assyria by the river Euphrates; and King Josiah went out to meet him, and he caused him to die in Megiddo, when he saw him.

30 And his servants made him ride, *he* having died, from Megiddo, and bore him to Jerusalem, and *they* buried him in his own grave. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and anointed him, and made him reign in place of his father.

31 ¶ Jehoahaz *was* a son of twenty-three years when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah according to all that his fathers did.

33 And Pharaoh-necho bound him in Riblah, in the land of Hamath, from reigning in Jerusalem, and he put a fine on the land, a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaoh-necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah to reign instead of Josiah his father, and turned his name into Jehoiakim; and he took away Jehoahaz, 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 silver by the mouth of Pharaoh. From *each* man, according to his evaluation, he exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, to give to Pharaoh-necho.

36 Jehoiakim *was* a son of twenty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years; and the name of his mother *was* Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah according to all that his fathers did.

2 Kings 24

1 Jehoiakim rebels against Nebuchadnezzar, procures his own ruin. 5 Jehoiachin succeeds him.

10 Jerusalem is taken and Jehoiachin carried captive into Babylon. 17 Zedekiah is made king and reigns ill to the destruction of Judah.

1 ¶ In his days Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim was a servant to him three years; and he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And Jehovah sent against him the troops of the Chaldeans, and the troops of Syria, and the troops of Moab, and the troops of the Ammonites; and He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the Word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of His servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the mouth of Jehovah *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His presence for the sins of Manasseh, according to all he did,

4 and also the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and Jehovah was not willing to forgive.

5 And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did, *are* they not written in the Book of the Matters of the Days of the Kings of Judah?

6 And Jehoiakim lay with his fathers. And his son Jehoiachin reigned in his place.

7 And the king of Egypt did not come again out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates River, all that was to the king of Egypt.

8 ¶ Jehoiachin *was* a son of eighteen years when he began to reign and he reigned in Jerusalem three months; and the name of

his mother *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah according to all that his fathers did.

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants lay 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 leaders, and his eunuchs. And the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And *he* brought out from there all the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the house of the king, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold that Solomon the king of Israel had made in the temple of Jehovah, as Jehovah had spoken.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the leaders, and all the mighty *men* of strength, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained except the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 And he exiled Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his eunuchs, and the mighty *ones* of the land; he caused a captivity to go from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of strength *were* seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand; all *were* mighty *men*, doers of war; and the king of Babylon brought them in a captivity to Babylon.

17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, the brother of his father, to reign in his place, and turned his name into Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah *was* a son of twenty-one years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years; and the name of his mother *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah according to all that Jehoiakim did.

20 For through the anger of Jehovah it happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until He had cast them out from His face, that

Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 25

1 Jerusalem is besieged. 4 Zedekiah taken, his sons slain, his eyes put out. 8 Nebuzaradan defaces the city, y, 13 plunders and carries away the remnant and the treasures. 18 The nobles are slain at Riblah. 22 Gedaliah being slain, the remnant flee into Egypt.

1 ¶ And it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth of the month, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and camped against it, and built a siege mound all around it.

2 And the city entered into siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

3 On the ninth of the month, when the famine was severe in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land,

4 then the city was broken up, and by night all the men of war went by way of the gate, between the two walls by the king's garden; and the Chaldeans were against the city round about; and the king went the way toward the Arabah.

5 And the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the Arabah of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

6 And they seized the king and brought him to the king of Babylon, to Riblah; and they gave judgment on him.

7 And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and blinded Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with bronze fetters and caused him to go to Babylon.

8 ¶ And in the fifth month, on the seventh of the month (it was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon) Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, the servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

9 And he burned the house of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; yea, he burned every great house with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the chief of the executioners broke down the wall of Jerusalem all around.

11 And the rest of the people, those left in the city, and those that had fallen away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the chief of the executioners exiled.

12 But the chief of the executioners left of the poorest of the land for vinedressers and farmers.

13 And the bronze pillars in the house of Jehovah, and the bases, and the bronze sea in the house of Jehovah, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and lifted up their bronze to Babylon.

14 And they took the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered.

15 And the chief of the executioners took the firepans, and the sprinkling basins, that were all of gold and silver.

16 There was no weighing of the bronze of all these vessels, the two pillars, the one sea, and the bases that Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah.

17 Eighteen cubits was the height of the one pillar, and the capital on it was of bronze, and the height of the capital was three cubits, and the grating and the pomegranates were on the capital all around; all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these with the grating.

18 And the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the head priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the gate;

19 and he took out of the city a certain eunuch who was called to be over the men of war, and five men of those who saw the king's face, found in the city, and the chief scribe of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land found in the city.

20 And Nebuzaradan chief of the executioners took them and made them go to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.

21 And the king of Babylon struck them, and caused them to die in Riblah, in the land of Hamath; and he exiled Judah from its land.

22 ¶ And the people that were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had left, he appointed over

them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan.

23 And all the commanders of the army, they and the men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah. And they came to Gedaliah, to Mizpeh, 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 of the servants of the Chaldeans; live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you

25 And it happened in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama of the seed of the kingdom, and ten men with him came, and they struck Gedaliah, and he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him in Mizpah.

26 And all the people rose up, from the small even to *the* great, and the commanders of the armies, and went *to* Egypt, for they were afraid of the face of the Chaldeans.

27 And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin the king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-seventh of the month, Evil-merodach the king of Babylon, in the year he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin the king of Judah out of the prison,

28 and spoke good *things* with him, and put his throne above the throne of the kings with him in Babylon.

29 And he changed his prison garments, and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance, a continual allowance, *was* given to him from the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

The First Book of the **CHRONICLES**

1 Chronicles 1

1 Adam's line to Noah. 5 The sons of Japheth.

8 The sons of Ham. 17 The sons of Shem. 24 Shem's line to Abraham. 34 Posterity of Abraham by Esau.

1 ¶ Adam, Seth, Enos,

2 Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared,

3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sons of Gomer *were* Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

7 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

8 The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan,

9 and the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

10 And Cush fathered Nimrod: he began to be mighty on the earth.

11 And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Ananim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim, from *whom* came the Philistines and the Caphthorim.

13 And Canaan fathered Zidon his first-born, and Heth,

14 the Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15 and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 The sons of Shem *were* Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

18 And Arphaxad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber.

19 And to Eber were born two sons. The name of the one *was* Peleg, because in his days the earth *was* divided; and his brother's

name *was* Joktan.

20 And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazar-maveth, and Jerah,

21 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 22 and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

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

24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 Abram (he *was* Abraham).

28 ¶ The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.

29 These *are* their generations. The first-born of Ishmael *was* Nebaioth, then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These *are* they, the sons of Ishmael.

32 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan *were* Sheba and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian: Ephah and Epher, and Henoah, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

34 And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac *were* Esau and Israel.

35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam; Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 And the sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. And Timna *was* Lotan's sister.

40 The sons of Shobal: Alian and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah.

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41 The son of Anah *was* Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Amram, and Eshban and Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Jakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

43 Now these *are* the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any kings reigned over the sons of Israel: Bela the son of Beor, and his city's name: Dinhabah.

44 And Bela died; and Jobab the son of Zerah reigned in his place from Bozrah.

45 And Jobab died; and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

46 And Husham died; and Hadad the son of Bedad reigned in his place, who struck Midian in the field of Moab; and the name of his city *was* Avith.

47 And Hadad died; and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place.

48 And Samlah died; and Shaul from Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place.

49 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan, the son of Achbor, reigned in his place.

50 And Baal-hanan died; and Hadad reigned in his place; and his city's name, Pai, and his wife's name, Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 And Hadad died; and the chiefs of Edom: Chief Timnah; Chief Aliah; Chief Jetheth;

52 Chief Aholibamah; Chief Elah; Chief Pinon,

53 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,

54 Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These *are* the chiefs of Edom.

1 Chronicles 2

1 *The sons of Israel.* 3 *The posterity of Judah by Tamar.* 13 *The children of Jesse.*

1 ¶ These *are* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

3 The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah. *These* three were born to him from the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in Jehovah's sight, and He killed him.

4 And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Pharez and Zerah. All Judah's sons *were* five.

5 The sons of Pharez: Hezron and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara; all of them *were* five.

7 And the sons of Carmi: Achan, the troubler of Israel, who sinned in the cursed thing.

8 And the son of Ethan *was* Azariah,

9 and the sons of Hezron, who were born to him, *were* Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

10 And Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, chief of the sons of Judah.

11 And Nahshon fathered Salma, and Salma fathered Boaz,

12 and Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse.

13 And Jesse fathered his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third,

14 Nethaneel the fourth, and Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh.

16 Their sisters: Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah *were* Abishai, and Joab and Asahel, three.

17 And Abigail bore Amasa: And the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmaelite.

18 ¶ And Caleb the son of Hezron fathered *sons* by his wife Azubah, and by Jerioth; and these *are* her sons: Jeshur, and Shobab and Ardon.

19 And Azubah died; and Caleb took to himself Ephrath, and she bore to him Hur.

20 And Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezaleel.

21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir, the father of Gilead, and he took her when he *was* a son of sixty years. And she bore him Segub.

22 And Segub fathered Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

23 And he took Geshur and Aram with the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath and its towns, sixty cities. All these *belonged* to the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24 And after the death of Hezron in Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah, Hezron's wife bore to him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron: Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel also had another wife and her name *was* Atarah. She *was* the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram, the first-born of Jerahmeel: Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam: Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur.

29 And the name of Abishur's wife *was* Abihail; and she bore to him Ahban and Molid.

30 And Nadab's sons: Seled and Appaim. But Seled died without sons.

31 And the son of Appaim *was* Ishi. And the son of Ishi *was* Sheshan. And the son of Sheshan *was* Ahlai.

32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan; and Jether died without sons.

33 And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 And Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant, and his name *was* Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to his servant Jarha for a wife, and she bore him Attai.

36 And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad.

37 And Zabad fathered Ephlal, and Ephlal fathered Obed.

38 And Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah.

39 And Azariah fathered Helez, and Helez fathered Eleasah.

40 And Eleasah fathered Sisamai, and Sisamai fathered Shallum.

41 And Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

42 And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were* his first-born Mesha, who was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkoam. And Rekem fathered Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon; and Maon *was* the father of Beth-zur.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez. And Haran fathered Gazez.

47 And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Caleb's concubine Maachah bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeab. And Caleb's daughter *was* Achsah.

50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur: the first-born of Ephratah *was* Shobal, the father of Kirjath-jearim;

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem; Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, *and* half of the Manahethites.

53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim *were* the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From them came the Zorathites, and the Eshtaulites.

54 The sons of Salma: Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half the Manahethites; the Zorites.

55 And the families of the scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites; the Shimeathites; the Suchathites. These *are* the Kenites who came from Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

1 Chronicles 3

1 The sons of David. 10 His line to Zedekiah.

17 The successors of Jeconiah.

1 ¶ And these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the first-born, Amnon, born to Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, to Abigail of Carmel;

2 the third, Absalom, the son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;

3 the fifth, Shephatiah, to Abital. The sixth, Ithream, to his wife Eglah.

4 These six were born to him in Hebron. And he reigned there seven years and six months. And he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-three years.

5 And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four to Bath-sheba the daughter of Ammiel;

6 also Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet;
7 also Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia;
8 and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet,
nine.

9 *These were* all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

10 ¶ And Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam; Abijah his son; Asa his son; Jehoshaphat his son;

11 Joram his son; Ahaziah his son, Joash his son;

12 Amaziah his son; Azariah his son; Jotham his son;

13 Ahaz his son; Hezekiah his son; Manasseh his son;

14 Amon his son; Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah *were* the first-born Johanan; the second, Jehoiakim; the third, Zedekiah; the fourth, Shallum.

16 And the sons of Jehoiakim *were* his son Jeconiah, and his son Zedekiah.

17 And the sons of Jeconiah *were* Assir, and Shealtiel his son,

18 and Malchiram, and Pedaiiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama; and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah, and their sister Shelomith;

20 and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five.

21 And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jesaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

22 And the sons of Shechaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

1 Chronicles 4

1, 11 *The posterity of Judah.*

1 ¶ The sons of Judah *were* Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal fathered Jahath. And Jahath fathered Ahumai, and Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these *were* of the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and their sister's name *was* Hazelelponi;

4 and Penuel the father of Gedor; and Ezer the father of Hushah; these *are* the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem.

5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bore to him Ahuzam, and Hopher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah: Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz fathered Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel, the son of Harum.

9 And Jabez *was* more honorable than his brothers. And his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore with sorrow.

10 And Jabez called to the God of Israel, saying, If indeed You would bless me, and make my border larger, and Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil so that it may not grieve me! And God gave him what he asked.

11 ¶ And Chelub the brother of Shuah fathered Mahir; he *was* the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton fathered Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Irnahash. These *are* the men of Rechah.

13 And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. And the son of Othniel *was* Hathath.

14 And Meonothai fathered Ophrah. And Seraiah fathered Joab, the father of the Valley of the Craftsmen; for they *were* craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam. And Elah's son *was* Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehaleleel *were* Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria and Asareel.

17 And the sons of Ezra: Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon. And she conceived Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah, Eshtemoa's father.

18 And his wife Jehudijah bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the fa-

ther of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took.

19 And the sons of his wife *were* Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon *were* Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er, the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those who worked fine linen, from the house of Ashbea;

22 and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba; and Joash, and Saraph, who ruled over Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And the things *are* ancient *things*.

23 These the potters, and those who lived among plants and hedges. They lived there with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul;

25 Shallum *was* his son, Mibsam, his son, Mishma, his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma: Hamuel his son, Zacchur, his son, Shimei, his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters. But his brothers did not have many sons, nor did all their family multiply like the sons of Judah.

28 And they lived at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual,

29 and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,

30 and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 and at Beth-marcaboth, and at Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities until the reign of David.

32 And their villages *were* Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities.

33 And all their villages *were* all around these cities, to Baal. This is their family line and their dwellings,

34 and Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah, the son of Amaziah,

35 and Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

38 these going by name *were* rulers in their families. And the house of their fathers increased to a multitude.

39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, to the east side of the valley to look for pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found pasture, fertile and good, for the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for those of Ham who lived there *were* of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and struck their tents, and the homes found there, and completely destroyed them until this day. And they lived in their places, because there *was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And *some* of them, five hundred men of the sons of Simeon went to Mount Seir. And they had as their commanders, Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the son of Ishi.

43 And they struck the remnant which escaped to Amalek, and *they* lived there until this day.

1 Chronicles 5

1 The line of Reuben to the captivity. 11 The chief men and abodes of Gad. 18 The number of Reuben, Gad, and the half of Manasseh.

1 ¶ And the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for he *was* the first-born; but since he defiled his father's bed, his birthright *was* given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be counted according to the birthright;

2 for Judah prevailed among his brothers, and from him *was* the chief ruler, but the birthright *was* Joseph's).

3 The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel: Shemaiah, his son, Gog, his son, Shimei, his son,

5 Micah, his son, Reaiah, his son, Baal, his son,

6 Beerah, his son, whom Tiglath-pilneser king of Assyria exiled. He *was* ruler of the men of Reuben.

7 And his brothers by their families, in the genealogy of their generations: Jeiel the chief, also Zechariah,

8 and Bela, the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal-meon.

9 And he lived as far to the east as to the entrance of the wilderness from the Euphrates River, because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, and they fell by their hand. And they lived in their tents, to all the face of the east of Gilead.

11 And the sons of Gad lived across from them, in the land of Bashan, to Salchah:

12 Joel the chief, and Shapham, the next; and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their brothers from the house of their fathers *were* Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.

14 These *are* the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi, the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.

16 And they lived in Gilead in Bashan, and in her daughter-villages and in all the open lands of Sharon, on their borders.

17 All these were enrolled by genealogy in the days of King Jotham of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 ¶ The sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, even sons of strength, men lifting up shield and sword, and shooting with bow, and able in war *were* forty-four thousand, seven hundred and sixty, going out to war.

19 And they made war with the Hagarites, and Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab.

20 And they were helped against them. And the Hagarites were given into their hand, and all who were with them. For they cried to God in the battle, and He was entreated for them, because they trusted in Him.

21 And they took away their livestock: their camels, fifty thousand; and sheep, two hundred and fifty thousand; and asses, two thousand; and souls of men, a hundred thousand.

22 For many fell down wounded, because the war *was* of God. And they lived in their places until the exile.

23 And the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal-hermon, and Senir, and Mount Hermon.

24 And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of war, famous men, heads of their fathers' house.

25 And they sinned against the God of their fathers, and went fornicating after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria, and he exiled them; even the Reubenites; and the Gadites; and the half tribe of Manasseh. And he brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the Gozan River, to this day.

1 Chronicles 6

1 The sons of Levi. 4 The line of the priests to the captivity. 16 The families of Gershon, Merari, and Kohath. 49 The office of Aaron.

1 ¶ The sons of Levi *were* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

2 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 And Amram's sons: Aaron and Moses; also Miriam. And the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 Eleazar fathered Phinehas, Phinehas fathered Abishua,

5 and Abishua fathered Bukki, and Bukki fathered Uzzi,

6 and Uzzi fathered Zerariah, and Zerariah fathered Meraioth,

7 Meraioth fathered Amariah, and Amariah fathered Ahitub,

8 and Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Ahimaaz, and Ahimaaz fathered Azariah, and Azariah fathered Johanan,

10 and Johanan fathered Azariah, he who acted in the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem.

11 And Azariah fathered Amariah; and Amariah fathered Ahitub;

12 and Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Shallum,

13 and Shallum fathered Hilkiah, and Hilkiah fathered Azariah,

14 and Azariah fathered Seraiah, and Seraiah fathered Jehozadak,

15 and Jehozadak went away when Jehovah exiled Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

17 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers:

20 to Gershon: his son Libni, Jahath, his son, Zimmah, his son,

21 Joah, his son, Iddo, his son, Zerah, his son, Jeaterai, his son.

22 The sons of Kohath: his son Amminadab, Korah, his son, Assir, his son;

23 Elkanah, his son, Ebiasaph, his son, and Assir, his son,

24 Tahath, his son, Uriel, his son, Uzziyah, his son, Shaul, his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth,

26 Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah: Zophai, his son, and Nahath, his son,

27 Eliab, his son, Jeroham, his son; Elkanah, his son,

28 and the sons of Samuel: Vashni (*Joel*), the first-born, and the second, even Abijah.

29 The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni, his son, Shimei, his son, Uzza, his son,

30 Shimea, his son, Haggiah, his son, Asaiah, his son.

31 ¶ And these *are* they whom David set over the service of song in the house of Jehovah, after the ark had rested.

32 And they ministered with singing before the resting place of the tabernacle of the congregation, until Solomon had built the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem. And they

waited on their office according to their ordinance.

33 And these *are* those who stood, and their sons: Of the sons of the Kohathites, Heman, a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,

34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,

35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his kinsman Asaph, who stood on his right hand: Asaph, the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,

40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah,

41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,

42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,

43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.

44 And their brothers, the sons of Merari *stood* on the left: Ethan, the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,

45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,

46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer,

47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48 Also their brothers, the Levites, were appointed for every service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the Most Holy Place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50 And these *were* the sons of Aaron: Eleazar, his son, Phinehas, his son, Abishua, his son,

51 Bukki, his son, Uzzi, his son, Zerachiah, his son,

52 Meraioth, his son, Amariah, his son, Ahitub, his son,

- 53 Zadok, his son, Ahimaaz, his son.
- 54 ¶ And these *are* their dwelling places by their camps, within their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, for the lot was theirs.
- 55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its open lands all around it.
- 56 But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
- 57 And to the sons of Aaron, they gave the cities of refuge: Hebron, and Libnah and its open lands; and Jattir, and Eshtemoa and its open lands,
- 58 and Hilen and its open lands, Debir and its open lands,
- 59 and Ashan and its open lands, and Beth-shemesh and its open lands.
- 60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin *were* Geba and its open lands, and Alemeth and its open lands, and Anathoth and its open lands. All their cities in their families *were* thirteen cities.
- 61 And to the sons of Kohath, remaining of the family of that tribe, ten cities out of the half tribe, the half of Manasseh by lot.
- 62 And to the sons of Gershom for their families: Out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.
- 63 To the sons of Merari by the lot, for their families: out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
- 64 And the sons of Israel gave the cities to the Levites and their open lands.
- 65 And they gave by the lot these cities which they call by their names: out of the tribe of the sons of Judah, and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin.
- 66 And *some* of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim.
- 67 And they gave to them for cities of refuge: Shechem in Mount Ephraim and its open lands, and Gezer and its open lands,
- 68 and Jokmeam and its open lands, and Beth-horon and its open lands,
- 69 and Aijalon and its open lands, and Gath-rimmon and its open lands.
- 70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh: Aner and its open lands, and Bileam and its open lands for the family of the rest of the sons of Kohath.
- 71 To the sons of Gershom: out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan and its open lands, and Ashtaroth and its open lands.
- 72 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh and its open lands, Daberath and its open lands,
- 73 and Ramoth and its open lands, and Anem and its open lands.
- 74 And out of the tribe of Asher: Mashal and its open lands, and Abdon and its open lands;
- 75 and Hukok and its open lands; and Rehob and its open lands.
- 76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee and its open lands, and Hammon and its open lands, and Kirjathaim and its open lands.
- 77 To the rest of the sons of Merari: out of the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmon and its open lands, Tabor and its open lands.
- 78 And beyond Jordan, *by* Jericho, on the east of the Jordan: out of the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness, and its open lands, and Jahzah and its open lands,
- 79 and Kedemoth and its open lands, and Mephaath and its open lands.
- 80 And out of the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead and its open lands, and Mahanaim and its open lands,
- 81 and Heshbon and its open lands, and Jazer and its open lands.

1 Chronicles 7

1 The sons of Issachar, 6 Benjamin, 13 Naphtali, 14 Manasseh, 20 and of Ephraim. 21 The calamity of Ephraim by the men of Gath.

1 ¶ And to the sons of Issachar *were* Tola, and Puah, and Jashub, and Shimron, four.

2 And the sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house; *these* to Tola, great men of might to their generations. Their number in the days of David *was* twenty-two thousand, six hundred.

3 And the sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah, the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah; all five of them chiefs.

4 And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' house, *were* troops of soldiers for war, thirty-six thousand; for they multiplied wives and sons.

5 And their brothers among all the families of Issachar *were* mighty men of war, being in all, by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand.

6 *Of* Benjamin: Bela and Becher, and Jediael, three.

7 And the sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of their fathers' house, mighty *men* of strength; and their genealogy, twenty-two thousand and thirty four.

8 And the sons of Becher: Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher.

9 And their genealogy, by their generations, heads of their fathers' house, mighty *men* of strength, twenty thousand and two hundred.

10 And the sons of Jediael: Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar;

11 all these *are* sons of Jediael, even heads of *their* fathers, mighty *men* of strength, seventeen thousand and two hundred going out to war for battle.

12 And Shuppim and Huppim, the sons of Ir; Hushim the son of Aner.

13 The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 The sons of Manasseh: Ashriel, the child born to his Syrian concubine with Machir the father of Gilead.

15 And Machir took a wife for Huppim and for Shuppim; and the name of his sister *was* Maachah, and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad. And Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh, and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh, and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem.

17 And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Hammoleketh bore Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And the sons of Shemida: Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered, his son, and Tahath, his son, and Eladah, his son; and Tahath, his son;

21 and Zabad, his son; and Shuthelah, his son; and Ezer, and Elead, and the men of Gath, natives in the land, killed them, because they came down to take away their cattle.

22 And their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.

23 And he went in to his wife. And she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Beriah, because his house *was* in evil.

24 And his daughter *was* Sherah; and she built Beth-horon the lower and the upper, and Uzen-sherah.

25 And Rephah *was* his son, and Resheph, and Telah, his son; and Tahan, his son,

26 Laadan, his son, Ammihud, his son; Elishama, his son;

27 Non, his son, Jehoshua, his son.

28 And their possessions and dwelling places: Beth-el and its towns, and eastward to Naaran; and westward to Gezer and its towns, and Shechem and its towns, to Gaza and its towns.

29 And by the borders of the sons of Manasseh: Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns; Dor and its towns. In these lived the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel.

30 The sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31 And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel; he *is* the father of Birzavith.

32 And Heber fathered Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

33 And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath; these *are* the sons of Japhlet.

34 And the sons of Shemer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the sons of his brother Helem: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh and Pispah, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All these *were* the sons of Asher, heads of their fathers' house, choice, mighty *men* of strength, heads of the rulers. And their enrollment in the warfare in the battle, their number *was* twenty six thousand men.

1 Chronicles 8

1 *The sons and chief men of Benjamin. 33 The forefathers of Saul and Jonathan.*

1 ¶ And Benjamin fathered his first-born, Bela; Ashbel, the second, and Aharah, the third,

2 Nohah, the fourth and Rapha, the fifth,

3 And sons *were* born to Bela: Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

4 and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahiah,

5 and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 And these *are* the sons of Ehud; these are they, the heads of the fathers to those living in Geba; and they exiled them to Manahath.

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he exiled them. And Ehud fathered Uzza and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim fathered *sons* in the country of Moab after he had sent them away. Hushim and Baara *were* his wives.

9 And by his wife Hodesh *were* Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,

10 and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 And by Hushim, he had Abitub, and Elpaal.

12 The sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono and Lod, with their towns.

13 And Beriah and Shema *were* heads of the fathers to *those* living in Aijalon, who drove away *those* living in Gath;

14 and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth,

15 and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

16 and Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah,

17 and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

18 and Ishmerai, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;

19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

20 and Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,

21 and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi,

22 and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel,

23 and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24 and Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah.

25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, *were* the sons of Shashak

26 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,

27 and Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, *were* the sons of Jeroham.

28 These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chiefs. These lived in Jerusalem.

29 And the father of Gibeon lived at Gibeon, whose wife's name *was* Maachah.

30 And his first-born son *was* Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

31 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.

32 And Mikloth fathered Shimeah. And these also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, across from them.

33 ¶ And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

34 And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal. And Meribbaal fathered Micah.

35 And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz fathered Jehoadah. And Jehoadah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri. And Zimri fathered Moza.

37 And Moza fathered Binea; Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah, his son, Azel, his son.

38 And to Azel *were* born six sons; and these *are* their names: Azrikam, Bocheru,

and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.

39 And the sons of Eshek his brother: his first-born Ulam; Jeush, the second, and Eliphelet, the third.

40 And the sons of Ulam *were* mighty *men* of strength, treaders of the bow, and had many sons, and grandsons, a hun-

dred and fifty. All these *were* the sons of Benjamin.

1 Chronicles 9

1 *The original of Israel's and Judah's genealogies.*

2 *The Israelites, 10 the priests, 14 and the Levites, with Nethinims, which dwell in Jerusalem.*

1 ¶ So all Israel enrolled themselves. And, behold, they *were* written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And Judah was exiled to Babylon for their transgressions.

2 And the first of those who lived in their possessions in their cities *were* the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the temple slaves.

3 And in Jerusalem lived of the sons of Judah, and of the sons of Benjamin, and of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh:

4 Uthai, the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, the sons of Pharez, the son of Judah.

5 And of the Shilonites, Asaiah the first-born and his sons.

6 And of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel and their brothers, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,

8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

9 and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men *were* the heads of the fathers to their fathers' house.

10 And the priests, Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

11 and Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God.

12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 and their brothers, *were* heads to their fathers' house, seventeen hundred and sixty, very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 ¶ And of the Levites: Shemaiah the

son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari, 15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

16 and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the gatekeepers *were* Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers; Shallum *being* the head.

18 And until they *were* at the king's gate eastward; they *were* gatekeepers in the companies of the sons of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of his father's house, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle. And their fathers *were* over the camp of Jehovah, keepers of the entry.

20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar *was* ruler over them in time past, *and* Jehovah *was* with him.

21 Zechariah of Meshelemiah *was* gatekeeper at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these who *were* chosen for gatekeepers in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. They *were* in their villages, by their genealogy, they whom David and Samuel the seer had appointed in their faithfulness.

23 And they and their sons *were* over the gates of the house of Jehovah, even of the house of the tabernacle, by watches.

24 The gatekeepers *were* to the four winds: east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brothers in their villages *were* to come in for seven days from time to time with them.

26 For they *were* in faithfulness, the four chiefs of the gatekeepers; they *were* Levites and *were* over the rooms, and over the treasures of the house of God.

27 And they lived around the house of God, for the watch duty *was* on them; and they *were* to open it morning by morning.

28 And *certain* of them *were* over the vessels of service, for they brought them by

number; and they took them out by number.

29 And certain of them *were* appointed over the vessels, even over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And certain of the sons of the priests blended the ointment mixture for spices.

31 And Mattithiah of the Levites (he *is* the first-born to Shallum the Korahite) *was* first over the work of the pans.

32 And others of the sons of the Kohathites, from among their brothers, *were* over the Bread of Arrangement, to prepare sabbath by sabbath.

33 And these *are* the singers, heads of fathers to the Levites in the chambers; they *were* free for they were employed day and night in the work.

34 These heads of the fathers of the Levites *were* heads throughout their generation; these lived at Jerusalem.

35 ¶ And in Gibeon lived the father of Gibeon, Jeiel. And his wife's name *was* Maachah;

36 and his first-born son *was* Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth fathered Shimeam; and they also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, across from their brothers.

39 And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

40 And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal; and Meribbaal fathered Micah.

41 And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea;

42 and Ahaz fathered Jarah, and Jarah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza;

43 and Moza fathered Binea and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah, his son, Azel, his son.

44 And to Azel *were* six sons, and these their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. These *were* the sons of Azel.

1 Chronicles 10

1 Saul's overthrow and death. 8 The Philistines triumph over Saul. 13 Saul's sin, for which the kingdom was translated from him to David.

1 ¶ And the Philistines fought with Israel. And the men of Israel fled from the face of the Philistines, and *they* fell wounded in Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines pursued Saul and his sons; and the Philistines struck Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle was heavy on Saul, and the archers found him with the bow, and he was wounded by the archers.

4 And Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and pierce me with it, that these uncircumcised ones not come and abuse me. And the armor-bearer was not willing, for he exceedingly feared. And Saul took the sword and fell on it.

5 And the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, and he also fell on the sword and died.

6 And Saul and his three sons died, and all his house; they died together.

7 And all the men of Israel in the valley saw that they had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they forsook their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them.

8 ¶ And it happened on the next day, the Philistines came to strip those pierced. And they found Saul and his sons fallen in Mount Gilboa.

9 And they stripped him, and carried his head and his weapons, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around to proclaim the news to their idols and the people.

10 And they put his weapons in the house of their gods; and they fastened his skull in the house of Dagon.

11 And all Jabesh-gilead heard of all that the Philistines had done to Saul.

12 And all the men of strength arose and carried away Saul's body, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh. And they buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh; and fasted seven days.

13 And Saul died because of his unfaithful act that he acted unfaithfully against

Jehovah, against the Word of Jehovah that he did not keep, and also for asking of a medium, to inquire;

14 and did not inquire of Jehovah. And He caused him to die, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 11

1 David is made king at Hebron. 4 He wins the fortress of Zion from the Jebusites by Joab's strength. 10 David's mighty men.

1 ¶ Israel gathered to David, to Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* your bone and your flesh.

2 Even yesterday *and* three days ago, even when Saul was king, you *were* he that led out and brought in Israel. And Jehovah your God said to you, You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be ruler over My people Israel.

3 And all the elders of Israel came in to the king at Hebron. And David cut a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah. And they anointed David as king over Israel, according to the Word of Jehovah, by the hand of Samuel.

4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (it is Jebus) and the Jebusites, the *ones* living *in* the land, *were* there.

5 And the *ones* living *in* Jebus said to David, You shall not come in here. But David captured the fortress of Zion; *it is* the City of David.

6 And David said, Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall become head and commander. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first and became head.

7 And David lived in the fortress; on account of this they called it the City of David.

8 And he built the city all around, from Millo even all around. And Joab restored the rest of the city.

9 And David was going on and increasing, for Jehovah of Hosts *was* with him.

10 ¶ And these *were* the heads of the mighty *ones* who *were* to David, making themselves strong with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to cause him to reign over Israel, according to the Word of Jehovah.

11 And this *is* the number of the mighty *ones* who *were* to David: Jashobeam the son of a Hachmonite, the head of the thirty;

he lifted up his spear against three hundred, killing them at one time.

12 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite; he *was* among the three mighty *ones*;

13 he was with David in Pasdammim, and the Philistines had gathered there to battle; and a portion of the field was full of barley, and the people had fled from before the Philistines;

14 and they set themselves in the midst of that portion, and delivered it, and struck the Philistines, and Jehovah saved by a great deliverance.

15 And three of the thirty heads went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam. And the army of the Philistines was pitched in the Valley of the Giants.

16 And David *was* then in the stronghold, and the command post of the Philistines *was* then in Beth-lehem.

17 And David longed, and said, Who shall give me drink, water from the well of Beth-lehem that is by the gate?

18 And the three broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem at the gate, and took it and brought to David. But David was not willing to drink it, and poured it out to Jehovah,

19 and said, Far be it from me by my God to do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men with their lives? For they have brought it with their lives. And he was not willing to drink it. The three mighty *ones* did these things.

20 And Abishai the brother of Joab, he *was* the chief of the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred *and* wounded *them*; and *he* had a name among the three.

21 Of the three, he was honored by the two, and became their head. But he did not come to the first three.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a man of strength, great of deeds, from Kabzeel, he killed the two lion-like Moabites. And he went down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit in the snowy day.

23 And he killed an Egyptian man, a man of five cubits stature; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like the

weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff and tore away the spear out of the Egyptian's hand; and killed him with his own spear.

24 These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name among the three mighty *ones*.

25 Behold, he was honored by the thirty, but to the *first* three he did not come. And David set him over his bodyguard.

26 And the mighty *ones* of strength were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anethothite,

29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 Hurai of the torrents of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphai the son of Ur,

36 Hopher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggi,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, the head of the Reubenites, and thirty with him;

43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzi the Ashterathite, Shamma and Jehiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai and Joshaviah, sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

1 Chronicles 12

1 *The companies that came to David at Ziklag.*

23 *The armies that came to him at Hebron.*

1 ¶ And these *were* those coming to David to Ziklag, while banned from the face of Saul the son of Kish. And they *were* among the mighty *ones*, helping in the battle;

2 being right-handed and being left-handed, armed with bows, with stones, and with arrows, with the bow from the brothers of Saul, of Benjamin.

3 The head *was* Ahiezer, and Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Anethothite;

4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty *one* among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite;

6 Elkanah, and Jesaiah, and Azarael, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites,

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites, there *were* separated to David, to the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty *ones* of strength, men of the army for battle, setting shield and spear in order, and their faces the face of a lion, and as gazelles on the heights for swiftness:

9 Ezer the chief, Obadiah, the second; Eliab, the third;

10 Mishmannah, the fourth; Jeremiah, the fifth;

11 Attai, the sixth; Eliel, the seventh;

12 Johanan, the eighth; Elzabad, the ninth;

13 Jeremiah, the tenth; Machbanai, the eleventh.

14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, heads of the army. The least *was* equal to a hundred, and the greatest as a thousand.

15 These *were* they who crossed over the Jordan in the first month; and it was full, over all its banks; and put to flight all those of the valleys, to the east and to the west.

16 And *some* of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold of David.

17 And David went out before them, and answered and said to them, If you have come to me for peace, to help me, I have a heart to unite with yours. But if to betray me to my adversary, there is no violence in my hand; the God of our fathers shall see and reprove.

18 And the Spirit enwrapped Amasai, the head of the thirty: To you, O David, and with you, O son of Jesse, peace! Peace to you, and peace to your helpers, for your God has helped you. And David received them, and put them among the heads of the band.

19 And *some* from Manasseh fell to David as he came with the Philistines to battle against Saul. And they did not help them, for by counsel the rulers of the Philistines sent them away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul with our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him from Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, heads of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh.

21 And they helped David against the raiding band, for they all *were* mighty *ones* of strength; and they *were* commanders in the army;

22 for at the time they came daily to David, to help him, until *it was* a great army, like an army of God.

23 ¶ And these *were* the numbers of the heads of those that *were* armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the mouth of Jehovah.

24 The sons of Judah, bearing shield and spear, *were* six thousand, eight hundred, armed for war.

25 Of the sons of Simeon, mighty *ones* of strength for the war, seven thousand, one hundred.

26 Of the sons of Levi *were* four thousand, six hundred.

27 And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites and with him three thousand, seven hundred;

28 and Zadok, a youth, a mighty *one* of strength; and of the house of his father *were* twenty-two leaders.

29 And of the sons of Benjamin, Saul's brothers, *were* three thousand. For before, the most of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul.

30 And of the sons of Ephraim *were* twenty thousand, eight hundred, mighty *ones* of strength, famous men to the house of their fathers.

31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh *were* eighteen thousand who *were* designated by name, to come to make David king.

32 And of the sons of Issachar, having understanding of the times, to know what Israel should do. Their heads *were* two hundred, and all their brothers *were* at their mouth.

33 Of Zebulun, going forth to the army, that could set the battle in array with all kinds of weapons of war, fifty thousand; and keeping rank without a double heart.

34 And of Naphtali, a thousand chiefs; and with them with shield and spear *were* thirty-seven thousand.

35 And of the Danites arraying the battle *were* twenty-eight thousand, six hundred.

36 And of Asher, going out to the army to set in order the battle *were* forty thousand.

37 And from beyond the Jordan: of the Reubenites, and of the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all of the weapons of war for battle *were* a hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these *were* men of war, keeping rank; they came to Hebron with a perfect heart, to make David king over all Israel. And also all the rest of Israel *was* of one heart, to make David king.

39 And they *were* there with David three days, eating and drinking. For their brothers had prepared for them.

40 And also those near to them, to Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought in bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen; food of fine flour, fig cakes, and raisin cakes, and wine,

and oil, and oxen, and sheep, to great plenty. For joy *was* in Israel.

1 Chronicles 13

1 David seeks to bring the ark with great solemnity from Kirjath-jearim. 9 Uzza is killed, the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom.

1 ¶ And David consulted the chiefs of the thousands and of the hundreds, to every leader.

2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, If it is good to you, and it has broken forth from Jehovah our God, we shall send to our brothers those remaining in all the lands of Israel, and with them the priests and the Levites in the cities of their open lands, and they shall be gathered to us.

3 And we shall bring around to us the ark of our God, for we did not seek Him in the days of Saul.

4 And all the assembly said to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 And David gathered all Israel, from Shihor of Egypt even to the entering in of Hamath, to bring in the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

6 And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath-jearim of Judah, to bring up from there the ark of Jehovah God, who dwells among the cherubs, *there* on which the Name was called.

7 And they made the ark of God to ride on a new cart from the house of Abinadab. And Uzza and Ahio *were* leading the cart.

8 And David and all Israel *were* playing before God with all *their* might, and with songs, and with lyres, and with harps, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 ¶ And when they came to the threshing-floor of Chidon, then Uzza put out his hand to take hold of the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

10 And the anger of Jehovah burned against Uzza, and He struck him, because he had put out his hand on the ark; and he died there before God.

11 And it burned to David, for Jehovah had broken a breach against Uzza; and he called that place, The Breach of Uzza to this day.

12 And David feared God on that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God to me?

13 And David did not bring the ark to himself, to the City of David, but carried it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the household of Obed-edom in his house three months. And Jehovah blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that he had.

1 Chronicles 14

1 Hiram's kindness to David. 2 David's felicity in people, wives, and children. 8 His two victories against the Philistines.

1 ¶ And Hiram the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and masons, and carpenters, to build a house for him.

2 And David saw that Jehovah had established him king over Israel, for his kingdom was exalted to a height, for the sake of His people Israel.

3 And David again took wives in Jerusalem. And David again fathered sons and daughters.

4 And these *were* the names of the children who *were* to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7 and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8 ¶ And the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel. And all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard, and went out before them.

9 And the Philistines came and made a raid in the Valley of the Giants.

10 And David asked of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines; and, Have You given them into my hand? And Jehovah said to him, Go up, and I will give them into your hand.

11 And they went up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them there. And David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like the breaking of the waters; so they called the name of that place The Breach of Baal.

12 And they left their gods there. And David commanded, and they were burned with fire.

13 And yet again the Philistines raided in the valley.

14 And David again inquired of God. And God spoke to him, You shall not go up after them; turn away from them and come to them across from the weeping trees.

15 And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the weeping trees, then you shall go out in the battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines.

16 And David did as God commanded him. And they struck the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer.

17 And the name of David went out into all the lands; and Jehovah put the dread of him on all the nations.

1 Chronicles 15

1 David, having prepared a place for the ark, orders it to be brought from Obed-edom.

25 The solemnity performed with great joy.

1 ¶ And he built houses for himself in the City of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and stretched out a tent for it.

2 Then David said, None should bear the ark of God except the Levites, for Jehovah had chosen them to bear the ark of God, and to serve Him forever.

3 And David gathered all Israel to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Jehovah to its place that he had prepared for it.

4 And David gathered the sons of Aaron and the Levites.

5 Of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brothers, a hundred and twenty.

6 Of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers, two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the sons of Gershon: Joel the chief, and his brothers, a hundred and thirty.

8 Of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers, two hundred.

9 Of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brothers, eighty.

10 Of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers, a hundred and twelve.

11 And David called to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, and to the Levites, to Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 and said to them, You *are* the heads of your fathers of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, and you shall bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it.

13 Because you did not do so at the first, Jehovah our God broke in against us, for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance.

14 And the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Jehovah the God of Israel.

15 And the sons of the Levites lifted up the ark of God, as Moses commanded, according to the Word of Jehovah, by staves above on the shoulders.

16 And David commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers the singers with instruments of song, psalteries, and harps, and sounding cymbals, to lift up the voice for joy.

17 And the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari, their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah.

18 And with them *were* their brothers of the second rank, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

19 And the singers *were* Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, to sound with cymbals of bronze;

20 and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with harps set to Alamoth;

21 and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azariah with lyres on the octave, to oversee.

22 And Chenaniah the chief of the Levites led in the song, instructing in the song, because he *was* skillful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* gatekeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests *were* blowing with the trumpets before the ark of God.

And Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* gatekeepers for the ark.

25 ¶ And it was David, and the elders of Israel, and the commanders of the thousands, who *were* going to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah from the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it happened, as God helped the Levites lifting up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.

27 And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that carried the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah, the master of the song with the singers. David also had an ephod of linen on him.

28 And all Israel was bringing up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah with shouting, and with the sound of a rams' horn, and with trumpets, and cymbals, sounding aloud with lyres and harps.

29 And it happened, *as* the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came to the City of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out through the window and saw King David dancing and laughing. And she despised him in her heart.

1 Chronicles 16

1 David's festival sacrifice. 4 He orders a choir to sing thanksgiving. 7 The psalm of thanksgiving.

1 ¶ And they brought in the ark of God, and set it down in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

2 And when David finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, and he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah;

3 even he passed out to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to each a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a raisin cake.

4 And he set before the ark of Jehovah ministers from the Levites, even to celebrate and to thank and to give praise to Jehovah the God of Israel:

5 Asaph the head, and Zechariah his second; Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with instruments of

harps, and with lyres; and Asaph was sounding with the cymbals.

6 And Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests *were* continually with trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day David first gave by the hand of Asaph and his brothers to give thanks to Jehovah.

8 O give thanks to Jehovah; call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; tell of all being wonderful of Him.

10 Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those seeking Jehovah rejoice.

11 Seek Jehovah and His strength, seek His face continually.

12 Remember His wonders that He has done, His signs, and the judgments of His mouth,

13 O seed of Israel, His servant; O sons of Jacob, His elect.

14 He *is* Jehovah our God, His judgments *are* in all the earth.

15 Remember His covenant forever, the Word He gave to a thousand generations,

16 which He has made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac;

17 and He established it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as a covenant forever,

18 saying, I will give you the land of Canaan, the allotment of your inheritance,

19 when you were few in number, even very few, and sojourners in it,

20 and they went up and down, from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people.

21 He has not allowed any to oppress them; yea, for their sake He has reprov'd kings:

22 Touch not My anointed ones, and do My prophets no evil.

23 Sing to Jehovah, all the earth, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

24 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all the peoples.

25 For great *is* Jehovah, and greatly to be praised; and He *is* to be feared above all gods.

26 All gods of the peoples *are* worthless *idols*; yea, Jehovah has made the heavens.

27 Honor and majesty *are* before Him; strength and gladness *are* in His place.

28 Give to Jehovah, O families of the people, give to Jehovah glory and strength.

29 Give to Jehovah the glory of His name; bring an offering and come before Him; worship Jehovah in the adornment of holiness.

30 Tremble before Him, all the earth; yea, the earth is established, it shall not be moved!

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let them say among nations, Jehovah reigns.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; let the fields rejoice, and all in them.

33 Then the trees of the forest will sing out before Jehovah, for He has come to judge the earth.

34 Give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is good*; for His mercy *endures* forever.

35 And say, O save us, God of our salvation; and gather us, and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name, that we may glory in Your praise.

36 Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And all the people said, Amen, and gave praise to Jehovah.

37 ¶ And he left there before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, for Asaph and for his brothers, to minister before the ark continually to the matter of a day in its day;

38 also, Obed-edom and their brothers, sixty-eight; and Obed-edom the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, as gatekeepers;

39 and Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the tabernacle of Jehovah, in the high place that *was* in Gibeon;

40 to offer the burnt offerings to Jehovah on the altar of the burnt offering continually, to the morning, and to evening, even to all that was written in the Law of Jehovah, which He commanded Israel;

41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to Jehovah, because His mercy *endures* forever;

42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those making a sound, and instruments of the song of God; and the sons of Jeduthun *were* at the gate.

43 And all the people departed, each to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

1 Chronicles 17

1 Nathan first approving the purpose of David, to build Jehovah a house, 3 but on that night by the word of Jehovah He forbids him. 11 He promises him blessings and benefits in his seed.

1 ¶ And it happened, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I am living in a house of cedars, and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah *is* under curtains.

2 And Nathan said to David, Do all that *is* in your heart, for God *is* with you.

3 And it happened on that night, the Word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go, and you shall say to My servant David, So says Jehovah, You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in;

5 for I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought Israel up until this day, but I have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to *another*.

6 Wherever I have walked up and down among all Israel, have I spoken a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not built a house of cedars for Me?

7 And now you shall say this to My servant, to David, So says Jehovah of Hosts, I have taken you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel;

8 and I have been with you wherever you have walked; and I have cut off all your enemies from before you, and *I* have made for you a name like the name of the great *ones* in the earth.

9 And I will prepare a place for My people Israel, and he will plant, and he will dwell in his place, and shall not be made to tremble any more; the sons of wickedness shall not waste him any more, as at the first;

10 yea, even from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel. And I will humble all your enemies; and I declare to you that Jehovah shall build a house for you;

11 and it shall be, when your days have been fulfilled to go away with your fathers, that I shall raise up your Seed after you, who shall be of your sons, and I shall establish His kingdom.

12 He shall build a house for Me, and I shall establish His throne forever;

13 I shall be a Father to him, and he shall be a son to Me; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took *it* away from him who was before you;

14 and I will make Him stand in My house and in My kingdom forever; and His throne shall be made to stand forever.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

16 ¶ And David the king came in and sat before Jehovah, and said, Who *am* I, O Jehovah, and what is my house, that You have brought me thus far?

17 And this was a small thing in Your eyes, O God, but You have spoken to Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have looked upon me as a type of the Man who is on high, O Jehovah God!

18 What can David add still more to You concerning the honor *being put* on Your servant? For You know Your servant.

19 O Jehovah, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, to make known all *these* great things.

20 O Jehovah, *there is* none like You; and *there is* no God except You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth *is* as Your people Israel, whom God has brought out to ransom to Himself for a people, to make for Yourself a great and fearful name, to cast out the nations from before Your people, whom You have ransomed out of Egypt.

22 Yea, You have chosen Your people Israel for Yourself, for a people forever, and You, O Jehovah, have been God to them.

23 And now, O Jehovah, the Word that You have spoken as to Your servant, and as to his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have spoken;

24 let it even be established, and Your name be great forever, saying, Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel *is* God to Israel; and the house of Your servant David shall be made to stand before You;

25 For You, O my God, You have uncovered the ear of Your servant, to build a

house for him; on account of this Your servant has found to pray before You.

26 And now, O Jehovah, You *are* God Himself, and You speak this goodness concerning Your servant;

27 and now, You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, to be forever before You; for You, O Jehovah, have blessed; yea, it *is* blessed forever!

1 Chronicles 18

1 David subdues the Philistines and the Moabites.

3 He smites Hadarezer and the Syrians. 13 He puts garrisons in Edom.

1 ¶ And it happened, after this, that David struck the Philistines, and humbled them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he struck Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David, bringing a tribute.

3 And David struck Hadarezer the king of Zobah at Hamath, as he went to establish his power by the Euphrates River;

4 and David captured from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hamstrung all the chariot *horses*, but left of them a hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer the king of Zobah, then David struck twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians.

6 And David placed *men* in Syria of Damascus, and the Syrians became servants to David, bringing a tribute. And Jehovah preserved David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that *were* on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Tibhath and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, David brought very much bronze (with it Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of bronze).

9 ¶ And Toi the king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadarezer the king of Zobah,

10 and he sent his son Hadoram to King David, to ask peace of him, and to bless him because he had fought against Hadarezer, and had struck him; for Hadarezer had been a

man of war with Toi; and *he sent* all vessels of gold and silver and bronze;

11 also these King David sanctified to Jehovah, with the silver and the gold that he had taken from all the nations, from Edom, and from Moab, and from the Ammonites, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 And Abishai the son of Zeruiah had struck eighteen thousand of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt;

13 and he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites *were* servants to David. And Jehovah preserved David wherever he went.

14 And David reigned over all Israel, and he executed judgment and justice among all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder;

16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* priests; and Shavsha *was* scribe;

17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were* first *ones* at the hand of the king.

1 Chronicles 19

1 David's messengers, sent to comfort Hanun the son of Nahash, are ill-treated. 6 The Ammonites are overcome by Joab and Abishai.

16 Shophach is slain by David.

1 ¶ And it happened after this, that King Nahash of the Ammonites died, and his son reigned in his place.

2 And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, for his father acted with kindness toward me; and David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And the servants of David came to the land of the Ammonites, to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 And the leaders of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, Is David honoring your father in your eyes because he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come in to you in order to search out and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

4 And Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut their long robes in half, to the buttocks, and sent them away.

5 And some went and told David about the men; and he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, Remain in Jericho until your beard has grown, and return.

6 ¶ And the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves odious to David; and Hanun and the Ammonites sent a thousand talents of silver in order to hire to themselves chariots and horsemen from Syria of Naharaim and Syria of Maachah and from Zobah.

7 And they hired thirty-two thousand chariots to themselves, and the king of Maachah and his people. And they came in and pitched before Medeba; and the Ammonites had gathered out of their cities and had come to the battle.

8 And David heard, and sent Joab and all the army of the mighty *men*.

9 And the Ammonites came out and set the battle in order at the entrance to the city; and the kings who had come *were* by themselves in the field.

10 And Joab saw that the face of the battle *was* against him before and behind; and he chose out all the choice ones in Israel, and set in order to meet Syria;

11 and the rest of the people he gave into the hand of his brother Abishai; and they set in order to meet the sons of Ammon.

12 And he said, If Syria is stronger than I, then you shall help me; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will help you.

13 Be strong; yea, even be strong for our people and for the cities of our God; and Jehovah will do that which is good in His eyes.

14 And Joab and the people with him drew near before Syria to do battle; and they fled before him.

15 And the Ammonites saw that Syria had fled, and they ran away, they also, from before his brother Abishai, and went into the city. And Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 And Syria saw that they had been stricken before Israel, and sent messengers and brought out Syria that *was* beyond the river; and Shophach, Hadarezer's army commander, *was* before them.

17 And it was told to David, and he gathered all Israel and crossed the Jordan, and came to them and set in order against them; yea, David set the battle in order to meet Syria, and they fought with him;

18 and Syria fled before Israel, and David killed seven thousand charioteers of Syria, and forty thousand footmen, and he killed Shophach, the army commander.

19 And the servants of Hadarezer saw that they had been stricken before Israel, and they made peace with David and served him; and Syria was not willing to help the Ammonites any more.

1 Chronicles 20

1 Rabbah is besieged by Joab, plundered by David, and the people punished. 4 Three giants are slain in three overthrows of the Philistines.

1 ¶ And it happened, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go forth, that Joab led out the power of the army and wasted the country of the Ammonites and came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. And Joab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.

2 And David took the crown of their king from his head, and found it a talent of gold *in weight*, and a precious stone in it; and it was set on David's head. And he also brought out the plunder of the city, a very great amount.

3 And he brought out the people in it; and *they* sawed with saws, and with sharp tools of iron, and with the axes. And so David did to all the cities of the Ammonites. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ¶ And it happened after this, that there stood a battle again with the Philistines in Gezer; then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Sippai of the children of the giant, and they were humbled.

5 And there was a battle again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi, the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the wood of whose spear *was* like the weaver's beam.

6 And there was a battle again in Gath; and a man of stature was there, and his fingers and toes *were* six and six, twenty-four; and also he had been born to the giant.

7 And he taunted Israel. And Jonathan the son of Shimea, the brother of David, struck him.

8 These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

1 Chronicles 21

1 David forces Joab to number the people. 9 Gad gives David three plagues from which he is to choose; he leaves it to God; plague follows.

14 After seventy thousand die, David's repentance prevents the destruction of Jerusalem.

18 David is told to purchase Ornan's threshing-floor: he builds an altar, Jehovah approves it by fire.

1 ¶ And Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring to me, and I will know their number.

3 And Joab said, May Jehovah add to His people *as if they were* a hundred times; my lord, O king, *are* they not all of them servants to my lord? Why does my lord desire this? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel?

4 But the word of the king was heavy against Joab; and Joab went out and went up and down all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Joab gave the tally of the census of the people to David; and all Israel was a million and one hundred thousand men drawing sword; and Judah *was* four hundred and seventy thousand drawing sword.

6 And Levi and Benjamin he did not number among them, for the word of the king was loathsome to Joab.

7 ¶ And it was evil in the eyes of God as to this thing, and He struck Israel.

8 And David said to God, I have sinned exceedingly in that I have done this thing; and now, I pray, cause the iniquity of Your servant to pass away, for I have acted very foolishly.

9 And Jehovah spoke to Gad, the seer of David, saying,

10 Go; and you shall speak to David, saying, So says Jehovah, I am extending to you three *things*; choose one of these for yourself, that I may do to you.

11 And Gad came to David and said to him, So says Jehovah, Choose for yourself:

12 either for three years of famine, or three months to be wasted before your adversaries, even to be overtaken by the sword of your enemies; or the sword of Jehovah three days, even plague in the land, and the angel of Jehovah destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. And now, see what answer I shall return to Him that sent me.

13 And David said to Gad, *It is* great distressing to me; now let me fall into the hand of Jehovah, for His mercies *are* very many; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.

14 And Jehovah sent a plague into Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.

15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. And as he was destroying, Jehovah saw, and had pity over the evil, and said to the destroying angel, Enough! Now stay your hand. And the angel of Jehovah stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

16 And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of Jehovah standing between the earth and the heavens, and his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem; and David and the elders fell on their faces, covered with sackcloth.

17 And David said to God, *Was it* not I, I who said to number the people? Yea, it was I who sinned, and truly have done evil; and these, the flock, what have they done? O Jehovah, my God, I pray, let Your hand be on me and on my father's house, and not on Your people, to be plagued.

18 ¶ And the angel of Jehovah spoke to Gad, saying to David, Surely David shall go up to raise an altar to Jehovah in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 And David went up by the word of Gad, that which he spoke in the name of Jehovah.

20 And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves; and Ornan was threshing grains of wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor and bowed down to David, with his nose to the ground.

22 And David said to Ornan, Give me the site of the threshing-floor, and I will build an altar to Jehovah in it; for full silver give

it to me, and the plague will be restrained from the people.

23 And Ornan said to David, Take *it* for yourself, and my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes; see, I have given the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the food offering; I give it all.

24 And King David said to Ornan, No, for buying I will buy it for full silver, for I will not lift up what is yours to Jehovah, so as to offer a burnt offering without cost.

25 And David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold in weight for the place.

26 And David built an altar there to Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called to Jehovah; and He answered him with fire from the heavens on the altar of the burnt offering.

27 And Jehovah commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

28 At that time, when David saw that Jehovah had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 And the tabernacle of Jehovah that Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, *were* at that time in the high place in Gibeon;

30 and David was not able to go before it to seek God, for he was terrified from the face of the Angel of Jehovah.

1 Chronicles 22

1 David, knowing the place of the temple, prepares abundance for the building of it. 6 He instructs Solomon in Jehovah's promises, and his duty to build the temple.

1 ¶ And David said, This is the house of Jehovah God, and this altar for burnt offering for Israel.

2 And David commanded the aliens in the land of Israel to be gathered, and appointed masons to cut stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for nails, for leaves of the gates, and for couplings; and very much bronze; there was no weighing *it*.

4 And also cedar trees without number, for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought in cedar trees in abundance to David.

5 And David said, My son Solomon *is* a youth and tender, and the house to be built to Jehovah is to be made great, to a height, for a name and for beauty to all the land; I pray, let me prepare for it. And David prepared in abundance before his death.

6 ¶ And he called for his son Solomon, and commanded him to build a house to Jehovah, the God of Israel.

7 And David said to his son Solomon, As for me, it has been in my heart to build a house to the name of Jehovah my God.

8 But the Word of Jehovah was against me, saying, You have shed blood in abundance, and you have made great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, for you have shed much blood to the earth before Me.

9 Behold, a son shall be born to you; he shall be a man of rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around, for Solomon shall be his name, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days;

10 he shall build a house to My name, and he shall be a son to Me, and I a Father to him; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.

11 Now, my son, may Jehovah be with you, and may you prosper and build the house of Jehovah your God, as He spoke concerning you.

12 Only, may Jehovah give wisdom and understanding to you and command you as to Israel, even to keep the Law of Jehovah your God;

13 then you shall prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the judgments that Jehovah commanded Moses as to Israel; be strong and courageous; do not fear and do not be cast down.

14 And, behold, in my affliction I have prepared a hundred thousand gold talents for the house of Jehovah, and a million talents of silver; and there is no weighing of the bronze and iron, for it is in abundance; and I have prepared wood and stones, and you shall add to them.

15 And there *are* many workmen with you, masons and carvers in stone, and of wood, and every skillful man for every work.

16 No number is to the gold, and to the silver, and to the bronze, and to the iron; rise up and act, for Jehovah is with you.

17 ¶ And David commanded all the rulers of Israel to give help to his son Solomon:

18 Is not Jehovah your God with you? Yea, He has given you rest all around, for He has given into my hand *those* living in the land, and has subdued the land before Jehovah and before His people.

19 Now give your heart and your soul to seek to Jehovah your God, and rise up and build the sanctuary of Jehovah God, to bring in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, to the house that is to be built in the name of Jehovah.

1 Chronicles 23

1 David makes Solomon king. 2 The number and distribution of the Levites. 7 The families of the Gershonites. 12 The sons of Kohath. 21 The sons of Merari. 24 The office of the Levites.

1 ¶ And David was old, and satisfied with days, and caused his son Solomon to reign over Israel.

2 And *he* gathered all Israel's rulers, and the priests, and the Levites.

3 And the Levites were counted from a son of thirty years and upward; and their number by their heads, as to men, thirty-eight thousand.

4 Of these, twenty-four thousand *to be* overseers over the work of the house of Jehovah; and six thousand *were* officers and judges;

5 and four thousand *were* gatekeepers, and four thousand giving praise to Jehovah with instruments which I made, *said David*, for praising.

6 And David divided them into divisions of the sons of Levi, of Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the Gershonites: Laadan and Shimei.

8 The sons of Laadan *were* Jehiel the head, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, and Haziël, and Haran, three. These *were* the heads of the fathers of Laadan.

10 And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, and Jeush and Beriah; these four the sons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath *was* the head, and Zizah the second. But Jeush and Beriah did not

have many sons. And they were in one roster, a father's house.

12 The sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was separated so that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons perpetually to burn incense before Jehovah, to minister to Him and to bless in His name perpetually.

14 And as to Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses *were* Gershom and Eliezer.

16 Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel *was* the head.

17 And the sons of Eliezer: Rehabiah the head. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith *was* the head.

19 Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah *was* the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah *was* the first and Jesiah the second.

21 Mushi and Mahli *were* the sons of Merari. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died. And he had no sons, but he had daughters. And their brothers, the sons of Kish, took them.

23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 ¶ These *were* the sons of Levi to the house of their fathers, the heads of the fathers, to their rosters, by number of names, by their heads, who did the work for the service of the house of Jehovah from the son of twenty years and over.

25 For David said, Jehovah God of Israel has given rest to His people so that they may dwell in Jerusalem perpetually,

26 and also to the Levites; there *was* no need to lift up the tabernacle and not all its vessels for its service.

27 For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from a son of twenty years and above,

28 because their office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of Jehovah, in the courts, and in the rooms,

and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of God's house,

29 both for the Bread of Arrangement, and for the fine flour for food offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for the pan, and for what is soaked *in oil*, and for every measure and size,

30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise Jehovah, and likewise at evening.

31 And *they were* to offer all burnt sacrifices to Jehovah in the sabbath, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded to them, continually before the face of Jehovah,

32 and that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the Holy Place, and the charge of Aaron's sons, their brothers, in the service of the house of Jehovah.

1 Chronicles 24

1 The divisions of the sons of Aaron by lot into twenty-four orders. 20 The Kohathites, 27 and the Merarites divided by lot.

1 ¶ And *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron *were* Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and no sons were to them. And Eleazar and Ithamar were priests.

3 And David divided them according to their offices in their service, even Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar.

4 And more sons of Eleazar were found than the sons of Ithamar, for heads of the men. And they divided them. For the sons of Eleazar *were*: sixteen chiefs to their father's house; and eight to the sons of Ithamar, to the house of their fathers.

5 So they divided them by lots, these with these. For these were the rulers of the sanctuary and rulers of God, of Eleazar's sons and Ithamar's sons.

6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the rulers, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the rulers of the fathers of the priests and Levites. One father's house was taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

7 And the first lot came out for Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses,

16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

19 These *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of Jehovah, according to their ordinance, to Aaron their father, as Jehovah God of Israel had commanded him.

20 ¶ And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21 For Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah.

22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 And the sons of *Hebron were* Jeriah. Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah. Of the sons of Michah, Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah. Of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Jaaziah: Beno.

27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli, Eleazar, and no sons *were* to him.

29 Of Kish, Jerahmeel the son of Kish.

30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to their father's house.

31 And they also made fall lots just as their brothers the sons of Aaron did before the face of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers, for the priests and Levites, even the head of the fathers, as well as his younger brother.

1 Chronicles 25

1 *The number and offices of the singers. 8 Their division by lot into twenty-four orders.*

1 ¶ And David and the commanders of the army separated *some* of the service of the sons of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, who *were* prophets with harps, with lyres and with cymbals. And their number, of the workmen according to their service, was:

2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph at the hands of Asaph, who prophesied at the hands of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun; the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah and Mattithiah, *and Shimei*, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun who prophesied with the lyre to give thanks and to praise Jehovah.

4 Of Heman *were* the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

5 All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the Words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these *were* at the hands of their father for song in the house of Jehovah, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, for the service of the house of God, at the hands of the king: Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman.

7 So *was* their number, with their brothers who *were* instructed in singing to Jehovah, all that *were* discerning: two hundred, eighty-eight.

8 ¶ And they made fall lots for duty, as in *the rule*, as the small, so the great, the *one* teaching with the pupil.

9 And the first lot came out for Asaph, to Joseph: Gedaliah, he *was* the second; and his brothers and sons twelve men.

10 The third *was* Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

11 The fourth *was* to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

12 The fifth *was* to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

13 The sixth *was* to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

14 The seventh *was* to Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

15 The eighth *was* to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

16 The ninth *was* to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

17 The tenth *was* to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

18 The eleventh *was* Azareel his sons and his brothers, twelve.

19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

24 The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

25 The eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

27 The twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

28 The twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

29 The twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

30 The twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

31 The twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

1 Chronicles 26

1 The divisions of the gatekeepers. 13 The gates assigned by lot. 20 The Levites that had charge of the treasures.

1 ¶ For the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korhites *was* Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

2 And to Meshelemiah *were* sons: Zechariah the first-born, Jediael the sec-

ond, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.

4 And to Obed-edom *were* sons: Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth (for God blessed him).

6 Also sons *were* born to Shemaiah, who ruled for the house of their father, for they *were* mighty *men* of strength.

7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers, were sons of strength, Elihu and Semachiah.

8 All these *were* the sons of Obed-edom. They and their sons and their brothers, men of strength for service. Sixty-two *were* of Obed-edom.

9 And to Meshelemiah *were* sons and brothers, sons of strength: eighteen.

10 Also to Hosah, of the sons of Merari, *were* sons: Simri the head, though not the first-born, yet his father made him the head;

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Hosah: thirteen.

12 To these *were* the divisions of the gatekeepers for the heads of the men, having charges like their brothers, to minister in the house of Jehovah.

13 And he made fall lots; as the small, as the great, for the house of their fathers, for gate and gate.

14 And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. And for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, they made fall lots; and his lot came out northward;

15 and to Obed-edom, southward; and to his sons the house of the stores;

16 Shuppim and Hosah westward, with the gate of Shallecheth, going up by the highway, guard corresponding to guard.

17 Eastward *were* six Levites, northward, four a day; southward, four a day, and toward the storehouse, two by two.

18 At the Parbar, westward, four at the highway; two at the Parbar.

19 These *are* the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Kore and among the sons of Merari.

20 ¶ And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over the treasures of the house of God, and to the treasures of the dedicated things.

21 The sons of Laadan, sons of the Gershonites; heads of the fathers of Laadan the Gershonite: Jehieli;

22 the sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and his brother Joel, who *were* over the treasures of the house of Jehovah,

23 For the Amramites, for the Izharites, for the Hebronites, for the Uzzielites.

24 And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler over the treasures.

25 And his brothers by Eliezer *were* his son Rehabiah, and his son Jeshaiiah, and his son Joram, and his son Zichri, and his son Shelomith.

26 *Of* Shelomith, he and his brothers *were* over all the treasures of the holy things that David the king, and the heads of the fathers, the commanders over thousands and hundreds, and the commanders of the army had dedicated.

27 They dedicated from the battles and the plunder, to maintain the house of Jehovah,

28 and all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiiah, all who dedicated, *was* at the hand of Shelomith and his brothers.

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for officers and for judges.

30 Of the Hebronites: Hashabiah and his brothers, sons of strength; a thousand and seven hundred over the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the work of Jehovah, and for the king's service.

31 Of Hebron: Jerijah the head of the Hebronites, for his generations to his fathers. In the fortieth year of David's reign, they were sought, and were found among them mighty *men* of strength at Jazer of Gilead.

32 And his brothers, sons of strength, *were* two thousand, seven hundred heads of the fathers. And King David made them overseers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh for every matter of God and matter of the king.

1 Chronicles 27

1 The twelve captains for every several month.

16 The rulers of the twelve tribes. 23 The number of the people is incomplete.

1 ¶ And the sons of Israel, according to their number, the heads of the fathers, and commanders of thousands and hundreds, and their scribes who served the king in every matter of the divisions which came in and went out month by month for all the months of the year, the one division had twenty-four thousand.

2 Over the first division for the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel. And over his division, twenty-four thousand.

3 The head of all the commanders of the army for the first month *was* of the sons of Perez.

4 And over the division of the second month *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo of Ahoah, and of his division, Mikloth *was* the ruler, and in his division, twenty-four thousand.

5 The third commander of the army for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a head priest; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

6 He *was* that Benaiah who *was* mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty; and in his division *was* his son Ammizabad.

7 The fourth for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

8 The fifth for the fifth month *was* chief Shammuth the Izrahite; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

9 The sixth for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkes of Tekoa; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

10 The seventh for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

11 The eighth for the eighth month *was* Sibbechai of Husah, of the Zerahites; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

12 The ninth for the ninth month *was* Abiezer of Anethoth, of Benjamin; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

13 The tenth for the tenth month *was* Maharai of Netophah, of the Zerahites; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

14 The eleventh for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

15 The twelfth for the twelfth month *was* Heldai of Netophah, of Othniel; and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

16 ¶ And over the tribes of Israel, the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri. Shephatiah the son of Maachah *was* over the Simeonites.

17 Hashabiah the son of Kemuel *was* over the Levites; Zadok over the Aaronites.

18 Elihu, of the brothers of David, *was* over Judah. Omri the son of Michael *was* over Issachar.

19 Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah *was* over Zebulun. Jerimoth the son of Azriel *was* over Naphtali.

20 Hoshea the son of Azaziah *was* over the sons of Ephraim. Joel the son of Pedaiah *was* over the half tribe of Manasseh.

21 Iddo the son of Zechariah *was* over the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead. Jaasiel the son of Abner *was* over Benjamin.

22 Azareel the son of Jeroham *was* over Dan. These *were* the leaders of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David did not take the number of them from the son of twenty years and under, because Jehovah had said *He would* increase Israel like the stars of the heavens.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he did not finish. And wrath *was* on Israel for this. And the number did not go up in the account of the Matters of the Days of King David.

25 And over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel. And Jehonathan the son of Uziah *was* over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the strongholds.

26 Ezri the son of Chelub *was* over those who did the work of the field for working the ground.

27 Shimei of Ramah *was* over the vineyards. Zabdi the Shiphmite *was* over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars.

28 And Baal-hanan of Geder *was* over the olive trees and sycamore trees in the lowlands. And Joash *was* over the oil cellars.

29 And Shitrai of Sharon *was* over the herds that fed in Sharon. And Shaphat the son of Adlai *was* over the herds in the valleys.

30 And Obil the Ishmaelite *was* over the camels. And Jehdeiah the Meronothite *was* over the asses.

31 And Jaziz the Hagerite *was* over the flocks. All these *were* the rulers of the possessions which King David had.

32 And Jonathan, David's uncle, *was* an adviser, a wise man and a scribe. And Jehiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons.

33 And Ahithophel *was* the king's counselor. And Hushai the Archite *was* the king's companion.

34 And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. And the commander of the king's army *was* Joab.

1 Chronicles 28

1 David, in a solemn assembly, has declared Jehovah's favor to him and promise to his son Solomon, exhorts them to fear Jehovah. 9, 20 He encourages Solomon to build the temple. 11 He gives him patterns for the form, and gold and silver for the materials.

1 ¶ And David assembled all the chiefs of Israel; the chiefs of the tribes and chiefs of the divisions who were serving the king, and commanders of the thousands, and commanders of the hundreds, and heads of all property and possessions of the king, and of his sons, with the eunuchs and the mighty *ones*, even to every mighty *one* of strength, to Jerusalem.

2 And David the king rose up on his feet and said, Hear me, my brothers and my people. With my heart I *desired* to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and for the footstool of our God. And I made preparations to build.

3 But God said to me, You shall not build a house to My name, for you *are* a man of battles, and you have shed blood.

4 But Jehovah the God of Israel chose me out of all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For He chose Judah as the

ruler, and my father's house in the house of Judah; and among the sons of my father He was pleased to make me king over all Israel.

5 And of all my sons, for Jehovah has given me many sons, He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Jehovah, over Israel.

6 And He said to me, Your son Solomon shall build My house and My courts, for I have chosen him as a son to Me, and I surely will be a Father to him.

7 And I will establish his kingdom forever, if he will be strong to do My commandments and My ordinances, as at this day.

8 And now in the eyes of all Israel, the congregation of Jehovah, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of Jehovah your God that you may possess this good land, and cause your sons to inherit after you forever.

9 And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind. For Jehovah searches out all hearts, and He understands every imagination of thoughts. If you shall seek Him, He shall be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

10 Watch, now, for Jehovah has chosen you to build a house for a sanctuary. Be strong and act.

11 ¶ And David gave his son Solomon the pattern of the porch, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of its upper rooms, and of its innermost rooms, and of the house of the mercy seat;

12 and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of Jehovah, and for all the rooms all around, for the treasuries of the house of God, and for the treasuries of the things dedicated;

13 and for the divisions of the priests and of the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of Jehovah; and for all the vessels of service of the house of Jehovah;

14 *even* for the gold, by the weight of the gold, for all vessels of service and service; *and* for all the vessels of silver by weight for all vessels of service and service;

15 and by weight, for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps. Also for the lampstands of silver by weight, with the weight of each lampstand, and its lamps, according to the service of each lampstand.

16 And he gave by weight gold for the tables of the Bread of Arrangement, for table and table; silver for the tables of silver;

17 and pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups; and for the golden basins by weight for every basin; for the silver basins by weight for basin and basin;

18 and for the altar of incense, refined gold by weight, and for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubs of gold, spreading out and covering over the ark of the covenant of Jehovah.

19 All *was* in writing from the hand of Jehovah. He caused me to understand all the work of the pattern.

20 And David said to his son Solomon, Be strong and brave, and act. Do not fear, nor be afraid, for Jehovah God, my God, *shall be* with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until you have finished all the work of the service of the house of Jehovah.

21 And behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites shall be for all the service of the house of God. And with you in all work *shall be* every willing *one* with wisdom, for every service. And the rulers and all the people *shall be* according to all your words.

1 Chronicles 29

1 David causes the chiefs and people to offer willingly. 22 The people make Solomon king.

26 David's reign and death.

1 ¶ And David the king said to all the congregation, My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, *is* young and tender. And the work *is* great, for the temple *is* not for man, but for Jehovah God.

2 And with all my power I have prepared for the house of my God, the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for silver, and the bronze for bronze, the iron for iron *things*, and the wood for wood, onyx stones, and settings, and also stones of antimony and of different colors, and every precious stone, and stones of alabaster, in abundance.

3 And also, because I delighted in the house of my God, I have treasure of gold and silver *which* I give for the house of my God, even more than all that I have prepared for the house of the sanctuary:

4 three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir; and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses;

5 even gold for *things* of gold, and silver for silver, and for all the work of the hands of the skilled workers. And who *is* he that will willingly offer to consecrate his hand today to Jehovah?

6 And the chiefs of the fathers, and the chiefs of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of the thousands, and the hundreds, even the chiefs of the king's work, offered willingly,

7 and gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents, and ten thousand darics; and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And he *having* stones gave them to the treasury of the house of Jehovah, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 And the people rejoiced because of their willing offering, for they offered willingly to Jehovah with a perfect heart; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 ¶ And David blessed Jehovah before the eyes of all the congregation; and David said, Blessed *are* You, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, our father, for ever and ever.

11 To you, O Jehovah, *be* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all in the heavens and in the earth *belongs* to You, O Jehovah; *Yours* is the kingdom, and You lift up *Yourself* to all as Head;

12 and the riches, and the honor *come* from before You, and You rule over all; and in Your hand *is* power and might; and *it is* in Your hand to make great, and to give strength to all.

13 And now, our God, we are giving thanks to You, and giving praise to Your glorious name;

14 yea, for who *am* I, and who my people, that we should be able to offer willingly in

this way? For all *is* of You, and we have given to You out of Your hand;

15 for we *are* strangers before You, and settlers, like all our fathers; our days on the land *are* like a shadow, and there is none abiding.

16 O Jehovah our God, all this store that we have prepared to build a house to You, for Your holy name, *is* out of Your hand, and all *is* of You.

17 And I know, my God, that You try the heart and are pleased with uprightness; I, in the uprightness of my heart, have offered willingly all these things; and now I have watched with joy Your people who are present here offering willingly to You.

18 O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever for the purpose of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart toward You;

19 and give a perfect heart to my son Solomon, to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do all, even to build this temple, *for* which I have prepared.

20 And David said to all the assembly, Now bless Jehovah your God. And all the assembly blessed Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and worshiped Jehovah, and bowed to the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices to Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings to Jehovah, on the next day after that day: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in great plenty for all Israel.

22 And they ate and drank before Jehovah on that day with great joy, and made Solomon the son of David king a second time, and anointed *him* before Jehovah as ruler, and Zadok as priest.

23 ¶ And Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah as king instead of his father David, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the rulers, and the mighty *men*, and also all the sons of King David, submitted themselves to Solomon the king.

25 And Jehovah magnified Solomon to a height in the eyes of all Israel, and gave *to be* on him the majesty of the kingdom, such as had not been on any king over Israel before him.

26 And David the son of Jesse had reigned over all Israel;

27 and the days that he reigned over Israel *were* forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three *years* in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, satisfied with days, riches, and honor. And his son Solomon reigned in his place.

29 And the acts of David the king, the first and the last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

30 with all his reign and his might, and the times that passed over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the lands.

The Second Book of the **CHRONICLES**

2 Chronicles 1

1 *The offering of Solomon at Gibeon. 7 Solomon's choice of wisdom is blessed by Jehovah.*

13 *Solomon's strength and wealth.*

1 ¶ And Solomon the son of David made himself strong over his kingdom, and Jehovah his God *was* with him, and made him exceedingly great.

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of the thousands, and of the hundreds, and to judges, and to every leader of all Israel, heads of the fathers;

3 and *they* went, Solomon and all the congregation with him, to the high place that *was* in Gibeon, for there was God's tabernacle of the congregation that Moses, the servant of Jehovah, had made in the wilderness.

4 But David had brought up the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim, when David made ready for it, for he had stretched out a tent for it in Jerusalem;

5 and the altar of bronze that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of Jehovah; and Solomon and the congregation sought it out.

6 And Solomon went up there on the bronze altar before Jehovah, that *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered on it a thousand burnt offerings.

7 In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, Ask what I shall give to you.

8 And Solomon said to God, You have acted with great kindness with my father David, and have made me to reign in his place.

9 Now, O Jehovah God, Your Word with my father David is confirmed, for You have made me to reign over a people as many as the dust of the earth.

10 Now give to me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in be-

fore this people; for who can judge this Your great people?

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this has been in your heart, that you have not asked riches, treasures, and honor, and the life of those who hate you, and also have not asked many days, but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may judge My people, over whom I have made you to reign;

12 the wisdom and the knowledge *are* given to you, and riches, and treasures, and honor I will give to you, such as none of the kings who were before you have had, and after you it shall not be so.

13 ¶ And Solomon came to Jerusalem *from* the high place that *was* in Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand, four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; and he placed them in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

15 And the king made the silver and the gold in Jerusalem as stones, and he made the cedars as sycamores that *are* in the low country for abundance.

16 And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt and out of Kue, the king's traders took *them* from Kue at a price;

17 and they came up and brought out from Egypt a chariot for six hundred silver *pieces*, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Syria, they brought them out by their hand.

2 Chronicles 2

1, 17 *Solomon's labors for the building of the temple.*

3 *He sends to Hiram for craftsmen and trees.*

1 ¶ And Solomon said to build a house for the name of Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom;

2 And Solomon numbered seventy thousand men, bearers of burden, and eighty thousand hewing in the mountains; and three thousand, six hundred *men* acting as overseers over them.

3 And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As you dealt with my father David, and sent him cedars to build a house to live in it, *also*

4 behold, I am building a house to the name of Jehovah my God, to dedicate to Him, to burn incense of *sweet* spices, and the *Bread of Arrangement* continually before Him, and for burnt offerings morning and evening, *on* the sabbaths, and *on* the new moons, and at the set feasts of Jehovah our God. This *shall be* upon Israel forever.

5 And the house which I am building *shall be* great, for our God is greater than all gods.

6 But who has strength to enclose a house for Him, since the heavens and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? And who *am* I that I should build Him a house, except to cause to go up incense before Him?

7 And now, send to me a skilled man to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and violet, and knowing to engrave engravings with the skilled men who *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom my father David has prepared.

8 And send to me cedar trees, firs, and aliums from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut down the trees of Lebanon; and behold, my servants *shall be* with your servants,

9 even to prepare trees in abundance for me, for the house that I am building will be great and wonderful.

10 And behold, I shall give beaten wheat to the those hewing, to those cutting down the trees, to your servants, twenty thousand kors of beaten wheat and twenty thousand kors of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 ¶ And Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, and sent to Solomon, Because Jehovah loves His people, He has given you *to be* king over them.

12 And Hiram said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of Israel, who has made the heav-

ens and the earth, who has given to David the king a wise son, knowing discretion and understanding, who will build a house for Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom.

13 And now I have sent a skilled man having understanding, of Hiram my father,

14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father a man of Tyre, who knows to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, and in wood, in purple, and violet, and in fine linen, and in crimson, and to engrave any engraving, and to invent any device that is given to him, with your skilled men, and the skilled men of my lord David, your father.

15 And now the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, as my lord said, let him send to his servants.

16 And we will cut trees out of Lebanon, according to all your need, and bring them to you *on* rafts by sea to Joppa; and you shall bring them up to Jerusalem.

17 And Solomon numbered all the men, the aliens who were in the land of Israel, according to the numbering with which his father David numbered them; and they were found a hundred and fifty three thousand, six hundred;

18 and he made seventy thousand of them burden bearers, and eighty thousand hewers in the mountain, and three thousand, six hundred to act as overseers to cause the people to work.

2 Chronicles 3

1 The place, and time of building the temple. 3 The measure and ornaments of the house. 14 The veil and pillars.

1 ¶ And Solomon began to build the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, in Mount Moriah, where He appeared to his father David, in the place that David had prepared, in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite;

2 And he began to build on the second, in the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 And these *were* founded by Solomon, to build the house of God: the length by cubits according to the former measure, sixty cubits; and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 As to the porch on the front, the length, *according to* the breadth of the house in

front, was twenty cubits, and the height a hundred and twenty; and he overlaid it inside with pure gold.

5 And the great house he covered with cypress wood, and he covered it with good gold, and caused to go on it palms and chains.

6 And he overlaid the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold was gold from Parvaim.

7 And he covered the house, the beams, the thresholds, and the walls, and its doors with gold; and engraved cherubs on the walls.

8 And he built the Most Holy House, its length was the same as the front, as of the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits; and he covered it with good gold, to six hundred talents;

9 and the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold, and he covered the upper rooms with gold.

10 ¶ And in the Most Holy House he made two cherubs of image work, and he overlaid them with gold.

11 And the wings of the cherubs, their length was twenty cubits: the wing of the one was five cubits, touching the wall of the house, and the other wing was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub;

12 and the wing of the other cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the house, and the other wing was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubs spread out twenty cubits, and they were standing on their feet, and their faces were inward.

14 And he made the veil of violet, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and caused to go on it cherubs.

15 And at the front of the house, he made two pillars thirty five cubits in length, and the capital on their tops was five cubits.

16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the capitals of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates and put them on the chains.

17 And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right, and one on the left, and called the name of that on the right Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

2 Chronicles 4

1 The altar of bronze. 2 The molten sea on twelve oxen. 9 The courts, and the instruments of bronze. 19 The instruments of gold.

1 ¶ And he made an altar of bronze, its length twenty cubits and its breadth twenty cubits, and its height ten cubits.

2 And he made the sea of molten bronze of ten cubits from its brim to its brim, circular all around; and its height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it all around.

3 And under it was the shape of oxen, under it and all around it for ten cubits, compassing the sea all around. Two rows of oxen were cast when it was cast.

4 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing the north, and three facing the west, and three facing the south, and three facing the east; and the sea was upon them above, and all their hinder parts inside.

5 And its thickness was a handbreadth, and its lip like the work of the lip of a cup, like a lily blossom. It received and held three thousand baths.

6 He also made ten basins, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; they washed what pertains to the burnt offering with them; and the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made ten lampstands of gold, according to their ordinance, and placed them in the temple, five on the right, and five on the left.

8 He also made ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right, and five on the left; and he made a hundred basins of gold.

9 And he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court; and he overlaid their doors with bronze.

10 And he placed the sea on the right side eastward, in the direction of the south.

11 ¶ And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for King Solomon in the house of God:

12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals on the top of the two pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls

of the capitals that *were* on the tops of the pillars;

13 and the pomegranates (four hundred to the two networks, two rows of pomegranates to the one network) to cover the two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the face of the pillars.

14 He also made the bases; and he made lavers on the bases;

15 the one sea, and twelve oxen under it, 16 and the pots, and the shovels, and the forks, and all their utensils did Hiram his father make for King Solomon for the house of Jehovah, of burnished bronze.

17 In the plain of Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 And Solomon made all these utensils in great abundance, so that the weight of the bronze could not be searched out.

19 And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of God, and the golden altar, and the tables on which the Bread of the Presence *rested*;

20 and the lampstands, and their lamps, for their burning *was* according to the ordinance, before the Holy of Holies, of refined gold;

21 and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold (it *was* perfection gold).

22 and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the firepans, *of* pure gold; and the entrance to the house, its innermost doors to the Holy of Holies, and the doors of the house to the temple, of gold.

2 Chronicles 5

1 The dedicated treasures. 2 The solemn induction of the ark into the Holy of Holies. 11 Jehovah gives a visible sign of his favor.

1 ¶ And all the work that Solomon made for the house of Jehovah was finished. And Solomon brought in the dedicated things of his father David, and the silver, and the gold, and all the utensils he had given among the treasures of the house of God.

2 Then Solomon gathered the elders of Israel, and all the leaders of the tribes, rulers of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from the city of David; it is Zion.

3 And all the men of Israel were gathered to the king in the feast; it *was* the seventh month.

4 And all the elders of Israel came in, and the Levites lifted up the Ark,

5 and they brought up the Ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy utensils that *were* in the tabernacle; the Levitical priests brought them up.

6 And King Solomon and all the company of Israel who were assembled to him before the Ark were sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the Covenant of Jehovah to its place, to the sanctuary of the house, to the Holy of Holies, beneath the wings of the cherubs;

8 and the cherubs spread out wings over the place of the Ark, and the cherubs covered the Ark and its staves from above;

9 and so long were the staves, that the heads of the staves could be seen from the Ark before the Holy of Holies; but they were not seen outside. And it is there to this day.

10 Nothing *was* in the Ark but the two tablets that Moses gave in Horeb, where Jehovah cut *a covenant* with the sons of Israel when they came out from Egypt.

11 ¶ And it happened as the priests were going from the sanctuary (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves without observing divisions),

12 and the Levites, singers to all of them, to Asaph, to Heman, to Jeduthun, and to their sons and to their brothers, clothed in fine linen, with cymbals, and with harps and lyres, were standing *on the* east of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests blowing with trumpets.

13 And *they* were as one to the trumpeters, and to the singers to cause one sound to be heard to praise and to thank Jehovah. And when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Jehovah, *saying*, For *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever; and a cloud filled the house, the house of Jehovah;

14 and the priests could not stand to minister before the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah had filled the house of God.

2 Chronicles 6

1 Solomon blesses the congregation before Jehovah. 12 Solomon's prayer in the consecration of the temple, on the bronze scaffold.

1 ¶ Then Solomon spoke, Jehovah has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 And I have built an exalted house for You, and a place for You to dwell forever.

3 And the king turned his face and blessed all the congregation of Israel. And the whole congregation of Israel was standing.

4 And he said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of Israel, who has spoken with His mouth to my father David, and with His hands has fulfilled it, saying,

5 From the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have not chosen a city out of any of the tribes of Israel to build a house for My name to be there, and I have not chosen a man to be leader over My people Israel.

6 But I have chosen Jerusalem for My name to be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.

7 And it was in the heart of my father to build a house for the name of Jehovah the God of Israel.

8 And Jehovah said to my father David, Because it has been in your heart to build a house for My name, you have done well that it has been in your heart,

9 but you shall not build the house, for your son who comes forth out of your loins, he shall build the house for My name.

10 And Jehovah has lifted up His Word that He spoke, for I have risen up in the place of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah spoke. And I have built the house for the name of Jehovah the God of Israel.

11 And I have placed the Ark there, where the covenant of Jehovah *is*, that He made with the sons of Israel.

12 ¶ And he stood before the altar of Jehovah, before the congregation of Israel, and spread out his palms.

13 Solomon had made a bronze platform, and put it in the middle of the court, five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high; and he stood on it, and knelt on his knees before all the congregation of

Israel, and spread out his palms toward Heaven.

14 and said, O Jehovah, God of Israel, *there is* no God like You in the heavens and in the earth, keeping covenant and mercy with Your servants, who walk before You with all their hearts;

15 who has kept with Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him; yea, You spoke with Your mouth, and You have fulfilled with Your hand, as at this day.

16 And now, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David, my father, that which You spoke to him, saying, There shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me, sitting on the throne of Israel. Only, if your sons watch their way to walk in My Law, as you have walked before Me.

17 And now, O Jehovah the God of Israel, let Your Word be confirmed, which you spoke to Your servant David.

18 For is it true *that* God shall dwell with men on the earth? Behold, the heavens, and the heaven of heavens, do not contain You. How much less this house that I have built!

19 And You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that Your servant is praying before You;

20 for Your eyes shall be open toward this house by day and by night, toward the place that You have said to put Your name there, to listen to the prayer that Your servant prays toward this place.

21 And You shall listen to the supplications of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, that they pray toward this place; and You shall hear from Your place of dwelling, from Heaven, and shall hear and forgive.

22 If a man shall sin against his neighbor, and he shall lift up an oath on him, to cause him to swear, and he shall come and swear before Your altar in this house,

23 even You shall hear from Heaven, and shall act, and shall judge Your servants, to repay the wicked *one*, to bring his way on his own head; and to justify *the* righteous *one*, to give him according to his righteousness.

24 And if Your people Israel shall be stricken before an enemy, because they have sinned against You; and they shall return and confess Your name, and shall pray and make supplication before You in this house,

25 even You shall hear *in* Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and shall cause them to return to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers.

26 When the heavens shall be shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they shall pray toward this place, and confess Your name, turning back from their sin because You have afflicted them,

27 even You shall hear *in* Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, because You have taught them the good way in which they should walk, and have given rain on Your land that You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

28 When there shall be famine in the land, when there is pestilence, blasting, or mildew; when there are locusts or stripping locusts, when its enemies have distressed it in the land, in its gates, with any plague and any sickness;

29 whatever supplication, whatever prayer shall be *made* for *each* man, and for all Your people Israel, when they know *each* man his own plague, and his own pain, and he shall spread out his palms toward this house;

30 even You shall hear from Heaven, Your dwelling place, and shall forgive, and shall give to *each* man according to all his ways, because You know his heart; for You, You only, have known the heart of the sons of men;

31 so that they shall fear You, to walk in Your ways all the days that they shall live on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers.

32 And, also, to the foreigner who *is* not of Your people Israel, and he has come from a distant land for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm; and they shall come and pray toward this house,

33 then You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling place, and shall do according to all that the foreigner calls to You; so that all the people of the earth shall know Your name, so as to fear You, as Your people Israel, and to know that Your name is called on this house that I have built.

34 When Your people shall go out to battle against its enemies in the way that You shall send them, and they shall pray to You toward this city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name;

35 even You shall hear from Heaven their prayer and their supplication, and shall maintain their cause.

36 When they sin against You (for there is not a man who does not sin) and You shall be angry with them and shall give them up before an enemy, and capturing *them*, those capturing *shall take them* to a land distant or near;

37 and they shall turn back unto the their heart in the land *to* which they were captured, and shall turn back and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have acted perversely and have done wickedly;

38 yea, they shall turn back to You with all their heart, and with all their soul in the land of their captivity *to* which they were captured, and they shall pray toward their land that You have given to their fathers, and toward the city that You have chosen, and toward the house that I have built for Your name;

39 and You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and shall maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

40 Now, My God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayer of this place;

41 and now, O Jehovah God, rise to Your rest; You, and the Ark of Your might; O Jehovah God, Your priests are clothed with salvation, and Your godly *ones* rejoice in goodness;

42 O Jehovah God, do not turn away the face of Your anointed; remember the good deeds of Your servant David.

2 Chronicles 7

1 Jehovah gives testimony to Solomon's prayer by fire from heaven and glory in the temple. The people worship Him. 4 Solomon's solemn sacrifice. 12 God appears to Solomon and gives him promise.

1 ¶ And when Solomon finished praying, then the fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah filled the house;

2 and the priests were not able to go into the house of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah had filled the house of Jehovah.

3 And all the sons of Israel were watching, when the fire came down, and the glory of Jehovah *was* on the house and they bowed *their* noses to the earth, on the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to Jehovah: for *He is* good, for His mercy *endures* forever.

4 And the king and all the people were offering a sacrifice before Jehovah;

5 and King Solomon offered the sacrifice from the herd, twenty two thousand, and from the flock, a hundred and twenty thousand; all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests were standing over their charges, and the Levites with instruments of music to Jehovah, that David the king had made to give thanks to Jehovah (for His mercy *endures* forever) when David praised by their hand; and the priests were blowing trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

7 And Solomon dedicated the middle of the court that *was* before the house of Jehovah; for he had offered there the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; for the bronze altar that Solomon had made was not able to contain the burnt offering, and the food offering, and the fat.

8 And Solomon at that time kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a great company, from the entering in of Hamath to the torrent of Egypt.

9 And they made an assembly on the eighth day, because they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month, he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and glad of heart, for the goodness that Jehovah had done to David, and to Solomon, and to His people Israel.

11 And Solomon finished the house of Jehovah, and the king's house; and all that came to the heart of Solomon to do in the house of Jehovah, and in his own house, he was caused to prosper.

12 ¶ And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up the heavens and there is no rain, and if I command the locusts to devour the land, and if I send pestilence among My people,

14 and My people, on whom My name is called, shall be humbled, and shall pray, and shall seek My face, and shall turn back from their evil ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now My eyes shall be open, and My ears attentive to the prayer of this place;

16 and now I have chosen and sanctified this house for My name to be there forever; yea, My eyes and My heart shall be there all the days.

17 And you, if you shall walk before Me as your father David walked, even to do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall keep My statutes and My judgments,

18 then I shall establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with your father David, saying, There shall not be cut off a man to you who rules in Israel;

19 and if you turn away, and you shall forsake My commandments and My statutes that I have placed before you, and shall go and serve other gods and shall bow yourselves to them,

20 then I shall pluck them up from off My land that I have given them, and this house that I have sanctified for My name I shall cast away from before My face, and I shall give it for a proverb and a gibe among all the nations.

21 And this house that *was* on high shall be a wonder to everyone who passes by it,

they shall shudder and say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land and to this house?

22 And they shall say, Because they have forsaken Jehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out from the land of Egypt, and have laid hold on other gods and have bowed themselves to them, and served them; on account of this He has brought on them all this evil.

2 Chronicles 8

1 Solomon's buildings. 11 Pharaoh's daughter goes to her house. 12 Solomon's yearly solemn sacrifices. 17 The navy gets gold from Ophir.

1 ¶ And it happened, at the end of twenty years, Solomon built the house of Jehovah, and his own house.

2 As to the cities that Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon had built them, and he caused the sons of Israel to live there.

3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and seized it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities that he built in Hamath.

5 And he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the lower, as fortified cities, with walls, doors, and bars;

6 and Baalath, and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all the desire of Solomon that he wanted to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

7 All the people who were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel,

8 (they were of their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel had not finished) Solomon caused them to go up for forced labor to this day.

9 And none of the sons of Israel did Solomon make slaves for his work, but they were men of war, and chiefs of his officers, and chiefs of his chariots, and his horsemen.

10 And these were the chiefs of the deputies King Solomon had, two hundred and fifty who were rulers among the people.

11 And Solomon had brought up Pharaoh's daughter from the city of David

to the house that he had built for her. For he said, My wife shall not live in the house of David the king of Israel, for they are holy, to whom the Ark of Jehovah has come.

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to Jehovah on the altar of Jehovah that he had built before the porch,

13 even as the matter of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the appointed feasts three times in the year, in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Booths.

14 And according to the ordinance of his father David, he made the divisions of the priests over their service, and of the Levites over their charges, to praise and to minister before the priests, according to the matter of every day, and the gatekeepers in their divisions at every gate, for so was the command of David the man of God.

15 And they did not turn aside from the king's command as to the priests and the Levites in regard to any matter, and to the treasures.

16 And all the work of Solomon was prepared to the day of the foundation of the house of Jehovah, and until its completion. The house of Jehovah was finished.

17 Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth on the seacoast, in the land of Edom.

18 And Hiram sent ships to him by the hand of his servants, and servants who knew the sea. And they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought it in to King Solomon.

2 Chronicles 9

1 The queen of Sheba admires the wisdom of Solomon. 13 Solomon's gold. 15 His bucklers.

17 The throne of ivory. 20 His vessels. 23 His presents. 25 His chariots and horses. 29 His reign and death.

1 ¶ And the queen of Sheba had heard of Solomon's fame. And she came to test Solomon with sharp questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels bearing spices, and gold in abundance, and

precious stones. And she came in to Solomon and spoke with him all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon declared to her all her matters; and there was nothing hidden from Solomon that he did not declare to her.

3 And the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

4 and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the standing of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and their clothing, and his burnt offerings that he offered in the house of Jehovah; and there was no more spirit in her.

5 And she said to the king, The word that I heard in my land concerning your matters and concerning your wisdom is true.

6 But I had not trusted to their words, until I had come and my eyes had seen. And, behold, there was not declared to me half of the greatness of your wisdom. You added to the report that I heard.

7 Oh the happiness of your men, and the happiness of your servants, these who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom!

8 May Jehovah your God *be* blessed, who has delighted in you, to put you on His throne to *be* king for Jehovah your God. In the love of your God toward Israel, to make it stand forever, He has put you over them as king, to do judgment and righteousness.

9 And she gave to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great plenty, and precious stones. And there has not been any spice as that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

10 And also the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought in gold from Ophir, brought in alnum trees and precious stones.

11 And the king made the alnum trees *into* steps for the house of Jehovah, and for the king's house, and lyres and harps for singers. And there was none like these before in the land of Judah.

12 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire that she asked, besides that which she had brought to the king. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

13 ¶ And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

14 besides that from the men of trade, and that the traders were bringing in. And all the kings of Arabia, and the rulers of the land, were bringing in gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And King Solomon made two hundred bucklers *of* beaten gold; he put six hundred of beaten gold on the one buckler;

16 and three hundred shields *of* beaten gold; he put three hundred *shekels* of gold on the one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 And the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold;

18 and six steps *were* to the throne, and a footstool of gold *was* fastened to the throne; and hands *were* on this *side* and on that, at the place of the sitting; and two lions were standing near the hands;

19 and twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on this *side* and on that. There was not any such made for any kingdom.

20 And all the drinking vessels of King Solomon *were* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon of refined gold. Silver was not counted for anything in the days of Solomon.

21 For the ships of the king were going to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once in three years the ships came from Tarshish bearing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 And King Solomon increased more than any of the kings of the earth for riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth were seeking the face of Solomon, to hear his wisdom that God had put in his heart.

24 And they were *each* man bringing his present, vessels of silver and vessels of gold, and garments, weapons, and spices, horses and mules, a rate year by year.

25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. And he put them in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

26 And he ruled over all the kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as the stones. And he made the cedars as the sycamores in the low country for abundance.

28 And they brought out horses from Egypt to Solomon, and from all the lands.

29 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, the first and the last, are they not written in the words of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

31 And Solomon lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of his father David. And his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 10

1 The Israelites, assembled at Shechem to crown Rehoboam, by Jeroboam they ask for relaxation of the hard service to him. 6 Rehoboam answers them roughly. 16 Ten tribes revolting kill Hadoram and make Rehoboam to flee.

1 ¶ And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard, *he being* in Egypt because he had fled from the face of Solomon the king, Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

3 And they sent and called for him. And Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Your father made our yoke hard; and now lighten the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you.

5 And he said to them, Come again to me in three days; and the people went away.

6 And King Rehoboam consulted with the aged men who had stood before his father Solomon when he was alive, saying, How do you advise to answer this people a word?

7 And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be good to this people, and will please them, and will speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.

8 But he left the counsel of the aged men who had advised him, and consulted with

the young men who had grown up with him, those standing before him.

9 And he said to them, What do you advise that we shall answer this people that have spoken to me, saying, Lighten the yoke that your father put on us?

10 And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, You shall say this to the people who have spoken to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and you lighten our yoke, this you shall say to them, My little *finger* is thicker than the loins of my father;

11 and now, my father laid a heavy yoke on you, and I will surely add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I with scorpions.

12 ¶ And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king commanded, saying, Return to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them harshly, and King Rehoboam left the counsel of the aged men,

14 and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to it; my father chastised you with whips, and I with scorpions.

15 And the king did not listen to the people, for *the turn of events* was from God, so that Jehovah might lift up His Word that He spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 And all Israel *saw* that the king did not listen to them, and the people sent back to the king, saying, What part do we have in David? Yea, there is no inheritance in the son of Jesse. *Each* man to your tents, O Israel! Now see to your house, David! And all Israel went to their tents.

17 *As to* the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 And King Rehoboam sent Hadoram who *was* over the forced labor. And the sons of Israel threw stones at him, and he died. And King Rehoboam *was* alerted to mount up into a chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

19 And Israel transgressed against the house of David to this day.

2 Chronicles 11

1 Rehoboam raises an army to subdue Israel and is forbidden by Shemaiah. 13 The priests and Levites strengthen the kingdom of Judah.

18 The wives and children of Rehoboam.

1 ¶ And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem and called up the house of Judah and Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen doers of battle, to fight with Israel, to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 And the Word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah, a man of God, saying,

3 Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon the king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 So says Jehovah, You shall not go up, and not fight with your brothers. *Each* man return to his house, for this thing has come from Me. And they heard the words of Jehovah, and turned back from going against Jeroboam.

5 And Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah.

6 And he built Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 and Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

8 and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

9 and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

10 and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron.

These *were* in Judah and in Benjamin as fortified cities.

11 And he made stronger the fortified cities, and put commanders in them, and treasures of food and oil and wine.

12 And he *put in* every city bucklers and spears, and made them strong, very much. And Judah and Benjamin were his.

13 ¶ And the priests and the Levites in all Israel stationed themselves by him, out of all their territory.

14 For the Levites had abandoned their pasture land and their property. And they came to Judah and to Jerusalem; for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them out from acting as priests to Jehovah.

15 And *Jereboam* made stand priests for himself for the high places, and for he-goats, and for the calves that he made.

16 And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, those who gave their heart to seek Jehovah the God of Israel, came to Jerusa-

lem to sacrifice to Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

17 And they made the kingdom of Judah strong, and strengthened Rehoboam the son of Solomon for three years, because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

18 And Rehoboam took a wife for himself, Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, the son of David, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse.

19 And she bore to him sons: Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

20 And after her, he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom, and she bore to him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines (for he had taken eighteen wives, and sixty concubines; and he fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters).

22 And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maachah the head, as ruler among his brothers, in order to cause him to reign.

23 And he had understanding, and spread out all his sons to all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to all the fortified cities, and gave them provision in abundance. And he demanded a multitude of wives.

2 Chronicles 12

1 Rehoboam, forsaking the Lord, is punished by Shishak. 5 He and the leaders repenting, are delivered from destruction, but not from plunder. 13 The reign and death of Rehoboam.

1 ¶ And it happened, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was settled, and when he was strong, he forsook the Law of Jehovah, and all Israel with him.

2 And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came against Jerusalem because they had acted unfaithfully against Jehovah.

3 *He came* with a thousand and two hundred chariots, and with sixty thousand horsemen. And there was no counting the people who came with him out of Egypt: Lybians, Sukkiims, and Cushites.

4 And he captured the fortified cities in Judah and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah who

had gathered to Jerusalem from the face of Shishak. And *he* said to them, So says Jehovah, You have forsaken Me; and I also have forsaken you in the hand of Shishak.

6 And the leaders of Israel and the king were humbled. And they said, Jehovah is a righteous *One*.

7 And when Jehovah saw that they were humbled, the Word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah, saying, They have been humbled. I will not destroy them, and I will give to them a little deliverance. And I will not pour out My fury on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8 But they shall become his servants, and they shall know My service, and the service of the kingdoms of the lands.

9 And Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house. He took all, and he took the golden shields that Solomon had made.

10 And King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed *them* into the hand of the chiefs of the runners who kept the gate of the king's house.

11 And it happened, from the time the king went to the house of Jehovah, the runners came in and lifted them up, and brought them back to the room of the runners.

12 And when he was humbled, the wrath of Jehovah turned away from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely; and also good things were *found* in Judah.

13 ¶ And King Rehoboam made himself strong in Jerusalem, and reigned. For Rehoboam *was* a son of forty one years when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that Jehovah had chosen to put His name there, out of all the tribes of Israel. And his mother's name *was* Naamah the Ammonitess.

14 And he did the evil, for he had not prepared his heart to seek Jehovah.

15 And the acts of Rehoboam, the first and the last, are they not written in the records of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer as to genealogy? And the wars of Rehoboam and Jeroboam *lasted* all the days.

16 And Rehoboam lay with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And his son Abijah reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 13

1 Abijah succeeds and makes war against Jeroboam. 13 Trusting in Jehovah, God strikes Jeroboam. 21 The wives and sons of Abijah.

1 ¶ In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah began to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother *was* Michaiiah the daughter of Uriel, from Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah joined the battle with an army of mighty men of war, four hundred thousand chosen men. And Jeroboam had set the battle in order with him, with eight hundred thousand chosen men, mighty men of strength.

4 And Abijah stood up on Mount Zemaraim in the hills of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel.

5 Do you not know that Jehovah the God of Israel has given the kingdom to David over Israel forever, to him and to his sons, a covenant of salt?

6 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon, the son of David has risen up and rebelled against his lord.

7 And vain men gathered to him, sons of worthlessness, and they made themselves strong against Rehoboam the son of Solomon; and Rehoboam was a youth and tender of heart, and could not be strong against them.

8 And now you think to be strong against the kingdom of Jehovah in the hand of the sons of David. And you *are* a great host; yea, with you *are* calves of gold that Jeroboam has made as gods to you.

9 Have you not thrown out the priests of Jehovah, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made priests to yourselves like the peoples of the lands? Whoever comes to fill his hand with a bull, a son of *the* herd, and seven rams, even he becomes a priest to no-gods.

10 As for us, Jehovah *is* our God, and we have not forsaken Him; yea, priests are serving Jehovah, the sons of Aaron and the Levites, in the work,

11 and are offering to Jehovah burnt offerings morning by morning, and evening by evening, and sweet incense, and the Bread of Arrangement on the pure table, and the golden lampstand and its lamps, to burn evening by evening. For we are keeping the charge of Jehovah our God. And surely you have forsaken Him.

12 And, behold, God *is* with us at *our* head, and His priests, and the trumpets, the signal to sound for battle against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight with Jehovah, the God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam had made the ambush circle to come in behind them, and they were before Judah, and the ambush *was* behind them.

14 And Judah turned. And, behold, the battle *was* against them before and behind. And they cried to Jehovah, and the priests were blowing with trumpets.

15 And the men of Judah shouted. And it was, at the shouting of the men of Judah, God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the sons of Israel fled from the face of Judah, and God gave them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter, and five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel fell wounded.

18 And the sons of Israel were humbled at that time, and the sons of Judah were strong. For they leaned on Jehovah the God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam and captured cities from him: Beth-el and its daughter-villages, and Jeshanah and its daughter-villages, and Ephraim and its daughter villages.

20 And Jeroboam did not regain power any more *in* Abijah's days. And Jehovah struck him, and he died.

21 And Abijah became mighty, and he took fourteen wives to himself. And he fathered twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his words, are written in the inquiry of the prophet Iddo.

2 Chronicles 14

1 Asa succeeds and destroys idolatry. 9 Calling on Jehovah, he overthrows Zerah, and plunders the Ethiopians.

1 ¶ And Abijah lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Asa reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Asa did the good and the right in the eyes of Jehovah his God.

3 And he removed the altars of the foreigner, and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and cut down the Asherahs.

4 And *he* commanded Judah to seek Jehovah the God of their fathers, and to do the Law and the commandment.

5 And he removed the high places and the images out of all the cities of Judah. And the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had quiet. And there was no war with him in these years, because Jehovah had given him rest.

7 And he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and walls around *them*, and *with* towers, gates, and bars, while the land *is* before us, because we have sought Jehovah our God. We have sought, and He has given rest to us all around. And they built and prospered.

8 And Asa had an army bearing bucklers and spears three hundred thousand out of Judah, and two hundred eighty thousand out of Benjamin, bearing shields and drawing bows; all these *were* mighty men of strength.

9 ¶ And Zerah the Cushite came out against them with an army of a thousand thousands, and three hundred chariots. And he came to Mareshah.

10 And Asa went out before him and they set the battle in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 And Asa called to Jehovah his God, and said, O Jehovah, besides You there is none to help between the great and him with no strength. Help us, O Jehovah our God; for we lean on You, and in Your name we come against this host. O Jehovah, You *are* our God. Do not let men hold back against You.

12 And Jehovah struck the Cushites before Asa and before Judah. And the Cushites fled.

13 And Asa and the people who *were* with him pursued them as far as Gerar. And *all* of the Cushites fell, for there was none left alive to them; because they had broken before Jehovah, and before His army. And they lifted up very much plunder.

14 And they struck all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of Jehovah had come on them. And they plundered all the cities, for there was much plunder in them.

15 And also they struck the tents of cattle, and they captured sheep and camels in abundance. And *they* returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 15

1 Asa with Judah and many of Israel make a solemn vow with Jehovah. 16 He puts down Maachah his mother for her idolatry.

1 ¶ And the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded.

2 And he went out before Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. Jehovah *is* with you while you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

3 Yea, Israel *has been* without a true God many days, and without a teaching priest, and without Law.

4 And they turned in their distress to Jehovah the God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He was found by them.

5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him going out, or to him coming in, for much tumult *was* on all *those* living in the lands.

6 And they were shattered, nation against nation, and city against city. For God troubled them with every distress.

7 But you be strong, and do not let your hands weaken, for there is a reward for your work.

8 ¶ And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he made himself strong and removed the detestable idols out of the land of Judah and Benjamin; and out of the cities that he had captured from the hills of Ephraim. And he restored the altar of Jehovah that *was* before the porch of Jehovah.

9 And *he* gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the aliens with them out of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and out of Simeon. For they had fallen to him in abundance from Israel when they saw that Jehovah his God was with him.

10 And they were gathered to Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And *they* sacrificed to Jehovah on that day, from the plunder they had brought in, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they entered into the covenant to seek Jehovah the God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul.

13 And everyone who did not seek after Jehovah the God of Israel was caused to die, from the small even to the great, from man and to woman.

14 And they swore to Jehovah with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with rams' horns.

15 And all Judah rejoiced on the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart; and they sought Him with all their desire. And He was found by them. And Jehovah gave rest to them all around.

16 And also Maachah the *grandmother* of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen mother, because she had made a horrible image for an Asherah. And Asa cut down her horrible image, and crushed and burned *it* by the torrent Kidron.

17 Yet the high places were not removed from Israel. Only, the heart of Asa was peaceful all his days.

18 And he brought the consecrated things of his father, and his own consecrated things, into the house of God, silver and gold and vessels.

19 And there was no war until the thirty fifth year of the reign of Asa.

2 Chronicles 16

1 Asa, by the aid of the Syrians, diverts Baasha from building. 7 Being reprovved by Hanai, he puts him in prison. 13 His death and burial.

1 ¶ In the thirty sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha the king of Israel came up against Judah. And *he* built Ramah, so as

not to permit any going out and coming in to Asa the king of Judah.

2 And Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and from the king's house; and *he* sent to Ben-hadad the king of Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying,

3 A covenant *shall be* between me and you, and between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, lift up your covenant with Baasha the king of Israel, and he shall go away from me.

4 And Ben-hadad listened to King Asa, and sent the commanders of his armies to the cities of Israel. And they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it happened, when Baasha heard, he ceased building Ramah and made his work stop.

6 And Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its wood, with which Baasha had built. And he built Geba and Mizpah with them.

7 ¶ And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa the king of Judah and said to him, Because you leaned on the king of Syria, and you have not leaned on Jehovah your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand.

8 Did not the Cushites and the Lybians become a very great army for multitude, for chariots and for horsemen? And when you leaned on Jehovah, He gave them into your hand.

9 For the eyes of Jehovah go to and fro in all the earth in order to be strong for those with their heart perfect toward Him. You have acted foolishly in this. so from now on there shall be wars with you.

10 And Asa was angry with the seer; and he gave him up to the house of stocks. For *he was* in a rage with him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, the first and the last, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa *was* diseased in his feet in the thirty ninth year of his reign, until his disease *was* severe. And also in his disease he did not seek Jehovah, but among the healers.

13 And Asa lay with his fathers, and died in the forty first year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his grave which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which he had filled with sweet odors and kinds of aromatic herbs, with a mixture of ointments *by art*. And they burned a great burning for him.

2 Chronicles 17

1 Jehoshaphat succeeds Asa, reigns well, and prospers. 7 He sends Levites with the leaders to teach Judah. 12 His greatness, captains and armies.

1 ¶ And his son Jehoshaphat reigned in his place. And he made himself strong against Israel.

2 And *he* put an army in all the fortified cities in Judah, and placed garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim which his father Asa had captured.

3 And Jehovah was with Jehoshaphat, for he walked in the first ways of his father David; and *he* did not seek to the Baals.

4 For he sought to the God of his father, and he walked in His commands, and not according to the deeds of Israel.

5 And Jehovah established the kingdom in his hand. And all of Judah gave a present to Jehoshaphat. And he had riches and honor in abundance.

6 And his heart was exalted in the ways of Jehovah. And he again removed the high places and the Asherahs out of Judah.

7 And in the third year of his reign, he sent for his leaders, for Ben-hail, and for Obadiah, and for Zechariah, and for Nethaneel, and for Michaiah, in order to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them *were* the Levites: Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites. And with them *were* Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 And they taught in Judah; and with them *was* the book of the Law of Jehovah. And they went around to all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people.

10 ¶ And the fear of Jehovah was on all the kingdoms of the lands around Judah; and they did not fight with Jehoshaphat.

11 And from the Philistines, they were bringing in a present to Jehoshaphat, and silver as tribute. Also, the Arabians were bringing flocks to him, seven thousand, seven hundred rams; and seven thousand, seven hundred he-goats.

12 And Jehoshaphat went on *to be* even greater, on *and* upward. And he built fortresses and store cities in Judah.

13 And there was much work for him in the cities of Judah. And the men of war, mighty men of strength, *resided* in Jerusalem.

14 And these *were* their numbers, for the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the commanders of thousands, Adnah the chief, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

15 And on his hand, Jehohanan the chief, and two hundred and eighty thousand with him.

16 And on his hand, Amasiah the son of Zichri, who volunteered himself to Jehovah; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of strength.

17 And of Benjamin, Eliada a mighty man of strength, and two hundred thousand armed men with bow and shield with him.

18 And on his hand, Jehozabad; and with him a hundred and eighty thousand ready for war.

19 These waited on the king, besides *those* whom the king put in the fortified cities in all Judah.

2 Chronicles 18

1 Jehoshaphat, joined in affinity with Ahab, is persuaded to go with him against Ramoth-gilead.

33 Ahab is slain there.

1 ¶ And Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and contracted a marriage with Ahab.

2 And at the end of years, *he* went down to Ahab, to Samaria. And Ahab sacrificed sheep and oxen in abundance for him, and for the people with him. And he lured him to go up to Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he said to him, As I am, so *are* you; and as your people, so my people, even with you in battle.

4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Please seek the Word of Jehovah today.

5 And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, four hundred men. And *he* said to them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, and God will give *it* into the king's hand.

6 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not a prophet of Jehovah still here, and we shall seek from him?

7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, One man *is* still *here*, to seek Jehovah from him. But I hate him, for he does not prophesy good about me, but evil all his days. He is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called to a certain eunuch and said, Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly.

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting, each on his throne, clothed with robes. And *they* were sitting in a threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets were prophesying before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself, and said, So says Jehovah, With these you shall gore Syria until they are finished.

11 And all the prophets were prophesying so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper. And, Jehovah has given *it* into the king's hand.

12 And the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *speak* with one mouth, good toward the king. And, Please let your word be like one of theirs, and you shall speak good.

13 And Micaiah said, As Jehovah lives, surely that which my God says, that I shall speak.

14 And he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go up to Ramoth-gilead to battle or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up and prosper, for they will be given into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, Until many times have I caused you to swear *under oath* that you speak nothing to me but the truth in the name of Jehovah?

16 And he said, I have seen all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep *with* no shepherd for them; and Jehovah said, For these, no master. Let them return, *each* man to his own house in peace.

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not say to you that he does not prophesy good concerning me, but rather evil?

18 And he said, Then hear the Word of Jehovah: I have seen Jehovah sitting on His throne, and all the host of the heavens standing on His right and His left.

19 And Jehovah said, Who shall entice Ahab the king of Israel, and he shall go and fall in Ramoth-gilead? And saying, this *one* said like this, and saying, this *one* said like this.

20 And a spirit came out and stood before Jehovah, and said, I will entice him. And Jehovah said, With what?

21 And he said, I will go out and become a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, You shall entice, and also, you are able. Go out and do so.

22 And now, behold, Jehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets. And Jehovah has spoken evil against you.

23 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of Jehovah cross from me to speak to you?

24 And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see in that day when you go *from* one room into another to hide.

25 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the ruler of the city, and to Joash the king's son.

26 And you shall say, So says the king. Put this one in prison and cause him to eat the bread of pain, and the water of pain, until my return in peace.

27 And Micaiah said, If you indeed return in peace, Jehovah has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, O peoples, all of them!

28 ¶ And the king of Israel went up, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go

into battle; and you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself. And they went into battle.

30 And the king of Syria commanded the commanders of the chariots that he had, saying, You shall not fight with small or great, only with the king of Israel by himself.

31 And it happened, when the commanders of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, He *is* the king of Israel. And they turned around to fight against him. And Jehoshaphat cried out. And Jehovah helped him. And God lured them away from him.

32 And it happened, when the commanders of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned away from after him.

33 And a man drew with a bow in his simplicity, and struck the king of Israel between the joinings and the body-armor. And he said to the charioteer, Turn your hand, and you shall bring me out of the battle, for I have been wounded.

34 And on that day the battle went on, and the king of Israel was made to stand in the chariot before Syria until the evening. And he died at the time of the going of the sun.

2 Chronicles 19

1 Jehoshaphat, reprovved by Jehu, visits his kingdom. 5 His instructions to the judges, 8 to the priests and Levites.

1 ¶ And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani, the seer, went out before him and said to King Jehoshaphat, *Should you* help the wicked *one*, and those who hate Jehovah, and by this *bring* wrath on you from the face of Jehovah?

3 But good things have been found with you, for you have burned the Asherahs out of the land, and have fixed your heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem, and he went out again among the people, from Beer-sheba to the hills of Ephraim, and brought them back to Jehovah the God of their fathers.

5 ¶ And he stationed judges in the land, in all the fortified cities of Judah, for every city;

6 and said to the judges, Watch what you are doing, for you shall not judge for man, but for Jehovah, and *He is* with you in the matter of judgment;

7 and now, let the fear of Jehovah be upon you; watch and act, for *there is* no perverseness with Jehovah our God, and lifting up of faces, and taking of a bribe.

8 And also in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat caused to stand from the Levites and from the priests, and from the heads of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of Jehovah, and for strife; and they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, So shall you do in the fear of Jehovah, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And when any contention shall come to you from your brothers who are living in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, then you shall warn them, and they shall not *be* guilty before Jehovah; and wrath shall not be on you and on your brothers; so you shall do, and you shall not be guilty.

11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *shall be* over you for every matter of Jehovah, and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, shall be for every matter of the king; and the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Be strong and act; and Jehovah shall be with the good.

2 Chronicles 20

1 Jehoshaphat proclaims a fast. 5 His prayer.

14 The prophecy of Jahaziel. 22 The great overthrow of the enemies. 31 Jehoshaphat's reign.

35 His convoy of ships unhappily perished.

1 ¶ And after this it happened that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon came in, and with them from the Ammonites, to battle against Jehoshaphat.

2 And they came in and spoke to Jehoshaphat, saying, A great multitude has come against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and, behold, they *are* in Hazazon-tamar, which is En-gedi.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set his face to seek to Jehovah, and proclaimed a fast over all Judah.

4 And Judah was gathered to inquire of Jehovah; also they came in to seek Jehovah from all the cities of Judah.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Jehovah, at the front of the new court,

6 and said, O Jehovah, the God of our fathers, *are* not You the God in Heaven? Yea, You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is* power and might; and there is none able to withstand You.

7 Are You not our God? You dispossessed those living in this land from before Your people Israel, and have given it to the seed of Abraham, Your friend, forever;

8 and they have lived in it, and have built in it a sanctuary to You for Your name, saying,

9 If evil shall come upon us, *whether* sword, judgment, or pestilence and famine, we shall stand before this house and before You, for Your name *is* in this house, and shall cry to You out of our distress, and You shall hear and save.

10 And now, behold, the sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom You did not allow Israel to go against when they came out of the land of Egypt, (for they turned away from them and did not destroy them,)

11 yea, behold, they are repaying us by coming in to drive us out of Your possession, that You have caused us to possess.

12 O our God, shall You not execute judgment upon them? For there is no power in us before this great multitude that has come against us, and we do not know what we shall do; but our eyes *are* on You.

13 And all Judah was standing before Jehovah, and their infants and their wives and their sons.

14 ¶ And on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, the Spirit of Jehovah came on him in the midst of the assembly;

15 and He said, Listen, all Judah, and *the one* living in Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat; so says Jehovah to you, You shall not fear and not be terrified of the face of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but *it is* God's.

16 Tomorrow, go down against them; behold, they are coming up by the ascent of Ziz, and you shall find them in the end of the valley, at the front of the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 You shall not fight in this: station yourselves; stand and see the salvation of Jehovah with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; not do fear, and not be terrified; tomorrow go out before them, and Jehovah *shall be* with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed *his* nose to the earth, and all Judah and the *ones* living in Jerusalem fell down before Jehovah, to bow themselves to Jehovah.

19 And the Levites, of the sons of the Kohathites, and of the sons of the Korahites, rose to give praise to Jehovah the God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah and *those* living in Jerusalem. Trust in Jehovah your God, and trusting *you will* trust in His prophets and prosper.

21 And he consulted with the people, and appointed singers to Jehovah, and those giving praise to *His* holy adornment, when going out before those armed, and said, Give thanks to Jehovah, for His mercy *endures* forever.

22 And at the time they began with rejoicing and praise, Jehovah set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, that had come against Judah; and they were stricken.

23 And the sons of Ammon stood up, and Moab, against the people of Mount Seir, to devote and destroy; and when they finished with the *ones* living in Seir, they helped, *each* man against his neighbor, to destroy.

24 And when Judah had come to the watchtower, to the wilderness, then they turned toward the multitude; and behold, they were corpses fallen to the earth, and there was no survivor.

25 And Jehoshaphat and his people came to plunder their plunder; and they found among them abundance, both goods and valuable things *on the* corpses, and they

stripped off for themselves until there was no bearing *it*; and they were three days plundering the plunder; for it *was* much.

26 And on the fourth day they gathered at the Valley of Blessing, for they blessed Jehovah there; on account of this they have called the name of that place the Valley of Blessing to this day.

27 And they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat at their head, to go back to Jerusalem with joy; for Jehovah had made them rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they entered Jerusalem with harps and with lyres, and with trumpets, to the house of Jehovah.

29 And there was a fear of God on all kingdoms of the lands when they heard that Jehovah had fought with the enemies of Israel.

30 And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was quiet, and his God gave him rest all around.

31 ¶ And Jehoshaphat was king over Judah, a son of thirty five years when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty five years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, to do the right in the eyes of Jehovah.

33 Only, the high places were not removed, and the people still had not settled their hearts for the God of their fathers.

34 And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the first and the last, behold, they *are* written in the words of Jehu the son of Hanani, which *were* taken up in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

35 And after this Jehoshaphat the king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah the king of Israel; he did wickedly to do so.

36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

37 And Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, Jehovah has broken your works. And the ships were broken, so that they did not hold to go to Tarshish.

2 Chronicles 21

1 Jehoram succeeds Jehoshaphat and slays his brothers. 12 The prophecy of Elijah against him in writing. 18 His incurable disease, infamous death, and burial.

1 ¶ And Jehoshaphat lay with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Jehoram reigned in his place.

2 And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat the king of Israel.

3 And their father gave to them many gifts of silver and gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities of Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, for he *was* the first-born.

4 And Jehoram rose up over the kingdom of his father and made himself strong. And *he* killed all his brothers with the sword, and also of the leaders of Israel.

5 Jehoram *was* a son of thirty two years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab, for a daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

7 And Jehovah was not willing to destroy the house of David, for the sake of the covenant that He made with David, and as He had spoken, to give a lamp to him and to his sons all the days.

8 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king to reign over them.

9 And Jehoram passed over with his chiefs, and all the chariots with him; and it happened that he rose up by night and struck the Edomites who were coming all around him; and the commanders of the chariots.

10 And Edom transgressed from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah transgressed at that time from under his hand, because he had forsaken Jehovah, the God of his fathers.

11 Also, he had made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused *those* liv-

ing *in* Jerusalem to fornicate, and led astray Judah.

12 ¶ And a writing came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, So says Jehovah, the God of your father David, Because you have not walked in the ways of your father Jehoshaphat, and in the ways of Asa the king of Judah,

13 and you walk in the way of the kings of Israel, and caused Judah and *those* living *in* Jerusalem to fornicate like the fornicating of the house of Ahab; and also you have killed your brothers, the house of your father, who were better than yourself;

14 behold, Jehovah shall strike with a great destruction among your people, and among your sons, and among your wives, and among all your goods;

15 and you, with many sicknesses, with disease in your bowels, until your bowels come out because of the sickness, days upon days.

16 And Jehovah awakened the spirit of the Philistines against Jehoram, and of the Arabians who *were* beside the Cushites

17 and they came up into Judah and broke into it, and captured all the goods that was found at the king's house, and also his sons, and his wives; and there was not left to him a son except Jehoahaz the youngest of his sons.

18 And after this, Jehovah struck him in his bowels by disease for which there was no healing;

19 and it happened, from days to days, and as the time went out, the end of two years of days, his bowels went out because of his sickness; so he died of painful diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

20 He was a son of thirty two *years* when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem; and he left without being desired, and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the graves of the kings.

2 Chronicles 22

1 Ahaziah succeeds and reigns wickedly. 5 He is slain by Jehu. 10 Athaliah destroys all the royal heirs except Joash, usurps the kingdom.

1 And *those* living *in* Jerusalem made his youngest son Ahaziah king in his place (for

all the first ones had been slain by the troop that came in with the Arabians to the battle) and Ahaziah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah reigned.

2 Ahaziah *was* a son of forty two years when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do evilly.

4 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, like the house of Ahab, for they were his counselors after the death of his father, for his destruction.

5 He also walked in their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab the king of Israel to battle against Hazael the king of Syria, in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians struck Jehoram;

6 and he returned to be healed in Jezreel, because of the wounds with which they had stricken him in Ramah, when fighting with Hazael the king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram the king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, for he was ill.

7 And the destruction of Ahaziah was from God, for coming to Jehoram; and when he had come he went out with Jehoram to Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Jehovah had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it happened, when Jehu was judging the house of Ahab, that he found the leaders of Judah, and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, the servants of Ahaziah, and killed them.

9 And he sought out Ahaziah, and they captured him (and he was hiding himself in Samaria) and brought him to Jehu, and *he* caused him to die, and buried him; for they said, He *is* the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Jehovah with all his heart. And there was none in the house of Ahaziah to retain power for the kingdom.

10 ¶ And Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, and she rose up and spoke *to destroy* all the seed of the kingdom of the house of Judah.

11 And Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the sons of the king who

were caused to die and put him and his nurse in the bedroom. And Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, because she was the sister of Ahaziah, hid him from the face of Athaliah; and she did not cause him to die.

12 And he was with them in the house of God hiding himself six years, and Athaliah reigned over the land.

2 Chronicles 23

1 Jehoiada makes Joash king. 12 Athaliah is slain.

18 Jehoiada restores the worship of Jehovah.

1 ¶ And in the seventh year Jehoiada made himself strong and took the commanders of the hundreds, even Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

2 And they went around in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers of Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the assembly made a covenant in the house of God with the king, and he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as Jehovah has spoken of the sons of David.

4 This *is* what you shall do: the third of you going in on the sabbath, of the priests, and of the Levites, *shall be* keepers of the doors;

5 and a third *shall be* at the king's house, and a third at the gate of the foundation; and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of Jehovah.

6 And no one shall enter the house of Jehovah except the priests and those ministering of the Levites; they may go in, for they *are* holy; and all the people shall keep the watch of Jehovah.

7 And the Levites shall surround the king, *each* man with his weapon in his hand; and he who goes into the house shall be caused to die; and you be with the king in his going in and in his going out.

8 And the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. And *each* man took his men who were going in on the sabbath, the ones who were to go out on the sabbath. For

Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the divisions.

9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the commanders of the hundreds the spears, and the shields, and the bucklers that *were* King David's, that *were* in the house of God.

10 And he stationed all of the people, and each *man* had his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, at the altar, and by the king at the house all around.

11 And they brought out the son of the king, and put the crown on him, and the testimony, and made him to reign; and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and cried, Let the king live!

12 ¶ And Athaliah heard the sound of the people who were running and who were praising the king; and she came to the people in the house of Jehovah,

13 and looked; and behold, the king was standing by his pillar in the entrance, and the commanders and the trumpets *were* by the king; and all the people of the land *were* rejoicing and sounding with trumpets; and the singers with instruments of song, and giving signals to praise; and Athaliah tore her garments and cried, Treason! Treason!

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the commanders of the hundreds, those over the army, and said to them, Bring her out from inside the ranks, and he coming after her cause her to die by the sword; for the priest said, Do not cause her to die *in* the house of Jehovah.

15 And they put hands to her, and she came into the entrance of the Gate of Horses, beside the king's house, and they caused her to die there.

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and between all the people, and between the king, to be a people to Jehovah;

17 and all the people went into the house of Baal and broke it down; yea, they broke down his altars and his images; and they killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 And Jehoiada put the offices of the house of Jehovah into the hand of the Levitical priests, whom David had divided over the house of Jehovah, to offer the burnt offerings of Jehovah, as *it is* written in the

Law of Moses; with joy, and with singing, by the hands of David.

19 And he stationed the keepers at the gates of the house of Jehovah; and the unclean could not in any way go in.

20 And he took the commanders of the hundreds, and the great *ones*, and the rulers among the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of Jehovah; and they came in through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and made the king sit on the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And they caused Athaliah to die by the sword.

2 Chronicles 24

1 Joash reigns well all the days of Jehoiada.

4 He gives order for the repair of the temple.

15 Jehoiada's death. 17 Joash slays Zechariah; son of Jehoiada. 23 Joash is plundered by the Syrians, and slain. 27 Amaziah succeeds him.

1 ¶ Joash was a son of seven years when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Joash did the right in the eyes of Jehovah all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he fathered sons and daughters.

4 And it was after this; it had been Joash's heart to renew the house of Jehovah;

5 and he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel silver to repair the house of your God fully from year to year; and you shall do the matter quickly. But the Levites did not act quickly.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the head, and said to him, Why have you not commanded the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the offering of Moses, the servant of Jehovah, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of the testimony?

7 For the sons of Athaliah, the wicked *one*, have broken up the house of God, and also they have prepared all the holy things of the house of Jehovah for the Baals.

8 And the king commanded, and they made one chest, and put it at the gate of the house of Jehovah outside;

9 and they gave a call in Judah and in Jerusalem to bring in to Jehovah the tribute of Moses, the servant of God, *laid* on Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the leaders, and all the people rejoiced; and they brought in and threw into the chest until *it was* finished.

11 And it happened, at the time one brought in the chest to the king's overseers, by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that the silver *was* much a scribe of the king came in, and an officer of the head priest, and they emptied the chest and took it up and returned it to its place; so they did day by day, and gathered much silver.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of Jehovah; and they hired stone cutters and skilled workers to restore the house of Jehovah; and also skilled workers in iron and bronze to strengthen the house of Jehovah.

13 And the workmen did the work and the restoration work went on in their hands; and they set up the house of God by its proportion, and made it strong.

14 And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the silver in before the king and Jehoiada; and they made vessels of it for the house of Jehovah, vessels of serving, and of offering, and spoons, even vessels of gold and silver; and they offered burnt offerings in the house of Jehovah continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 ¶ And Jehoiada was old and satisfied with days, and died, a son of a hundred and thirty years at his death.

16 And they buried him in the city of David with the kings, for he had done good in Israel, and with God, and his house.

17 And after the death of Jehoiada, the leaders of Judah came in and bowed themselves to the king; then the king listened to them.

18 And they forsook the house of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherahs and the idols; and there was wrath on Judah and Jerusalem because of this guilt.

19 And He sent prophets among them to bring them back to Jehovah; and they testified against them, but they did not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest,

and he stood before the people and said to them, So says God, Why do you transgress the commandments of Jehovah, and do not prosper? Because you have forsaken Jehovah, He has forsaken you.

21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him *with* stones by the command of the king, in the court of the house of Jehovah.

22 And Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada his father had done to him, and killed his son. And at his death he said, Jehovah sees and shall seek *you out*.

23 And it happened, at the turn of the year, that the army of Syria came up against him; and they came into Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people; and they sent all their plunder to the king of Damascus.

24 For with few men the army of Syria came in, and Jehovah gave a mighty force for multitude into their hand, because they forsook Jehovah, the God of their fathers. And they executed judgment against Joash.

25 And when they departed from him (they left him with many diseases) his own servants conspired against him, because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed; and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, and did not bury him in the graves of the kings.

26 And these are those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess.

27 *As to* his sons, and the greatness of the burdens upon him, and the foundation of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the inquiry of the Book of the Kings. And his son Amaziah reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 25

1 Amaziah begins to reign well. 11 He overthrew the Edomites. 14 Amaziah, proud of his victory, serves the gods of Edom. 17 He provokes Joash to his overthrow. 25 His reign. 27 He is slain by conspiracy.

1 ¶ Amaziah *was* a son of twenty five years when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty nine years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah; only, not with a perfect heart.

3 And it happened, when the kingdom had been made strong to him, he killed his servants, those who had struck the king, his father.

4 But he did not cause their sons to die, but did as *is* written in the Law, in the Book of Moses, whom Jehovah commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the sons, and the sons shall not die for *the* fathers; but they *each* man shall die for his own sin.

5 And Amaziah gathered Judah, and made them stand, according to the house of their fathers, for commanders of the thousands, and for commanders of the hundreds, for all Judah and Benjamin. And he numbered them from a son of twenty years and above, and found them to be three hundred thousand *that* were chosen, going forth to battle, holding spear and shield.

6 And he hired a hundred thousand mighty *men* of strength out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver.

7 But a man of God came to him, saying, O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for Jehovah *is* not with Israel, with all the sons of Ephraim.

8 But if you will go, do *it!* Be strong for the battle, for God will cause you to stumble before the enemy; for God has power to help, and *also* to cause to stumble.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what *shall I* do for the hundred talents that I have given to the troop of Israel? And the man of God said, Jehovah has more than this to give to you.

10 And Amaziah separated them, the troop that had come to him from Ephraim, to go to their own place. And their anger burned fiercely against Judah, and they returned to their place in the heat of anger.

11 And Amaziah made himself strong and led his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and killed ten thousand of the sons of Seir.

12 And the sons of Judah captured ten thousand alive, and they brought them to the top of the rock and threw them from the top of the rock; and all of them were broken.

13 And the sons of the army that Amaziah had sent back from going with him to battle, these raided against the cities of Judah, from Samaria even to Beth-horon, and killed three thousand of them, and seized much spoil.

14 ¶ And it happened, after Amaziah came in from smiting the Edomites, that he brought in the gods of the sons of Seir and made them stand as gods for himself; and bowed himself before them, and burned incense to them.

15 And the anger of Jehovah glowed against Amaziah, and he sent a prophet to him; and he said to him, Why have you sought the gods of the people that have not delivered their people out of your hand?

16 And it happened, as he spoke with him, that he said to him, Have we given you *as* a counselor to the king? Stop yourself! Why should they strike you? And the prophet stopped, and said, I know that God has counseled to destroy you because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the king of Judah took counsel and sent to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

18 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah the king of Judah, saying, The thorn that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife; *and* a beast of the field that *was* in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thorn.

19 You have said, behold, I have stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up to boast; now, stay in your house; why should you stir yourself up to evil, that you should fall, you and Judah with you?

20 And Amaziah would not listen, for it *was* from God, in order to give them into their hand, because they had sought to the gods of Edom.

21 And Jehoash the king of Israel went up, and they looked one another in the face, he and Amaziah the king of Judah, at Bethshemesh that *was* Judah's.

22 And Judah was stricken before Israel; and they fled, *each* man to his tent.

23 And Amaziah the king of Judah, the son of Joash, was caught by Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel in Bethshemesh; and he carried him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits.

24 And *he took* all the gold, and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

25 And Amaziah the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived fifteen years after had died Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel.

26 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, the first and the last, behold, *are* they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?

27 And after the time that Amaziah had turned aside from following Jehovah, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish and caused him to die there.

28 And they lifted him up on the horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

2 Chronicles 26

1 Uzziah, reigning well in the days of Zechariah, prospers. 16 He invades the priest's office, and is smitten with leprosy. 22 He dies, and Jotham succeeds him.

1 ¶ And all the people of Judah took Uzziah; and he *was* a son of sixteen years; and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after the king lay with his fathers.

3 Uzziah *was* a son of sixteen years when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty two years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and in the days he sought Jehovah, God made him prosper.

6 And he went out and fought with the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities around Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

7 And God helped him against the Philistines and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal, and the Meunim.

8 And the Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah; and his name spread abroad to the entrance of Egypt; for he became exceedingly strong.

9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the Corner buttress, and fortified them.

10 And he built towers in the wilderness, and dug many wells, for he had many cattle, both in the low country and in the plain; *also he had* farmers and vinedressers in the mountains, and in Carmel; for he was a lover of the earth.

11 And Uzziah had an army making war, going out to the battle by troops, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe, and Maaseiah the officer under the hand of Hananiah, of the king's leaders.

12 The whole number of the heads of the fathers of the mighty *men* of strength *was* two thousand, six hundred.

13 And under their hand *was* a strong army, three hundred and seven thousand, five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them, for all the army, shields and spears and helmets, and scale-armor, and bows, even to stones for the slings.

15 And he made engines in Jerusalem, the inventions of skillful men, to be on the towers and on the corners, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was wonderfully helped until he was strong.

16 ¶ And when he became strong, his heart was lifted up to act corruptly; and he acted unfaithfully against Jehovah his God, and went in to the temple of Jehovah to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and eighty priests of Jehovah with him, sons of strength ;

18 and they stood up against Uzziah the king, and said to him, *It is not for you, O Uzziah, to burn incense to Jehovah, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are sanctified to burn incense; go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed; and it is not to your honor from Jehovah God.*

19 And Uzziah was angry, and in his hand *was* a firepan to burn incense; and when he was angry with the priests, the leprosy rose in his forehead, before the priests, in the house of Jehovah, beside the altar of incense.

20 And Azariah the head priest and all the priests turned toward him, and behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead. And they hurried him from there, and he also himself hurried to leave, for Jehovah had touched him.

21 And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house as a leper, for he had been cut off from the house of Jehovah; and his son Jotham was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 And the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the last, Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, has written.

23 And Uzziah lay with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burying place that *was* to the kings; for they said, *He is a leper.* And his son Jotham reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 27

1 Jotham reigns well and prospers. 5 He subdues the Ammonites. 7 His reign. 9 Ahaz reigns.

1 ¶ Jotham *was* a son of twenty five years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Uzziah did; only, he did not come into the temple of Jehovah, but still the people were acting corruptly.

3 He built the Upper Gate of the house of Jehovah, and he built very much in the wall of Ophel;

4 and he built cities in the hills of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

5 He also fought with the king of the sons of Ammon, and prevailed over them. And the sons of Ammon gave to him in that year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley; this the sons of Ammon turned over to him in the second year and in the third.

6 And Jotham made himself strong, for he had prepared his ways before Jehovah his God.

7 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his battles, and his ways, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He *was* a son of twenty five years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 And Jotham lay with his fathers and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Ahaz reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 28

1 Ahaz reigns wickedly and is greatly afflicted by the Syrians. 16 Sending for aid to Assyria he is not helped. 22 In his distress he grows more idolatrous. 26 He dies. Hezekiah succeeds him.

1 ¶ Ahaz *was* a son of twenty years when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do the right in the eyes of Jehovah, as his father David,

2 but walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and also made molten images for the Baals.

3 And he himself burned incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burned his sons in the fire, like the disgusting acts of the nations that Jehovah dispossessed from before the sons of Israel;

4 and sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the heights, and under every green tree.

5 And Jehovah his God gave him into the hand of the king of Syria, and they struck him, and captured from him a great captivity, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he also was given into the hand of the king of Israel, and he struck him with a great slaughter.

6 ¶ And Pekah the son of Remaliah killed a hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all sons of strength,

because they had forsaken Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri, a mighty *one* of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the son of the king, and Azrikam the leader of the house, and Elkanah, second to the king.

8 And the sons of Israel seized two hundred thousand of their brothers, wives, sons and daughters, and also they plundered from them much plunder, and they brought the plunder to Samaria.

9 And a prophet of Jehovah was there, Oded his name; and he went out before the army that had come in to Samaria, and said to them, Behold, in the fury of Jehovah, the God of your fathers, against Judah, He has given them into your hand, and you have slain among them in rage; it has reached to the heavens.

10 And now you are planning to tread down the sons of Judah and Jerusalem for male slaves, and for slave-girls to yourselves; but *are* not with you causes of guilt, solely yours, before Jehovah your God?

11 And now, hear me, and return the captives you have seized from your brothers, for the heat of the anger of Jehovah *is* on you.

12 And men of the leaders of the Ephraimites: Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah, Meshillemoth's son, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, rose up against those coming in from the army.

13 And *they* said to them, You shall not bring the captives here, for guilt against Jehovah *is* on us; you are planning to add to our sin and to our guilt, for plenty of guilt is ours, and the glow of anger on Israel.

14 And the armed men left the captives and the plunder before the leaders and all the assembly.

15 And the men who had been called by name rose and took the captives, and they clothed all the naked *ones* from the plunder; yea, they clothed them and shod them, and made them eat and drink, and anointed them, and led them out on asses, *even* every feeble one, and made them go to Jericho, the city of palms, near their brothers, and returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At that time King Ahaz sent to the king of Assyria to help him.

17 And again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and had seized a captivity.

18 And the Philistines had raided against the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and captured Bethshemesh and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho and its daughter villages, and Timnah and its daughter villages, and Gimzo and its daughter villages, and dwelt there.

19 For Jehovah had humbled Judah because of Ahaz the king of Israel, for he loosed *immorality* in Judah, and acted unfaithfully against Jehovah.

20 And Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came against him and distressed him, but did not make him strong,

21 though Ahaz had taken a lot *from* the house of Jehovah and *from* the house of the king, and *from* the rulers, and had given to the king of Assyria, and *it was* not for help to him.

22 And in the time of his distressing he acted more unfaithfully against Jehovah, this King Ahaz.

23 And he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus who had struck him, and said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria are helping them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me; but they were to cause him and all Israel to stumble.

24 And Ahaz gathered all the utensils of the house of God, and *he* cut up the utensils of the house of God and shut the doors of the house of Jehovah. And *he* made altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every city, even the cities of Judah, he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and angered Jehovah the God of his fathers.

26 And the rest of his acts, and all his ways, the first and the last, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, but did not bring him to the graves of the kings of Israel. And his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 29

1 Hezekiah's good reign. 3 He restores worship.

5 He exhorts the Levites. 12 They sanctify themselves, and cleanse the house of Jehovah.

1 ¶ Hezekiah was a son of twenty five years when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty nine years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father David did.

3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah and strengthened them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and he gathered them to the open place on the east.

5 And he said to them, Hear me, O Levites, now consecrate yourselves. And consecrate the house of Jehovah, the God of your fathers, and bring out the uncleanness from the holy place.

6 For our fathers have acted unfaithfully and did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah our God, and they have forsaken Him and turned their faces away from the temple of Jehovah, and have given their backs.

7 And they have shut the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and they have not burned incense, and burnt offering has not gone up in the sanctuary to the God of Israel.

8 And the wrath of Jehovah is on Judah and Jerusalem, and He has given them for a trembling, for a horror, and for hissing, as you see with your eyes.

9 For, behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in exile for this.

10 Now it is in my heart to cut a covenant with Jehovah, the God of Israel, and the glow of His anger shall turn back from us.

11 Now, my sons, do not be negligent, for Jehovah has chosen you to stand before His face, to serve Him and to be ministers and incense burners for Him.

12 ¶ And the Levites rose up: Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the

sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah;

13 and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 and of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brothers and sanctified themselves, and came in, according to the commandment of the king in the matters of Jehovah, to cleanse the house of Jehovah.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of Jehovah to clean, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Jehovah to the court of the house of Jehovah; and the Levites received and took it out to the torrent Kidron outside.

17 And they began to sanctify on the first of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of Jehovah; and they sanctified the house of Jehovah in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they had finished.

18 And they came inside to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of Jehovah, and the altar of the burnt offering, and all its vessels, and the table of the Bread of Arrangement, and all its utensils;

19 and all the utensils that King Ahaz cast aside in his reign, in his unfaithfulness, we have prepared and sanctified; and behold, they are before the altar of Jehovah.

20 ¶ And Hezekiah the king rose early and gathered the leaders of the city, and went up to the house of Jehovah.

21 And they brought in seven bulls, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven young he-goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the sons of Aaron, the priests, to offer on the altar of Jehovah.

22 And they slaughtered the oxen, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled the blood on the altar. And they slaughtered the rams, and sprinkled the blood on

the altar. And they slaughtered the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

23 And they brought the he-goats of the sin offering before the king and the congregation, and they laid their hands on them;

24 and the priests slaughtered them, and made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to atone for all Israel; for the king said, The burnt offering and the sin offering are for all Israel.

25 And he made stand the Levites in the house of Jehovah with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, by the command of David, and of Gad, the seer of the king, and of Nathan the prophet; for the command was by the hand of Jehovah, by the hand of His prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer burnt offering on the altar; and at the time the burnt offering began, the song of Jehovah began, and of the trumpets, even by the hand of the instruments of David the king of Israel.

28 And all the assembly were bowing, and the singers singing, and the trumpeters blowing; all until the completion of the burnt offering.

29 And at the completion of the offering the king and all those found with him bowed and worshiped.

30 And Hezekiah the king and the leaders commanded the Levites to give praise to Jehovah in the words of David, and of Asaph the seer; and they praised with joy, and they bowed and worshiped.

31 And Hezekiah answered and said, Now you have filled your hand to Jehovah; come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of Jehovah. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and every willing heart brought burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings that the assembly brought was seventy oxen, a hundred rams, two hundred lambs; all these for a burnt offering to Jehovah.

33 And the dedicated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

34 Only, the priests had become few, and were not able to skin all of the burnt offerings; and their brothers the Levites strengthened them until the work was completed, and until the priests cleansed themselves; for the Levites were more upright of heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

35 And also, there were many burnt offerings with fat of the peace offerings, and with drink offerings for the burnt offering; and the service of the house of Jehovah was established.

36 And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced, because God had prepared the people; for the thing had happened suddenly.

2 Chronicles 30

1 Hezekiah proclaims a solemn passover on the second month for Judah and Israel. 13 The assembly, having destroyed the altars of idolatry, keep the feast fourteen days.

1 ¶ And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and he also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, to come to the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem, to make a Passover to Jehovah the God of Israel.

2 And the king and his leaders, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, took counsel to keep the Passover in the second month;

3 since they could not do it at that time, for the priests had not sanctified themselves enough. And the people had not been gathered to Jerusalem.

4 And the thing was right in the eyes of the king, and in the eyes of the assembly.

5 And they established a decree to pass through a call to all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, to come to make a Passover to Jehovah the God of Israel in Jerusalem. For not many of them had done as it is written.

6 And the runners went with letters from the king's hand, and his leaders, to all Israel and Judah; even by the king's command, saying, O sons of Israel return to Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. And He shall return to the remnant left of you from the palm of the king of Assyria.

7 And do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who acted unfaithfully against

Jehovah the God of their fathers; and He made them for a horror, as you see.

8 Now do not stiffen your necks like your fathers. Give a hand to Jehovah and come to His sanctuary that He has sanctified forever; and serve Jehovah your God. And the anger of His face will turn away from you.

9 For when you return to Jehovah, your brothers and your sons will have mercies before *ones* who captured them, even to return to this land. For Jehovah your God *is* gracious and merciful, and He will not turn *His* face away from you, if you turn back to Him.

10 And the runners passed from city to city in the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, even to Zebulun. And they were laughing at them, and mocking them.

11 Only, men from Asher, and Manasseh, and from Zebulun were humbled, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also, in Judah the hand of God was to give to them one heart to do the king's command, and of the leaders, by the Word of Jehovah.

13 ¶ And many people gathered to Jerusalem, to keep the Feast of Unleavened *Bread* in the second month, a very large assembly.

14 And they rose up and took away the altars in Jerusalem, and all the incense altars they took away and threw *them* into the torrent Kidron.

15 And they killed the passover offering on the fourteenth of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in burnt offerings to the house of Jehovah.

16 And they stood in their place according to their ordinance, according to the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests were sprinkling the blood out of the hand of the Levites.

17 For many in the assembly had not sanctified themselves, and the Levites *were* over the slaughtering of the passover offerings for everyone not clean, to sanctify *them* to Jehovah.

18 For many of the assembly, many from Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun had not been sanctified, but ate the passover not as was written. But

Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, O good Jehovah, atone for them,

19 everyone who has prepared his heart to seek Jehovah God, the God of his fathers, yet not according to the cleansing of the sanctuary.

20 And Jehovah listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 ¶ And the sons of Israel, those found in Jerusalem, kept the Feast of Unleavened *Bread* seven days with great joy. And the Levites praised Jehovah day to day, and the priests, with instruments of strength before Jehovah.

22 And Hezekiah spoke to the heart of all the Levites, those acting wisely in good understanding as to Jehovah. And they ate the appointed *feast* seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making confession to Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

23 And all the assembly took counsel to keep another seven days. And they kept seven days joyfully.

24 And Hezekiah the king of Judah had lifted up to the assembly a thousand young bulls, and seven thousand sheep. And the leaders had lifted up to the assembly a thousand young bulls, and ten thousand sheep. And the priests had sanctified themselves in abundance.

25 And all the assembly of Judah rejoiced, and the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly that came from the land of Israel, and the aliens who came from the land of Israel, and *those* living in Judah.

26 And there was great joy in Jerusalem, for from the days of Solomon the son of David the king of Israel, *there* was nothing like this in Jerusalem.

27 And the priests, the Levites, rose up and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to His holy dwelling place, to Heaven.

2 Chronicles 31

1 *The people is forward in destroying idolatry.*

2 *Hezekiah orders the courses of the priests and Levites. 5 The people's forwardness in offerings and tithes. 20 The sincerity of Hezekiah.*

1 ¶ And when all this was finished, all Israel who were found went out to the cities of Judah and smashed the standing pillars,

and cut down the Asherahs, and broke down the high places and the altars out of all Judah, and Benjamin, and in Ephraim, and Manasseh, even to the finishing. And all the sons of Israel returned, *each* man to his possession, to their cities.

2 And Hezekiah made stand the courses of the priests and of the Levites, by their divisions, *each* man according to his service, of the priests and of the Levites, for burnt offerings, and for peace offerings, to serve and to give thanks, and to give praise in the gates of the camps of Jehovah.

3 And the king's portion from his substance *was* for burnt offerings, for burnt offerings of the morning and the evening; and the burnt offerings of the sabbaths, and of the new moons, and of the set *feasts*, as *it was* written in the Law of Jehovah.

4 And he commanded the people, *those* living in Jerusalem, to give the portion of the priests and of the Levites, so that they might be made strong in the Law of Jehovah.

5 And as the word spread, the sons of Israel brought abundantly the firstfruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the produce of the field, and the tithe of all; they brought very much.

6 And the sons of Israel and Judah, *those* living in the cities of Judah, also they tithed of the herd and the flock, even a tithe of the holy things that were sanctified to Jehovah their God were brought in. And they gave heaps of heaps.

7 They began to found the heaps in the third month, and in the seventh month they finished.

8 And Hezekiah and the leaders came in and saw the heaps, and blessed Jehovah and His people Israel.

9 And Hezekiah asked the priests and the Levites about the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, spoke to him and said, From the beginning of the bringing of the heave offering to the house of Jehovah, it was eaten, and it satisfied, and abundance *was* left; for Jehovah has blessed His people, and this abundance is left.

11 ¶ And Hezekiah ordered *them* to build rooms in the house of Jehovah; and they prepared,

12 and they brought in the heave offering, and the tithes, and the sanctified things, faithfully. And over them was a leader, the Levite Cononiah, and his second brother, Shimei;

13 and Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and his brother Shimei, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper at the east, *was* over the free-will offerings of God, to distribute the heave offerings of Jehovah, and the most sanctified things.

15 And by his hand, Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, acted faithfully to give to their brothers by divisions, as to the great, so to the small;

16 apart from their genealogy, to males from a son of three years and upward, to everyone who had gone into the house of Jehovah, the proportion of *a* day in its day, for their service in their duties, according to their divisions;

17 and enrolled genealogically the priests by the house of their fathers, and of the Levites from a son of twenty years and upward, and their duties, and their divisions;

18 and the enrollment by genealogy *with* all their infants, their wives, and their sons and their daughters, to all the assembly, for in their faithfulness they sanctified themselves in holiness.

19 And to the sons of Aaron, the priests, in the fields of the open lands of their cities in every separate city, *were* men who were specified by name to give portions to every male among the priests, and to all enrolled genealogically among the Levites.

20 And Hezekiah did this in all Judah, and did the good and the right and true before Jehovah his God.

21 And in every work that he began for the service of the house of God, and in the Law, and in the commandment, to seek his God with all his heart, he worked and prospered.

2 Chronicles 32

1 Sennacherib invades Judah. Hezekiah fortifies himself and encourages his people. 21 An angel destroys the army of the Assyrians, to the glory of Hezekiah. 27 His wealth and works. 32 He dies. Manasseh succeeds him.

1 ¶ After these things and this faithfulness, Sennacherib the king of Assyria came; yea, he came into Judah and camped against the cities of defense, and commanded to break them open to himself.

2 And Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and his face *was set* to battle against Jerusalem;

3 and he took counsel with his leaders and his mighty ones, to stop the waters of the springs that *were* on the outside of the city; and they helped him.

4 And many people were gathered, and they stopped all the fountains, and the torrent that was rushing through the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?

5 And he made himself strong and built all the wall that was broken, and went up on the towers; and outside, another wall; and strengthened Millo, the city of David, and made missiles in abundance, and shields.

6 And he set commanders of war over the people, and gathered them to him, to the open place of the gate of the city, and spoke to their heart, saying,

7 Be strong and brave; do not be afraid and not be dismayed before the face of the king of Assyria, and before the face of all the multitude with him, for with us *are* more than with him.

8 With him *is* an arm of flesh, and with us *is* Jehovah our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people were supported by the words of Hezekiah the king of Judah.

9 ¶ After this Sennacherib the king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (and he *was* by Lachish, and all his power with him) against Hezekiah the king of Judah, and against all Judah in Jerusalem, saying,

10 So says Sennacherib the king of Assyria, On what are you trusting that you sit under siege in Jerusalem?

11 Is not Hezekiah luring you to give you up to die by famine, and by thirst, saying,

Jehovah our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Has not Hezekiah himself removed His high places, and His altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Before one altar you shall worship, and on it you shall burn incense.

13 Do you not know what I have done, my fathers and I, to all the people of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands at all able to deliver their land out of my hand?

14 Who among all the gods of these nations whom my fathers have devoted to destruction *is* he who has been able to deliver his people out of my hand, that your god may be able to deliver you out of my hand?

15 And now, do not let Hezekiah deceive you, and not lure you like this, and not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand, from the hand of my fathers; also, surely your god shall not deliver you from my hand.

16 And again his servants spoke against Jehovah God, and against His servant Hezekiah.

17 And he had written letters to blaspheme Jehovah, the God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, As the gods of the nations of the lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah shall not deliver His people from my hand.

18 And they called with a great voice *in* Jewish, against the people of Jerusalem who *were* on the wall, to frighten them and to terrify them, that they might capture the city.

19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem as against the gods of the peoples of the land, the work of the hands of man.

20 And Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, prayed about this, and they cried to Heaven.

21 And Jehovah sent an angel, and cut off every mighty *one* of strength, both the ruler and the officer, in the camp of the king of Assyria; and he returned with shame of face to his land. And he entered the house of his god, and those out of his bowels caused him to fall there by the sword.

22 And Jehovah saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all; and He led them on every side.

23 And many brought an offering to Jehovah, to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah the king of Judah; and he was lifted up before the eyes of all the nations after this.

24 ¶ In those days Hezekiah was sick even to death, and he prayed to Jehovah, and He spoke to him, and gave a sign for him.

25 And Hezekiah did not return according to the benefit *done* to him, for his heart had been lifted up, and there was wrath on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.

26 And Hezekiah was humbled for the pride of his heart, he and *those* living in Jerusalem, but the wrath of Jehovah did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 And Hezekiah had great riches and honor, and he had very many treasures of silver for himself, and of gold, and of precious stones, and of spices, and of shields, and of all articles of desire,

28 and storehouses for the increase of grain, and new wine, and oil, and stalls for all kinds of animals, and flocks for the stalls;

29 and he made cities for himself, and had cattle of flocks and very many herds, for God had given him very much property.

30 And Hezekiah himself had stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and had directed them beneath the west of the city of David; and Hezekiah prospered in all his work.

31 Even so with the envoys of the rulers of Babylon, those sent to him to inquire of the wonder that had been in the land, God left him to test him, to know all his heart.

32 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his acts of kindness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

33 And Hezekiah lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the uppermost of the graves of the sons of David; and all Judah and the *ones* living in Jerusalem honored

him at his death. And his son Manasseh reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 33

1 Manasseh's wicked reign. 11 He is taken into Babylon. 12 Upon his prayer to Jehovah he is released, and puts down idolatry. 20 He dies and Amon succeeds him. 21 Amon is slain by his servants. 25 Josiah succeeds him.

1 ¶ Manasseh was a son of twelve years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years.

2 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, like the disgusting acts of the nations that Jehovah had dispossessed from before the sons of Israel.

3 For again he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and raised up altars for the Baals, and made Asherahs and bowed himself to all the host of the heavens, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, of which Jehovah had said, In Jerusalem shall be My name forever.

5 And he built altars to all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Jehovah.

6 And he made his sons to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and did magic and divined, and used sorcery, and used mediums and the spirit-knowers; he multiplied the doing of the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, to provoke Him to anger.

7 And he placed the engraved image of the idol that he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David, and to his son Solomon, In this house, and in Jerusalem that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.

8 And I will not again remove the foot of Israel from off the land that I made stand to your fathers; only, if they take heed to do all that I have commanded them toward all the Law, and the statutes, and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

9 And Manasseh led astray Judah and *those* living in Jerusalem to do evil above the nations that Jehovah destroyed before the sons of Israel.

10 And Jehovah spoke to Manasseh and to his people, and they did not listen.

11 ¶ And Jehovah brought against them the heads of army that *was* to the king of Assyria, and they captured Manasseh with hooks, and bound him with bronze *fetters*, and made him go to Babylon.

12 And when he was distressed, he sought the face of Jehovah his God, and was humbled exceedingly before the face of the God of his fathers;

13 and prayed to Him, and He was entreated of him and heard his supplication, and brought him back *to* Jerusalem to his kingdom; and Manasseh knew that Jehovah, He *is* God.

14 And after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west of Gihon, in the valley, and turned around Ophel, and he made it exceedingly high, and he put commanders of the army in all the cities *he had* in Judah.

15 And he removed the foreign gods, and the idol out of the house of Jehovah, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of Jehovah and in Jerusalem, and threw *them* outside the city.

16 And he built the altar of Jehovah, and sacrificed on it sacrifices of peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve Jehovah, the God of Israel.

17 But the people still sacrificed in the high places, *only* to Jehovah their God.

18 And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the things of the seers, who spoke to him in the name of Jehovah the God of Israel, behold, they *are* in the Book of the Kings of Israel;

19 and his prayer, and *how* he entreated, and all his sin, and his unfaithfulness, and the places in which he had built high places and set up the Asherahs and the graven images before he was humbled, behold, they *are* written in the Matters of the Seers.

20 And Manasseh lay with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And his son Amon reigned in his place.

21 ¶ Amon *was* a son of twenty two years when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah, as his father Manasseh did; and Amon sacrificed to all the graven images that his father Manasseh had made, and served them.

23 And *he* did not humble himself before Jehovah, like the humbling of his father Manasseh, for Amon himself multiplied guilt.

24 And his servants conspired against him and caused him to die in his own house;

25 and the people of the land struck all those who conspired against King Amon and the people of the land made his son Josiah to reign in his place.

2 Chronicles 34

1 Josiah's good reign. 3 He destroys idolatry.

14 Hilkiyah finds a book of the law. Josiah sends to Huldah to ask of Jehovah. 23 Huldah prophesies the destruction of Jerusalem, after Josiah's time.

1 ¶ Josiah *was* a son of eight years when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty one years.

2 And he did the right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the ways of his father David, and did not turn aside to *the* right or to *the* left.

3 And in the eighth year of his reign, and he was still a boy, he began to seek to the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherahs, and the graven images, and the molten images.

4 And they broke down before him the altars of the Baals, and the images that *were* on high above them, and he cut down the Asherahs, and the graven images, and the molten images he broke down and beat small, and scattered on the surface of the grave of those who sacrificed to them.

5 And he burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem,

6 and in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, with their tools all around.

7 And he broke down the altars and the Asherahs, and he had beaten down the graven images very small; and he had cut down all the images in all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

8 ¶ And in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purified the land and the House, he sent Shaphan the son of

Azaliah, and Maaseiah the head of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to make strong the house of Jehovah his God.

9 And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and they gave the silver brought into the house of God, that the Levites who guarded the threshold had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin, and the *ones* living in Jerusalem.

10 And they gave *it* into the hand of the ones doing the work, those appointed in the house of Jehovah; and they gave it *to* the ones doing the work who were working in the house of Jehovah to repair and to make strong the house.

11 And they gave to artisans, and to builders, to buy quarried stones and wood for couplings, to make beams for the houses that the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men were working faithfully in the work. And over them were appointed Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah, and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites to oversee; and of the Levites all who were skilled in musical instruments;

13 and over the load carriers and overseers of everyone doing work for each separate service; and of the Levites *were* scribes and officers and gatekeepers.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the silver brought into the house of Jehovah, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.

15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Jehovah. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan brought the Book in to the king, and brought the king back word again, saying, All that has been given into the hand of your servants, they are doing.

17 And they poured out the silver found in the house of Jehovah, and gave it into the hands of those appointed, and into the hands of those doing the work.

18 And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has given a book to me; and Shaphan read it before the king.

19 And it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his garments.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the servant of the king, saying,

21 Go, inquire of Jehovah for me and for him who is left in Israel and in Judah, as to the words of the book that has been found, for great *is* the wrath of Jehovah that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the Word of Jehovah, to do according to all that is written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah and those of the king went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the robes; and she was living in Jerusalem in the Second. And they spoke to her about this.

23 And she said to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Say to the man who has sent you to Me,

24 So says Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on the *ones* living in it, all the curses that *are* written in the Book that they have read before the king of Judah;

25 because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods so as to provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; and My wrath shall be poured out on this place, and it shall not be put out.

26 And to the king of Judah who is sending you to inquire of Jehovah, you shall say this to him, So says Jehovah the God of Israel, whose words you have heard,

27 Because your heart *is* tender, and you were humbled before God when you heard His words on this place, and on the *those* living in it, and were humbled before Me, and have torn your garments and wept before Me; I have even heard also, a statement of Jehovah.

28 Behold I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not look upon all the evil I shall bring upon this place, and on the *ones* living in it. And they brought back word to the king.

29 ¶ And the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up to the house of Jehovah and every man of Judah, and *those* living *in* Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the *ones* living *there* from the great to *the* small; and he read in their ears all the words of the Book of the Covenant found in the house of Jehovah.

31 And the king stood in his place and made the covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart, and with all his soul, to do the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

32 And he made everyone who was found in Jerusalem and in Benjamin, and the *those* living *in* Jerusalem, to stand to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah removed all the disgusting things out of all the lands that *belonged to* the sons of Israel, and caused everyone who was found in Israel to serve, to serve Jehovah their God; all his days they did not turn away from following Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

2 Chronicles 35

1 Josiah keeps a solemn passover. 20 He provokes Pharaoh and is slain at Megiddo. 25 Lamentations for Josiah.

1 ¶ And Josiah performed a Passover in Jerusalem to Jehovah, and they killed the passover offering on the fourteenth of the first month.

2 And he made stand the priests over their charges, and made them strong for the service of the house of Jehovah,

3 and said to the Levites who were teaching all Israel, who were set apart to Jehovah, Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon the son of David the king of Israel built; it shall not *be* a burden on your shoulders. Now serve Jehovah your God, and His people Israel,

4 and prepare by the house of your fathers, according to your courses, by the writing of David the king of Israel, and by the writing of his son Solomon,

5 and stand in the *place* of holiness, by the divisions of the house of the fathers of your brothers, the sons of the people, and the portion of the house of the father of the Levites;

6 and slaughter the passover offering and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the Word of Jehovah, by the hand of Moses.

7 And Josiah lifted up to the sons of the people a flock of lambs and young goats, all for passover offerings, for everyone who was found, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand oxen; these *were* from the king's substance.

8 And his leaders lifted up for a freewill offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers in the house of God, gave to the priest two thousand and six hundred for passover offerings, and three hundred oxen.

9 And Conaniah, and Shemaiah, and Nethaneel, his brothers; and Hashabiah, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, chiefs of the Levites, lifted up to the Levites five thousand for passover offerings, and five hundred oxen.

10 And the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the command of the king.

11 And they slaughtered the passover offering and the priests sprinkled out of their hand, and the Levites were skinning;

12 and they removed the burnt offering, to distribute them by the divisions of the house of the fathers of the sons of the people, to offer to Jehovah, as *it is* written in the book of Moses, and so to the oxen.

13 And they roasted the passover with fire, according to the ordinance; and they boiled the *things* of holiness in pots, and in kettles, and in pans, and carried to all the sons of the people.

14 And afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests; for the priests, the sons of Aaron, were offering up the burnt offering and the fat until nightfall; and the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* in their place, according to David's command, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the seer of the king; and the gatekeepers *were* at each gate; it was not for them to depart from their service, for their brothers the Levites prepared for them.

16 And all the service of Jehovah was prepared on that day, to perform the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of Jehovah, according to the command of King Josiah.

17 And the sons of Israel who were found performed the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened *Bread*, seven days.

18 And there had not been a Passover performed like it in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; yea, none of the kings of Israel performed such a Passover as Josiah performed, and the priests, and the Levites and all Judah and Israel who were found, and *those* living in Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah, this Passover was performed.

20 ¶ After all this, when Josiah had prepared the house, Necho the king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out to meet him.

21 And he sent messengers to him, saying, What do I have to do with you, O king of Judah? *I am not coming* against you today, but toward the house *with which* I have war; and God said for me to hasten; stop yourself from opposing God, who *is* with me, and He shall not destroy you.

22 Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself to fight against him, and did not listen to the words of Necho from the mouth of God; and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot at King Josiah. And the king said to his servants, Pass me out, for I am severely wounded.

24 And his servants passed him out from the chariot, and caused him to ride in a second chariot of his, and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died and was buried in the graves of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem were mourning for Josiah.

25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and all the singers and the songstresses speak in their lamentations of Josiah to this day, and gave them as a statute in Israel; and behold, they *are* written in the Lamentations.

26 And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his godly deeds, *are* according as it is written in the Law of Jehovah.

27 And his acts, the first and the last, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

2 Chronicles 36

1 Jehoahaz is deposed by Pharaoh, and carried into Egypt. 5 Jehoiakim and 9 Jehoiachin are brought to Babylon. 14 Jerusalem is wholly destroyed.

1 ¶ And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and made him reign instead of his father in Jerusalem.

2 Jehoahaz *was* a son of twenty three years when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt removed him in Jerusalem, and fined the land a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made his brother Eliakim king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned about his name to Jehoiakim; and Necho took his brother Jehoahaz and brought him to Egypt.

5 Jehoiakim *was* a son of twenty five years when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah his God.

6 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in bronze *fetters* to take him away to Babylon.

7 And Nebuchadnezzar brought *some* of the vessels of the house of Jehovah to Babylon, and put them in his temple in Babylon.

8 And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his disgusting things that he did, and that which was found against him, behold, they *are* written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And his son Jehoiachin reigned in his place.

9 Jehoiachin *was* a son of eight years when he began to reign, and he was king in Jerusalem three months and ten days; and he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

10 And at the turn of the year, King Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the valuable vessels of the house of Jehovah, and made his kinsman Zedekiah to reign over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ¶ Zedekiah was a son of twenty one years when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did the evil in the eyes of Jehovah his God; he was not humbled before Jeremiah the prophet, from the mouth of Jehovah.

13 And also he rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; and he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart from turning to Jehovah the God of Israel.

14 Also, all the heads of the priests, and the people were continually acting unfaithfully according to all the disgusting things of the nations; and they defiled the house of Jehovah that He had sanctified in Jerusalem.

15 And Jehovah, the God of their fathers, sent to them by the hand of His messengers, rising early and sending, for He had pity on his people and on His dwelling place.

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets until the wrath of Jehovah went up against His people, until *there was* no healing.

17 And He caused the king of the Chaldeans to go up against them; and he killed their young men by the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no pity on the young man and the virgin, the old man and the very aged; He gave all into his hand.

18 And all the articles of the house of God, the large and the small, and the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king and his leaders, he brought all to Babylon.

19 And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; and they burned all its fortresses with fire, and destroyed all its articles of desire.

20 And he removed to Babylon the remnant of the sword; and they were slaves to him and to his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia;

21 in order to fulfill the Word of Jehovah in the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths; all the days of the desolation it kept the sabbath until were fulfilled seventy years.

22 ¶ And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, in order to accomplish the Word of Jehovah in the mouth of Jeremiah, Jehovah awakened the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia, and he caused a voice to pass throughout all his kingdom, and also *put* it in writing, saying,

23 So says Cyrus the king of Persia, Jehovah the God of the heavens has given to me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build a house in Jerusalem to Him, that *is* in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May Jehovah his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

The Book of **EZRA**

Ezra 1

1 The proclamation of Cyrus for the building of the temple. 7 Cyrus restores the vessels of the temple to Sheshbazzar.

1 ¶ And in the first year of Cyrus King of Persia, so that the Word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, and he caused a voice to pass throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying,

2 So says Cyrus king of Persia, Jehovah God of Heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah.

3 Who *is* there among you of all His people? His God is with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of Jehovah, God of Israel (He is God) which *is* in Jerusalem.

4 And all who remain in any of the places where he resides, let the men of his place lift him up with silver, and with gold, and with property, and with animals, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem.

5 ¶ Then the heads of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, and everyone whose spirit God had stirred up, rose up to go up to build the house of Jehovah which *is* in Jerusalem.

6 And all those who were around them made *their* hands strong with vessels of silver, with gold, with property, and with animals, and with precious things, besides all that was freely offered.

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out of Jerusalem and had put them in the house of his gods.

8 Even those, Cyrus king of Persia brought forth by the hand of Mithredath the trea-

surer, and numbered them to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9 And this *is* the number of them: thirty platters of gold, a thousand platters of silver, twenty-nine knives,

10 thirty basins of gold, four hundred and ten silver basins of a second *kind*, and a thousand other vessels.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred) Sheshbazzar made to go up all, when the exiled were caused to go up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ezra 2

1 The number that return of the people, 36 of the priests, 40 of the Levites, 42 of the Nethinims, 55 of Solomon's servants, 62 of the priests which could not show their pedigree.

1 ¶ and these *are* the sons of the province who went up out of the captivity, of those who had been exiled, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled to Babylon. And they came again to Jerusalem and Judah, *each* man to his own city,

2 who came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. *This is* the number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 The sons of Parosh, two thousand, one hundred and seventy-two.

4 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.

5 The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five.

6 The sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand, eight hundred and twelve.

7 The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.

8 The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five.

9 The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.

- 10 The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-two.
- 11 The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three.
- 12 The sons of Azgad, a thousand, two hundred and twenty-two.
- 13 The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six.
- 14 The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six.
- 15 The sons of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four.
- 16 The sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.
- 17 The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three.
- 18 The sons of Jorah, a hundred and twelve.
- 19 The sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three.
- 20 The sons of Gibbar, ninety-five.
- 21 The sons of Bethlehem, a hundred and twenty-three.
- 22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six.
- 23 The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.
- 24 The sons of Azmaveth, forty-two.
- 25 The sons of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.
- 26 The sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.
- 27 The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two.
- 28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three.
- 29 The men of Nebo, fifty-two.
- 30 The men of Magbish, a hundred and fifty-six.
- 31 The sons of the other Elam, a thousand, two hundred and fifty-four.
- 32 The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
- 33 The sons of Lod, Hadid and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.
- 34 The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.
- 35 The sons of Senaah, three thousand, six hundred and thirty.
- 36 ¶ The priests: The sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three.
- 37 The sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two.
- 38 The sons of Pashur, a thousand, two hundred and forty-seven.
- 39 The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
- 40 The Levites: The sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
- 41 The singers: The sons of Asaph, a hundred and twenty-eight.
- 42 The sons of the porters: The sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, a hundred and thirty-nine.
- 43 The temple-slaves: The sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, 44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sisha, the sons of Padon,
- 45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,
- 46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan,
- 47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,
- 48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,
- 49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,
- 50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Mehunim, the sons of Nephusim,
- 51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
- 52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
- 53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Thamah,
- 54 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.
- 55 The sons of Solomon's servants: The sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda,
- 56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
- 57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Ami.
- 58 All the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants *were* three hundred and ninety-two.
- 59 And these *were* they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, Addan and Immer (but they were not able to declare

their father's house and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel):

60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two.

61 And of the sons of the priests *were* the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.

62 These looked for their register *among* those who were counted by genealogy, but they were not found. And they were polluted from the priesthood.

63 And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things until a priest stood up with Urim and Thummim.

64 ¶ The whole congregation together *was* forty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty,

65 besides their male slaves and their slave-girls, these *were* seven thousand, three hundred and thirty-seven; and among them two hundred singing men and singing women.

66 Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,

67 their camels four hundred and thirty-five, their asses six thousand, seven hundred and twenty.

68 And *some* of the heads of the fathers, when they came to the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place.

69 They gave according to their ability to the treasury of the ministry, sixty-one thousand drachmas of gold, and five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred garments for the priests.

70 And the priests, and the Levites, and *many* of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple-slaves lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Ezra 3

1 The altar is set up. 4 Offerings frequent. 7 Workmen repaired. 8 The foundations of the temple are laid in great joy and mourning.

1 ¶ And when the seventh month had come, and the sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people assembled as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak stood up, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and built the altar of the God of Israel in order to offer burnt offerings on it, as *it is* written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar on its bases, for fear *was* on them because of the people of those lands. And he offered burnt offerings on it to Jehovah, burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 They also performed the Feast of Booths, as it is written, and the burnt offerings by number, days by days, according to the ordinance, the thing of days in its day.

5 And afterward the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of Jehovah that were set apart, and of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to Jehovah.

6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to Jehovah. But the foundation of the temple of Jehovah was not laid.

7 They also gave silver to the hewers and to the craftsmen; and food and drink and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

8 ¶ Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests, and the Levites, and all they who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began. And they made to stand the Levites from a son of twenty years and over, to oversee the work of the house of Jehovah.

9 Then Jeshua stood up together *with* his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, to oversee the workmen in the house of God, the sons of Henadad with their sons, and their brothers the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Jehovah, they made stand the priests in their robes with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph,

with cymbals to praise Jehovah, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And they sang, praising and giving thanks to Jehovah, because *He is good*, for His mercy *endures* forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised Jehovah for the foundation of the house of Jehovah was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites, and heads of the fathers, the aged men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice. And many shouted aloud for joy,

13 So that the people could not tell the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of weeping of the people. For the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Ezra 4

1 Adversaries try to hinder the construction.

7 Their letter to Artaxerxes. 17 The decree of Artaxerxes.

1 ¶ And when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the exile built the temple to Jehovah the God of Israel,

2 even they came to Zerubbabel and to the head of the fathers and said to them, Let us build with you, for we seek your God, as you. And we have not sacrificed to Him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here.

3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of the fathers of Israel said to them, *It is* not for you and for us to build a house to our God. But we ourselves will together build to Jehovah the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us.

4 And the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah and terrified them in building,

5 and *they* hired counselors against them to break their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia;

6 ¶ even in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against *those* living in Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes the king of Persia. And the letter was written in Aramaic, and translated *from* Aramaic.

8 Rehum, the master of counsel in charge, and Shimshai the scribe, wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king, thus:

9 Then Rehum the master of counsel, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates, the judges and the emissaries, the consuls, the officials, the Erechites, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, (that is, the Elamites),

10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar exiled and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest of *the province* Beyond the River, and now,

11 this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him, to Artaxerxes the king: Your servants, the men of *the province* Beyond the River, and now,

12 let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have come to Jerusalem. They are rebuilding the rebellious and the evil city and *are* completing its walls, and have joined the foundations.

13 Now let it be known to the king that if this city is rebuilt, and the walls completed, they will not give tax, tribute, and forced labor, and it will cause *the* king's revenue to suffer.

14 Now because we have eaten of the palace salt, and it is not right for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and notified the king,

15 so that he may search in the book of the records of your fathers, and you shall discover in the book of the records and shall know that *this* city is a rebellious city, and hurtful to kings and to provinces; and insurrection was stirred up in it in the past; for which reason this city was destroyed.

16 We notify the king that if that city is built, and its walls completed, then you shall have no portion Beyond the River.

17 ¶ The message the king sent to Rehum the master of counsel, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their associates who dwell in Samaria, and to the rest Beyond the River: Peace! And now,

18 the letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.

19 And I gave a decree, and search has been made, and it is found that this city has lifted up itself against kings in the past, and rebellion and revolt have been made in it.

20 And mighty kings have been over Jerusalem, and have ruled over all Beyond the River. And tax, tribute, and forced labor were paid to them.

21 Now make a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city not be rebuilt until the decree shall be set out from me.

22 And beware of being at fault, to act on this. Why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Then as soon as the copy of the letter of Artaxerxes the king was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their associates, they hurried to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them stop working by force and power.

24 Then the work of the house of God which is in Jerusalem stopped. So it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Ezra 5

Zerubbabel and Jeshua start the building of the temple.

1 ¶ And the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.

2 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God in Jerusalem. And with them were the prophets of God helping them.

3 ¶ At that time Tatnai, governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and their associates, came to them, and said this to them: Who has commanded you to build this house and to complete this wall?

4 Then we spoke to them in this way, What are they, the names of the men building this building?

5 But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they could not cause them to stop until the matter came to

Darius. And then they sent back a letter concerning this.

6 The copy of the letter which Tatnai, governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and his associates the officials who were Beyond the River, sent to Darius the king:

7 They sent a letter to him, and this was written in it: To Darius the king, all peace.

8 Let it be known to the king that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, and it is being built with rolling stones, and timber is being laid in the walls, and that work is being done perfectly, and is prospering in their hands.

9 Then we asked those elders, saying this to them, Who set for you an order to rebuild this house, and to complete this wall?

10 And we also asked their names in order to inform you so that we might write the names of the men who are at the head of them.

11 And they returned the answer to us this way, saying, We are servants of the God of Heaven and earth. And we are rebuilding the house that was built many years before this, and the great king of Israel built it and finished it.

12 But because our fathers had provoked to wrath the God of Heaven, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, and he tore down this house, and he exiled its people to Babylon.

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, King Cyrus set out a decree to build this house of God.

14 And also the vessels of gold and silver from the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one Sheshbazzar, his name, whom he had made governor.

15 And he said to him, Take these vessels and go. Deposit them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built on its place.

16 Then that Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem. And from then even until

now it has been building, but is not finished.

17 Now, therefore, if *it is* good to the king, let there be a search made in the king's treasure house which is there at Babylon, whether it was given from there a decree from Cyrus the king to build this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. And let the will of the king concerning this be sent to us.

Ezra 6

1 Darius finds the decree of Cyrus and makes a new decree for the advancement of the building.

13 The temple is finished. 16 The feast of the dedication is kept, 19 and the Passover.

1 ¶ Then Darius the king made a decree, and they searched in the house of the scrolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found in Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in the province of the Medes, a scroll, and it *was* so a record was written in its midst:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king set out a decree concerning the house of God in Jerusalem: Let the house be built, the place where are offered sacrifices and let the foundations of it be laid. Its height *shall be* sixty cubits; its breadth sixty cubits;

4 *with* three layers of rolling stones, and a layer of new timber. And let the expenses be given out of the king's house.

5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, that Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple which *is* in Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be given back and go to the temple in Jerusalem, to their place. And put them in the house of God.

6 Now, Tatnai, governor of *the province* Beyond the River, Shethar-boznai, and your associates, the officials who are Beyond the River, you be far from there.

7 Let the work of this house of God alone. Let the governor of the Jews, and the elders of the Jews, build this house of God in its place.

8 And a decree is set out by me as to what you shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of that house of God, that the exact expense be given to these men from the king's property, out of the tax Beyond

the River, so that they may not have to cease working.

9 And that which they need, both young bulls and rams and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of Heaven; wheat, salt, wine, and oil, as say the priests in Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail,

10 so that they may offer sacrifices of soothing fragrance to the God of Heaven, and pray for the life of the king and of his sons.

11 And I have set out a decree that whoever shall change this word, let timber be torn out from his house, and let him be impaled and stricken on it. And let his house be made an outhouse for this.

12 And may the God who has caused His name to dwell there destroy any kings and people who shall put their hand to change *or* to destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have set out a decree. Let it be done exactly.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai, governor of *the province* Beyond the River, Shethar-boznai, and their associates exactly did so, according to that which Darius the king had sent.

14 And the elders of the Jews were building. And they were succeeding through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built, and finished, according to the commandment of the God of Israel and according to the command of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes the king of Persia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 And the sons of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the sons of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And they offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and twelve male goats, for a sin offering for all Israel, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they raised up the priests in their sections, and the Levites in their divisions, for the service of God which *is* in Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And the sons of the exile performed the Passover on the fourteenth of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites *were* purified together; all of them were pure. And they slaughtered the passover *lamb* for all the sons of the exile, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the sons of Israel ate, those who had returned from the exile, and who had all separated themselves to them from the impurity of the nations of the land, to seek Jehovah the God of Israel.

22 And *they* performed the Feast of Unleavened *Bread* seven days with joy. For Jehovah had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to make their hands strong in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Ezra 7

1 Ezra goes to Jerusalem. 11 The gracious commission of Artaxerxes to Ezra. 27 Ezra blesses Jehovah for his favor.

1 ¶ And after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the head priest:

6 this Ezra went up from Babylon. And he *was* a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which Jehovah the God of Israel had given. And the king granted him all he asked, according to the hand of Jehovah his God on him.

7 And of the sons of Israel went up *some* of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple-slaves to Jerusalem in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the seventh year of the king.

9 For on the first of the first month, he laid the foundation in order to go up from

Babylon, and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of God on him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of Jehovah, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and judgments in Israel.

11 ¶ And this is the copy of the letter which the king, Artaxerxes, gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commands of Jehovah, and of His statutes to Israel:

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of Heaven, perfect *peace*, and now:

13 From me was set out a decree that any one of the people of Israel, and their priests and Levites in my kingdom who volunteers to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you;

14 since you have been sent by the king, and by his seven counselors to ask about Judah and Jerusalem, according to the Law of your God in your hand;

15 and to bring the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose house *is* in Jerusalem:

16 even all the silver and gold which you can find in all the province of Babylon, with the free offering of the people, and of the priests, freely offering for the house of their God which *is* in Jerusalem.

17 Therefore *of* this you shall diligently buy with this silver: bulls, rams, lambs, with their food offerings, and their drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem.

18 And whatever shall seem good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that; for you do the will of your God.

19 And the vessels which are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver before the God of Jerusalem.

20 And the rest of the needs of the house of your God which falls to you to give, give *it* out of the king's treasure house.

21 And I, Artaxerxes the king, set out a decree to all the treasurers who *are* Beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the God of Heaven, shall ask of you, it shall be done exactly,

22 to a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred kors of wheat, and to a hundred

baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without stipulation.

23 Whatever is commanded by the God of Heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of Heaven. For why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

24 And, we make known to you that in regard to any of the priests and the Levites, singers, gatekeepers, temple-slaves, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, taxes, or forced labor on them.

25 And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God in that *is* your hand, you appoint judges and magistrates who may judge all the people who *are* Beyond the River; all who know the laws of your God; and those who do not know, you cause to know.

26 And whoever will not do the Law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be made diligently on him, whether to death, or to exile, or to confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

27 ¶ Blessed *be* Jehovah, the God of our fathers, who has put this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem.

28 And *He* has extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty leaders. And I was made strong, as the hand of Jehovah my God *was* on me. And I gathered out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

Ezra 8

1 The companions of Ezra, who returned from Babylon. 24 He commits the treasures to the custody of the priests. 33 The treasure is weighed in the temple.

1 ¶ And these *are* the heads of the fathers, and the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king:

2 From the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. From the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. From the sons of David, Hattush.

3 From the sons of Shechaniah, from the sons of Parosh, Zechariah. And with him were counted by genealogy a hundred and fifty of the males.

4 From the sons of Pahath-moab, Elihoenai the son of Zeremiah, and two hundred males with him.

5 From the sons of Shechaniah, the son of Jahaziel, and three hundred males with him.

6 And from the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And from the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and seventy males with him.

8 And from the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and eighty males with him.

9 From the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and two hundred and eighteen males with him.

10 And from the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah, and a hundred and sixty males with him.

11 And from the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and twenty-eight males with him.

12 And from the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and a hundred and ten males with him.

13 And from the last sons of Adonikam, these: Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and sixty males with them.

14 And from the sons of Bigvai, Uthai, Zabbud, and seventy males with them.

15 And I gathered them to the river which runs to Ahava. And we camped there in tents three days. And I considered the people and the priests, and did not find there any of the sons of Levi.

16 Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, head men; also for Joiarib and for Elnathan, men of understanding.

17 And I sent them with command to Iddo, the chief of the place Casiphia, and I put in their mouth words to say to Iddo, to his brothers the temple-slaves, at the place Casiphia; that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God.

18 And by the good hand of our God on us, they brought us a head man from the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen.

19 And *came* Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah from the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty.

20 And *came* of the temple-slaves whom David and the leaders had chosen for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple-slaves. All of them were called by name.

21 ¶ And I called a fast there at the river Ahava, so that we might humble ourselves before our God, in order to seek from Him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our goods.

22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king troops and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* on all those who seek Him for good; but His power and His wrath *are* against all those who forsake Him.

23 and we fasted and prayed to our God for good. And He was pleased to hear us.

24 ¶ Then I separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them.

25 And I weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, the offering of the house of our God, which the king and his counselors, and his lords, and all Israel who were there had lifted up.

26 I even weighed into their hands six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of a hundred talents, a hundred talents of gold,

27 also twenty basins of gold of a thousand drams, and two vessels of shining copper as precious as gold.

28 And I said to them, You *are* holy to Jehovah, and the articles also *are* holy. And the silver and the gold *are* a free gift to Jehovah, the God of your fathers.

29 Watch and keep *them* until you weigh before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and the chief of the fathers of Israel in Jerusalem, *in* the rooms of the house of Jehovah.

30 and the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the articles, to bring *them* to Jerusalem, to the house of our God.

31 ¶ And we pulled up from the river Ahava on the twelfth of the first month, to go to

Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was on us, and He delivered us from the hand of *the* enemy, and ambushers along the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalem, and remained there three days.

33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the articles were weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest. And with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levites.

34 By number, *or* by weight of all, and all the weight was written at that time.

35 Those who came out of the captivity of the sons of exile offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve young bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he goats *for* a sin offering. All *was* a burnt offering to Jehovah.

36 And they gave the king's edicts to the king's satraps, and to the governors of *the* province Beyond the River. And they supported the people and the house of God.

Ezra 9

1 Ezra mourns for the sin of the people for taking up with strangers. 5 He prays to Jehovah with confession of sins.

1 ¶ And at the end of these things, the leaders came near to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, as to their disgusting things, even the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they have taken from their daughters for themselves, and for their sons. So the holy seed have mixed themselves with the people of the lands. Yes, the hand of the leaders and the overseers has been foremost in this treachery.

3 And when I heard this thing, I tore my garments and my robe, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down stunned.

4 And everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel were gathered to me,

because of the perfidy of the exiles. And I remained stunned until the evening offering.

5 ¶ And at the evening offering I rose up from my fasting, and with my garment and my robe torn, I even fell on my knees and spread out my hands to Jehovah my God.

6 And I said, O my God, I am ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, O my God. For our iniquities have increased over our head, and our guiltiness has grown to the heavens.

7 Since the days of our fathers we *have been* in great guilt until this day. And for our iniquities we, our kings, our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to shame of faces to this day.

8 And now, for a little time grace has been *shown* from Jehovah our God to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in His holy place, so that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

9 For we *were* slaves, yet our God has not left us in our bondage, but has given mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to raise up the house of our God, and to make stand its ruins, and to give to us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments

11 which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land into which you go, to possess it, it *is* an unclean land with the impurity of the people of the lands, with their disgusting things *with* which they have filled it, from mouth to mouth with their uncleanness.

12 And therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, and do not take their daughters to your sons, or seek their peace, or their wealth forever, so that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your sons forever.

13 And after all that has come on us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, since You our God have held back the rod on our iniquities, and have given us *such* an escape as this,

14 shall we again turn back to break Your commandments and intermarry with the

people of these disgusting things? Would You not be angry with us until You had finished *us*, until there is no remnant or survivor?

15 O Jehovah the God of Israel, You *are* a righteous *One*. For we are left a survivor, as *it is* this day. Behold, we *are* before You in our guilt, for none is *able* to stand before You because of this.

Ezra 10

1 Shechaniah encourages Ezra to reform the illicit co-habitation with foreign women 9 The people repent, and promise amendment. .

1 ¶ And while Ezra was praying and making his confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great congregation of men and women and children gathered to him out of Israel. For the people wept *with* a very great weeping.

2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have sinned against our God, and have dwelt with foreign women from the peoples of the land. Even now there is hope in Israel concerning this *matter*.

3 And now let us cut a covenant with our God to cause to go out all the women, and those born of them, according to the counsel of the Lord and of those who tremble at the command of our God. And let it be done according to the Law.

4 Rise up, for the matter *is* on you. We also *will be* with you. Be strong and act.

5 And Ezra rose up and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear that they would do according to this word. And they swore.

6 ¶ And Ezra rose up from before the house of God and went into the room of Johanan the son of Eliashib. And he went there, and he did not eat food, nor did he drink, for he mourned for the perfidy of the exiles.

7 And they passed a call throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the sons of the exile, to assemble at Jerusalem;

8 and that whoever would not come within three days according to the counsel of the leaders and the elders, all his property would be forfeited, and he would be separated from the congregation of the exiles.

9 And all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered to Jerusalem within three days. It

was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month. And all the people sat in the plaza of the house of God, trembling because of the matter, and because of the heavy rain.

10 And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, You have trespassed and have dwelt with foreign women, to increase the guilt of Israel.

11 And now give confession to Jehovah God of your fathers and do His will. And separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign women.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said *with* a loud voice, Right! According to your word *it is* on us to do.

13 But the people *are* many, and it is a time of heavy rain. And we are not able to stand outside. And the work is not of one or two days. For we have greatly sinned in this thing.

14 Please let our rulers for all the congregation stand, and let all those who have dwelt with foreign women in our cities come at a set time, and with them the elders of city *by* city, and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter has turned from us.

15 ¶ Only Jonathan the son of Asahel, and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah made a stand against this. And Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.

16 And the sons of the exile did so. And Ezra the priest *with* men, heads of the fathers, and all of them by names, were separated. And they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And they finished with all the men who had dwelt with foreign women by the first day of the first month.

18 And among the sons of the priests, these were found who had dwelt with foreign women: From the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers: Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gave their hands that they would make go out their women. And being guilty they offered a ram of the flock for their sin.

20 And from the sons of Immer *were* Hanani and Zebadiah.

21 And from the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah.

22 And from the sons of Pashur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 Also from the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (he *was* Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 From the singers also were Eliashib; and from the gatekeepers, Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 And from Israel: From the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And from the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And from the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 And from the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai.

29 And from the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, Jeremoth.

30 And from the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And from the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

33 From the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

34 From the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

38 and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 and Shelemiah, Nathan, and Adaiah,

40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 From the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All these had risen with foreign women; and there were some of them *with* women, and they put forth sons.

The Book of
NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah 1

*1 Nehemiah, understanding by Hanani the misery of Jerusalem, mourns, fasts, and prays.
5 His prayer.*

1 ¶ The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it happened in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

2 Hanani came, one of my brothers, he and men of Judah. And I asked them about the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

3 And they said to me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great evil and shame. The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.

4 And it happened, when I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of Heaven.

5 ¶ And I said, I pray, Jehovah God of Heaven, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those loving Him, and to keepers of His commandments,

6 let Your ear now be attentive, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You today, day and night, for Your servants the sons of Israel; and confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 Corrupting we have *acted* corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses.

8 I pray, remember the Word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, If you act unfaithfully, I will scatter you among the peoples.

9 But *if* you will turn to Me and keep My commandments, and do them, though you were cast out to the limit of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and will bring them to the place that I have chosen, to set My name there.

10 And these *are* Your servants and Your people whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

11 O Lord, I pray, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name. And, I pray, prosper Your servant today and grant him mercy before this man. For I was cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 2

1 Artaxerxes sends Nehemiah with letters and commission to Jerusalem. 9 Nehemiah comes to Jerusalem. 12 He views secretly the ruins of the walls. 17 He incites the Jews to build.

1 ¶ And it happened in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine *was* before him. And I took the wine and gave to the king. And I had never been sad to his face.

2 And the king said to me, Why *is* your face sad, and not to you is sickness? This is nothing but sorrow of heart. Then I was very much afraid.

3 And *I* said to the king, Let the king live forever. Why should not my face be sad when the place of my fathers' tombs, the city, lies waste and its gates are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said to me, For what do you ask? So I prayed to the God of Heaven,

5 and I said to the king, If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you would send me to Judah to the city of my fathers' tombs, so that I might build it.

6 And the king said to me, the queen also sitting beside him, Until when shall your journey be? And when will you return? So

it pleased the king, and he sent me; and I gave him a time.

7 And I said to the king, If it is good to the king, let letters be given me to the governors Beyond the River, so that they may let me go through until I come to Judah;

8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, so that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple which *is* for the house, and for the city wall, and for the house into which I shall enter. And the king granted *it* to me, according to the good hand of my God on me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governors *of the province* Beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. And the king had sent army captains and horsemen with me.

10 And Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard. And it grieved them greatly that a man had come to seek the good of the sons of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.

12 And I rose up in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem. And there was no animal with me except the animal that I rode on.

13 And I went out by night by the Valley Gate, even before the Jackal Fountain, and to the Dung Gate. And I examined the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down, and its gates which were consumed with fire.

14 Then I passed on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King's Pool. But there was no place for the animal that was under me to pass.

15 Then I went up in the night by the torrent, and examined the wall, and turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and returned.

16 And the rulers did not know where I had gone, or what I was doing. Yet I had not told it to the Jews, or to the priests, or to the nobles, or to the rulers, or to the rest that did the work.

17 Then I said to them, You see the evil that we *are* in, how Jerusalem is wasted, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer be a reproach.

18 And I told them of the hand of my God which was good on me, and also the king's words that he had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they made their hands strong for good.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard, then they mocked us and despised us. And they said, What is this that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?

20 Then I answered them and said to them, The God of Heaven, He will prosper us, and we, His servants, will arise and build. But you have no portion or right or memorial in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 3

The names and order of them that built the wall.

1 ¶ And Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests. And they built the Sheep Gate. They sanctified it and made stand its doors. Even to the Tower of Meah they sanctified it, to the Tower of Hananeel.

2 And *next* to his hand the men of Jericho built. And *next* to his hand Zaccur the son of Imri built.

3 But the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate, who laid its beams, and made stand its doors, its locks and its bars.

4 And *next* to their hand Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz made strong. And *next* to their hand Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel made strong. And *next* to their hand Zadok the son of Baana made strong.

5 And *next* to their hand the Tekoites made strong. But their nobles did not bring their necks to the work of their Lord.

6 And the Old Gate was made strong by Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams, and made stand its doors, and its locks, and its bars.

7 And *next* to their hand Melatiah of Gibeon made strong, and Jadon of Meron, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, to the throne of the governor Beyond the River.

8 And *next* to his hand Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths, made strong. And next to his hand Hananiah the son of

one of the perfumers made strong. And they left Jerusalem *safe* to the Broad Wall.

9 And *next* to their hand Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, made strong.

10 And *next* to their hand Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made strong, even across from his house. And *next* to his hand Hattush the son of Hashabniah made strong.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab made strong the other section, and the Tower of the Furnaces.

12 And *next* to his hand Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters made strong.

13 Hanun, and *he* living *in* Zanoah, made strong the Valley Gate. They built it and made stand its doors, its locks, and its bars, and a thousand cubits on the wall to the Dung Gate.

14 And the Dung Gate was made strong by Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem. He built it, and made stand its doors, its locks, and its bars.

15 And the Fountain Gate was made strong by Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah. He built it and covered it, and made stand its doors, its locks, and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah by the King's Garden, and to the stairs that go down from the City of David.

16 After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, made strong in front of the Tombs of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty *men*.

17 After him the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani made strong. On his hand Hashabiah the ruler of the half part of Keilah made strong in his part.

18 After him their brothers Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, made strong.

19 And *next* to his hand Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, made strong another section before the going up to the armory at the corner.

20 After him was zealous Baruch the son of Zabbai *and* made strong the other section from the corner to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21 After him Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz made strong another section, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him the priests, the men of the plain, made strong.

23 After them Benjamin and Hashub made strong across from their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah made strong by his house.

24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad made strong another section, from the house of Azariah to the corner, even to the tower.

25 Palal the son of Uzai *made strong* across from the corner, and the tower which sticks out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh *made strong*.

26 And the temple-slaves lived in Ophel, across from the Water Gate toward the east, and the tower that goes out.

27 After him the Tekoites made strong another section, opposite the great tower that goes out, even to the wall of Ophel.

28 The priests *each* man made strong from above the Horse Gate, each before his house.

29 After them Zadok the son of Immer made strong across from his house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate made strong.

30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph made strong another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah made strong across from his room.

31 After him Malchiah the goldsmith's son made strong the place of the temple-slaves, and of the merchants, before the Miphkad Gate, and to the going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner to the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made strong.

Nehemiah 4

1 While the enemies scoff, Nehemiah prays and continues the work. 7 He sets a watch. 13 He arms the laborers, 19 gives military precepts.

1 ¶ And it happened, when Sanballat heard that we built the wall even it was angering to him and greatly enraging. and he mocked at the Jews.

2 And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they bring to life the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

3 And Tobiah the Ammonite *was* beside him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox goes up, he will even break down their stone wall.

4 O our God, hear. For we are despised. And turn their curse on their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity.

5 And do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You. For they have provoked *You* to anger before the builders.

6 So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together to the half of it. For the people had a heart to work.

7 ¶ And it happened, when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that restoration of the walls of Jerusalem had gone up, that the breaks were being closed up, it was very angering to them.

8 And all of them conspired together to come *and* fight against Jerusalem, and do harm to it.

9 But we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the burden carriers is weakening, and there *is* much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries have said, They shall not know or see until we come in the midst of them and kill them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it happened when the Jews who lived near them came in, they said to us ten times, From all places where you shall return on us.

13 So I stationed from the lowest parts of the place, from the back of the wall, in the higher places; even, I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 And I saw. And I rose up and said to the nobles and to the rulers, and to the rest

of the people, Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, *who is* great and terrible, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had broken their counsel, all of us returned to the wall, *each* man to his work.

16 ¶ And it happened, from that time on, half of my servants worked in the work, and the other half of them were holding the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the scale-armor. And the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah,

17 the ones who built on the wall, and the ones who carried a burden; bearing with one of his hands, a worker in the work, and one, *a* holder of the weapon.

18 For *each* man of the builders had his sword tied by his side, and built. And he who sounded the rams' horn *was* beside me.

19 And I said to the nobles and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work *is* much and large, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another.

20 In whatever place you hear the sound of the rams' horn, gather there to us. Our God will fight for us.

21 And we worked in the work. And half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars came out.

22 Also at the same time I said to the people, Let *each* man with his servant stay inside Jerusalem, so that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labor in the day.

23 And none, I and my brothers, and my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us put off our clothes, *though each* man had his vessel of water.

Nehemiah 5

1 The Jews complain of their debt, mortgages, and bondage. 6 Nehemiah rebukes those lending at interest. 14 He forbears his own allowance, and keeps hospitality.

1 ¶ And there was a great cry of the people, and of their wives, against their brothers the Jews.

2 For *some* were saying, *With* our sons and our daughters, *we are* many. And we take up grain *for them*, and we eat and live.

3 *Some* also were saying, We have mortgaged our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses; and we take up grain because of the famine.

4 And *ones* who were saying, We have borrowed silver for the king's tax, on our fields, and our vineyards,

5 yet now our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers; as their sons, *so are* our sons; and, behold, we are bringing our sons and our daughters into bondage, to be slaves; yea, there are *some* of our daughters brought into bondage. And there is no power for our hand, and our fields and our vineyards are *in the possession* of other men.

6 ¶ And it was very angering to me when I heard their cry, and these words.

7 And my heart ruled within myself, and I contended with the nobles and the magistrates. And I said to them, You are *each* man lending at interest, from his brother. And I held a great assembly against them.

8 And I said to them, According to our ability we have redeemed our brothers, the Jews who were sold to the nations. And will you yet sell your brothers? Or shall they be sold to us? And they were silent, and did not find a word.

9 Also I said, The thing you do *is* not good. Should you not walk in the fear of God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?

10 And also, I, my brothers and my servants are lending them silver and grain. Please leave off this interest.

11 Please even today give back to them their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses; also the hundredth *part* of their silver, and of the grain, the wine, and the oil, that you have taken from them.

12 And they said, We will restore, and will ask nothing from them. So we will do as you are saying. And I called the priests and took an oath from them that they would do according to this word.

13 Also I shook my lap, and I said, So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor, who does not lift up this thing; even may he be shaken out this way and emptied. And all the assembly said, Amen, and praised Jehovah. And the people did according to this thing.

14 ¶ And from the time that I was chosen to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, I and my brothers did not eat the bread of the governor.

15 The former governors who *were* before me were too heavy on the people, and had taken bread and wine from them, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their young men bore rule over the people. But I did not do this, because of the fear of God.

16 Yea, I also worked strongly in the work of this wall, and I did not buy a field. And all my servants were gathered there on the work.

17 And at my table *were* a hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from among the nations around us.

18 And that which *was* prepared for me for a day was one ox, six fat sheep. Also birds were prepared for me; and between ten days, in all of the wine plentifully. And with this I did not seek the bread of the governor, for the bondage was heavy on this people.

19 Think upon me for good, my God, *according to* all that I have done for this people.

Nehemiah 6

I Sanballat practices by craft, by rumors, by hired prophecies, to terrify Nehemiah. 15 The work is finished. 17 Secret intelligence passes between the enemies and the nobles of Judah.

1 ¶ And it happened, when it was heard by Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and to the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall, and that no break was left in it though at that time I had not made stand the doors on the gates,

2 And Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do evil to me.

3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and come down to you?

4 And they sent to me four times in this way. And I answered them in the same way.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his hand.

6 It was written within it, It is heard among the nations, and Gashmu says *that* you and the Jews plan to rebel. On account of this you are building the wall, so that you may be a king to them, according to these words.

7 And also you have also made stand prophets to proclaim about you at Jerusalem, saying, A king in Judah! And now it shall be reported to the king according to these words. Therefore, come now and let us consult together.

8 And I sent to him, saying, These things which you are saying are not happening, for you pretend them out of your own heart.

9 For they all made us fear, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, and it will not be done. And now, make my hands strong.

10 ¶ And I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up. And he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple. For they will come to kill you. Yea, in the night they will come to kill you.

11 And I said, Should *such* a man as I flee? And who *being* as I *am* would go into the temple and live? I will not go in.

12 And I recognized that, behold, God had not sent him. For he spoke the prophecy against me, and Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 So he *was* hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and I should sin, and become for them for an evil name with which they might reproach me.

14 O God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also to the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who are making me afraid.

15 ¶ And the wall was completed in the twenty-fifth of Elul, on the fifty-second day.

16 And it happened when all our enemies heard, and all the nations who were around us saw, they fell very much in their own eyes. For they saw that this work was done by our God.

17 And in those days the nobles of Judah were increasing their letters going to Tobiah, and those of Tobiah came to them.

18 For many in Judah *were* sworn to him because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Also his good deeds were being spoken before me, and my words were going out to him, letters Tobiah sent to make me afraid.

Nehemiah 7

1 Nehemiah commits the charge of Jerusalem to Hanani and Hananiah. 5 A register of the genealogy of them which came out of Babylon, 9 of the people.

1 ¶ And it happened when the wall was built, I set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed.

2 I commanded *that* my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the temple be over Jerusalem. For he was as a man of truth and feared God above many.

3 And I said to them, Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the heat of the sun. And while they are standing, let them shut and bar the doors. And make stand guards from *those* living in Jerusalem, a man in his watch, and a man *to be* across from his house.

4 And the city *was* wide on both hands, and great, but the people *were* few in its midst, and the houses were not being built.

5 ¶ And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, to enroll by family. And I found a register of genealogy of those who came up at the first. And I found it was written in it:

6 These *are* the sons of the province who went up of the exiles, of the captivity, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had removed. And they returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, *each* man to his city.

7 The ones coming with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel was:

8 The sons of Parosh *were* two thousand, one hundred and seventy-two.

9 The sons of Shephatiah *were* three hundred and seventy-two.

10 The sons of Arah *were* six hundred and fifty-two.

11 The sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, *were* two thousand, eight hundred and eighteen.

12 The sons of Elam *were* a thousand, two hundred and fifty-four.

13 The sons of Zattu *were* eight hundred and forty-five.

14 The sons of Zaccai *were* seven hundred and sixty.

15 The sons of Binnui *were* six hundred and forty-eight.

16 The sons of Bebai *were* six hundred and twenty-eight.

17 The sons of Azgad *were* two thousand, three hundred and twenty-two.

18 The sons of Adonikam *were* six hundred and sixty-seven.

19 The sons of Bigvai *were* two thousand and sixty-seven.

20 The sons of Adin *were* six hundred and fifty-five.

21 The sons of Ater of Hezekiah *were* ninety-eight.

22 The sons of Hashum *were* three hundred and twenty-eight.

23 The sons of Bezai *were* three hundred and twenty-four.

24 The sons of Hariph *were* a hundred and twelve.

25 The sons of Gibeon *were* ninety-five.

26 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah *were* a hundred and eighty-eight.

27 The men of Anathoth *were* a hundred and twenty-eight.

28 The men of Beth-azmaveth *were* forty-two.

29 The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth *were* seven hundred and forty-three.

30 The men of Ramah and Gaba *were* six hundred and twenty-one.

31 The men of Michmas *were* a hundred and twenty-two.

32 The men of Beth-el and Ai *were* a hundred and twenty-three.

33 The men of the other Nebo *were* fifty-two.

34 The sons of the other Elam *were* a thousand, two hundred and fifty-four.

35 The sons of Harim *were* three hundred and twenty.

36 The sons of Jericho *were* three hundred and forty-five.

37 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono *were* seven hundred and twenty-one.

38 The sons of Senaah *were* three thousand, nine hundred and thirty.

39 The priests: The sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua: nine hundred and seventy-three.

40 The sons of Immer *were* a thousand and fifty-two.

41 The sons of Pashur *were* a thousand, two hundred and forty-seven.

42 The sons of Harim *were* a thousand and seventeen.

43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the sons of Hodevah, *were* seventy-four.

44 The singers: the sons of Asaph *were* a hundred and forty-eight.

45 The gatekeepers: The sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai *were* a hundred and thirty-eight.

46 The temple-slaves: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hashupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

47 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon,

48 the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmi,

49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,

50 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,

51 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,

52 the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephishesim,

53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

54 the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,

56 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.

57 The sons of Solomon's servants, the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,

58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Amon.

60 All the temple slaves and the sons of Solomon's servants *were* three hundred and ninety-two.

61 And these *were* they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer. But they *were* not able to manifest their father's house, nor their seed, whether they *were* of Israel:

62 The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two;

63 and of the priests, the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai, who took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register *among* those who were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found. And they were polluted from the priesthood.

65 And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things until there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 All the congregation together *was* forty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty.

67 Besides the male slaves and their female-slaves, these *were* seven thousand, three hundred and thirty-seven. And they had two hundred and forty-five singing men and singing women.

68 Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six. Their mules *were* two hundred and forty-five;

69 *their* camels, four hundred and thirty-five; *their* asses, six thousand, seven hundred and twenty.

70 And some of the heads of the fathers gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty-five priests' garments.

71 And *some* of the heads of the fathers gave to the treasury of the work twenty

thousand drachmas of gold, and two thousand, two hundred pieces of silver.

72 And what the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand drachmas of gold, and two thousand pieces of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the temple-slaves, and all Israel, lived in their cities. And when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel *were* in their cities.

Nehemiah 8

1 The religious manner of reading and hearing the law. 13 The forwardness of them to hear and be instructed. 16 They keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

1 ¶ And all the people gathered as one man into the plaza before the Water Gate. And they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which Jehovah had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the Law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read in it before the plaza which *was* in front of the Water Gate, from the morning until the middle of the day, before the men and the women, and those understanding. And the ears of all the people *listened* to the Book of the Law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood on a *raised* platform of wood which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand were Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the book to the eyes of all the people, for he was above all the people. And when he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 And Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed and worshiped to Jehovah *with their* noses to the ground.

7 And Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the Law. And the people *were* in their place.

8 And they read aloud clearly in the Book of the Law of God, and they set forth the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah the governor, and Ezra the priest, the scribe, and the Levites who made the people to understand, to all the people, This day *is* holy to Jehovah your God. Do not mourn or weep, For all the people *were* weeping when they heard the words of the Law.

10 Then he said to them, Go eat the fat, and drink of the sweet, and send portions to him for *whom* nothing is prepared. For this day *is* holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of Jehovah *is* your refuge.

11 And the Levites *were* silencing all the people, saying, Be quiet, for today *is* holy, and do not be grieved.

12 And all the people went to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words which were made known to them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered the heads of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe even to ponder the words of the Law.

14 And they found written in the Law which Jehovah had commanded by Moses, that the sons of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

15 and that they should make heard and cause to pass the call in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mountain and bring olive leaves and leaves of wild olive trees, and leaves of myrtle, and leaves of palm, and leaves of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written.

16 And the people went out and brought in, and made booths for themselves, a man on his roof and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the plaza of the Water Gate, and in the plaza of the Ephraim Gate.

17 And all the assembly, *those who* returned out of the captivity, made booths, and sat under the booths. For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day, the sons of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read in the Book of the Law of God. And they performed the feast seven days, and on the eighth day *was* an assembly according to the Law.

Nehemiah 9

1 A solemn fast, and repentance of the people. 4 The Levites make a religious confession of God's goodness, and their wickedness.

1 ¶ And on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of Israel were gathered with fasting and with sackcloth, and with earth on them.

2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all the sons of foreign *ones*, and they stood and confessed their sins and the sins of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place and read in the Book of the Law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day. And a fourth part they confessed and worshiped Jehovah their God.

4 ¶ Then Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Chenani, of the Levites stood on the stairs and cried with a loud voice to Jehovah their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah said, Rise up! Bless Jehovah your God forever and ever. And blessed be the Name of Your Glory, even *He* being exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 You alone are *He*, O Jehovah; You have made the heavens, *and* heaven of the heavens, and all their host; the earth and all which is on it; the seas, and all that is in them; and You shall preserve them all alive. And the host of the heavens bows down to You.

7 You *are* Jehovah the God who chose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and appointed his name, Abraham.

8 And You found his heart faithful before You, and cut with him the covenant to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give *it* to his seed. And You raised up Your words, for You are a righteous *One*.

9 And You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Sea of Reeds.

10 And *You* gave signs and wonders on Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of the land. For You knew that they were seething against them. And You made a name for Yourself, as *it is* this day.

11 And You divided the Sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the Sea on the dry land. And their pursuers You threw into the depths, like a stone into the mighty waters.

12 And You led them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way in which they should go.

13 And You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from the heavens, and gave them righteous judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments.

14 And You made known Your holy Sabbath to them, and You commanded commandments, statutes, and laws, to them by the hand of Your servant Moses.

15 And You gave them bread from the heavens for their hunger, and brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst. And You said to them that they should go in to possess the land which You had lifted up Your hand to give them.

16 But they and our fathers seethed and hardened their necks, and did not listen to Your commands.

17 And they refused to hear, and were not mindful of Your wonders which You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a leader to return them to their bondage. But You *are* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and did not forsake them.

18 Also when they had made a molten calf for themselves, and said, This *is* your god

who brought you up out of Egypt, and had worked great blasphemies,

19 yet You in Your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud did not depart from them by day to lead them in the way, and not the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way in which they should go.

20 You also gave Your good Spirit to teach them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years You sustained them in the wilderness. They lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.

22 And You gave them kingdoms and peoples, and divided them into a corner. And they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 You also multiplied their sons like the stars of the heavens and brought them into the land which You had promised to their fathers, to go in and possess it.

24 And the sons went in and possessed the land, and You humbled those living *in* the land before them, the Canaanites. And You gave them into their hands, with their kings and the people of the land, to do with them as they desired.

25 And they seized strong cities and a rich land, and occupied houses full of all goods, wells already dug, vineyards and oliveyards and very many food trees. And they ate, and were sated, and became fat, and lived luxuriously in Your great goodness.

26 But they were disobedient, and rebelled against You, and cast Your Law behind their backs. And they killed Your prophets who testified against them, to turn them to You. And they worked great blasphemies.

27 And You gave them into the hand of their adversaries and they distressed them. And in the time of their distress, they cried to You; and You heard from Heaven. And according to Your abundant mercies, You gave to them deliverers, who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries.

28 But after a rest to them, they turned to doing evil before You. And You left them in the hand of their enemies, and they ruled

over them. But they turned back and cried to You, and You heard them from Heaven, and You saved them according to Your mercies many times.

29 And You testified against them to bring them back to Your Law, but they acted presumptuously, and did not listen to Your commands, but *were* against Your judgments; they sinned in them, which a man doing, he shall live in them. And they gave a rebellious shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

30 But many years You had patience with them, and testified against them by Your Spirit, by Your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. And You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

31 But for Your great mercies, You did not consume nor forsake them; for You *are* a gracious and merciful God.

32 And now our God, the great, the mighty and the fearful God, keeping the covenant and the mercy, let it not seem little before You, all the trouble which has found us, to our kings, to our rulers, and to our priests, and to our prophets, and to our fathers, and to all Your people, since the day of the kings of Assyria to this day.

33 And You *are* a just *One* as to all that came on us, for You have done right; but we have done evilly.

34 And our kings, our rulers, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Your Law, and not attended to Your commands and Your testimonies with which You testified against them.

35 And they have not served You in their kingdom, and in Your great goodness which You gave to them, and in the large and rich land which You gave before them. And they did not turn from their evil works.

36 Behold, we *are* slaves today, even the land that You gave to our fathers to eat its fruit and its good, behold, we are slaves in it.

37 And it yields much increase to the kings whom You have given *to be* over us because of our sinning. And they rule over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure; and we *are* in great distress.

38 And because of all this, we *are* cutting a sure *covenant* and writing *it*, and our rulers, Levites, *and* priests are sealing it.

Nehemiah 10

1 *The names of those that sealed the covenant.*

29 *The points of the covenant.*

1 ¶ And the ones being sealed *were* Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,

4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the priests.

9 And the Levites *were* both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui, of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel,

10 and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The rulers of the people *were* Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,

18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,

24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 and Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple-slaves, and all those who separated from the people of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, all knowing and discerning *ones*,

29 making strong their brothers, their honored *ones*; and were entering into a curse and into an oath, to walk in God's Law which was given by Moses the servant of

God, and to keep and to do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord, and His judgments and His statutes.

30 And *we swore* that we would not give our daughters to the people of the land nor take their daughters for our sons.

31 And *if* the people of the land should bring goods or any food to sell on the Sabbath, we would not take from them on the Sabbath, or on the holy day. And they would forego the seventh year, and the interest of every hand.

32 ¶ Also, we made stand on ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God,

33 for the Bread of Arrangement, and for the continual food offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of God.

34 And we made fall the lots among the priests, and the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn on the altar of Jehovah our God, as it is written in the Law;

35 also to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of Jehovah;

36 also to bring the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the Law; and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God.

37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all trees, of wine, and of oil, to the priests, to the rooms of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites; and they, the Levites, might have the tithes in all the cities we did service.

38 And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites, tithing the Levites; and the Levites shall bring up the tithes of the tithes to the house of our God to the rooms, into the treasure house.

39 For the sons of Israel, and the sons of Levi, shall bring the offering of the grain,

of the new wine, and the oil, to the rooms, and there *shall be* the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests ministering, and the gatekeepers and the singers. And we will not forsake the house of our God.

Nehemiah 11

1 The rulers, voluntary men, and the tenth man chosen by lot, dwell at Jerusalem. 3 A catalogue of their names.

1 ¶ And the rulers of the people lived at Jerusalem. The rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of the ten to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine parts in *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to live in Jerusalem.

3 And these *are* the heads of the province who lived in Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah, a man lived in his possession in their cities; Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the temple-slaves, and the sons of Solomon's servants.

4 And in Jerusalem lived *some* of the sons of Judah, and of the sons of Benjamin. From the sons of Judah were Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the sons of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Jolarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem *were* four hundred and sixty-eight men of strength.

7 And these *are* the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

8 And after him *were* Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri *was* overseer over them. And Judah the son of Hassenaah *was* second over the city.

10 From the priests *were* Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin,

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of

Meraiah, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brothers who did the work of the house *were* eight hundred and twenty-two. And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 and his brothers, rulers of the fathers, two hundred and forty-two. And Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 and their brothers, men of strength *were* a hundred and twenty-eight. And their overseer *was* Zabdiel, a son of one of the great men.

15 Also from the Levites *were* Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the rulers of the Levites, *had* the oversight of the outward work of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the head of the beginning, he gave thanks with prayer. And Bakbukiah the second from his brothers, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred and eighty-four.

19 And the gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers who kept the gates, a hundred and seventy-two.

20 ¶ And the rest of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, a man in his inheritance.

21 But the temple-slaves lived in Ophel; and Ziha and Gispa were over the temple-slaves.

22 And the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the work of the house of God.

23 For *it was* the king's command concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, the matter of the day in its day.

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was

at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And at the villages, with their fields *some* of the sons of Judah lived at Kirjath-arba, and in its villages; and at Dibon, and in its villages; and at Jekabzeel, and its villages;

26 and at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-palet;

27 and at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and its daughter-villages;

28 and at Ziklag; and at Mekonah, and in its daughter-villages;

29 and at En-rimmon; and at Zareah; and at Jarmuth;

30 Zanoah; Adullam, and their villages; at Lachish, and its fields; at Azekah, and its daughter-villages. And they camped from Beer-sheba to the valley of Hinnom.

31 And the sons of Benjamin from Geba *were* at Michmash; and Aija; and Bethel, and their daughter-villages;

32 and at Anathoth; Nob; Ananiah;

33 Hazor; Ramah; Gittaim;

34 Hadid; Zeboim; Neballat;

35 Lod and Ono, the Valley of Craftsmen.

36 And of the Levites, the divisions of Judah *were* for Benjamin.

Nehemiah 12

1 The priests, 8 and the Levites, which came to Zerubbabel. 10 The succession of high priests.

22 Certain chief Levites. 27 The solemnity of the dedication of the walls.

1 ¶ And these *are* the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,

5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These *were* the rulers of the priests and their brothers in the days of Jeshua.

8 And the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah. Mattaniah *was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

9 And Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, *were* next to them in the watches.

10 And Jeshua fathered Joiakim, and Joiakim fathered Eliashib; and Eliashib fathered Joiada;

11 and Joiada fathered Jonathan; and Jonathan fathered Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the rulers of the fathers, from *the house of* Seraiah was Meraiah; from Jeremiah was Hananiah;

13 from Ezra was Meshullam; from Amariah was Jehohanan;

14 from Melicu was Jonathan; from Shebaniah was Joseph;

15 from Harim was Adna; from Meraioth was Helkai;

16 from Iddo was Zechariah; from Ginnethon was Meshullam;

17 from Abijah was Zichri; from Miniamin, of Moadiah was Piltai;

18 from Bilgah was Shammua; from Shemaiah was Jehonathan;

19 and from Joiarib was Mattenai; from Jedaiah was Uzzi;

20 from Sallai was Kallai; from Amok was Eber;

21 from Hilkiah was Hashabiah; from Jedaiah was Nethaneel.

22 The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were written heads of the fathers and the priests until the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sons of the Levites, the rulers of the fathers, are written in the Book of the Matters of the Days, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24 And the heads of the Levites *were* Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers next to them, to praise, to give thanks according to the command of David the man of God, watch by watch.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub *were* guards of the gates, the guard at the thresholds of the gates.

26 These *were* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

27 ¶ And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites out of all their places to bring them to Jerusalem,

to keep the dedication with gladness, and with thanksgiving, and with singing, *with* cymbals, harps, and with lyres.

28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves, both out of the plain country around Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophah,

29 and from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth (for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem).

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves. And they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the rulers of Judah on the wall, and chose two great thanksgiving choirs. *One* went to the right on the wall toward the Dung Gate,

32 and after them went Hoshaiah, and half the rulers of Judah;

33 even Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah;

35 and *many* of the priests' sons with trumpets, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,

36 and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe was before them.

37 And at the Fountain Gate across from them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall above the house of David, even to the Water Gate eastward.

38 And the other thanksgiving choir *was* going to the opposite *side*, and I after them, and half of the people on the wall, from beyond the Tower of Furnaces, even to the Broad Wall;

39 and from above the Ephraim Gate, and above the Old Gate, and above the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananeel, and the Tower of Meah, even to the Sheep Gate. And they stood still in the Prison Gate.

40 And the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, and I, and half of the rulers with me.

41 And the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiiah, Elioenai, Zechariah and Hananiah were with trumpets.

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer; and the singers sang aloud with Jezrahiah as *their* overseer.

43 And that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced. For God had made them rejoice with great joy. And the wives, and the children rejoiced so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even at a distance.

44 ¶ And at that day *some* were chosen over the rooms for the treasuries, for the offerings for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather to them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the Law for the priests and the Levites. For Judah rejoiced for the priests, and for the Levites who waited.

45 And both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the watch of their God, and the watch of the cleansing, according to the command of David, of his son Solomon.

46 For in the past days of David and Asaph, *there were* heads of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

47 And all Israel gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, everyday its portion, in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah. And they set the holy things apart for the Levites; and the Levites set *them* apart for the sons of Aaron.

Nehemiah 13

1 After reading the law, separation is made from the mixed multitude. 15 The violation of the Sabbath, 23 and those living with foreign women.

1 ¶ On that day they read in the Book of Moses in the ears of the people. And it was found written in it that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God forever,

2 because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them. But our God turned the curse to a blessing.

3 And it happened, when they had heard the Law, they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel.

4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, who was set over the rooms of the house of our God, who *was* related to Tobiah,

5 (and he had prepared for himself a large room and there before they were giving the food offering, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the offerings of the priests).

6 But in all this *time* I was not at Jerusalem. For in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king of Babylon, I came to the king. And after some days I asked leave from the king.

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil which Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me very much. And I threw all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the room.

9 Then I commanded, and they purified the rooms. And I returned there the vessels of the house of God, with the food offering and the frankincense.

10 ¶ And I saw that the portions of the Levites had not been given, for the Levites and the singers who did the work had *each* man fled to his field.

11 Then I contended with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them and set them in their place.

12 Then all Judah brought the tithes of the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, into the treasuries.

13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries: Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah. And next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah. For they were counted faithful, and on them was *the duty* to distribute to their brothers.

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my God, and in its keeping.

15 ¶ In those days I saw in Judah ones treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves and loading asses; and

also wine, grapes, and figs, and all burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I testified *against them* on the day they sold food.

16 Men of Tyre also lived in it, who brought fish and all wares, and were selling on the Sabbath to the sons of Judah, even in Jerusalem.

17 And I contended with the nobles of Judah and said to them, What *is* this evil thing that you do, defiling the Sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers do this, and did not our God bring all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by defiling the Sabbath.

19 And it happened, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I said that the gates should be shut, and said that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I stationed *some* of my servants at the gates, so that there should be no burden brought in on the Sabbath day.

20 And the merchants and sellers of all the wares stayed the night outside Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them and said to them, Why are you staying around the wall? If you do *it* again, I will send a hand against you. From that time they did not come on the Sabbath.

22 And I said to the Levites that they should be cleansing themselves, and they should come guarding the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. O my God, remember me for this also and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy.

23 ¶ In those days I also saw Jews who had dwelt with women *from* Ashdod Ammon *and* Moab.

24 And their children *were* speaking half *in the speech* of Ashdod, and to them was no respecting to speak Jewish, but as to the language of a people and a people.

25 And I contended with them, and put a curse on them, and struck *some* of them, and I plucked their hair. And I made them swear by the name of God, saying, If you shall give your daughters to their sons, or and if you take from their daughters to your sons and for yourselves.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved by his God; and God made him king over Israel. But women from foreign *lands* caused even him to sin.

27 Shall we then listen to you, to do this great evil, to act unfaithfully against our God in living with foreign women?

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite. And I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites.

30 And I cleansed them from all foreign *ones*, and I made stand watches to the priests and the Levites, *each* man in his work,

31 and for the wood offering, at appointed times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good!

The Book of **ESTHER**

Esther 1

1 Ahasuerus makes royal feasts. 10 Vashti, sent for, refuses to come. 13 Ahasuerus makes the decree of men's sovereignty.

1 ¶ And it happened, in the days of Ahasuerus (he is Ahasuerus who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, *over* a hundred and twenty-seven provinces)

2 in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom in Shushan the palace,

3 in the third year of his reign, he made a banquet for all his rulers and his servants. The power of Persia and Media, the nobles and the rulers of the provinces, *were* before him,

4 when he made known the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the honor of his excellent greatness many days, a hundred and eighty days.

5 And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a banquet for all the peoples who were found in Shushan the palace, both to great and to small, for seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

6 There was overlaying with white linen and violet, with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of white marble. The couches *were of* gold and silver, on a red and white and pearl and black marble pavement.

7 And they gave out drink in vessels of gold, the vessels differing from one another, and royal wine in abundance, according to the hand of the king.

8 And the drinking *was* according to the law, no one compelling; for so the king had ordered every great *one* of his house that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9 Also Vashti the queen made a banquet for the women *in* the royal house which *was* to King Ahasuerus.

10 ¶ In the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he said to Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs who served before the face of Ahasuerus the king,

11 to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, in order to cause the people and the rulers to see her beauty. For she *was* beautiful to look upon.

12 But Vashti the queen refused to come at the king's command which *was* by the hand of *his* eunuchs. And the king *was* very angry, and his fury burned within him.

13 And the king said to the wise men who knew the times (for so *was* the king's manner toward all who knew law and judgment;)

14 and the ones next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven rulers of Persia and Media who saw the king's face, who sat first in the kingdom,

15 What shall be done with Queen Vashti according to law, because she has not done the command of King Ahasuerus by the eunuchs?

16 And Memucan answered before the king and rulers, Vashti the queen has not only done wrong to the king, but also to all the rulers, and to all the people who *are* in all the provinces of Ahasuerus the king.

17 For the matter of the queen shall go out to all women, to make their husbands despised in their eyes, in their saying *that* King Ahasuerus said to bring in Vashti the queen before him, but she did not come.

18 And this day the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard the queen's word shall say the same to all the king's rulers and there *shall be* contempt and strife.

19 If it is good to the king, let there be a royal word from him, and let it be written among the laws of Persia and Media so that it shall not pass away, that Vashti not come

before King Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royal power to another who is better than she is.

20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be *published* throughout all his empire, for it is great, and all the wives shall give their husbands honor, both the small and the great.

21 And the saying was good to the king, and the rulers. And the king did according to the word of Memucan.

22 And he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to its writing, and to people and people, according to *their* language, so that every man be ruling in his house; and speaking according to the language of his people.

Esther 2

1 A queen is to be chosen. 5 Mordecai adopted Esther after her father's death. 8 Esther is preferred before the rest. 15 Esther, best at pleasing the king, is made queen. 21 Mordecai, discovering a treasonous plot, is recorded in the Chronicles.

1 ¶ After these things, when King Ahasuerus' wrath had calmed down, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what he had decreed against her.

2 And the king's servants who served him said, Let seek for the king young women, virgins good of form

3 And let the king appoint overseers in all the provinces of his kingdom, so that they may gather together every young woman, good of form, a virgin, to Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, to the hand of Hegai the king's eunuch, keeper of the women, to give their purifiers.

4 And let the young woman who is good in the eyes of the king rule instead of Vashti. And the thing was good in the eyes of the king, and he did so.

5 A man, a Jew was in Shushan the palace, and his name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite,

6 who was exiled from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been led away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had exiled.

7 And he was supporting Hadassah (she is Esther) his uncle's daughter, for *there was* not father or mother to her. And the young woman was fair of appearance and good of form. And at the death of her father and mother, Mordecai took her for his daughter.

8 And it happened, when the king's command and his order was heard, and when many young women had been gathered to Shushan the palace, into the hand of Hegai, Esther was taken into the king's house, into the hand of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the young woman was good in his eyes, and she rose in favor before him. And he hastened her purifiers, and her portions, to give them to her. And seven young women were seen to be given to her out of the king's house. And he moved her and her maids to the best *place* in the house of the women.

10 Esther had not told her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had commanded her that she should not tell.

11 And Mordecai walked to and fro every day in front of the court of the women's house in order to know Esther's welfare, and what would be done with her.

12 And in reaching the turn of each young woman had come to go in to King Ahasuerus, at the end of her being purified twelve months according to the law of the women, for so were fulfilled the days of their cleansings; six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with fragrances and with perfumes of the women.

13 And in this way the young woman goes in to the king. All she says is given to her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house.

14 She goes in the evening, and on the morning she returns to the second house of the women, into the hand of Shaashgaz the king's eunuch who kept the concubines. She does not come in to the king any more, unless the king delights in her, and she is called by name.

15 And when the turn of Esther had come (she being the daughter of Abihail, Mordecai's uncle, whom he had taken to himself for his daughter) to go in to the king, she did not seek a thing except what

Hegai the king's eunuch, the keeper of the women, said. And Esther was rising in favor in the eyes of all who looked on her.

16 And Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she rose *in* grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins. And he set the royal crown on her head, and made her to rule instead of Vashti.

18 And the king made a great banquet for all his rulers and his servants, Esther's banquet. And he ordered a rest for the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the hand of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

20 Esther had not revealed her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had commanded her. For Esther obeyed Mordecai's command, as she did when she was being brought up by him.

21 ¶ In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who guarded the threshold, were angry, and sought to stretch out a hand against King Ahasuerus.

22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* to Esther the queen. And Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai.

23 And *when* the matter was searched into, it was found out; and the two of them were hanged on a tree. And it was written in the Book of the Matters of the Days before the king.

Esther 3

1 Haman, despised by Mordecai, seeks revenge on all the Jews. 8 He obtains a decree from the king to put the Jews to death.

1 ¶ After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and lifted him up, and set his seat above all the rulers with him.

2 And all the king's servants who *were* in the king's gate were kneeling and bowing down to Haman, for the king had so commanded for him. But Mordecai did not bow down and did not kneel.

3 And the king's servants who *were* at the gate of the king said to Mordecai, Why are you transgressing the king's command?

4 And it happened, when they spoke day by day to him, and he did not listen to them, they told Haman, to see if Mordecai's matters would stand. For he had told them that he *was* a Jew.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai was not bowing down and kneeling to him, then Haman was filled with fury.

6 And it was light in his eyes to reach forth a hand against Mordecai alone; for they had revealed to him Mordecai's people. And Haman sought to destroy all the Jews in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus, the people of Mordecai.

7 ¶ In the first month, it *is* the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they made fall Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman day by day, and from month to month, to the twelfth *month*, the month Adar.

8 And Haman said to King Ahasuerus, There is a people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom. And their laws *are* different from every people, and they are not doing the king's laws. And it is not for the king's gain to let them alone.

9 If it is good to the king, let it be written to destroy them; and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those who do the work, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.

10 And the king removed his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, *one* distressing the Jews.

11 And the king said to Haman, The silver *is* given to you, also the people, to do with them as it is good in your eyes.

12 Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and it was written according to all that Haman had commanded to the king's satraps, and to the governors who *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, according to its writing, and to every people according to their language. It was written in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the documents were sent by the runners into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar, and to plunder them for a prize.

14 A copy of the writing to be given *as* law in every district *and* province was published to all people to be ready for that day.

15 The runners went out, being burned by the king's word. And the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink. But the city, Shushan, was perplexed.

Esther 4

1 The great mourning of Mordecai and the Jews.

4 Esther sends to Mordecai, who shows the cause, and advises her to undertake the suit. 15 She appoints a fast and undertakes the suit.

1 ¶ And Mordecai understood all that was done, and Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the middle of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry.

2 And he came until he was before the king's gate; for there was no entering into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province, at the place where the king's word and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing. Sackcloth and ashes were spread on many.

4 And Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her. And the queen was exceedingly anguished. And she sent clothing to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him, but he did not accept.

5 ¶ And Esther called for Hathach, of the king's eunuchs, who was made to stand before her. And she charged him as to Mordecai, to know what this *was* and why this *was*.

6 And Hathach went out to Mordecai, to the city street which *was* in front of the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of the silver which Haman had said to weigh into the king's treasuries for the Jews in order to destroy them.

8 Also he gave him a copy of the writing of the law which *was* given at Shushan in order to destroy them, to cause Esther to see, and to declare to her, and to command her to enter in to the king to make supplication to him, and to seek from his presence *help* concerning her people.

9 And Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 Again Esther spoke to Hathach, and ordered him to go to Mordecai,

11 For all the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces knowing *that* any man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, the one law of his *is* to die; except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter, and he shall live. But I have not been called to come to the king these thirty days.

12 And they told Mordecai Esther's words.

13 And Mordecai said to take back to Esther *this word* Do not imagine within yourself to deliver yourself in the king's house more than all the Jews.

14 For if you are completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall rise up to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall perish. And who knows if you have reached to the kingdom for such *a* time as this?

15 And Esther said to take back to Mordecai,

16 Go, gather all the Jews being found in Shushan, and fast for me. And do not eat or drink three days, night or day. My maidens and I will also fast in this way. And so I will go in to the king, which *is* not according to the law. And if I have perished, I have perished.

17 And Mordecai passed over and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Esther 5

1 Esther obtains the grace of the golden scepter, and invites the king and Haman to a banquet. 6 She invites them to another banquet the next day. 9 Haman's contempt of Mordecai. 14 His wife advises that he build a gallows for him.

1 ¶ And it happened on the third day that Esther put on royal *clothing* and stood in the inner court of the king's house, before

the king's inner house. And the king was sitting on his royal throne in the royal house, in front of the entrance of the house.

2 And it happened, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she rose in favor *in* his eyes. And the king held out the golden scepter that *was* in his hand to Esther. And Esther drew near and touched the top of the scepter.

3 And the king said to her. What *shall be done* to you, O Queen Esther, and what *is* your wish? It will be given to you also, even to half of the kingdom.

4 And Esther answered, If it *seems* good to the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet which I have prepared for him.

5 And the king said, Cause Haman to hurry to do the word of Esther. And the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

6 And the king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* your petition, and it shall be granted to you? And what *is* your wish? And it will be done, to half of the kingdom.

7 And Esther replied and said, *As to* my petition and my request,

8 if I have found favor in the eyes of the king, and if it is good to the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow according to the word of the king.

9 ¶ And Haman went out that day joyful and good of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the gate of the king, that he did not rise or move for him, he was full of fury against Mordecai.

10 But Haman held himself in, and came to his house, and sent *for* and brought in his friends, and his wife Zeresh.

11 And Haman told to them of the glory of his riches, and his many sons, and all *to* which the king had promoted him, and how he lifted him up above the rulers and the servants of the king.

12 And Haman said, Also, Esther the queen did not let *anyone* come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared, except me. And also tomorrow I am called to it with the king.

13 Yet all this is no gain to me as long as I am seeing Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

14 And his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, Make a wooden *gallows* fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak to the king and let them hang Mordecai on it; and go rejoicing in with the king to the banquet. And the thing was good in Haman's eyes. And he caused the wooden *gallows* to be made.

Esther 6

1 Ahasuerus reads in the chronicles of the good service of Mordecai. He is rewarded. 4 Haman comes to see that Mordecai is hanged, but he presumes that he is the one to be honored.

1 ¶ On that night the king's sleep fled, and he said to bring in the Book of the Records of the Matter of the Days. And they were being read before the king.

2 And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigtha and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the guards of the threshold, who sought to stretch forth a hand against King Ahasuerus.

3 And the king said, What honor and dignity was done to Mordecai for this? And the king's servants of his ministers said, Not a thing has been done for him.

4 ¶ And the king said, Who *is* in the court? And Haman had come into the outer court of the king's house to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the wooden *gallows* which he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6 And Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king is delighting to honor? And Haman said in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself?

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor,

8 let the royal clothing be brought, which the king puts on himself, and the horse on which the king rides, and the royal crown which is set on his head;

9 and let this clothing and horse be given into the hand of men, *one* of the king's most noble rulers, and let them dress the

man whom the king delights to honor, and cause him to ride on the horse through the street of the city, and call out before him, In this way shall be done to the man whom the king delights in honoring him!

10 And the king said to Haman, Hurry! Take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not let fail a word of all which you have spoken.

11 And Haman took the clothing and the horse, and dressed Mordecai, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and called out before him, In this way shall be done to the man whom the king delights, in honoring him!

12 ¶ And Mordecai came again to the king's gate, but Haman hurried to his house mourning, and *his* head covered.

13 And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. And his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, If Mordecai is of the seed of the Jews, before whom you have begun to fall, you shall not prevail against him, but falling shall fall before him.

14 And while they *were* still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived, and they hurried to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had made ready.

Esther 7

1 Esther entertains the king and Haman. 4 She reveals that her own life and her people are doomed. 5 She accuses Haman. 7 The king goes out in anger. Haman falls on Esther's couch to beg for his life. The king orders Haman to be hanged on the gallows he built for Mordecai.

1 ¶ And the king and Haman came to the banquet of Queen Esther.

2 And the king said again to Esther on the second day of the banquet of wine, What *is* your petition, Queen Esther, and it shall be given to you. And what *is* your request? It shall be done, to the half of the kingdom.

3 And Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in your eyes, O king, and it is good to the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

4 For we are sold, my people and I, for destruction, for murder and for perishing. But if we had been sold for male slaves and slave-girls, I would have kept silent, though the adversary could not equal the king's loss.

5 And King Ahasuerus answered and said to Esther the queen, Who *is* he, this one? And where *is* this one, he who is filled *with pride* in his heart to do so?

6 And Esther said, A man, an adversary, and a hating *one*, Haman! This evil one! And Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

7 ¶ And the king, rising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, *went* into the palace garden. And Haman stood to beg for his life from Esther the queen, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.

8 And the king returned out of the garden to the place of the banquet of wine. And Haman was falling on the couch on which Esther *lay*. And the king said, Will he also ravish the queen with me in the house? The word went from the king's mouth, and they covered Haman's face.

9 And Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said before the king, Also, look! The wooden *gallows* which Haman made for Mordecai, who had spoken good toward the king, *is* standing at Haman's house. And the king said, Hang him on it!

10 And they hanged Haman on the wooden *gallows* which he had prepared for Mordecai. And the king's wrath lay down.

Esther 8

1 Mordecai is advanced. 3 Esther makes sure to reverse Haman's letters. 7 Ahasuerus grants to the Jews to defend themselves.

1 ¶ On that day King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the *one* distressing the Jews, to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he *was* to her.

2 And the king removed his ring which he had caused to pass over from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 ¶ And Esther added and spoke again before the king and fell down at his feet. And

wept, and she begged favor of him to cause to pass over the evil of Haman the Agagite, and his purpose which he had plotted against the Jews.

4 Then the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, and Esther rose up and stood before the king,

5 and she said, If it is good to the king, and if I have found favor before him, and the thing *is* pleasing before the king, and I am good in his eyes, let it be written to cause to bring back the documents (a sly plot by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite) which he wrote to cause to perish the Jews *who* are in all the king's provinces.

6 For how shall I be able to look on the evil that shall find my people? Or how shall I be able to look on the slaughter of my kindred?

7 And King Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Haman's house to Esther, and they have hanged him on the wooden *gal-lows* because he put forth his hand against the Jews.

8 And you write to the Jews according to the good in your eyes, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring. For the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, there is no taking back.

9 And the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the twenty-third of it. And it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors, and the rulers of the provinces which *were* from India to Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, to every province according to its writing, and to every people in their language, and to the Jews; according to their writing and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed with the king's ring. And he sent letters by riders on horses, riders on stallions, royal *mules*, *even* sons of mares.

11 In which the king gave to the Jews in city by city *the right* to assemble, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to kill, and

to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province, the ones compressing them, little ones and women, and to plunder them for a prize,

12 on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

13 The copy of the writing to be made law in every province *and* province was revealed to all peoples, even to the Jews being ready for this day, to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 The runners, riders on stallions, royal *mules*, went out, being hurried and pressed on by the king's command. And the order was given at Shushan the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from before the king in apparel of the kingdom, of blue and white, and with a great crown *of* gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple. And the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

16 For the Jews it was light and gladness and joy and honor.

17 And in every province *and* province, in every city *and* city, the place wherever the word of the king and his law touched, *there was* joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews, for the fear of the Jews fell on them.

Esther 9

1 The Jews slay their enemies, with the ten sons of Haman. 13 Ahasuerus grants another day of slaughter, and Haman's sons to be hanged.

1 ¶ And in the twelfth month, that is the month Adar, on the thirteenth day in it, when drew near the word of the king and his law *came* to be done, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them (though it was turned around, so that the Jews ruled, they over the ones hating them),

2 the Jews assembled in their cities in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to stretch out a hand against those seeking their evil. And not a man stood in their presence, for their fear fell on all the peoples.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and those doing the king' business, were lifting up

the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell on them.

4 For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house and his fame went out into all the provinces, for this man Mordecai was going on and growing great.

5 And the Jews struck against all their enemies with a stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did according to their will to those who hated them.

6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men.

7 And they killed Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

8 and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9 and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the *one* oppressing the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the palace was brought before the king.

12 And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the provinces of the king? And what *is* your petition, and it is given to you? And what further request, and it will be done?

13 And Esther said, If it is good to the king, let it be given to the Jews in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's law; and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the wooden *gallows*.

14 And the king commanded it to be done so. And the order was given at Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

15 And the Jews who *were* in Shushan also assembled on the fourteenth day of the month Adar and killed three hundred men at Shushan; but they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

16 But the rest of the Jews in the king's provinces gathered and stood for their life, and a rest from their enemies, and to kill seventy-five thousand of their enemies. But they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

17 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and on the fourteenth day of the

same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

18 And the Jews who *were* at Shushan assembled on the thirteenth day of it, and on the fourteenth day of it, and to rest on the fifteenth of the same, and to make it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 On account of this the Jews of the villages who lived in the unwallled villages made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of* gladness and feasting, and a good day, and *a day of* sending portions, a man to his neighbor.

20 ¶ And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who *were* in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, near and far,

21 to cause to rise among them to make *a feast* the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, year by year;

22 as the days in which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from affliction to joy, and from mourning into a good day, to make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions a man to his neighbor and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them,

24 because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the *one* distressing all the Jews, *who* had plotted against the Jews to cause *them* to perish, and made fall Pur, that is, the lot, to vex them and to destroy them.

25 But when *Esther* came to the king, he commanded by the letter, Let this evil plot which he plotted against the Jews return on his own head; and they hanged him and his sons on the wooden *gallows*.

26 On account of this they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. For on account of this all the words of this letter, and what they saw concerning this matter, and what had touched them,

27 the Jews rose up and took on themselves and on their seed, and on all joining themselves to them, even not to pass, to be keeping those two days according to their writing, and according to their time every year *by* year;

28 and *that* these days be remembered and acted upon in every generation *and* generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Purim should not pass from among the Jews, and their memory not perish from their seed.

29 And Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to cause to rise this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, words of peace and truth,

31 in order to cause to rise these days of Purim in their set times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had caused to rise up on them, and as they caused to rise up on themselves and on their seed, the matters of the fastings and of their crying.

32 And the decree of Esther caused to rise these matters of Purim. And it was written in the book.

Esther 10

1 Ahasuerus' greatness. 3 Mordecai's advancement.

1 And King Ahasuerus set a tax on the land and *on* the isles of the sea.

2 And all the acts of his authority and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, with which the king made him great, are they not written in the Book of he Matters of the Days of the Kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew *was* second to King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and pleasing to the multitude of his brothers, seeking the welfare of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

The Book of JOB

Job 1

1 The holiness, riches, and religious care of Job for his children. 6 Satan appears before Jehovah and obtains leave to tempt Job. 13 He loses his goods and children, he yet blesses Jehovah.

1 ¶ There was a man in the land of Uz, his name was Job. And this man was perfect and upright, and fearing God, and turning away from evil.

2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

3 And his possessions were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household, so that this man was greater than all the sons of the east.

4 ¶ And his sons would go and make a feast in the house of a man on his day. And they sent and called their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it happened, when the day of feasting had gone around, Job would send and sanctify them. And he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt sacrifices according to all their number. For Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. This Job did all the days.

6 ¶ And a day came when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah. And Satan also came among them.

7 And Jehovah said to Satan, From where have you come? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you set your heart on My servant Job because there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil?

9 And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Does Job fear God for nothing?

10 Have You not made a hedge for him, and for his house, and for all that is to him

all around? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his livestock have increased in the land.

11 But put out Your hand now, and touch against all which is to him, and see if he will not curse You to Your face.

12 And Jehovah said to Satan, Behold, all that is to him is in your hand! Only, do not lay your hand on him. And Satan went out from the face of Jehovah.

13 ¶ And a day was when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their brother's house, the first-born.

14 And a messenger came to Job and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses were feeding beside them.

15 And the Sabeans fell on them and took them away. And they killed the young men with the mouth of the sword; and only I, I alone have escaped to tell you.

16 While this one was still speaking, this other also came and said, The fire of God has fallen from the heavens and has burned up the sheep and the young men. And it has consumed them; and I, I alone have escaped to tell you.

17 While this one was still speaking, this other also came and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands and made a raid on the camels. And they have taken them away. And they have struck the young men with the mouth of the sword; and only I, I alone have escaped to tell you.

18 While this one was still speaking, this other came and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother, the first-born.

19 And, behold! A great wind came from the wilderness and touched the four corners of the house. And it fell on the young men and they died; and only I, I alone have escaped to tell you.

20 ¶ And Job rose up and tore his robe, and shaved his head. And he fell down on the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said, I came naked out of my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. Jehovah gave, and Jehovah has taken away. Blessed *be* the name of Jehovah.

22 In all this Job did not sin and did not ascribe unseemliness to God.

Job 2

1 Satan obtains further leave to tempt Job. 7 He smites him with sore boils. 9 Job reproves his wife for moving him to bless Jehovah and die.

1 ¶ And it happened that a day came when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah. And Satan also came among them to present himself before Jehovah.

2 And Jehovah said to Satan, From where have you come? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and walking up and down in it.

3 And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you set your heart on My servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, fearing God, and turning away from evil? And he is still holding to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to swallow him for nothing.

4 And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Skin for skin. Yea, all that *is* to a man he will give for his life.

5 But indeed put out Your hand now and touch to his bone and his flesh, and he will curse You to Your face.

6 And Jehovah said to Satan, Behold, he *is* in your hand; but preserve his life.

7 ¶ And Satan went out from before the face of Jehovah. And *he* struck Job with bad erupting boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.

8 And he took for himself a potsherd to scrape himself with it. And he *was* sitting among the ashes.

9 And his wife said to him, *Are* you still holding fast to your integrity? Bless God and die!

10 But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish *ones* speak. Indeed, shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11 ¶ And three friends of Job heard of all this evil that had come on him. And they

came, *each* man from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite; Bildad the Shuhite; and Zophar the Naamathite. And they had met together to come to lament with him, and to comfort him.

12 And they lifted up their eyes from afar and did not recognize him. And they lifted up their voice and wept. And *each* man tore his robe; and *they* sprinkled dust on their heads toward the heavens.

13 And they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights. And no one *was* speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

Job 3

1 Job curses the day of his birth. 13 The ease of death. 20 He complains of life, because of his anguish.

1 ¶ After this Job opened his mouth and cursed his day.

2 And Job answered and said:

3 Let the day perish in *which* I was born, and the night *which* said, A man-child has been conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness! Let not God look on it from above, and not let the light shine on it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death seize upon it. Let a cloud dwell on it; let darkness of day terrify it! Let it not be joined to the days of the year. Let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Behold, let that night be barren; let not joyful voice come in it.

8 Let it be cursed, the day being cursed, those ready to stir up Leviathan.

9 Let the stars of its twilight be dark; let it look for light, but have none, let it wait for eyelids of the dawn.

10 For it did not shut up the doors of my *mother's* womb and did not hide toil from my eyes.

11 ¶ Why did I not die from the womb, come from the womb and expire?

12 Why did the knees go before me; or why the breasts, that I should suck?

13 For now I would have lain down and have been quiet; I would have slept. Then I would have been at rest,

14 with kings and wise men of the earth, who built ruins for themselves;

15 or with chiefs; they had gold, they filled their houses with silver;

16 or as a hidden miscarriage, I would not have been, like infants who never saw light.

17 There the wicked *ones* cease *from* turmoil, and there the weary of strength are at rest;

18 The prisoners are at ease together, they hear not the voice of the slave-driver;

19 the small and the great, he is there, and the slave free from his master.

20 ¶ Why is light given to the sufferer, and life to him who is bitter of soul;

21 who is waiting for death, but *it* is not; and they dig for it more than *for* treasures?

22 They are rejoicing to exultation. They are glad when they find the grave.

23 To a man whose way is hidden, God has made a hedge about him.

24 For my sighing comes before my food; and my groanings are poured out like the waters.

25 For the dreadful thing I dreaded has come on me; and that which I feared has come to me.

26 I am not at ease, and I am not at rest; and I am not quiet; yet turmoil comes.

Job 4

1 Eliphaz reproves Job for lack of faith. 7 He teaches that Jehovah's judgments are not for the righteous ones, but for the wicked ones.

1 ¶ And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 Shall one try a word with you, you *who* are weary? But who can hold back with words?

3 Behold, you have instructed many; and you have made weak hands strong.

4 Your words have upheld him who was falling, and you have made feeble knees strong.

5 But now it has come upon you, and you faint. It touches you, and you are troubled.

6 *Is* not your fearing *of* God your confidence; your hope the integrity of your ways?

7 ¶ Please remember, Who, being innocent, has perished? Or where were the upright *ones* cut off?

8 As I have seen, the ones plowing iniquity and sowing trouble; *they* harvest it.

9 They perish from the breath of God, and by the wind of His anger they are finished

10 The roar of the lion. and the voice of the lion, and the teeth of the young lions are broken;

11 Without prey the lion *is* perishing, and the offspring of the lioness are scattered.

12 ¶ And a word was stolen to me, and my ear received a whisper of it.

13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,

14 fear and trembling met me, and caused my many bones to dread.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up;

16 it stood still, but I could not discern its appearance; an image *was* before my eyes; *there was* a whisper and a voice I heard:

17 Is man *more* righteous than God? Or is a man *more* pure than his Maker?

18 Behold, He puts no trust in His servants, and He puts error against His angels.

19 How much more those that dwell in houses of clay; whose foundation *is* in the dust; they crush them before the moth!

20 They are beaten from morning till evening; they perish forever with no one regarding.

21 Is not their *tent* cord pulled up within them? They die, but not with wisdom.

Job 5

1 Failure to consider is harmful. 6 Jehovah is to be regarded in affliction. 17 The happy end of Jehovah's correction.

1 ¶ Call now. Is there anyone answering you? And to whom of the holy *ones* will you turn?

2 For provocation kills the foolish *one*, and passion causes the *one* being simple to die.

3 I have seen the foolish *one* taking root, but suddenly I cursed his abode.

4 His sons are far from safety; yea, they are crushed in the gate; and *there is* not a deliverer.

5 The hungry eat his harvest, and they take him to the thorns, and the snare crushes up their strength.

6 ¶ For affliction does not come forth from the dust, and trouble does not spring up out of the ground;

7 for man is born to trouble, and the sons of the flame rise, flying *upward*.

8 Truly, I would seek to God, and to God I would put my suit,

9 *who is* doing great things, and there is no searching *them*; marvelous things to which is no numbering,

10 the *One* giving rain on the face of the earth and sending water on the face of the outer *places*;

11 to set the lowly on high; yea, the mourners become very high *in* safety;

12 frustrating the plots of the crafty, and their hands do not perform the undertaking,

13 taking the wise *ones* in their craftiness, and the counsel of the wily *ones* is hurried.

14 They meet with darkness by day, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

15 But He saves the needy *one* from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the strong *one*;

16 and there is hope for the weak *one*; and injustice shuts her mouth.

17 ¶ Behold, blessed *is* the man whom God corrects; and despise not the chastening of the Almighty.

18 For He wounds, and He binds up. He shatters, and His hands heal.

19 He will deliver you in six troubles; yea, in seven evil shall not touch you.

20 In famine He will redeem you from death; and in war from the hand of the sword.

21 You shall be hidden from the whip of the tongue, and you shall not be afraid of violence when it comes.

22 You shall laugh at violence and at famine; and you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For you *shall be* in covenant with the stones of the field; and the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.

24 And you shall know that your tent *is in* peace; and you shall visit your abode and shall miss nothing;

25 and *you* shall know that your seed *will be* many, and your offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 You shall come to the grave in *full* vigor, like a stack of grain comes up in its season.

27 Behold this! We have searched it out; it is so. Hear it, and know *it* for yourself.

Job 6

1 Job shows that his complaints are not causeless. 8 He wishes for death, where he believes he will be assured of comfort. 14 He reproves the unkindness of his three friends.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said:

2 Oh that weighing my indignation were weighed, and my ruin lifted in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas; on account of this my words have been rash.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me; their fury *is* drinking my spirit; the terrors of God are set against me.

5 Does the wild ass bray over tender grass? Or does the ox low over his fodder?

6 Are tasteless *things* eaten without salt? Or is there taste in the slime of an egg?

7 My soul refuses to touch them; they *are* sickening food to me.

8 ¶ Who will give *it that* my desire might come, and God would grant my longing;

9 and God would be willing and crush me; let loose His hand and cut me off?

10 And it is yet my comfort; and I would exult in pain not spared; for I have not hidden the words of the Holy *One*.

11 What *is* my strength that I should wait? And what *is* my end that I should prolong my life?

12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones? Or *is* my flesh of bronze?

13 *Is* not my help within me? And is wisdom driven from me?

14 ¶ To the despairing *one*, pity is *due* from his friend; for he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully, like the torrent, like the streams of torrents, they pass away;

16 those darkened from ice, in which the snow hides itself.

17 At the time they are warmed, they are cut off; when it is hot they dry up.

18 The paths of their way bend; they go to nothing and are lost.

19 The wayfarers of Tema looked; the traveling companies of Sheba hoped for them;

20 they were ashamed because they had hoped; they came there and were ashamed.

21 Surely now you have become like it; you see *my* dismay, and are afraid.

22 ¶ Did I indeed say, Give to me? Or, Offer a bribe for me from your wealth?

23 Or, Deliver me from an adversary's hand? Or, Redeem me from the hand of terrifying *ones*?

24 Teach me and I will be silent; and cause me to understand *in* what I have erred.

25 How powerful are right speeches, but what does arguing from you argue?

26 Do you intend to argue words, and the speeches *that are* as wind to cause despair?

27 Yea, you cause even an orphan to fall; and you bargain over your friend.

28 And now, be willing *to* face me, and to your face I will not lie.

29 Turn back, please, let there be no wrong. Yea, turn back again, for my righteousness *is* in it.

30 Is there wrong in my tongue? Or cannot my palate discern desirable things?

Job 7

1 Job excuses his desire of death. 12 He complains of his own restlessness, 17 and God's watchfulness.

1 ¶ *Is there* not a warfare to man on earth, and his days like the days of a hireling?

2 As a servant pants for the shade, and as a hireling looks for his wages,

3 so I am caused to inherit months of emptiness; and nights of trouble are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I rise up? But the night is long, and I am full of tossings, until the twilight of *dawn*.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken and is loathed.

6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and end without hope.

7 ¶ Remember that my life *is* a breath; my eyes shall not return to see good.

8 The eye of him who sees me shall not gaze at me; Your eyes *will be* on me, and I will not be.

9 As the cloud fades, it goes, so he who goes down to Sheol shall not come up.

10 He shall not return again to his house; and his place shall not know him any more.

11 Also, I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the distress of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster, that You set a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me; my couch shall bear with my complaining;

14 even You scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions;

15 and my soul chooses strangling *and* death rather than my bones.

16 I despise them; I will not live always. Cease from me, for my days *are* vanity.

17 ¶ What *is* man that You should magnify him, and that You should set Your heart to him,

18 and visit him every morning, trying him every moment?

19 How long will You not look away from me, and not leave me alone until I swallow my spittle?

20 I have sinned; what do I do to You, O Watcher of man? Why have You set me as a target for You so that I am a burden on myself?

21 And why do You not lift up my transgression, and make my iniquity pass away? For now I shall lie down in the dust, and You shall seek me; but I *will* not be.

Job 8

1 Bildad shows Jehovah's justice in dealing with men according to their works. 20 He applies Jehovah's just dealing to Job.

1 ¶ And Bildad the Shuhite answered, saying:

2 Until when will you speak these things, and the words of your mouth *will be like* a mighty wind?

3 Or does God pervert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert the right?

4 If your sons have sinned against Him, and *if* He has sent them away in the hand of their transgression,

5 if you would diligently seek to God, and make your prayer to the Almighty,

6 if you *were* pure and upright, surely now He would rise for you, and make peaceful the abode of your righteousness.

7 And *though* your beginning was small, even your end would greatly increase.

8 ¶ For please ask of the former generation, and prepare to the search of their fathers;

9 for we *are but of yesterday*, and we do not know, because our days on earth *are a shadow*.

10 Shall they not teach you, speak to you, and bring forth words out of their heart?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? Can the reed grass grow without water?

12 While it *is* yet in its greenness, and not cut down, it dries out before every plant;

13 so *are* the paths of all those forgetting God; yea, the hope of the godless *one* shall perish,

14 whose hope is cut off, and his trust *is as a spider's house*.

15 He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold fast to it, but it shall not rise up.

16 He *is* moist before the sun, and his tender plants shoot forth on his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped around a heap; he sees a house of stones.

18 If one swallows him from his place, even it shall deny him, *saying*, I have not seen you!

19 Behold this *is* the joy of His way, and out of the dust others shall grow.

20 ¶ Behold, God will not reject the perfect *one*, and He will not strengthen the hand of evildoers,

21 until He fills your mouth with laughter and your lips with rejoicing.

22 Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame; and the tent of the wicked *one shall not be*.

Job 9

1 Job acknowledges Jehovah's justice and shows there is no contending with him. 22 Man's innocence is not to be condemned by afflictions.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said:

2 Truly I know *it is* so; but how can man be just with God?

3 If he would delight to argue with Him, he cannot answer Him one of a thousand.

4 *He is* wise in heart and mighty in strength; who has been hard against Him and been at peace?

5 *He* who moves the mountains, and they do not know when He overturns them in His anger;

6 who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble;

7 *the One* speaking to the sun and it does not rise; and for the stars He sets a seal;

8 stretching out the heavens by Himself, and walking on the high place of the sea;

9 Who made the Ursa Major, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;

10 doing great things past finding out; yea, wonderful things until there is no number?

11 Behold, He goes by me, and I do not see *Him*; and He passes on, but I do not perceive Him.

12 Behold, He takes away; who can turn Him back? Who will say to Him, What are You doing?

13 God will not withdraw His anger; the helpers of pride crouch under Him.

14 ¶ How then shall I answer Him, *and* choose my words with Him!

15 Whom, though I were being righteous, I could not answer *Him*; I seek mercy for my judgment.

16 If I had called and He had not answered me I would not believe that He had listened to my voice;

17 *He* falls on me with a tempest, and adds to my wounds without cause;

18 *who* will not allow me to bring back my breath, but fills me with bitterness.

19 If *I speak* of strength, behold, *He is* mighty; and if of judgment, who can summon me?

20 If I am being righteous my mouth will condemn me; *though I am* the perfect *one*, He shall declare me perverse;

21 *though I were* the perfect *one*, I would not know my own soul; I despise my life.

22 ¶ *It is all* one; on account of this I said, He is consuming the perfect *one* and the wicked *one*.

23 If the whip kills suddenly, He will mock at the testing of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked *one*; He covers the faces of its judges. If it is not *He*, then who *is* it?

25 ¶ Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away; they see no good;

26 they have passed away like the reed ships, as an eagle swoops on food.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will loosen my face and be cheerful,

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows; I know that You will not hold me innocent;

29 I have been condemned; why should I labor in vain?

30 If I wash myself with snow, and make my palms clean with lye soap,

31 yet You will plunge me into the ditch, and my own clothes would abhor me.

32 For *He is* not a man, as *I am*, that I should answer Him; *that* we should come together in judgment;

33 there is no mediator between us, *who* might lay his hand on both of us.

34 Let Him take His rod away from me, and let not His dread make me afraid;

35 *then* I would speak, and not fear Him; for I am not so in myself.

Job 10

1 Job complains and reasons with Jehovah about his afflictions. 18 He complains of life, and craves a little ease before death.

1 ¶ My soul loathes my life; I will leave my complaint on myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will say to God, Do not condemn me; make me know on what *ground* You contend with me.

3 Is *it* good to You that You should press on *me*, that You should despise the work of Your palms, and You shine *on* the counsel of the wicked *ones*?

4 *Have* You eyes of flesh; or do You see as a man sees?

5 Are Your days as the days of man? Or your years like the days of man,

6 that You seek out my iniquity, and search for my sin?

7 *It is* on Your knowing that I am not a wicked *one*; and *there is* no one delivering out of Your hand.

8 ¶ Your hands have made me and shaped me together round about, yet You engulf me.

9 Remember, I pray, that You have formed me as clay; and will You bring me to dust again?

10 Did You not pour me out like milk; yea, curdled me like cheese?

11 You clothed me with skin and flesh, and You knitted me with bones and sinews.

12 You have made me *have* life and favor, and Your providence has guarded my spirit.

13 And these You have hidden in Your heart; I know that this *was* with You.

14 ¶ If I sin, even You watch me; and You will not acquit me from my guilt.

15 If I am wrong, woe to me! And *if* I am being righteous, I will not lift up my head, *being* filled with shame and seeing my pain.

16 And *if* rise, You would hunt me as a lion; and again You show Yourself wonderful in me.

17 You renew Your witnesses against me, and increase Your anger with me; changes and warfare *are* with me.

18 And why did You bring me from the womb? I would have died, and no eye seen me.

19 I would have been as though I had never been, carried from the womb to the grave.

20 Are not my days few? Then cease and let me alone, that I may take a little comfort

21 before I go; and I shall not return, to the land of darkness, and the shadow of death;

22 a land of obscurity, the darkness of the shadow of death, and without any order; even the shining *is* as utter darkness.

Job 11

1 Zophar reproves Job for justifying himself.

5 Jehovah's wisdom is unsearchable. 13 The assured blessing of repentance.

1 ¶ And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:

2 Should not a multitude of words be answered? And should a man of lips be justified?

3 Should your lies make men silent? And will you mock, and no one make *you* ashamed?

4 For you have said, My doctrine *is* pure; and, I am clean in Your eyes.

5 But who will grant *that* God would speak and open His lips against you,

6 and would tell you the secrets of wisdom, that there is a doubling for counsel? Know then that God forgets *some* of your iniquity for you.

7 ¶ Can you find out God by searching? Or can you find out the end of the Almighty?

8 Heights of the heavens! What can you do? *It is* deeper than Sheol; what can you know?

9 Its measure *is* longer than the earth, broader than the sea.

10 If He passes through and shuts up, or gathers together, even who can turn Him back?

11 For He knows the vanity of men; and He sees deceit, and will He not consider?

12 For empty-minded man takes heart, and man is born a wild ass's colt.

13 ¶ If you prepare your heart, and stretch out your palm toward Him;

14 if iniquity *is* in your hand, put it far away and do not let wickedness dwell in your tents;

15 surely then you shall lift up your face without blemish; and you will be steadfast, and you will not fear;

16 for you shall forget *your* misery, and shall remember *it* as waters that have passed;

17 and *your* lifetime shall rise more than the noonday; you shall fly; you shall be as the morning.

18 And you shall trust, because there is hope. Yea, you shall look about and you shall lie down in safety.

19 You shall lie down, and no one *will be* terrifying; yea, many shall seek your favor.

20 But the eyes of the wicked *ones* shall be consumed, and escape shall perish from them; and their hope shall be like the breathing out of the soul.

Job 12

1 Job maintains himself against his friends that reprove him. 7 He acknowledges Jehovah's omnipotency.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said:

2 For truly you *are* the people, and wisdom will die with you.

3 Also to me *is a* heart as *well* as to you; I do not fall *short* of you. And with whom *are* not things like these?

4 I *am* a laughingstock to his friend; *he* calls to God, and He answers him; the just *one*, the blameless *one is* a mockery;

5 a flame *is* despised in the thoughts of him who is at ease; *it is* ready for those with slipping *feet*.

6 ¶ The tents of plunderers and those provoking God *are* in security, to whomever God brings into his hand.

7 But now please ask the animals, and they will teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and they will declare to you;

8 or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will recount to you;

9 who among all these does not know that Jehovah's hand has done this,

10 in whose hand *is* the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all flesh, *even* of man?

11 Does the ear not try words, and the mouth taste food for itself?

12 ¶ With the aged *is* wisdom, and understanding *in* the length of days.

13 With Him *is* wisdom and strength; He has forethought and understanding.

14 Behold, He breaks down, and no one builds; He shuts against a man, and no one opens.

15 Behold, He holds back the waters, and they dry up; and He sends them out, and they overflow the earth.

16 With Him *is* strength and sound wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver *are* His.

17 He causes counselors to go barefoot; and He makes judges to be boastful.

18 He loosens the bonds of kings, and He binds their loins with a girdle;

19 making priests walk *away* barefoot; and He overthrows the ever-enduring *ones*;

20 turning aside the lip of the trusted men; and He takes away the reason of the aged,

21 pouring scorn on nobles, and He loosens the girdle of the strong;

22 revealing deep things out of darkness; and He brings the shadow of death to light.

23 He gives greatness to the nations, and He destroys them; spreading out the nations, and He leads them out;

24 turning away the heart of the heads of the people of the land; and He causes them to wander in a waste *in which is* no path.

25 They grope in the dark, and *there is* no light; and He makes them stagger like a drunkard.

Job 13

*1 Job reproves his friends for their partiality.
14 He professes his confidence in Jehovah,
20 and entreats to know his sins, and Jehovah's
purpose in afflicting him.*

1 ¶ Behold, my eye has seen all this; my ear has heard and understood it.
2 As you know, I know, even I; not falling short of you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But you *are ones* smearing lies; all of you *are* worthless healers.

5 Oh that you would stop speaking entirely, and it would be your wisdom!

6 Hear now my reasoning, and attend to the arguments of my lips.

7 Would you speak unrighteously for God and speak deceitfully for Him?

8 Will you lift up His face, or *will you* contend for God?

9 Or as one man mocks a man, do you mock Him? Is it good that He should search you out?

10 Reproving He will reprove you if you secretly lift up faces.

11 Shall not His highness make you afraid and His dread fall on you?

12 Your remembered sayings *are* like ashes; surely your backs *are* backs of clay.

13 ¶ Be silent from me, that I may speak; and let what will pass over me.

14 Why do I lift up my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my palm?

15 Behold, He will cut me off; I will not wait, but I will reason out my ways before His face.

16 Also He *will be* salvation to me, for a godless *one* shall not come before Him.

17 Listening, listen to my word, and let my declaration be in your ears;

18 Behold now, I have set *my* cause in order; I know that I shall be justified.

19 Who *is* he *who* will strive with me? For now I would be quiet and die.

20 Only two *things* do not do to me, *O* God, then I will not hide myself from Your face:

21 Remove Your palm from me, and let not Your terror make me afraid.

22 Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and turn back to me.

23 ¶ How many *are* my iniquities and sins? Make me know my transgressions and my sin.

24 Why do You hide Your face and count me for Your enemy?

25 Will You terrify a leaf driven to and fro? Will you pursue the dry stubble?

26 For You write bitter things against me and make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.

27 You also put my feet in the stocks, and watch all my paths; You set a limit on the roots of my feet.

28 And he wears out like a rotten thing, like a garment *which* a moth eats.

Job 14

1 Job entreats Jehovah for favor, by the shortness of life, and certainty of death. 7 Though life once lost is definite, he waits for his change. 16 By sin the creature is subject to corruption.

1 ¶ Man born of woman *is* short of days and *full* of turmoil.

2 He comes forth like a flower and withers; he also flees like a shadow and does not stand.

3 Also do You open Your eyes on this *one* and bring me into judgment with You?

4 Who gives a clean *thing* out of an unclean *one*? Not one!

5 If his days are determined, the number of his months is with You, and You have made his bounds, and he cannot pass over;

6 look away from him, so that he may rest, till he shall enjoy his day as a hireling.

7 ¶ For there is hope of a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and its shoot will not cease.

8 Though its root becomes old in the earth, and its stump dies in the dust,

9 at the scent of water it will bud and produce branches like a plant.

10 But man dies and *is* cut off, and man expires; and where *is* he?

11 As the waters go away from the sea, and a river wastes away and dries up,

12 even *so* man lies down and does not rise until the heavens *are* no more, they shall not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep.

13 Who will grant *that* You would hide me in Sheol; You would conceal me until Your anger turns back; that You would set a limit for me and remember me?

14 If a man dies, will he live *again*?? All the days of my warfare I will wait, until my change comes.

15 You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall long to the work of Your hands.

16 ¶ For now You number my steps; do You not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and You cover over my iniquity.

18 And surely a falling mountain crumbles away, and the rock moves out of its place.

19 The waters wear away stones; its outpouring washes the dust of the earth; and You cause the hope of man to perish.

20 You overpower him forever, and he goes. You change his face and send him away.

21 His sons *are* honored, and he does not know; they are insignificant, but he does not discern it.

22 But his flesh is made heavy on him; and his soul mourns over him.

Job 15

1 Eliphaz reproves Job of impiety in justifying himself. 17 He proves by tradition the unquietness of wicked men.

1 ¶ And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 *Should* a wise man answer with windy knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with speaking *that is* not being of benefit, or with words having no profit in them?

4 Yea, you do away with fear and take away devotion before God.

5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth; and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

6 Your mouth condemns you, and not I; yea, your own lips testify against you.

7 *Were* you the first man born? Or were you made before the hills?

8 Have you heard the secret counsel of God? And do you limit wisdom to yourself?

9 What do you know that we do not know? Or understand, that is not with us?

10 With us *are* both the gray-headed and very aged *men*, mightier than your father *as to* days.

11 Are the comforts of God too little with you, *or* a word *that* deals gently with you?

12 Why does your heart take you away, and why do your eyes flash,

13 that you turn your spirit against God and let *such* words go out of your mouth?

14 What *is* man that he should be clean? Or *he* born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, He puts no trust in His holy *ones*; yea, the heavens are not clean in His eyes.

16 How much more loathed and corrupted *is* man who drinks injustice like water!

17 ¶ I will tell you; hear me, and I will recount this that I have seen;

18 that which wise *men* have told and have not hidden from their fathers;

19 to them, them alone, the land was given, and no alien passed in their midst.

20 All the days of the wicked *one* he *is* writhing *in pain*; a number of years are stored up for the terrifying *one*.

21 A dreadful sound of things *is* in his ears; the *one* devastating shall come on him in peace.

22 He does not trust to be brought back from darkness, but he *is* awaited by the sword.

23 He *is* wandering for bread. Where *is it*? He knows that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Straits and distress terrify him; they shall overpower him, as a king ready for the attack;

25 because he stretched out his hand against God; and *he* acts mighty against the Almighty.

26 He runs at Him with a *stiff* neck, with the thick layers of his shields,

27 because he has covered his face with fat; yea, he has put fat on *his* loins.

28 And he dwells *in* cut off cities; houses, none lives in them, which are ready *to become* heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, and his wealth shall not hold out, and not shall he stretch out their gain on the earth.

30 He shall not escape from darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches; and he shall turn at the breath of His mouth.

31 Let not *one* being led astray trust in vanity; for vanity shall be his reward.

32 Before his day it shall be fulfilled, and his branch shall not be green;

33 he shall shake off its unripe grape as the vine; and he shall cast its flower like the olive.

34 For the company of the godless *one shall be* bleak; and fire shall devour the tents of *the* giver of the bribe

35 they conceive mischief and give birth to evil; and their belly prepares deceit.

Job 16

1 Job reproves his friends of unmercifulness.

7 He shows the pitifulness of his case.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said: 2 I have heard many such *things*. You *are* all troublesome comforters.

3 *Is there* an end to words of wind? Or what provokes you that you answer?

4 I also could speak as you. If your soul were in the place of my soul, I could bind words against you and shake at you with my head.

5 I might strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips could spare you.

6 ¶ If I speak, my pain is not held back; and if I forbear, what part of me goes away?

7 But now He has made me weary. You have desolated all my company.

8 And You have plucked me; for it is a witness, and my failure rises up against me; yea, it answers to my face.

9 His anger has torn, and retained animosity against me; He gnashes at me with His teeth; my Adversary sharpens his eyes at me.

10 They have gaped at me with their mouth *and* with scorn struck my cheek; they gather themselves together against me.

11 God has delivered me to the perverse *one*; and He has pushed me headlong to the hands of the wicked *ones*.

12 I was at ease, but He has shattered me; yea, *He has* also taken hold on my neck and broken me to bits; and He has set me up as a target for Him.

13 His archers surround me; He splits my kidneys and has no pity; He pours out my gall on the ground.

14 He breaks me with break on the face of break; He runs on me like a mighty *one*.

15 I have sewed sackcloth on my skin, and I have thrust my horn in the dust.

16 My face is reddened from weeping; and the shadow of death *is* on my eyelids,

17 ¶ though no violence *is* in my palm, and my prayer *is* pure.

18 O earth, do not cover my blood, and let not be a place for my cry.

19 Even now, behold! My witness is in Heaven and my Testifier *is* on high.

20 My scorners *are* my friends; my eye pours out *tears* to God.

21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleads* for his friend!

22 For years of number will come; and I shall not return the way I shall go.

Job 17

1 Job appeals from men to Jehovah. 6 The unmerciful dealing of men with the afflicted may astonish, but not discourage the righteous. 11 His hope is not in life, but in death.

1 ¶ My spirit is in trouble; my days are extinguished; graves *are* for me.

2 If not *there were* mockers with me, and my eye rests on their insults.

3 Please lay down a pledge for me with Yourself; who *is* he *who* will strike my hand with me?

4 For You have hidden their heart from understanding; therefore You shall not exalt *them*.

5 For a share he makes known *to* friends; even his son's eyes shall be consumed.

6 He has also set me as a byword of the peoples, and I am a spitting to the faces.

7 And my eye is dim from grief; and all my members *are* all of them like a shadow.

8 Upright *ones* shall be amazed at this; and the innocent *one* shall stir himself against the godless *one*.

9 And the righteous *one* shall hold firmly on his way; and he of clean hands adds strength.

10 ¶ And now all of them, go back and please come again; and I shall not find among you a wise *man*.

11 My days have passed; my plans *are* broken off, the desires of my heart.

12 They set night for day; light *is* near in the face of darkness.

13 If I wait for Sheol *as* my house, I have spread out my bed in the darkness;

14 I have called to corruption, You *are* my father; to the worm, My mother and my sister.

15 And where then *is* my hope? And *as* for my hope, who shall see it?

16 They shall go down to the bars of Sheol, when *our* descent together *is* in the dust.

Job 18

1 Bildad reproves Job of presumption and impatience. 5 The calamities of the wicked.

1 ¶ And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 Until when will you put an end to words? Consider, and afterwards we will speak.

3 Why are we counted as beasts? Are we stupid in your eyes?

4 *One* tearing his soul in his anger, *shall* the earth *be* forsaken for your sake? Or shall the rock move from its place?

5 ¶ Yes, the light of the wicked *ones* shall be put out; and the spark of his fire shall not blaze.

6 The light shall be dark in his tent; and his lamp shall be put out above him;

7 the steps of his strength shall be cramped, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For he is sent into a net by his own feet; and he is walking on a snare;

9 the trap shall take him by the heel; a snare shall be strong over him;

10 the snare is hid for him in the ground, and a trap for him on the way.

11 ¶ Terrors frighten him on every side and shall break him at his feet.

12 His strength *is* hungry, and calamity shall be ready at his side.

13 It devours parts of his skin; the first-born of death eats his parts.

14 His hope shall be rooted out of his tent, and it makes him march to the king of terrors.

15 What *is* not his shall dwell in his tent; brimstone is scattered on his dwelling.

16 His roots are dried up beneath, and his branch shall wither above.

17 His memory perishes from the earth, and there is no name to him on the face of the street.

18 They push him from light to darkness, and they make him flee from the world.

19 He shall have no son and no kinsman among his people, and no remnant in his dwellings.

20 Those after him shall be amazed at his day; and those before were seized *with* horror.

21 Surely these *are* the tents of the perverse *one*, and this the place *that* has not known God.

Job 19

1 Job, complaining of his friends, saying to them that there is misery enough in him to feed their cruelty. 23 He believes the resurrection.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said:

2 Until when will you torment my soul and break me in pieces with words?

3 This ten times you have shamed me; you are not ashamed that you have wronged me.

4 And *if* indeed I have erred, my error remains with me.

5 If truly you magnify yourself against me, and plead my reproach against me,

6 know now that God has subverted me and His net has closed on me.

7 Behold, I cry out, Violence! And I am not answered; I cry aloud, but *there is* no justice.

8 ¶ He has fenced up my way so that I cannot pass; and He has set darkness on my paths.

9 He has stripped my honor off of me, and He has removed the crown from my head.

10 He has broken me on every side, and I go; and He has pulled up my hope like a tree.

11 And His anger glows against me, and He counts me as an adversary to Himself.

12 His troops come together and they heap up their way against me; and they camp all around my tent.

13 He has put my brothers from me; and ones knowing me truly are estranged from me.

14 My near *ones* have fallen away, and *ones* knowing me have forgotten me.

15 And *visitors* in my house and my slave-girls count me for a stranger; I am a foreign *one* in their eyes.

16 I call to my servant, but he does not answer; I must beg him with my mouth.

17 My breath is *also* being strange to my wife, and I must beg to the sons of my *mother's* womb.

18 Even young boys despise me; I rise, and they speak against me.

19 All the men of my counsel detest me; even those I loved have turned against me.

20 My bone clings on my skin and on my flesh; and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

21 Pity me! Pity me, you my friends! For the hand of God has touched me.

22 Why do you pursue me, as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 ¶ Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were engraved in a book!

24 Oh that they were cut with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever!

25 For I know my Redeemer *is* living, and He shall rise on the dust at the last;

26 and after my skin has been struck off from my flesh, yet this, I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and no stranger; *though* my reins be exhausted in my bosom.

28 For you may say, Why do we persecute him? And the root of the matter is found in me.

29 Fear for yourselves because of the sword; for fury *brings* punishments of the sword, that you may know *there is* a judgment.

Job 20

Zophar shows the state and portion of the wicked.

1 ¶ And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:

2 So my thoughts cause me to answer, even because of my haste in me.

3 I have heard the chastening of my reproach; and the spirit from my understanding makes me reply.

4 Do you know this from of old, from the setting of man on earth,

5 that the exulting of the wicked *ones is* near *an end*, and the joy of the godless *one is* for a moment?

6 Though his height goes up to the heavens, and his head touches to the clouds,

7 he shall perish forever like his dung; they who see him shall say, Where *is* he?

8 He flies off like a dream, and is not found; and is driven away like a night vision.

9 An eye caught sight of him, but will not again; yea, his place shall not again see him.

10 ¶ His sons seek the favors of the poor *ones*, and his hands shall give back his wealth.

11 His bones are full of his youthful vigor, but it lies down on the dust with him.

12 *Even if* evil is sweet in his mouth, *and he* hides it under his tongue,

13 *he* spares it, and *he* will not leave it; yea, *he* keeps holding it back in his mouth;

14 *yet* his food in his belly shall be turned; the gall of asps *is* within him.

15 He swallows wealth, but vomits it; God drives it out from his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, the flowings of torrents of honey and curd

18 giving back his gain, and he will not swallow the wealth of his exchanges; he will not enjoy *it*.

19 For he crushed *and* forsook the poor *ones*; he stole a house, but he had not built it.

20 Surely he shall not know ease in his belly; he will not escape with his things of desire.

21 There is no remnant for his food; because of this, his good will not last.

22 In the fullness of his scorn, it was distress for him; the hand of every wretched one shall come upon him.

23 ¶ It shall happen at the filling of his belly, He shall cast on him the fury of His wrath, and He shall rain on him *while* he is eating.

24 He may flee from the iron weapon, a bow of bronze shall pierce him.

25 One draws it, and draws it from his back, even lightning from his gall; terrors come upon him.

26 All darkness *is* hidden for secret treasuring; a fire not blown shall consume him; those left in his tent shall tremble.

27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth *shall be* raising up itself against him.

28 The fruit of his house shall move, flowing *away* in the day of His wrath.

29 This *is* the portion of the evil man from God, and the inheritance of his word from God.

Job 21

1 Job shows that even in the judgment of man he has reason to be grieved. 7 Sometimes the wicked prosper, as they despise Jehovah. 27 The judgment of the wicked is in another world.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said:

2 Listening, listen to my speech, and let this be your comfort;

3 Rise with me and I shall speak; then after I have spoken, you may mock.

4 *As for* me, is my complaint to man? And why should not my spirit be short?

5 Turn toward me and be astonished, and put *your* hand on *your* mouth.

6 And if I remember, I am dismayed; and shuddering seizes on my flesh.

7 ¶ Why do the wicked *ones* live? They grow old, and become mighty *in* power.

8 Their seed is established with them before their face, and their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses *are* in peace, without fear; and no rod of God's *is* on them.

10 His bull passes *semen* and does not fail; his cow calves and does not miscarry.

11 They send their young boys out as a flock, and their children dance.

12 They lift up *voice* at the timbrel and lyre, and rejoice at the sound of the flute.

13 They spend their days in good, and in a moment go down *to* Sheol.

14 And they say to God, Depart from us, for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.

15 What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what do we profit if we entreat Him?

16 Behold, their good *is* not in their hand! The counsel of the wicked *ones* is far from me.

17 ¶ How often is the lamp of the wicked *ones* put out, and their calamity comes on them! He shares out pangs in His anger;

18 they are as straw before the wind, and as chaff *that* the tempest steals away.

19 God stores up his iniquity for his sons; He repays him, and he knows.

20 His eyes shall see his ruin, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what *is* his delight in his house after him, and his number of months is cut off.

22 Shall *any* teach God knowledge, since He shall judge those who are exalted?

23 One dies in his full strength, wholly secure and at ease;

24 his sides are full of milk, and his bones are wet with marrow.

25 And this *one* dies with bitter soul, and never eats with pleasure;

26 they lie down together on the dust, and the worm covers over them.

27 ¶ Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *with which* you do wrong against me;

28 for you say, Where *is* the house of the noble, and where the tent, the dwellings of the wicked *ones*?

29 *Have* you not asked those who pass along the way; and do you not recognize their signs?

30 For the wicked *one* is kept for the day of calamity; they shall be brought to the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? And who repays him for *what* he has done?

32 Yet he shall be brought to the graves, and watch shall be kept over *his* tomb.

33 And the clods of the valley shall be sweet to him; and every man shall draw after him; and before him there *is no* number.

34 How then do you comfort me with vanity? Yea, in your answers a treacherous act remains.

Job 22

1 Eliphaz shows that man's goodness does not profit Jehovah. 5 He accuses Job of sins. 21 He exhorts him to repentance with promises of mercy.

1 ¶ And Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 Can a man be of use to God, as *one* acting wisely *is* being of use to himself?

3 *Is it* pleasure to the Almighty that you are a righteous *one*? Or is it gain to *Him* that you make your ways perfect?

4 Will He reprove you because of your reverence, or enter into judgment with you?

5 ¶ *Is* not your evil great, and is there no end to your iniquities?

6 For you have taken a pledge from your brother for nothing, and you have stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 You have not given water to the faint to drink, and you withheld food from the hungry.

8 And the earth *is* to him, *to* the man of arm; and the lifted up *of* face lives in it.

9 You have sent widows away empty, and have crushed the arms of orphans.

10 On account of this snares *are* all around you, and suddenly dread troubles you;

11 or darkness, so *that* you cannot see, and a flood of waters covers you.

12 *Is* not God high in Heaven? And see the leading stars, for *they are* high.

13 And you say, What does God know? Can He judge through the dark cloud?

14 Clouds *are* a covering for Him, and He does not see; and He walks the circuit of the heavens.

15 ¶ Do you keep to the old way which evil men have trod,

16 *the ones* who were taken, but *there was* not time; their foundation was poured out by a river;

17 *the ones* saying to God, Depart from us; and, What can the Almighty do to them?

18 Yet He filled their houses with good; and the counsel of the wicked *ones* is far from me.

19 The righteous *ones* see *it* and are glad; and the innocent *ones* scornfully laugh;

20 truly our adversary is not cut down, and fire has consumed their excess.

21 ¶ Now be of service with Him, and be at peace; good shall come to you by them.

22 Now receive the Law from His mouth and put His words in your heart.

23 If you return to the Almighty you shall be built up; *you shall* put injustice far from your tents.

24 Then you shall lay gold on the dust, even among the rocks of the torrents of Ophir.

25 Yea, the Almighty shall be your gold and silver, *a tower of strength* for you,

26 for then you will delight over the Almighty, and you will lift up your face to God.

27 You shall make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you; and you shall pay your vows.

28 You shall also decide a thing, and it will stand for you; and light shall shine on your ways.

29 For they have humiliated *you*; and you shall say, a lifting up! And He shall save the lowly of eyes.

30 He shall deliver *one* not innocent and will deliver by the cleanness of your palms.

Job 23

1 Job longs to appear before Jehovah, 6 in confidence of His mercy. 8 Jehovah, who is invisible, observes our ways. 11 Job's innocence.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said:

2 Even today my complaint *is* bitter; my hand is heavy over my groaning.

3 Oh that I knew and I could find Him, I would come into His seat;

4 I would set in order *my* cause before Him, and I would fill my mouth *with* arguments.

5 I would know the words He would answer me, and understand what He would say to me.

6 Would He contend with me with greatness of strength? No, surely He would put *it* to me.

7 There the upright *one* might reason with Him; and I would be forever delivered from my Judge.

8 ¶ Behold, I go forward, but He is not *there*; and backward, but I do not perceive Him;

9 to the left where He works, but I cannot see; He turns to the right, but I do not see *Him*.

10 But He knows the way with me. *When* I am tried, I shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot has held fast in His steps; I have kept His way and have not turned;

12 and I have not departed from the command of His lips; I treasured the words of His mouth more than my portion.

13 ¶ But He *is* in one *mind*, and who can turn Him? Yea, His soul desires, and He does *it*.

14 For He fulfilled my lot, and many like these are with Him.

15 On account of this I am troubled from His presence; I consider, and *I* am in dread of Him.

16 For God makes my heart weak, and the Almighty troubles me.

17 In *this* I was not cut off by darkness; yea, He covered the thick darkness from my face.

Job 24

1 Wickedness goes often unpunished. 17 There is a secret judgment for the wicked.

1 ¶ Why *since* times are not hidden from the Almighty, even those knowing Him do not see His days?

2 They move the landmarks; they seize and pasture flocks;

3 they drive away the ass of orphans; they take the widow's ox for a pledge;

4 they turn the needy *ones* out of the way; the afflicted *ones* of the earth have hidden together.

5 Behold, *like* wild asses in the desert, they go out in their work, seeking early for prey; the desert *yields* food for him for *their* young.

6 They reap his fodder in the field, and they glean the vineyard of the wicked *one*.

7 They lodge naked *ones* without clothing, and *there* is no cover against the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of hills, and embrace the rock for lack of shelter.

9 They seize the orphan from the breast, and lay a pledge on afflicted *ones*.

10 They make *them* go without clothing, and *are* hungry; they take up a sheaf.

11 They press out oil between their walls; they tread winepresses, but are thirsty.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded cries for help; yet God does not charge unseemliness.

13 ¶ They are among *ones* rebelling against light; they do not recognize His ways, and not do they stay in His paths.

14 The murderer rising with the light kills the afflicted and needy *ones*, and in the night he is a thief.

15 And the eye of the adulterer keeps watch for twilight, saying, No eye will see me; and he puts a covering on *his* face.

16 In the dark he digs through houses; they shut themselves up by day; they do not know the light.

17 For alike *are* morning *and* death-shadow to them; for he knows the terrors of death-shade.

18 ¶ He *is* swift on the face of the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; he does not face the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat tear away the snow waters, *and* Sheol *those who* have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm sucks on him; he shall be remembered no more; and injustice shall be broken like a tree.

21 He feeds the barren *that* do not bear, and does no good to the widow.

22 He also draws the mighty *one* with his strength; He rises up, and no one *is* made sure in life.

23 He gives security to him, and he leans on *it*; yet His eyes *are* on their ways.

24 They are lifted up *for* a little while, but they are not; and they are brought low; they are gathered in like all *others*, and wither like the heads of ears of grain.

25 And if not, then who will prove me a liar and make my speech into nothing?

Job 25

Bildad shows that man cannot be justified before Jehovah.

1 ¶ And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 Rule and fear are with Him, making peace in His high places.

3 Is there any number of His troops? And on whom does His light not rise?

4 How then can man be justified with God? Or how can *one* who is born of a woman be pure?

5 Behold, even *the* moon, and it is not bright; and the stars are not pure in His eyes;

6 how much less man *who is* a maggot; and the son of man *who is* a worm!

Job 26

1 Job, reproving the uncharitable spirit of Bildad, 5 acknowledges the power of God to be unsearchable.

1 ¶ And Job answered and said:
2 How have you helped *the* powerless, or saved the arm not strong?

3 How have you counseled *the one* not wise or made known an abundance of wisdom?

4 With whom have you spoken words? And whose breath came forth from you?

5 ¶ The departed spirits are made to writhe from beneath the waters, and those residing *there*.

6 Sheol *is* naked before Him, and the Place of Ruin has no covering.

7 He stretched out the north over the empty place, hanging the earth on nothing.

8 He binds up *the* waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud does not burst under them.

9 He covers the face of *His* throne, spreading His cloud over it.

10 He has described a circle on the face of the waters to the boundary of light with darkness.

11 The pillars of the heavens tremble and are stunned at His rebuke.

12 With His power He quiets the sea, and by His understanding He shatters the proud.

13 By His Spirit the heavens *were* beautiful; His hand pierced the fleeing snake.

14 Lo, these *are* the edges of His ways; yea, what a whisper of a word we hear of Him! And the thunder of His might who can understand?

Job 27

1 Job protests his sincerity. 8 The hypocrite is without hope. 11 The blessings which the wicked have are turned into curses.

1 ¶ And Job continued the lifting up of his parable, and said:

2 As God lives, He has turned aside my judgment; yea, the Almighty has made my soul bitter.

3 As long as my breath *is* in me, and the breath of God *is* in my nostrils,

4 my lips shall not speak injustice, and my tongue shall not utter deceit.

5 Far be it from me that I should justify you. Until I die, I shall not turn aside my integrity from me.

6 I hold fast on my righteousness, and I will not abandon it; my heart shall not reproach *me any* of my days.

7 ¶ As is my enemy like the wicked *one*, even he who rises against me *is* as the perverse one.

8 For what *is* the hope of the godless *one* when He cuts off, when God pulls out his soul?

9 Will God hear his cry when distress comes upon him?

10 Will he delight in the Almighty? Will he call on God at all times?

11 ¶ I will teach you by the hand of God; that which *is* with the Almighty I will not hide.

12 Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves; And why *have* you become vain *with* this vanity?

13 This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the inheritance of terrifying *ones that* they shall receive from the Almighty.

14 If his sons become numerous, *the* sword *is* for them; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 His remnant shall be buried in death, and his widows shall not weep.

16 Though he heaps up silver like the dust, and prepares clothing like the clay;

17 he may prepare, but the righteous *one* shall put *it* on; and the innocent *one* shall divide the silver.

18 He builds his house like a moth, and like a booth that a watchman makes.

19 The rich *man* shall lie down, but *he* shall not be gathered; he opens his eyes, and he *is* not.

20 Terrors shall overtake him like waters; a tempest steals him away in the night.

21 The east wind lifts him up and he is gone; for it storms him away from his place.

22 For it will cast at him, and will not spare; fleeing from its hand he will flee.

23 He shall clap His palms at him, and shall hiss him from his place.

Job 28

1 There is a knowledge of natural things. 12 But wisdom is an excellent gift of Jehovah.

1 ¶ Surely there is a mine for the silver, and a place *where* they refine gold.

2 Iron is taken out of the dust, and copper *is* smelted *from* stone.

3 He sets an end to darkness, and to every extremity; He searches out a stone of darkness and death-shade.

4 He opens a shaft far from the visitor; they are forgotten by *man's* foot; they hang far from men; they swing to and fro.

5 The earth; out of it comes bread; and underneath it, it is turned up like fire.

6 The place of sapphires *is in* its stones, and it has dust of gold.

7 *There is* a path not known to birds of prey, a falcon's eye has not caught sight of it;

8 the sons of pride have not trodden on it; the lion has not passed by it.

9 He places His hand on the flint places; He overturns mountains by the roots.

10 He cuts out rivers among the rocks, and His eye sees every precious thing.

11 He restrains the floods from overflowing; and He brings the hidden thing *to* light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? And where *is* the place of understanding?

13 Man does not know its value, and not is it found in the land of the living.

14 ¶ The deep says, *It is* not in me; and the sea says, *It is* not with me.

15 Pure gold cannot be given instead of it, and silver cannot be weighed as its price.

16 It cannot be weighed against the gold of Ophir, against precious onyx, or sapphire;

17 gold and crystal cannot be ranked with it, *and not* its exchange a vessel of fine gold.

18 Coral and rock crystal cannot be mentioned; yea, the getting of wisdom *is* above jewels.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot be ranked with it; it cannot be weighed against pure gold.

20 ¶ Where then does wisdom come from, and where *is* the place of understanding?

21 Yea, it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the heavens;

22 the Place of Ruin and Death say, We have heard its fame with our ears.

23 God knows its way, and He knows its place.

24 For He looks to the ends of the earth, *and* sees under all the heavens;

25 making a weight for the winds and measuring out the waters by measure.

26 When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the flash, the thunderclap,

27 then He saw it, and declared it; He prepared it, and He also searched it out.

28 And to man He said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom! And to turn from evil *is* understanding.

Job 29

Job tells of his former prosperity and honor.

1 ¶ And Job continued the lifting up of his parable, and said:

2 Oh that I were as *in* months past, as *in* the days when God watched over me;

3 when His lamp shone on my head, *when* I walked *through* darkness by His light;

4 as I was in the days of my harvest, when the counsel of God *was* over my tent;

5 when the Almighty *was* yet with me *and* my children *were* around me;

6 when I washed my steps with curds, and the rock poured out rivers of oil for me;

7 ¶ when I went out to the gate by the city; *when* I prepared my seat in the broad place.

8 The young men saw me and hid themselves; the aged rose up, stood up;

9 the rulers held back with words, and they laid a palm on their mouth;

10 the leaders' voice was hidden; yea, their tongue clung to their palate.

11 For the ear heard, and blessed me; and the eye saw, and witnessed for me.

12 For I delivered afflicted *ones* who cried for help and the orphan *who had* no helper to him.

13 The blessing of the perishing came on me; and I made the widow's heart to sing.

14 I put on righteousness and it clothed me; my judgment *was* like a robe and a turban.

15 I was eyes to the blind *ones* and feet for the lame *ones*.

16 I *was* father to the poor *one*, and the cause which I did not know, I searched out.

17 I broke the fangs of the perverse one, and cast the prey out of his teeth.

18 ¶ And I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply days like the sand.

19 My root *was* open to the waters, and the dew lay all night on my branch.

20 My glory *was* fresh with me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

21 They listened to me and waited, and kept silence for my counsel.

22 After my words, they did not repeat *it*, and my speech dropped on them.

23 And they waited for me like the rain; and they opened their mouth wide *as* for the latter rain.

24 I laughed on those *when* they did not believe, and they did not make the light of my face to fall.

25 I chose out their way, and sat as chief; and I lived like a king among the troops; as the mourners, and he who comforts.

Job 30

1 Job's honor is turned into extreme contempt,

15 His prosperity into calamity.

1 ¶ But now the younger *in* days laugh at me; *those* whose fathers I would have refused to set with the dogs of my flock.

2 Also, what *profit* for me *was* the strength of their hands; *for* full vigor had perished from them?

3 They are lifeless with want and hunger, those who gnaw the dry ground *which was* formerly waste and desolation;

4 *those* plucking mallow by the bushes, and broom roots *for* their food;

5 they are driven from the midst; they shouted against them as a thief;

6 *they* dwell in the chasms of the torrents, in the holes of the earth, and *in* rocks.

7 They bray among the bushes; they huddle together under the nettles;

8 sons of a foolish *one*; yea, sons without a name; they have been whipped out of the land.

9 And now I have become their song; yea, I am their *byword*.

10 They loathe me, and they keep away from me; they do not spare spit from my face;

11 Because He has loosed His bowstring and afflicted me, they also have thrown off the bridle in my presence.

12 On *my* right hand a brood rises; they push away my feet and raise their paths of distress against me.

13 They have broken down my path; they profit by my ruin; they have no helper. for them.

14 They come on, as *through* a break; they roll on under a ruin.

15 ¶ Terrors are turned on me; they pursue my soul like the wind, and my prosperity passes away like a cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out within me; days of affliction have seized me.

17 The night pierces my bones on me, and my gnawing *pain* does not lie down.

18 With great force my garment is disfigured; it girds me like the mouth of my coat.

19 *He has* cast me into the mire; and I have become like dust and ashes.

20 I cried to You, but You did not answer me. I stood up, and You considered me.

21 You changed to *be* cruel to me; You keep on assaulting me with the might of Your hand;

22 You lift me up to the wind; You cause me to ride *on it*; and You melt me *in* a storm.

23 For I know *that* You will bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

24 Surely He will not send out *His* hand to the ruin heap; behold, though he cries for help in his destruction.

25 Did I not weep for him whose day is hard; and my soul grieved for the poor *one*?

26 When I expected good, then evil came; and when I waited for light, even darkness came.

27 My bowels have boiled, and *they have* not rested; the days of affliction confront me.

28 I go about being in the dark with no sun; I stood up in the assembly, *and* I cried out.

29 I am a brother to jackals, and a friend to daughters of the ostrich.

30 My skin is blackened on me, and my bones are burned with heat.

31 And my lyre has *turned* to mourning, and My flute *vibrates* to the sound of weeping.

Job 31

Job makes a solemn protest of his integrity in several duties.

1 ¶ I made a covenant with my eyes, and how could I look intently on a virgin?

2 For what *is* the portion from God above, and *what is* the legacy from the Almighty on high?

3 *Is* it not disaster to the perverse one, and calamity to the workers of iniquity?

4 Does He not see my ways and count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or my foot has hurried to deceit,

6 let me be weighed in just scales, and that God may know my integrity.

7 If my step has turned aside out of the way, or my heart has walked after my eyes, and if any spot has clung to my palm,

8 let me sow, and let another eat; and let my offspring be uprooted.

9 ¶ If my heart has been enticed by a woman; or I laid in wait at my neighbor's door,

10 let my wife grind to another, and let others crouch over her.

11 For that *would be* an evil purpose, and *it is* iniquity *for* the judges.

12 For it *is* a fire that devours to the Place of Ruin, and it would root up all my gain.

13 If I rejected the cause of my male slave or my slave-girl when they contended with me,

14 what then shall I do when God rises up? And when He calls me up, what shall I answer Him?

15 Did not He who made me in the belly make him? And did not One shape us in the womb?

16 ¶ If I have withheld from the desire of the poor *one*, or I have consumed the widow's eyes,

17 or have eaten my bit alone, and the orphan has not eaten from it,

18 for from my youth he grew up with me as *with* a father, and from my mother's womb I guided her.

19 If I have seen any perish for lack of clothing, or *there was* no covering for the needy *one*;

20 if his loins have not blessed me, and he warmed himself with the fleece of my flock;

21 if I have lifted up my hand against the orphan, when I saw my help in the gate;

22 let my shoulder fall from the blade, and let my arm be broken from the bone.

23 For calamity *from* God *is* a terror to me, and I could not do *the thing* because of His majesty.

24 ¶ If I have made gold my hope or have said fine gold *is* my trust;

25 if I rejoiced because my wealth *was* great; or because my hand had found much;

26 if I looked to the light when it shone, or the moon walking in splendor,

27 and my heart was secretly enticed, or my mouth has kissed my hand;

28 this also *would be* an iniquity *for* the judges; for I would have denied God above.

29 If I rejoiced at the ruin of one hating me, and I was excited when evil found him;

30 also I have not given my mouth to sin by asking his life with a curse;

31 if the men of my tent did not say, Who *can* give; not being satisfied from his flesh?

32 The stranger did not lodge outside, *for* I opened my doors to the traveler;

33 ¶ if I covered my transgressions like Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

34 then let me fear before a great multitude, and let the contempt of families frighten me *and* I will be silent, *and* not go out the door.

35 Oh that to me *were one* to listen to me! Behold my mark! Let the Almighty answer me, and let the Man of my contention write an indictment.

36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, *and* bind it *like* crowns to me.

37 I would tell Him the number of my steps. Like a prince I would come near Him.

38 If my land cries out against me, or its furrows weep together;

39 if I have eaten its strength without silver, or have caused the life of its owner to breathe out,

40 let thorns come forth instead of wheat, and a weed instead of barley. The words of Job are finished.

Job 32

1 Elihu is angry with Job and his three friends. 11 He reproves them for not satisfying Job. 16 His zeal to speak.

1 ¶ And these three men rested from answering Job, because he *was* a righteous one in his own eyes.

2 And burned the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram; his anger burned against Job, because he had justified himself rather than God.

3 Also his anger burned against his three friends, because they had not found *any* answer, yet they had condemned Job.

4 And Elihu had waited for Job with words, because they *were* older than he in days.

5 When Elihu saw that there *was* no answer in the mouth of the three men, then his anger burned.

6 ¶ And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I *am* young, and you *are* very aged; so I feared and was afraid to make my opinion known to you.

7 I said, Days will speak, and many years will make wisdom known.

8 But it *is* a spirit in man giving them perception, even the breath of the Almighty.

9 *It is* not the great *ones* that are being wise, and not the aged *ones* who understand judgment;

10 so then I say, Listen to me; I will make known my opinion, I also.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons while you searched out words;

12 yea, I considered, and behold, not one of you proved Job wrong, *nor* answered his sayings;

13 that you not say, We have discovered wisdom. *It is* God who will defeat him, not man.

14 And he has not ordered words against me, and I will not answer him with your words.

15 ¶ They are broken; they do not reply again; words have been removed from them.

16 Shall I wait because they do not speak, because they stand, not answering again?

17 I also will make known *what* I know.

18 For I am full of words; the spirit in my belly presses on me;

19 behold my belly *is* like wine that has no vent; it bursts like new wineskins.

20 I will speak so that I may be relieved; I will open my lips and answer.

21 I will not now lift up the face of a man, nor eulogize *any* man.

22 For I do not know how to eulogize; else after a little my Maker will take me up.

Job 33

1 Elihu offers to reason with Job. 8 He excuses Jehovah from giving man an account of his ways, by His greatness. 14 Jehovah calls man to repentance by visions, 19 by afflictions, 23 and by His mediator.

1 ¶ And yet, Job, now hear my speech and give ear to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth; my tongue has spoken in my mouth.

3 My words *are* of uprightness of my heart; and my lips will clearly speak knowledge.

4 The Spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Almighty enlivened me.

5 If you are able, answer me; array yourself, set yourself before me.

6 Behold me; I *am* toward God as you; I also was formed from the clay.

7 Behold, my terror shall not frighten you; and my burden shall not be heavy on you.

8 ¶ Surely you have spoken in my ears, and I have heard the sound of words.

9 *You said*, I *am* pure, without transgression; I *am* clean and no iniquity *is* in me;

10 behold, He finds alienation on me; He considers me His enemy;

11 He puts my feet in the stocks; He watches all my paths.

12 Behold, you are not right *in* this. I will answer you, for God is greater than man.

13 Why do you contend against Him, since *in* all His matters He does not answer *to you*?

14 ¶ For in one way God may speak, and in a second, *but* one does not regard it.

15 In a dream, a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men; while *they* slumber on the bed,

16 then He opens the ear of men and seals their instruction,

17 that He may turn man *from his* deed; that He might conceal pride from man.

18 He holds back his soul from the Pit, and his life from passing by the sword.

19 ¶ And he is chastened with pain on his bed, and the strife *in* his bones is enduring;

20 so that his life loathes bread, and his soul desirable food.

21 His flesh wastes away from *his* sight; and his bones laid bare, they were not seen.

22 And his soul draws near to the Pit, and his life to those causing dying.

23 If there is a messenger for him, a mediator, one among a thousand, to make known for his uprightness,

24 then let him be gracious to him and say, Deliver him from going down to the Pit, *for* I have found a ransom!

25 His flesh shall be fresher than in youth let him return to the days of his vigor.

26 He will pray to God, and He will accept him, and he will see His face with a shout of joy; for He will restore to man his righteousness.

27 He will look upon men and say, I have sinned, and I have perverted upright *ways*; and it was not made even to me;

28 He has redeemed my soul from passing over into the Pit, and my life shall see the light.

29 ¶ Behold, all these God does two *or* three times with a man,

30 to bring back his soul from the Pit, to be illuminated with the light of the living.

31 Pay attention, O Job; listen to me; be silent, and I will speak.

32 If there are words, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you.

33 If not, you listen to me; be silent, and I will teach you wisdom.

Job 34

1 Elihu accuses Job for charging Jehovah with injustice. 10 Jehovah's omnipotence cannot be unjust. 31 Man must humble himself to Jehovah.

1 ¶ And Elihu answered and said:

2 O wise *men*, hear my words; and you who know, give ear to me;

3 for the ear tries words *as* the palate tastes food.

4 Let us choose judgment for ourselves; let us know among ourselves what *is* good.

5 For Job has said, I am righteous; also, God has turned away my right;

6 should I lie against my right? My wound *is* incurable, without transgression.

7 What man *is* like Job, *who* drinks up derision like water;

8 who goes in company with those who work iniquity, and walks with wicked men?

9 For he has said, It is no benefit *for* a man when he is accepted with God.

10 ¶ Therefore, O man of heart, listen to me; far be it from God to do wrong, and the Almighty, to do injustice.

11 For He repays man's work to him; and according to a man's way, He causes him to find.

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedness, and not will the Almighty pervert justice.

13 Who with Him has watched over the earth? Or who has laid out the whole world?

14 If He sets His heart on him, *if* He gathers his spirit and his breath to Himself,

15 all flesh shall perish together, and man shall return to dust.

16 ¶ But *if you have* understanding, hear this; listen to the sound of my words:

17 Shall one who hates justice restrain *it*? Or will you condemn a righteous, mighty *one*;

18 who says to a king, O worthlessness; to nobles, O wicked *one*?

19 *He* who does not lift up the face of rulers, and does not regard the rich *one* before the poor *one*; for all of them *are* the work of His hands.

20 In a moment they die, and a people are shaken at midnight; yea, they pass away, and the mighty *one* will be turned aside with not a hand.

21 For His eyes *are* on the ways of a man, and He sees all his steps.

22 There is no darkness and no death-shade to hide there those who work iniquity.

23 For He does not appoint on man any more to go before God in judgment.

24 He will break mighty *men* without a search, and make stand others in their place.

25 So He knows their works; and He overturns in the night, and they are crushed.

26 He strikes them for *their* wicked deeds in the place of the ones who see,

27 for so they turned aside from following Him, and they did not wisely consider all His ways,

28 to cause the cry of the poor *one* to come to Him. For He hears the cry of the afflicted *ones*.

29 And He gives rest, and who can condemn? And when He hides *His* face, who then can see Him? Even *it may be* against a nation and a man together,

30 from the reigning of godless men, from *being* snares for the people.

31 ¶ For has any said to God, I have taken up; I will not pervert?

32 Besides that which I see, You teach me; if I have done iniquity, I will not do it again.

33 Must He repay you because you refused *it*? For you must choose, and not I; therefore, speak what you know.

34 Men of heart will say to me, and a wise man who hears me *will say*,

35 Job has not spoken *with* knowledge, and his words *are* not with insight.

36 Would that Job may be tried to the end, because *his* answers *are* like men of iniquity.

37 For he adds transgression to his sin; he claps *his* hands among us, and multiplies his words against God.

Job 35

1 *Comparison is not to be made with Jehovah, because our good or evil cannot extend to Him.*

9 *Many cry in their afflictions, but are not heard for lack of faith.*

1 ¶ And Elihu answered and said:

2 Do you think this *is for* judgment, you *that* say, my righteousness is more than God's?

3 For you say, What will it benefit you? What shall I profit more than *if I* had sinned?

4 I will answer you *with* words, and your friends with you.

5 Observe the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds, they are higher than you.

6 If you sin, what do you do against Him? Or *if* your transgressions are great, what do you do to Him?

7 If you are a righteous *one*, what do you give to Him? Or what does He receive from your hand?

8 Your wickedness *is* for a man like yourself; and your righteousness *may profit* a son of man.

9 ¶ From the host of oppressions, they cry out; they cry because of the arm of the multitude.

10 But no one says, Where *is* God, my Maker, who gives songs in the night,

11 teaching us more than the animals of the earth, and making us wiser than the birds of the heavens?

12 There they cry, but He does not answer, because of the pride of evildoers.

13 Surely, God will not hear vanity, and the Almighty will not look upon it.

14 ¶ How *much less* when you say you do not regard Him! Judgment *is* before Him, and you are waiting for Him.

15 And now, because His anger has not visited, and He does not regard great stupidity,

16 even Job vainly opens his mouth; he multiplies words without knowledge.

Job 36

1 *Elihu shows how Jehovah is just in His ways.*

16 *How Job's sins hinder Jehovah's blessings.*

24 *Jehovah's works are to be magnified.*

1 ¶ And Elihu continued, and said:

2 Wait for me a little, and I will make known to you that *there are* yet words for God.

3 I will bring my knowledge from afar, and I will credit righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words *are* not false; the perfect One in knowledge *is* with you.

5 ¶ Behold, God *is* mighty, and He does not despise. *He is* mighty in strength of heart.

6 He will not keep the wicked *one* alive, but He gives justice to the afflicted *ones*.

7 He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous *one*, but *they are like* kings on the throne; yea, *He* causes them to sit forever, and they are very high.

8 And if they *are* bound in chains, or caught in cords of affliction,

9 then He declares to them their work and their transgressions, that they have behaved proudly.

10 He also opens their ear to instruction, and commands that they turn back from iniquity.

11 If they hear and serve, they shall spend their days in good, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they do not listen, they shall pass away by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the goddess in heart lay up anger; they cry not when He has bound them.

14 Their soul dies in youth, and their life ends among the sodomites.

15 ¶ He delivers the afflicted *one* by his affliction, and *He* opens their ears by oppression.

16 And also He allured you from the mouth of distress *to* a wide place not cramped under it; and the setting of your table *would be* full of fatness.

17 And you have filled up the judgment of the wicked *one*; judgment and justice take hold.

18 For *beware* wrath, that He not incite you to mockery; then a great ransom cannot turn you aside.

19 *If* your cry for help is set in order, then *it will not be* in gold, but with all the strong forces?

20 Do not pant after the night when people are cut off in their stead.

21 Beware! Do not turn to iniquity; for you have chosen this rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God is exalted in His power. Who is a teacher like Him?

23 Who has appointed Him His way; or who can say, You have done wrong?

24 ¶ Remember that you magnify His work, of which men have sung;

25 every man has seen it; man beholds *it* from afar.

26 Behold, God *is* great, and we do not know; the number of His years are unsearchable.

27 For He draws up the drops of water; they distill rain into mist,

28 which the clouds drip down, and drop upon men plentifully.

29 Also *can* any understand the spreading of the clouds, the crashing of His canopy?

30 Behold, He spreads His light about Him, and He covers the bottom of the sea.

31 For by them He judges peoples, He gives food in abundance.

32 He covers over His palms with the lightning, and commands it to strike the mark;

33 its roar reveals concerning Him; also the livestock, as to what is coming.

Job 37

1 Jehovah is to be feared because of his great works. 15 His wisdom is unsearchable in them.

1 ¶ My heart also trembles at this, and it leaps from its place.

2 Listen carefully to the thunder of His voice, and the rumbling that comes out from His mouth.

3 He lets it loose under the whole heavens, and His lightning to the ends of the earth.

4 After it, a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice; and He will not hold them back when His voice is heard.

5 God thunders wondrously with His voice; He does great things, and we do not know.

6 ¶ For He says to the snow, Fall *on* the earth; also to the shower of rain, and the shower of *heavy* rains.

7 He seals up the hand of every man so that all men may know His work.

8 Then the beast goes into its lair, and they stay in their dens.

9 Out of the *inner* chamber comes the tempest, and cold from scattering winds.

10 Ice is given by God's breath, and the expanse of waters with tightness.

11 Yea, He loads the cloud with moisture; He scatters His lightning cloud;

12 and it turns about in all directions by His guidance, so that they may do whatever He commands them on the face of the world of the earth.

13 Whether as a rod, or for His land, or for mercy, He finds it.

14 ¶ Give ear to this, O Job; stand still and consider the wonders of God.

15 Do you know when God placed them, and caused the lightning of His cloud to shine?

16 Do you know the balance of the clouds, the wonderful works of the One who is perfect in knowledge,

17 you whose garments *are* warm when the earth is still from the south *wind*?

18 Can you beat out the expanse with Him, hardened like a mirror poured out?

19 Make us know what we shall say to Him; *for* we cannot arrange *our case* because of darkness.

20 Shall it be told to Him that I would speak? If a man speaks, surely he will be swallowed up.

21 ¶ And now *men* cannot look upon the light *when* it *is* bright in the clouds; when the wind has passed and cleared them.

22 Golden *splendor* comes out of the north; upon God *is* awesome majesty.

23 We cannot find Him, the Almighty; *He is* exalted in power; and He does not violate justice and abundant righteousness.

24 Therefore, men, fear Him; He does not see any who *are* wise of heart.

Job 38

1 Jehovah challenges Job to answer. 4 Jehovah convinces Job of ignorance through mighty works, 31 and of inability

1 ¶ And Jehovah answered Job out of the tempest and said:

2 Who *is* this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Now gird up your loins like a man, for I will question you; and you make Me know.

4 ¶ Where were you when I founded the earth? Declare if you know understanding.

5 Who has set its dimensions, for you know? Or who has stretched a line on it?

6 On what *were* its bases sunk? Or who cast its cornerstone,

7 when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it burst out; it came forth from the womb?

9 When I made the clouds for its clothing, and darkness its navel-band;

10 and I broke My limit on it and set bars and doors;

11 and I said, You shall come to here, but do not add; and here your proud waves shall be set?

12 ¶ Did you order the morning from your days, *and* caused the dawn to know its place,

13 that it might take hold of the ends of the earth; that the wicked *ones* might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned like clay *under* a seal; and they stand out like a garment.

15 And their light is withheld from the wicked *ones*, and the high arm shall be broken.

16 Have you gone to the springs of the sea; or have you walked in searching of the deep?

17 Have death's gates been opened to you; or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?

18 Have you understood the breadth of the earth? Declare, if you know it all!

19 Where *is* this, the way light dwells; and where is the place of darkness,

20 that you should take it to its boundary, and that you should perceive the paths to its house?

21 You know, for then you were born, and the number of your days *is* great.

22 Have you entered into the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,

23 which I have reserved for the time of distress, for the day of battle and war?

24 Where *is* this, the way the light is distributed; or the east wind *is* scattered on the earth?

25 ¶ Who has split a channel for the flood; or a way for the thunderclaps,

26 to make it rain on the earth *where* no man *is*, a wilderness and no man in it;

27 to satisfy the waste and desolation, and to cause the source of grass to sprout?

28 Is there a father for the rain? Or who has given birth to the drops of dew?

29 From whose womb comes forth the ice; and the frost of the heavens, who fathered it;

30 the waters hidden like stone, and the face of the deep is captured?

31 Can you bind the bands of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion?

32 Can you bring out the constellations in their season; or can you guide the Bear with its sons?

33 Do you know the limits of the heavens; can you establish their rule on the earth?

34 Can you lift your voice to the clouds, so that floods of water may cover you?

35 Can you send lightnings, that they may go and say to you, Here we *are*?

36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or who has given understanding to the mind?

37 Who can by wisdom number the clouds or who can lay down the jars of the heavens,

38 when the dust is poured out at the casting, and the clods cling fast together?

39 Do you hunt the prey for the lion, or fill the living *desire* of the young lions,

40 when they crouch in dens, *and* sit in the cover of their hiding place?

41 Who provides its food for the raven, when its young ones cry to God *and* wander about without food?

Job 39

1 *Of the wild goats and hinds. 5 Of the wild ass.*

9 *The wild ox. 13 The peacock, stork and ostrich. 19 The horse. 26 The hawk. 27 The eagle.*

1 ¶ Do you know the time of the bearing of the goats of the rock? Do you observe the travailing of deer?

2 Can you tell the months they fulfill; or do you know the time for their bearing,

3 when they crouch *and* bring forth; they send out their pangs?

4 Their sons become strong; they multiply with grain; they go forth and do not return to them.

5 Who has sent out the wild ass free, or who has loosened the bands of the wild ass?

6 To whom I have assigned the desert *for* his home, and the salt land *for* his dwellings?

7 He laughs at the roar of the city; he does not hear the driver's shouts;

8 he seeks out mountains *for* his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.

9 Will the wild ox consent to be your servant, or spend the night by your feed-trough?

10 Can you tie the wild ox *in* the furrow *with* his rope? Or will he harrow the valleys for you?

11 Will you trust him because his strength *is* great; or will you leave your labor to him?

12 Or will you have faith in him, that he will return your seed, and gather *it* to your threshing-floor?

13 ¶ The wing of the ostriches flap joyously, though not *like* the stork's pinions or feathers.

14 For she leaves her eggs to the earth, and lets them warm on the dust;

15 and forgets that a foot may crush it, or the beast of the field may trample it;

16 she treats her young roughly, as if not hers; for her labor *is* vanity without fear;

17 because God has made her forget wisdom; and He has not given to her a share in understanding.

18 At the time she lifts up on high, she laughs at the horse and its rider.

19 ¶ Have you given the horse *its* strength: have you clothed its neck *with* a mane?

20 Can you make him leap like a locust? The majesty of his snorting *is* terrifying.

21 He paws in the valley and he rejoices in *his* strength; he goes out to meet the weapons;

22 he mocks at fear and is not terrified; and he does not turn back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattles against him, the flashing spear and the javelin.

24 He swallows the ground with quivering and trembling, and he does not stand still for the sound of the rams' horn.

25 When the rams' horn *sounds*, he says, Aha! And he smells the battle from a distance, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 ¶ Does the hawk soar from your understanding? Will he spread his wings toward the south?

27 Or does the eagle mount up at your mouth, and make his nest on high?

28 He lives and stays *on the* rock, on the crag of the rock and *the* stronghold.

29 From there he seeks food; his eyes see afar off.

30 And his young brood sucks up blood; and where the pierced ones *are*, there he *is*.

Job 40

1 Job humbles himself to Jehovah. 6 Jehovah stirs him up to show his righteousness, power, and wisdom.

1 ¶ And Jehovah answered Job and said:
2 Shall a reprovor contend with the Almighty? He who reproves God, let him answer it.

3 Then Job answered Jehovah and said:
4 Behold, I am vile! What shall I answer You? I will put my hand to my mouth.

5 Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will go no further.

6 ¶ And Jehovah answered Job out of the tempest and said:

7 Now gird up your loins like a man. I will question you; and you make Me to know.

8 Yea, will you also nullify My judgment; will you condemn Me so that you may be justified?

9 And *have* you an arm like God; or can you thunder with a voice like His?

10 Adorn yourself with majesty now, and be exalted, and clothe yourself with glory and honor;

11 pour forth the outbursts of your anger; yea, look on everyone who is a proud *one*, and bring him down low;

12 look on every proud *one*, and humble him, and trample the wicked *ones* in their place;

13 hide them in the dust together; bind their faces in darkness.

14 And I also will confess to you that your right hand can save you.

15 ¶ Now behold Behemoth, which I made along with you; he eats grass like an ox;

16 see, now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force in the muscles of his belly;

17 he hangs his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together;

18 his bones *are like* tubes of bronze; his bones like bars of iron;

19 he *is* the first in the ways of God; His Maker brings near his sword.

20 For the mountains yield food for him, and all the beasts of the field play there.

21 He lies under the lotus, in the hiding-place of the reed and the marsh;

22 the lotus trees cover him *in* its shadow; the willows of the torrent circle him.

23 Behold, a flood oppresses, even if Jordan burst forth against his mouth.

24 Shall *any* take him before *his* eyes, or pierce *his* nose with snares?

Job 41

Of Jehovah's great power in the leviathan.

1 ¶ Can you draw out the leviathan with a hook, or hold down his tongue with a cord?

2 Can you put a reed rope into his nose, or pierce his jaw with a thorn?

3 Will he multiply supplications to you; or will he speak soft words to you?

4 Will he cut a covenant with you; will you take him for a slave forever?

5 Will you play with him as with a bird; or will you tie him up for your maidens?

6 Shall *your* partners bargain over him; shall they divide him among the merchants?

7 Can you fill his skin with barbs, or his head with fishing spears?

8 Put your palm on him; remember the battle; you will not do it again!

9 Behold, his hope has been made false; will one not be cast down at the sight of him?

10 None *is so* fierce as to dare to stir him up; and who *is* able to stand before Me?

11 ¶ Who has gone before Me that I should repay? *All* under the heavens, it *is* to Me!

12 I will not keep silent *as to* his limbs, or the matter of *his* powers, or the grace of his frame.

13 Who can take off the face of his covering; who can enter within his double bridle?

14 Who can *pry* open the doors of his face? Terror *is* round about his teeth.

15 The rows of shields *are his* pride, shut up with a tight seal;

16 each *one* is close to another that no air can come between them;

17 they are joined to one another; they clasp each other, and they cannot be separated.

18 His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes *are* as the eyelids of the dawn.

19 Out of his mouth go burning torches; sparks of fire fly out.

20 Smoke goes out of his nostrils like a pot breathed out and reeds.

21 His breath kindles coals and the flame goes out from his mouth.

22 Strength abides in his neck and before him leaps dismay.

23 The hanging parts of flesh cleave together firmly on him; he cannot be moved.

24 His heart is firm as a stone, even firm as a piece of a lower *millstone*.

25 The mighty ones are afraid from his arising; from the crashings they miss the way.

26 The sword overtakes him, *but* will not hold firm, the spear, the dart, or the javelin.

27 He counts iron as straw, bronze as rotten wood.

28 A son of a bow cannot make him flee; slingstones are turned to stubble by him;

29 clubs are counted as stubble; he laughs at the shaking of a javelin.

30 Points of potsherds *are* under him; he spreads sharp *marks* on the mire.

31 He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment;

32 he makes a path to shine after him; one would think the deep *to be* grayheaded.

33 There is nothing like him on earth, one made without fear.

34 He beholds all high *things*; he *is* king over all the sons of pride.

Job 42

1 Job submits himself to Jehovah. 7 Jehovah, preferring Job's cause, makes his friends to submit and accepts him. 16 Job's age and death.

1 ¶ And Job answered Jehovah and said:

2 I know that You can do all *things*, and not *any* purpose is withheld from You.

3 Who *is* this hiding counsel without knowledge? Therefore I declared, but did not understand *things* too wonderful for me; yea, I did not know.

4 I pray, Listen, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You will make me know.

5 I have heard of You by hearing of the ear, but now my eye has seen You;

6 Therefore, I despise *myself*, and I have repented on dust and ashes.

7 ¶ And it happened, after Jehovah spoke these words to Job, Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My anger burns against you and your two friends. For You have not spoken *what is* right about Me, as My servant Job.

8 And now take for you seven young bulls and seven rams and go to My servant Job, and cause to go up a burnt offering for yourselves. And My servant Job will pray for you. Surely I will lift up his face so as not to do with you *according to your* folly, in that you have not spoken *what is* right about Me, as My servant Job.

9 And Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, *and* Zophar the Naamathite went and did as Jehovah spoke to them. And Jehovah lifted the face of Job.

10 ¶ And when he prayed for his friends, Jehovah turned the captivity of Job; and Jehovah added to Job all which *had been* to him, to double.

11 And all his brothers and all his sisters came to him; and all knowing him before. And they ate bread with him in his house and consoled him and comforted him as to all the evil that Jehovah had brought on him. And they *each* man gave him one piece of money, and *each* man a ring of gold.

12 And Jehovah blessed the latter *days* of Job more than the earlier *days*. And to him were fourteen thousand sheep and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.

13 And he had seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

15 And in all the land there *were* not found women as beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

16 After this Job lived a hundred and forty years. And he saw his sons, and his grandsons, *even* four generations.

17 And Job died, *being* old and full of days.

The Book of PSALMS

Psalms 1

1 The happiness of the godly. 4 The unhappiness of the ungodly.

1 ¶ Happy is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the wicked *ones*, and has not stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of scorners.

2 But his delight *is* only in the Law of Jehovah, and he meditates in His Law day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivulets of waters, which will give its fruit in its seasons, and its leaf will not wither, and all which he does will prosper.

4 ¶ Not so *are* the wicked *ones*, *but they* are only as chaff which the wind drives about.

5 On account of this the wicked *one* shall not stand in the judgment, and sinners not in the company of the righteous *ones*.

6 For Jehovah is knowing the way of the righteous *ones*, and the way of the wicked *ones* shall perish.

Psalms 2

1 The kingdom of Christ. 10 Kings are exhorted to accept it.

1 ¶ Why have the nations raged and the peoples are meditating vanity?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves; yea, the rulers have plotted together against Jehovah and His Anointed One, *saying*,

3 We will break their bands in two, and throw off their cords from us.

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall mock at them.

5 Then He will speak to them in His anger, and He will terrify them in His wrath;

6 Yea, I have anointed My king on Zion, My holy Mount.

7 ¶ I will declare concerning the statute of Jehovah: He said to Me, You *are* My Son. Today I have begotten You.

8 Ask of Me, and I will give the nations *as* Your inheritance; and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall smash them like a potter's vessel.

10 ¶ And now be wise, O kings; be taught, O judges of the earth:

11 Serve Jehovah with fear; yea, rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish *from* the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all the *ones* seeking refuge in Him!

Psalms 3

The security of Jehovah's protection.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David, when he fled from his son Absalom.* O Jehovah, how *ones* pressing me have increased! Many *are* rising against me.

2 Many are saying to my soul, *There is* no salvation for him in God. Selah.

3 But You, O Jehovah, *are* a shield around me; my glory, and He who lifts up my head.

4 ¶ I cried to Jehovah with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain. Selah.

5 I laid down and slept. I awoke, for Jehovah sustained me.

6 I am not afraid of myriads of people who have been set against me all around.

7 Arise, O Jehovah! Save me, O my God. For You have struck all my enemies *on* the cheekbone. You have broken the teeth of the wicked *ones*.

8 Salvation *belongs* to Jehovah. Your blessing *is* on Your people. Selah.

Psalms 4

1 David prays for audience. 6 The happiness of man lies in the favor of Jehovah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, for stringed instruments, A Psalm of David.* Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness. You

gave room to me in distress. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 O sons of men, until when shall My glory *be* for a reproach? Will you love vanity? Will you seek a lie? Selah.

3 But know that Jehovah has set apart the godly *ones* for Himself. Jehovah hears when I call to Him.

4 Tremble and do not sin. Speak within your own heart on your bed and be still. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and trust in Jehovah.

6 ¶ Many *are* saying, Who will make us see *any* good? O Jehovah, lift up the light of Your face on us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the time their grain and their wine became great.

8 I will both lie down in peace and sleep; for You alone, O Jehovah, make me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5

1 David prays and professes his study in prayer.

7 He prays to Jehovah to guide him, 10 to destroy his enemies, 11 and to preserve the godly.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, for flutes. A Psalm of David.* Give ear to my words, O Jehovah; consider my meditation.

2 Attend to the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for I will pray to You.

3 You will hear my voice in the morning, O Jehovah, I will set myself for You in the morning, and I will look up.

4 For You *are* not a God enjoying wickedness; evil shall not live with You.

5 The boasters shall not set themselves before Your eyes. You hate all workers of iniquity.

6 You shall destroy those speaking lies; Jehovah will despise the man of blood and deceit.

7 ¶ But I, in the abundance of Your grace, I will come *into* Your house. I will worship in Your fear toward Your holy temple, O Jehovah.

8 Lead me in Your righteousness, because of my enemies; make straight Your way before me.

9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is engulfing ruin;

their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

10 O God, hold them guilty; let them fall from their own counsels. Drive them away in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You.

11 But all putting their trust in You shall be joyful; they shall shout for joy forever, because You cover them. And those who love Your name shall be joyful in You.

12 For You, O Jehovah, will bless the righteous *one*; You will surround him with favor, as *with* a shield.

Psalms 6

1 David prays for mercy amid his troubles. 8 By faith he triumphs over his enemies.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, for eight-stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.* O Jehovah, do not rebuke me in Your anger; and not chasten me in the heat of Your fury; 2 have mercy on me, O Jehovah, for I *am* weak; heal me, O Jehovah, for my bones are troubled.

3 My soul also is greatly troubled and You, O Jehovah, until when?

4 O Jehovah, return, deliver my soul; save me for Your mercy's sake.

5 For *there is* no memory of You in death; who shall give thanks to You in Sheol?

6 I am weary in my groaning; I shall make my bed swim in all the night; I melt my couch with my tears.

7 My eye is dim because of grief; it wastes away because of all those distressing me.

8 ¶ Turn away from me, all workers of iniquity, for Jehovah has heard the voice of my weeping.

9 Jehovah has heard my plea; Jehovah will receive my prayer.

10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back, ashamed in a moment.

Psalms 7

1 David prays against the malice of his enemies.

10 By faith he sees his defense, and the destruction of his enemies.

1 ¶ *A song of David, which he sang to Jehovah on the words of Cush the Benjamite.* O Jehovah my God, I seek

refuge in You; save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,

2 lest he tear my soul like a lion, ripping, and there be no one to deliver.

3 O Jehovah, my God, if I have done this, if there is iniquity in my palms,

4 if I have repaid evil to one at peace *with* me or I have plundered *one* pressing me without cause,

5 let the enemy pursue and overtake my soul; yea, trample down my life to earth, and lay my honor in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O Jehovah, in Your anger; be lifted up at the rage of the *one* distressing me; and awake for me! You have commanded judgment.

7 And the assembly of the peoples shall surround You, and over it You will return on high;

8 Jehovah will judge the people. O Jehovah, judge me according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity on me.

9 I pray, let the evil of the wicked *ones* come to an end, and You will establish the righteous *one*, for the righteous God *is* a trier of hearts and reins.

10 ¶ My defense *is* on God, who saves the upright of heart.

11 God is a righteous judge; and God is angry with *evildoers* every day.

12 If he will not turn, He will whet His sword; He has trod His bow, He makes it ready;

13 yea, He has fitted for him instruments of death. He will make His arrows hotly pursue *him*.

14 Behold, he is bound *with* iniquity and he will conceive mischief; and he has fathered falsehood.

15 He dug a pit and bored it, and has fallen into the pit he made.

16 His mischief shall turn back on his own head, and his violence shall come down on his own crown.

17 I will thank Jehovah according to His righteousness and will praise the name of Jehovah most high.

Psalms 8

Jehovah's glory is magnified by His works, and by His love to man.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, on the harp. A Psalm of David.* O Jehovah, our Lord, how

majestic is Your name in all the earth; *You* have given Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, You have founded strength, because of *ones* restricting You, to cause to cease the enemy and *the ones* avenging.

3 ¶ When I look upon Your heavens, the work of Your fingers: the moon and the stars which You have fixed;

4 what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man, that You care for him?

5 For You have made him lack a little from God; and have crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You made him rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all under his feet:

7 all flocks and oxen, and also the animals of the field,

8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, *all that* pass through the sea.

9 O Jehovah, our Lord, how majestic *is* Your name in all the earth!

Psalms 9

1 David praises Jehovah for executing His judgment. 11 He incites others to praise Him.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, To die for the Son. A Psalm of David.* I will give thanks, O Jehovah, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful acts;

2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will praise Your name, O Most High,

3 In turning my enemies to turn back, they will stumble and perish before You.

4 For You have maintained my justice and my cause; You sat on the throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the nations; You have destroyed the wicked *one*; You have put out their name forever and ever.

6 The desolations of the enemy are ended forever; and You have uprooted the cities; their memory has perished *with* them.

7 But Jehovah abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment.

8 And He shall judge the world in righteousness; He shall judge the peoples in uprightness.

9 Jehovah also will be a refuge for oppressed *ones*, a refuge in times of distress.

10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Jehovah, have not forsaken those who seek You.

11 ¶ Sing praises to Jehovah who dwells in Zion; declare His deeds among the nations.

12 For He remembers them, the *ones* seeking bloodshed; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted *one*.

13 Be gracious to me, O Jehovah; see my affliction from *ones* hating me, be lifting me up from the gates of death,

14 so that I may declare all Your praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion; I will rejoice in Your salvation.

15 The nations have sunk into the pit they made; their foot is taken in the net they hid.

16 Jehovah has been known, He has executed judgment; the wicked *one* is snared in the work of his own palms. A meditation, Selah.

17 The wicked *ones* shall be turned to Sheol, all the nations forgetting God.

18 For the needy *one* shall not forever be forgotten; the hope of the poor *ones* shall not perish forever.

19 Arise, O Jehovah! Do not let man have strength; let the nations be judged before Your face.

20 O Jehovah, put fear in them; let the nations know they *are* but men. Selah.

Psalms 10

1 David complains to Jehovah of the outrage of the wicked. 12 He prays for remedy.

1 ¶ Why do You stand far away, O Jehovah? Will You hide in times of distress?

2 The wicked *one* in *his* pride will pursue the afflicted *one*; they will be caught in the schemes which they have devised.

3 For the wicked *one* boasts of his soul's desire, and he has blessed the covetous; scorning Jehovah.

4 Through pride of his face, the wicked *one* will not seek; there is no God in all of his schemes.

5 His ways are perverted at all times. Your judgments *are* high from his sight; *as for* all distressing him, he puffs at them.

6 He has said in his heart, I shall not be moved! From generation to generation never in evil.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue *are* mischief and vanity.

8 He dwells in the dens of the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent *one*; his eyes watch against the poor *one*.

9 He lies in wait secretly like a lion in his den; he lies in ambush to catch the poor *one*; he seizes the humble *ones* drawing him into his net;

10 and being crushed, he bows; yea, the poor *ones* have fallen by his mighty *ones*.

11 He has said in his heart, God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will not see forever.

12 ¶ Arise, O Jehovah! O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the lowly *ones*.

13 Upon what does the wicked *one* despise God? He has said in his heart, You will not demand *it*.

14 You have seen, for You take note of mischief and provocation, to give back with Your hand. The poor *one* leaves *himself* to You; You are the helper of the orphan.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and evil *one*; search out his wickedness *until* You find none.

16 Jehovah *is* King forever and ever; the nations are perished out of His land.

17 O Jehovah, You have heard the desire of the humble *one*; You will fix their heart; Your ear will hear.

18 Judge the orphan and the crushed *one* No more shall the man of the earth continue to terrify.

Psalms 11

1 David encourages himself against his enemies.

4 The providence and justice of Jehovah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* I sought refuge in Jehovah; how can you say to my soul, Flee *like* a bird to your hill.

2 For behold! The wicked *ones* will tread the bow; they fixed their arrow on the string, in order to shoot with it in darkness at the upright of hearts.

3 When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous *one* do?

4 ¶ Jehovah *is* in His holy temple; Jehovah, His throne is in the heavens; His eyes see; His eyelids will examine the sons of man.

5 Jehovah tries the just *one*, but His soul hates the wicked *ones* and the *one* loving violence.

6 He shall rain snares on the wicked *one*; fire and brimstone and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For Jehovah is a righteous *One*; the upright *ones* look upon His face.

Psalms 12

1 David is destitute of human comfort and craves help from Jehovah. 3 He comforts himself with Jehovah's judgments, and confidence in Jehovah's promises.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, on eight. A Psalm of David.* Help, O Jehovah, for the godly *one* ceases to be; for ones being faithful fail from among the sons of men.

2 They speak vanity, *each* man with his neighbor; *with* flattering lips and *with* a heart and a heart they speak.

3 Jehovah shall cut off all with flattering lips *and* the tongue that speaks great things;

4 who say, We shall be strong by our tongue; our lips *are* our own; who *is* lord over us?

5 For the pain of afflicted *ones*, for the sighing of the needy *ones*, I will now rise up, says Jehovah; I will set in safety; he pants for it.

6 The words of Jehovah *are* pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times.

7 You shall keep them, O Jehovah; You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

8 The wicked *ones* walk around on every side, when vileness is exalted by the sons of men.

Psalms 13

1 David complains of delay in help. 3 He prays for preventing grace.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* Until when will You forget me, O Jehovah? Forever? Until when will You hide Your face from me?

2 Until when shall I set counsels in my soul, having sorrow in my heart *day* by *day*? Until when shall my enemy be lifted up over me?

3 Look! Answer me, O Jehovah, my God! Make my eyes be bright, lest I sleep the death;

4 lest my enemy say, I have overcome him; and my foes rejoice when I am shaken.

5 But I have trusted in Your mercy. My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

6 I will sing to Jehovah, because He has rewarded me.

Psalms 14

1 David describes the corruption of a natural man.

7 He glories in the salvation of Jehovah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* The foolish *one* has said in his heart, No God! They acted corruptly; they did abominably in deeds; Not *one* is doing good.

2 Jehovah looked down from Heaven on the sons of mankind, to see if there was one considering *and* seeking God:

3 all have turned aside; together they are corrupt; not *one* is doing good, not even one!

4 ¶ Have all doers of iniquity not known, eating My people *as* they eat bread? They have not called on Jehovah.

5 There they feared with dread, for God *is* in the righteous generation.

6 You have shamed the counsel of the humble *one*, for Jehovah *is* his refuge.

7 Who will give the salvation of Israel out of Zion? When Jehovah brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice; Israel shall be glad.

Psalms 15

David describes a citizen of Zion.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* O Jehovah, who shall abide in Your tabernacle? Who shall reside in Your holy mountain?

2 He who walks uprightly and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.

3 *He* does not go about slandering with his tongue, and does not do evil to his friend, and does not lift up a reproach against his neighbor.

4 In his eyes, *the ones* being refused have been despised, but he honors those who fear Jehovah: *He that* has sworn to his hurt, and will not change it.

5 *He* has not given his silver at interest, and not has taken a bribe against the innocent *one*; he who does these *things* shall not be shaken forever.

Psalms 16

1 David flees to Jehovah for preservation. 5 He shows the hope of his calling.

1 ¶ *A Secret Treasure of David.* Watch over me, O God, for I take refuge in You.

2 *Oh my soul* you have said to Jehovah, You are my Lord; My goodness is not apart from You.

3 As for the holy *ones* in the earth, they are the great *ones*; all my delight is in them.

4 Their sorrows shall multiply *if* they run after another *god*. I will not pour out their drink offering of blood; and I will not take their names on my lips.

5 Jehovah is the portion of My lot and of my cup; You shall uphold My lot.

6 The lines have fallen to Me in pleasant places; yea, a beautiful inheritance is to Me.

7 I will bless Jehovah, who counseled Me. My reins also teach Me *in* the nights.

8 ¶ I have set Jehovah always before Me; for *He is* at My right hand: I shall not be shaken.

9 So My heart is glad, and My glory rejoices; My flesh shall also rest in hope;

10 For You will not leave My soul in Sheol; You will not give Your Holy One to see corruption.

11 You will make Me know the way of life. In Your presence is fullness of joys; at Your right hand are pleasures forever.

Psalms 17

1 David craves defense of Jehovah against his enemies. 10 He shows their pride and craft.

1 ¶ *A Prayer of David.* O Jehovah, hear righteousness; listen to my cry; give ear to my prayer, *for it is* not in lips of deceit.

2 Let my judgment go out from Your face; Your eyes see uprightly.

3 You will test my heart; You will visit in the night; You will refine me; You will find nothing; my thoughts do not pass my mouth.

4 As to the doings of men, by the words of Your lips I keep *from* the paths of the breaker.

5 My steps have kept in Your tracks *so that* my stroke has not slipped.

6 I have called on You, for You will answer me, O God, stretch out Your ear to me *and* hear my word.

7 Set out your wonderful loving-kindness by Your right hand, O Savior of those seeking refuge from those rising against *them*.

8 ¶ Keep me as the pupil, the daughter of the eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings,

9 from the face of the wicked *ones* who devastated me; against my soul my enemies encircle me.

10 They are enclosed in their own fat; their mouth speaks proudly;

11 now they have circled our steps; they set their eyes to stretch *me* to the earth;

12 his likeness is as a lion who longs to tear, and like a young lion sitting in hidden dens.

13 Arise, O Jehovah, go before his face and make him bow down! Deliver my soul from the wicked *one*, by Your sword,

14 from men, by Your hand, O Jehovah, from men of the world whose portion is in *this* life, and their belly You fill with Your hidden things; they are satisfied with sons, and will leave their riches to their babes.

15 *As for* me, in righteousness I will look upon Your face; when I awaken, I shall be satisfied with Your image.

Psalms 18

David praises Jehovah for His manifold and marvelous blessings. 43 Of the Messiah, Jesus

1 ¶ To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of Jehovah, who spoke the words of this song to Jehovah in the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. And he said: I love You, O Jehovah, my strength.

2 Jehovah is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; *He is* my God, my Rock; I seek refuge in Him; *He is* my shield and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

3 I will call on Jehovah, who is to be praised, and I shall be saved from my enemies.

4 The cords of death hemmed me in; yea, the floods of wicked *men* overwhelmed me;

5 cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called on Jehovah and I cried to my God; He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry went before Him, into His ears.

7 Then the earth shook and quaked; and the foundations of the mountains quaked and were shaken, because it angered Him.

8 A smoke went up out of His nostrils, and fire devoured out of His mouth; coals were kindled from it.

9 He bowed the heavens also and came down, and darkness *was* under His feet;

10 and He rode on a cherub, and He flew; yea, He soared on the wings of the wind;

11 He made darkness His covering, His pavilion all around Him, darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

12 Out of the brightness before Him, His dark clouds passed through, hail and coals of fire.

13 Jehovah also thundered in the heavens; and the Highest gave forth His voice, hailstones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, He sent out His arrows and scattered them; and He shot out lightnings and confused them.

15 Then the stream beds of waters were seen, and the foundations of the earth were bared at Your rebuke, O Jehovah, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

16 He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters;

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from *ones* hating me; for they were stronger than I.

18 They went before me in my day of calamity, but Jehovah was my support.

19 And He brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me;

20 ¶ Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has repaid me.

21 For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, and have not done wickedly from before my God.

22 For all His judgments *were* before me, and I did not turn away His statutes from me.

23 For I was upright with Him and kept myself from my iniquity.

24 And Jehovah has returned to me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands before His eyes.

25 With the godly *ones* You reveal Yourself as kind; with an upright man You reveal Yourself as upright;

26 with the pure You reveal Yourself as pure; and with the perverting *ones* You appear perverse;

27 for You will save an afflicted people; but *You* will bring low haughty eyes.

28 For You will light my lamp; Jehovah my God will make my darkness light.

29 ¶ For through You I can run *through* a troop; and through my God I have leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* God, His way *is* perfect; the Word of Jehovah *is* purified; He *is* a shield to all who seek refuge in Him.

31 For who *is* God besides Jehovah? Or who *is* a Rock except our God?

32 *It is* God who girds me with strength and gives my way *to be* perfect;

33 setting my feet like the deer, and making me stand on my high places;

34 teaching my hands to war, so that a bow of bronze is bent by my arms.

35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand holds me up, and Your condescension has made me great.

36 You have made a wide place under me for my steps, so that my ankles have not slipped.

37 I have pursued my enemies and have overtaken them; and I did not turn back until they *were* finished.

38 I have shattered them, and they cannot rise up; they fell under my feet.

39 And You have girded me with strength for the battle; You have bowed under me *ones* rising against me.

40 And you have given me the neck of my enemies that I might cut off *those* hating me.

41 They cried, but no one *is there* to save; to Jehovah, but He did not answer them.

42 And I pulverized them like the dust before the wind; I emptied them out like the mire of the streets.

43 You will deliver Me from the strivings of the people; You will appoint Me Head of the nations; a people I have not known shall serve Me.

44 At the hearing of the ear they listen to Me; the sons of foreigners shall bow down to Me.

45 The sons of aliens shall faint and come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 Jehovah lives! And blessed be my Rock! And let the God of my salvation be exalted!

47 *He is* the God who avenges me, and speaks to people under me.

48 He delivers me from my enemies; yea, You lift me up from among those rising up against me. You have delivered me from the violent man.

49 On account of this I will extol You, O Jehovah, among the nations, and I will sing praises to Your name,

50 magnifying salvations to His king, and working mercy to His anointed, to David and to his Seed forever.

Psalms 19

1 The creatures show Jehovah's glory. 12 David prays for grace.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* The heavens are recounting the glory of God, and the expanse *is* declaring His handiwork.

2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech, nor are there words *where* their voice is not heard.

4 Their measuring line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world; in them He has set up a dwelling-place for the sun,

5 and he comes forth like a bridegroom from his canopy. He rejoices like a hero to run a race;

6 his going forth from the end of the heavens, and his orbit to their ends; and nothing is hidden from his heat.

7 ¶ The Law of Jehovah *is* perfect, restoring the soul. The Testimony of Jehovah *is* sure, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of Jehovah *are* right, rejoicing the heart. The command of Jehovah *is* pure, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of Jehovah *is* clean, enduring

forever. The judgments of Jehovah *are* true, they are righteous together.

10 *They are* more desirable than gold, even much fine gold, and sweeter than honey, even drops from the honeycomb.

11 Also Your servant is warned by them; in keeping of them *is* great reward.

12 Who can discern errors? Acquit me from secret *faults*,

13 also withhold Your servant from arrogant *sins*; do not let them rule over me; then I shall be upright, and *I* shall be innocent from great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing before You, O Jehovah, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalms 20

1 The congregation blesses the king in his exploits. 7 Her confidence in Jehovah's salvation.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* May Jehovah answer you in the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob set you on high.

2 He sends your help from the sanctuary, and upholds you out of Zion.

3 He will remember all your offerings and make fat your burnt sacrifice. Selah.

4 He will give you according to your heart, and *He will* fulfill all your plans.

5 We will rejoice in Your salvation, and in the name of our God set up banners; may Jehovah fulfill all your prayers.

6 ¶ Now I know that Jehovah saves His anointed; He answers him from His holy Heaven with the saving might of His right hand.

7 These *trust* in the chariot, and these in horses, but we will make mention in the name of Jehovah our God.

8 They have bowed down and have fallen, but we have risen and stand upright.

9 Save, O Jehovah! The King will answer us in the day of our calling.

Psalms 21

1 A thanksgiving for victory. 7 Confidence of further success.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* The king rejoices in Your strength, O Jehovah; and how greatly does he rejoice in Your salvation.

2 You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the prayer of his lips. Selah.

3 For You will precede him *with* the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life from You: You gave to him length of days forever and ever.

5 His glory *is* great in Your salvation; You have laid honor and majesty on him.

6 For You have set Him *to be* blessings forever; You have rejoiced Him in the joy of Your face.

7 ¶ For the king trusts in Jehovah, and in the mercy of the Most High; he will not be shaken.

8 Your hand shall find out all Your enemies; Your right hand shall find out those hating You.

9 You shall set them as a fiery furnace in the time of Your presence; Jehovah will swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire will devour them.

10 You shall destroy their fruit from the earth, and their seed from the sons of men.

11 For they stretched forth evil against You; they imagined an evil purpose, *but* they are not able,

12 for You shall make them turn the back; against their faces You shall fix *Your arrows* on Your string.

13 Be exalted, O Jehovah, in Your strength; we will sing, even sing psalms of Your power.

Psalms 22

David, as a type of the Messiah, prays.

1 ¶ *To the Chief Musician, on the deer of the dawn. A Psalm of David.* My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me, and *are* far from My deliverance, from the words of My groaning?

2 O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and in the night, and there is no silence to Me.

3 But You *are* holy, abiding *on* Israel's praises.

4 Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them.

5 They cried to You, and slipped way; they trusted in You and were not ashamed.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of mankind, and despised by the people.

7 All who see Me scornfully laugh at Me; they open the lip; they shake the head, *saying*,

8 He rolled on Jehovah, let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, since He delights in Him.

9 For You *are He* who drew Me from the womb; causing me to trust on My mother's breasts.

10 I was cast on You from the womb, from My mother's belly, You *are* My God.

11 ¶ Be not far from Me; for trouble *is* near; because *there is* not one helping.

12 Many *bulls* have circled around Me; strong *bulls* of Bashan have surrounded Me.

13 They opened their mouth on Me, *like* a lion ripping and roaring.

14 I am poured out like waters, and all My bones are spread apart; My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue clings to My jaws, and You appoint Me to the dust of death

16 For dogs have encircled Me; *a* band of doers of evil have hemmed Me in, piercing My hands and My feet.

17 I count all My bones; they look, they stare at Me.

18 They divide My garments among them, and they make fall a lot for My clothing.

19 But You, O Jehovah, be not far off; O My Strength, hurry to help Me!

20 Deliver My soul from the sword, My only one from the paw of the dog.

21 Save Me from the lion's mouth, and from the horns of the wild oxen. You have answered Me.

22 ¶ I will declare Your name to My brothers; I will praise You in the midst of the assembly.

23 *Those* fearing Jehovah, praise Him; all the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and all the seed of Israel, you fearing Him.

24 For He has not despised and not detested the affliction of the afflicted *one*; and He has not hidden His face from Him, but when He cried to Him, He heard.

25 My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay my vows before those fearing Him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied; those seeking Jehovah shall praise Him; your heart shall live forever.

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn back to Jehovah; and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

28 For the kingdom *is* Jehovah's; and *He* is the ruler among the nations.

29 All the fat *ones* of the earth have eaten, and have worshiped; all those going down to the dust shall bow before Him; and he kept not his own soul alive.

30 A Seed shall serve Him; it shall be spoken of the Lord to the *coming* generation;

31 they shall come and shall declare His righteousness to a people that shall *yet* be born; for He has done *it*.

Psalms 23

David's confidence in Jehovah's grace.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* Jehovah *is* my shepherd; I shall not lack.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me to waters of rest;

3 He restores my soul; He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table for me before *ones* distressing me; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

6 Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah for as long as *my* days.

Psalms 24

1 Jehovah's lordship in the world. 3 The citizens of His spiritual kingdom.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* To Jehovah *is* the earth,, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it.

2 For He has founded it on the seas and established it upon the rivers.

3 ¶ Who shall go up into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall rise in His holy place?

4 *The* clean of palms and the pure of heart; who has not lifted up his soul to vanity and has not sworn deceit.

5 He shall lift up the blessing from Jeho-

vah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This *is* the generation of those seeking *Him*; they seek Your face, *O God* of Jacob. Selah.

7 ¶ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? Jehovah strong and mighty! Jehovah mighty in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; even lift up, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who *is* this King of glory? Jehovah of Hosts, He *is* the King of glory. Selah.

Psalms 25

1 David's confidence in prayer. 7 He prays for remission of sins, 16 and for help in affliction.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* To You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in You; do not let me be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those who act deceitfully be ashamed.

4 Make me know Your ways, O Jehovah; teach me Your paths;

5 lead me in Your truth and teach me; for You *are* the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day long.

6 Remember, O Jehovah, Your compassions and Your mercies; for they *are* from eternity.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my transgressions. According to Your mercy, You remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Jehovah.

8 ¶ A good and upright *One is* Jehovah; On account of this He will teach sinners in the way.

9 He will guide the meek in judgment; and He will teach the meek His way.

10 All the paths of Jehovah *are* mercy and truth to those keeping His covenant and His testimonies.

11 For Your name's sake, O Jehovah, even pardon my iniquity for it *is* great.

12 Who is this, the man fearing Jehovah? He teaches him the way he should choose.

13 His soul shall abide in good, and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of Jehovah *is* with those who fear Him; and He will make them know His covenant.

15 ¶ My eyes *are* ever toward Jehovah; for He shall bring my feet out of the net.

16 Turn *Your face* to me and be gracious to me, for I *am* lonely and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; O bring me out from my straits.

18 Look on my affliction and my toil, and lift up all my sins.

19 Look on my enemies, for they are many; *With* hating of violence they hate me.

20 Keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I have sought refuge in You.

21 Let integrity and uprightness keep me, for I wait on You.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his distresses.

Psalms 26

David asks Jehovah to take notice of his integrity.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in my integrity; I also have trusted in Jehovah; I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me; purify my reins and my heart.

3 For Your mercy *is* before my eyes; and I have walked in Your truth.

4 I have not sat with lying men; and I will not go in with those dissembling;

5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked *ones*.

6 ¶ I will wash my palms in innocence; so I will go around Your altar, O Jehovah,

7 to cause to hear with the voice of thanksgiving and recount all Your wonderful works.

8 O Jehovah, I have loved the abode of Your house, and the place of the dwelling of Your glory.

9 Do not gather up my soul with sinners, and my life with men of blood,

10 in whose hand *is* a plot, and their right hand is full of a bribe.

11 But I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be gracious to me.

12 My foot stands in an even place; in the assemblies I will bless Jehovah.

Psalms 27

I David sustains his faith by the power of Jehovah, 4 by his love to the service of Jehovah, 9 by prayer.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* Jehovah *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Jehovah *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the evildoers, my enemies and my oppressors came upon me to eat my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 If an army should camp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war rises against me, in this I am trusting.

4 One *thing* I have asked from Jehovah, it I will seek: my dwelling in the house of Jehovah all the days of my life, to behold the delight of Jehovah, and to inquire in His temple.

5 For in the day of evil He shall hide me in His shelter; in the secrecy of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me up on a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies, *those* encircling me, and I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises to Jehovah.

7 ¶ Hear, O Jehovah, my voice *when* I call, and favor me, and answer me.

8 My heart said to You, Seek my face; Your face, O Jehovah, I will seek.

9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn away Your servant in anger; You have been my help, do not leave me and do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then Jehovah will take me up.

11 Teach me Your way, O Jehovah, and lead me in a level path, because of those who watch me.

12 Do not give me into the soul of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen up against me, and the *ones* breathing out violence.

13 *I would have fainted* unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah in the land of the living.

14 Hope in Jehovah; be strong and He will make strong your heart; yea, hope in Jehovah!

Psalms 28

1 David prays earnestly against his enemies. 6 He blesses Jehovah. 9 He prays for the people.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* I will call to You, O Jehovah; my Rock, be not silent to me, lest, if you be silent from me I may be compared with those going down into the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayers in my crying to You, when I lift my hands to the oracle of Your holiness

3 Draw me not away with the wicked ones, with the workers of iniquity; those who speak peace with their neighbors, yet evil is in their hearts.

4 Give to them according to their deeds and according to the evil of their practices; as is the work of their hands, give to them, repay their deeds to them.

5 Because they pay no attention to the work of Jehovah, and to the works of His hands, He will destroy them, and not build them up.

6 ¶ Blessed be Jehovah, because He has heard the voice of my prayers.

7 Jehovah is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; yea, my heart greatly rejoices, and I will thank Him with my song.

8 Jehovah is their strength, and He is the stronghold of the salvations of His anointed.

9 Save Your people and bless Your inheritance and feed them, and lift them up forever.

Psalms 29

1 David exhorts sons of mighty ones to give glory to Jehovah, 3 by reason of his power.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* Give to Jehovah, sons of mighty ones; give to Jehovah glory and strength.

2 Give to Jehovah the glory of His name; worship Jehovah in the majesty of holiness.

3 The voice of Jehovah is on the waters; the God of glory thunders; Jehovah is above many waters.

4 The voice of Jehovah is in power; the voice of Jehovah is in majesty.

5 The voice of Jehovah breaks the cedars; yea, Jehovah breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He also makes them skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of Jehovah is cutting through the flame of fire.

8 The voice of Jehovah shakes the wilderness; Jehovah shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of Jehovah causes the does to calve; and He makes bare the forests. And in His temple every one is saying, Glory!

10 Jehovah sits upon the flood; yea, Jehovah sits as King forever.

11 Jehovah will give strength to His people; Jehovah will bless His people with peace.

Psalms 30

1 David praises Jehovah for His deliverance. 4 He exhorts others to praise Him.

1 ¶ *A Psalm; a Song of Dedication of the House of David.* I will exalt You, O Jehovah; for You have lifted me up and have not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me.

2 O Jehovah my God, I cried to You, and You have healed me.

3 O Jehovah, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You have kept me alive, from going down into the Pit.

4 Sing praises to Jehovah, His godly ones; and give thanks to the memory of His holiness.

5 For His anger is only a moment; in His favor is life. Weeping may endure in the evening, but a ringing cry of joy comes in the morning.

6 ¶ And in my prosperity, I said, I shall never be moved forever.

7 O Jehovah, in Your favor You have made my strong mountain to stand; You hid Your face; I was troubled;

8 I called to You, O Jehovah; yea, I prayed to Jehovah.

9 What profit is in my blood, in going down to the Pit? Shall the dust praise You? Shall it tell of Your truth?

10 Hear, O Jehovah, and favor me; O Jehovah, be One helping me.

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have loosed my sackcloth and have clothed me with gladness.

12 So my glory shall praise You, and not be quiet; O Jehovah, my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Psalms 31

1 David shows his confidence in Jehovah and craves His help. 9 He prays about his calamity.

10 He praises Jehovah for His goodness.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* In You, O Jehovah, I sought refuge; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness.

2 Stretch out Your ear to me; deliver me quickly, be a strong rock to me, for a house of fortresses to save me.

3 For You *are* my Rock and my Fortress; and for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.

4 Bring me out of the net that they hid for me, for You *are* my strength.

5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Jehovah, God of truth.

6 I have hated those keeping worthless idols; but I trust in Jehovah.

7 And I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy; for You have seen my affliction; You have known the distresses in my soul,

8 and have not shut me up into the hand of an enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.

9 ¶ Be gracious to me, O Jehovah, for I am in distress; my eye has wasted away with grief, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is ending with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones have wasted away.

11 I was a reproach among all *those* distressing me, but exceedingly to my neighbors; and *I was* a dread to my friends; those seeing me fled outside from me.

12 I am forgotten as one dying from the heart; I am like a perishing vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many; fear *is* all around; because *they are* fixing *plots* together against me, they planned to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in You, O Jehovah; I said, You *are* my God.

15 My times *are* in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who pursue me.

16 Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your mercy.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O Jehovah; for I have called upon You; let the wicked *ones* be ashamed; let them be silent in Sheol.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak recklessly against the righteous *one* with pride and scorn.

19 ¶ How great *is* Your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You; You have worked for those who trust in You before the sons of mankind.

20 In the secrecy of Your presence You shall hide them from man's plots; You shall cover them in a booth, from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* Jehovah, for He has worked His mercy wondrously to me in a city *under* siege.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from Your eyes; surely you heard the voice of my prayers when I cried to You.

23 O love Jehovah, all His godly *ones*; Jehovah preserves those being faithful, and *He* abundantly repays the doer of pride.

24 Be strong, and He will make your heart stronger, all you who hope in Jehovah.

Psalms 32

1 Blessedness consists in remission of sins. 3 Confession of sins gives ease to the conscience.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.* Blessed *is* he whose transgression is lifted, whose sin *is* covered.

2 Blessed *is* the man to whom Jehovah does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there *is* no guile.

3 When I kept silence, then my bones became old, through my howling all day.

4 For by day and by night Your hand *was* heavy on me; my sap was turned into the droughts of summer. Selah.

5 I confessed my sin to You, and I have not hidden my iniquity; I said, I will confess over my transgression to Jehovah; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 On account of this let every godly *one* pray to You, at a time of finding; surely, when great floods come they will not reach to him.

7 ¶ You *are* my hiding place; You keep me from trouble; You surround *me* with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you, My eye *shall be* on you.

9 Be not like the horse, like the mule, with no understanding; with bit and bridle his gear to be held in, *that* they do not come near you.

10 Many sorrows *are* to the wicked *one*; but he who trusts in Jehovah, mercy embraces him.

11 Be glad in Jehovah and rejoice, you righteous *ones*; and all the upright in heart, give a ringing cry of joy.

Psalms 33

1 Jehovah is to be praised for His goodness, 12 and for His providence. 20 He is to be trusted.

1 ¶ Rejoice in Jehovah, O righteous *ones*; praise is becoming to the upright *ones* .

2 Give thanks to Jehovah with the lyre; sing to Him with a harp of ten *strings*.

3 Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, with shouts of joy.

4 For the Word of Jehovah *is* right, and all His works *are* in truth.

5 *He* loves righteousness and judgment; the mercy of Jehovah fills the earth.

6 Through the Word of Jehovah the heavens were made; and all their host by the breath of His mouth.

7 The waters of the sea were gathered like a heap, giving the depths into storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear Jehovah; let all those living *in* the world stand in awe of Him.

9 For He spoke, and it came into being; He commanded, and it stood *fast*.

10 Jehovah voids the counsel of the nations, He frustrates the thoughts of the peoples.

11 Jehovah's counsel stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to generation and generation.

12 ¶ Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* Jehovah, the people He has elected for an inheritance to Him.

13 Jehovah looks down from Heaven; He sees all the sons of mankind.

14 From His dwelling place He looks on all the *ones* living *in* the earth.

15 He forms the hearts; *His* understanding *is* to all their works.

16 The king is not saved by great force; a mighty *man* is not saved by great strength.

17 A horse *is* a vain thing for safety; and he will not save by his great strength.

18 Behold the eye of Jehovah *is* to those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy;

19 to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits for Jehovah; He *is* our help and shield.

21 For our heart rejoices in Him because we trust in His holy name.

22 Let Your mercy be upon us, O Jehovah, even as we trust in You.

Psalms 34

1 David promises Jehovah and exhorts others to do so by his experience. 15 The privileges of the righteous.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; and he drove him away, and he went.* I will bless Jehovah at all times; His praise *shall* always *be* in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make its boast in Jehovah; the humble shall hear and be glad.

3 O magnify Jehovah with me; and let us exalt His name together.

4 I sought Jehovah, and He answered me, and delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They looked to Him and their faces shone *and* were not ashamed.

6 This humble *one* cried; and Jehovah heard, and saved him out of all his distress.

7 The Angel of Jehovah camps around those who fear Him, and He sets them free.

8 Taste and see that Jehovah *is* good; blessed *is* the man seeking refuge in Him.

9 Fear Jehovah, His godly *ones*, for they who fear Him lack nothing.

10 The young lions have lacked and been hungry; but they who seek Jehovah shall not lack any good.

11 ¶ *My* sons, come, listen to Me; I will make known to you the fear of Jehovah.

12 Who *is* the man who desires life, who loves days in order to see good?

13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile;

14 turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of Jehovah *are* on the righteous *ones* and His ears *are open* to their cry.

16 The face of Jehovah *is* against doers of evil, to cut off their memory from the earth.

17 *The righteous ones* cry, and Jehovah hears; and *He* saves them out of all their distresses.

18 Jehovah *is* near to the broken of heart; and He saves the crushed of spirit.

19 Many *are* the evils of the righteous *one*, but Jehovah plucks him out of them all,

20 keeping all his bones; not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked *one*; yea, those who hate the righteous *one* shall become guilty.

22 Jehovah *is* redeeming the soul of His servants; and none of those who trust in Him shall be guilty.

Psalms 35

1 David prays for his own safety, and the confusion of his enemies for their evil dealing.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* O Jehovah, strive with those contending with me; fight those fighting against me.

2 Take hold of a shield and buckler, and arise for my help.

3 Draw out the spear and close ranks to meet my pursuers; say to my soul, I *am* your salvation.

4 Let those who seek my soul be ashamed and disgraced; let them be turned back and brought to confusion, those who plot evil to me.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, and the Angel of Jehovah driving away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, and the Angel of Jehovah their pursuer.

7 For they have hidden their pit-net for me without cause; without cause they have dug for my soul.

8 Let destruction come on him; he will not know; and let his net which he hid capture him; let him fall in it, into destruction.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah; it will rejoice in His salvation.

10 All my bones shall say: O Jehovah, who *is* like You, who delivers the weak *one* from the *ones* stronger than he; yes, the poor and needy *one* from his plunderer?

11 ¶ Witnesses of violence rise up; they asked me what I did not know;

12 they rewarded me evil for good, bereaving my soul.

13 But in their sickness, my clothing *was* sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fastings; and my prayer returned to my bosom.

14 I walked as a friend, as to my brother; as one who mourns a mother; I was bowed down mourning.

15 But they rejoiced in my limping; and assembling the defamers assembled against me; and I did not know; they tore and were not silent,

16 with the godless *ones* mockers *for* a cake, gnashing their teeth on me.

17 ¶ O Lord, how *long* will You look on? Draw back my soul from their desolations, my only one from the lions.

18 I will thank You in the great assembly, and I will praise You among a mighty people.

19 Let not my lying enemies rejoice over me; do not let those who hate me without cause wink the eye.

20 For they do not speak peace; but they devise words of deceit against the quiet *ones* of the earth.

21 And they open their mouth wide against me; they say, Aha! Aha! Our eyes have seen.

22 You have seen, O Jehovah; do not keep silence, O Lord, do not be far from me.

23 Stir Yourself and awaken to my judgment, to my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O Jehovah my God, according to Your righteousness; and do not let them rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Aha! Our soul! Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and be confounded together, the ones who rejoice at my evil; let them be clothed *with* shame and dishonor, *the ones* who magnify themselves against me.

27 Let those who delight in my justification shout and rejoice; and they shall say continually: Jehovah be magnified, delighting in the peace of His servant.

28 And my tongue will speak of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day.

Psalms 36

1 The grievous estate of the wicked one. 10 David prays for favor to Jehovah's children.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician; of the servant of Jehovah; of David.* A statement of the wicked one: *The transgression of the wicked one within my heart: There is no fear of God before his eyes.*

2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, only to find his depravity to be hated.

3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit; he ceases to act wisely, to do good.

4 He plots iniquity on his bed; he sets himself on a way *that is* not good; he does not despise evil.

5 ¶ Your mercy, O Jehovah, *is* in the heavens, Your faithfulness to the dust *clouds*.

6 Your righteousness *is* like the hills of God; Your judgments *are* a great deep; O Jehovah, You preserve animal and man.

7 How precious *is* Your mercy, O God! And the sons of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

8 They shall be satisfied from the fatness of Your house; and You make them drink the torrent of Your pleasures.

9 For with You *is* the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

10 Draw out Your mercy to the ones knowing You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart.

11 Do not let the foot of pride come to me; and let not the hand of the wicked *ones* move me.

12 There the doers of evil have fallen; they are cast down and are not able to rise.

Psalms 37

David persuades to patience and confidence in Jehovah, by the different estate of the godly ones and the wicked ones.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* Do not inflame yourself with evildoers; and do not be envious against workers of perversity;

2 for they soon wither like grass and fade like the green herb.

3 Trust in Jehovah and do good; live in the land and feed on faithfulness.

4 And delight yourself in Jehovah, that He may give you your heart's desire.

5 Roll your way on Jehovah and trust in Him; and He will work.

6 And He will bring forth your righteousness like the light; and your judgment like the noon day.

7 ¶ Rest in Jehovah and wait patiently for Him; inflame not yourself with him who prospers *in* his way, with the man practicing wicked *wiles*.

8 Abstain from anger and cease from fury; also do not inflame yourself to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off; and the ones waiting on Jehovah, they shall inherit the earth.

10 *It is* but a little and the wicked *one* shall not be; yea, you shall consider his place, and he is not.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; yea, *they* shall delight themselves in abundant peace.

12 The wicked *one* plots against the righteous *one* and gnashes on him with his teeth;

13 the Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming.

14 The wicked *ones* have drawn out the sword and cause the afflicted and needy *ones* to fall, to slaughter the upright of way.

15 Their sword shall enter into their heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 A little to the righteous *one is* better than the abundance of many wicked *ones*.

17 For the arms of wicked *ones* shall be broken; but Jehovah upholds righteous *ones*.

18 Jehovah knows the days of the blameless *one*; yea, their inheritance shall be forever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in an evil time; and they shall be satisfied in days of famine.

20 But the wicked *ones* shall perish; yea, the enemies of Jehovah *shall be* like the beauty of pastures; they are consumed; like smoke, they vanish.

21 ¶ The wicked *one* borrows and never repays, but the righteous *one* is gracious and giving.

22 For His blessed *ones* inherit the earth; and those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a man are established from Jehovah; and He will delight in his way.

24 Though he falls, he is not cast down; for Jehovah holds up his hand.

25 I have been young and am old, yet I have not seen the righteous *one* forsaken, or his seed begging bread.

26 All the day he *is* gracious and lends; and his seed *is* for a blessing.

27 Turn away from evil and do good and live forever.

28 For Jehovah loves judgment and does not forsake His godly *ones*; they are preserved forever; but the seed of the wicked *ones* shall be cut off.

29 The righteous *ones* shall inherit the earth and live on it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous *one* utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks judgment.

31 The Law of his God *is* in his heart; his steps do not slide.

32 The wicked *one* spies on the righteous *one* and seeks to kill him.

33 Jehovah does not leave him in his hand, and does not find him guilty in his judgment.

34 ¶ Wait on Jehovah and keep His way; and He shall exalt you in the cutting off of the wicked *ones*.

35 I have seen the wicked *one*, the ruthless *one*, even spreading himself out like a luxuriant, native *tree*;

36 yet he passed away, and, behold, he was not; and I looked for him, but he could not be found.

37 Watch the perfect *one* and behold the upright *one*; for the end of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the transgressors are destroyed together; the end of the wicked *ones* is cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous *ones* *is* from Jehovah; *He is* their strength in the time of distress.

40 And Jehovah helps them and slipping away He makes them slip away from the wicked *ones* and save them, because they trust in Him.

Psalms 38

David confesses his sins and seeks relief from Jehovah to take compassion on him.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance. O Jehovah, do not rebuke*

me in Your wrath, and do not chasten me in Your fury.

2 For Your arrows *are* going down into me, and Your hand *is* going down on me.

3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger; no peace in my bones because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities have passed over my head; as a heavy burden too heavy for me.

5 My wounds have festered *and* rotted because of my foolishness.

6 I am bent down, I am bowed down even to excess; I have gone darkened all the day.

7 For my loins are filled with a burning, and there *is* no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am benumbed and crushed even to excess; I roar from the groanings of my heart.

9 My Lord, all my desire *is* before You, and my sighing is not hidden from You.

10 My heart throbs; my power forsakes me! And the light of my eyes, they also are not with me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand apart from my stroke, and my neighbors have stood far off.

12 ¶ And those seeking my life lay a snare; yea, those seeking my evil speak destruction, and they utter deceits all the day.

13 But like a deaf *one* I do not hear; and I *am* like a mute *one who* does not open his mouth.

14 And I am as a man who is not hearing, and who *has* no rebukes in his mouth.

15 For I hope in You, O Jehovah; O Lord my God You will answer.

16 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me in the slipping of my foot; they exalt themselves over me.

17 For I *am* ready to fall and my pain *is* before me always.

18 For I will confess my iniquity; I am anxious from my sin.

19 And my living enemies are strong; and *ones* hating me have multiplied; *they* lie.

20 And those who repay evil for good, they oppose me, because the good follows me.

21 O Jehovah, do not forsake me! O my God, do not be far from me;

22 Make haste to help me, O my Lord, my salvation.

Psalms 39

1 David's care of his thoughts. 7 The reverence for Jehovah's judgments, 10 and prayer.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.* I said, I will keep my ways from sinning with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a muzzle while the wicked *one is* before me.

2 I became mute *and* still; from good I was silent, and my pain was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me; while the fire burned I was musing; I spoke with my tongue:

4 O Jehovah, make me to know my end and the limit of my days, what it *is*. Let me know how lacking I *am*.

5 Behold, *like* a handbreadth You gave my days; even my life was non-existence before You; surely every man standing *is* all vanity. Selah.

6 Surely a man walks about in shadow; surely they are in an uproar in vain; he heaps up and does not know who *is* gathering them.

7 ¶ And now what do I await, Lord? My hope *is* in You.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; do not set me forth *as* the reproach of the foolish *one*.

9 I was mute; I did not open my mouth, because You had done *it*.

10 Turn away Your stroke from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.

11 You correct a man with rebukes over iniquity; and as a moth You melt away what he desires. Surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and give ear to my cry. Do not be silent at my tears, for I *am* an alien with You, a sojourner, as were all my fathers.

13 Look away from me and I will be cheerful before I go away and be no more.

Psalms 40

1 The benefit of confidence in Jehovah. 6 David prophesies of the Messiah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* Waiting I have waited on Jehovah; and He turned to me and heard my cry.

2 And He made me go up from the pit of tumult, out of the miry clay; He lifted my feet on a rock; He directed my steps.

3 And He put a new song of praise to our God in my mouth; many shall see and shall fear and shall trust in Jehovah.

4 Blessed *is* the man who sets Jehovah *as* his trust, and does not turn to the proud *ones*, or to those who turn *to* a lie.

5 Many things have You done, O Jehovah my God; Your works of wonder and Your purposes toward us; there is none to set *them* in order to You; I will declare and I will speak; they are more than can be counted.

6 ¶ Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; You have opened ears to Me. You have not asked burnt offering and sin offering.

7 Then I said, Lo, I come, in the roll of the Book *it is* written of Me;

8 I delight to do Your will, O My God; and Your Law *is* within My inmost being.

9 I have announced righteousness in the great assembly; behold, I will not restrain My lips; O Jehovah You know.

10 I have not concealed Your righteousness in My heart; I speak Your faithfulness and Your salvation. I have not hidden Your loving-kindness and Your truth from the great assembly.

11 ¶ Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Jehovah; Your loving-kindness and Your truth shall always watch over me.

12 For evils have surrounded me until *there is* no number; my iniquities have taken hold on me and I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased to deliver me, O Jehovah; hasten to my help.

14 Let those seeking my soul to destroy it be ashamed and humbled together; let those delighting *in* my evil be driven back and disgraced.

15 They are desolated for *a* reward of their shame; for they are saying to me, Aha! Aha!

16 Let all who are seeking You be glad in You and always say, May Jehovah be magnified, those loving Your salvation.

17 But I *am* a poor and needy *one*; the Lord will take thought for me. You *are* my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.

Psalms 41

1 Jehovah's care of the poor. 4 David complains of the treachery of his enemies.

1 ¶ To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Blessed is the one acting wisely to the poor one; Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil.

2 Jehovah will watch over him and keep him alive; he shall be blessed on the earth, and You will not give him into the soul of his enemies.

3 Jehovah will uphold him on the couch of sickness; You change all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, O Jehovah be gracious to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

5 ¶ My enemies speak evil of me, saying, When will he die and his name perish?

6 And when he comes to see me he speaks vanity; his heart gathers iniquity to itself; he goes outside and speaks.

7 Together all the ones hating me whisper against me; they plot evil toward me,

8 saying, A thing of ruin is poured out on him; and, He who lies down shall not rise again.

9 Even a man desiring my well-being, I trusted in him, eating of my bread; this one has lifted up his heel against me.

10 But You, O Jehovah, be gracious to me and raise me up, and I will repay them.

11 By this I know that You delight in me, because my enemy does not exult over me.

12 And I, in my integrity You uphold me, and You set Your face before me forever.

13 Blessed be Jehovah, God of Israel, even from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen!

Psalms 42

1 David's zeal to serve Jehovah in the temple. 5 He encourages his soul to trust in Jehovah.

1 ¶ To the chief musician. A Contemplation for the sons of Korah. As the deer pants after the channels of water, so my soul pants after You, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and see the face of God?

3 My tears have been my food by day and by night, while they say to me all the day, Where is your God?

4 When I remember these things and I pour out my soul on me (for I passed over with the throng; I led them to the house of God with the voice of rejoicing and praise, a host keeping the feast).

5 O my soul, why are you cast down and moan within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet thank Him for the salvations of His presence.

6 ¶ O my God, my soul is cast down within me; on account of this I remember You from Jordan-land and from the Hermons, from Mount Mizar.

7 Deep calls to deep through the voice of Your waterfalls; all Your breakers and Your waves have passed over me.

8 Jehovah will command His loving-kindness by day, and His song shall be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life.

9 I will say to God my Rock, Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go darkened when the enemy oppresses me?

10 With shattering in my bones ones distressing me reproach me, when they say to me every day, Where is your God?

11 O my soul, why are you cast down? And why do you moan within me? Hope in God, for I yet thank Him for the salvations of my face and my God.

Psalms 43

1 David promises to serve Jehovah joyfully.

1 ¶ Judge me, O God, and strive for my cause against a nation not godly. Deliver me from the man of deceit and injustice.

2 For You are the God of my strength. Why have You cast me off? Why do I go darkened when the enemy oppresses?

3 O send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me and bring me to the mount of Your holiness and to Your tabernacles.

4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, the joy of my delight, and I will thank with the lyre, O God, my God.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why do you moan within me? Hope in God, for I will still thank Him, the salvations of my face, and my God.

Psalms 44

1 Israel, in memory of former favors, 7 complains of their present evils. 17 Professing integrity, 23 she prays for deliverance.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Contemplation for the Sons of Korah.* We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have recounted to us the work You worked in their days, in the days of old.

2 You dispossessed nations *with* Your hand and planted them. You put evil on peoples and sent them off.

3 For they did not inherit the land with their own sword; yea, their own arm did not save them. But *it was* Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your face, because You favored them.

4 You *are* He, my King, O God; command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through You we will thrust out our adversaries; through Your name we will trample those rising up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, and my sword will not save me.

7 But You have saved us from our adversaries and have put to shame those who hate us.

8 We boast in God all the day; and we praise Your name forever. Selah.

9 ¶ Now You have cast us off and have shamed us. And You do not go forth with our armies.

10 You make us turn back from the adversary; yea, *the ones* hating us plunder for themselves.

11 You have given us like sheep *for* food and have scattered us among the nations.

12 For no gain You have sold Your people, and You are not increased by their price.

13 You made us a scorn to our neighbors, a mockery and a derision to those around us.

14 You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples.

15 My reproach *is* before me all the day; yea, the shame of my face covers me,

16 because of the voice of the slanderer and the blasphemer, before the face of the enemy and avenger.

17 ¶ All this has come upon us, and we have not forgotten You and not have dealt falsely with Your covenant.

18 Our heart has not turned back, and our steps *have* not swerved from Your way,

19 though You have crushed us in the place of jackals and covered us over with the death-shade.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, and have spread our hands to an alien god,

21 shall not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for Your sake we are slain all the day; we are counted as sheep of slaughter.

23 Be aroused! Why do You sleep, O God? Awake! Do not cast *us* off forever.

24 Why do You hide Your face *and* forget our affliction and distress?

25 For our soul bows down to the dust; our belly holds fast to the earth.

26 Arise *for* our help and redeem us for the sake of Your kindness.

Psalms 45

1 David foresees the glories of the Messiah; 6 He is led to speak the very words quoted of Him in the New Testament. (Hebrews 1:8).

1 ¶ *To the Chief Musician, Concerning the Lilies. For the sons of Korah. A Poem; a Song of the Beloved.* My heart is boiling over *with* a good matter. I am speaking of my works to the King; my tongue *is* the pen of a rapid writer.

2 You are the fairest of the sons of man; grace has poured into Your lips; on account of this God has blessed You forever.

3 Gird Your sword on *Your* thigh, Mighty One; *with* Your majesty and Your glory.

4 And ride prosperously *in* Your glory, on the matter of truth and meekness *and* right, and Your right hand shall teach You fearful things.

5 Your arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; peoples fall under You.

6 ¶ Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; the scepter of Your kingdom *is* a scepter of uprightness.

7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; on account of this God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your fellows.

8 All Your garments *smell* of myrrh and aloe *and* cassia out of ivory palaces; by strings *of a harp* they make You glad.

9 King's daughters *are* among Your precious ones; the queen stands at Your right hand in gold of Ophir.

10 ¶ Listen, O daughter, and look, and stretch out your ear, and forget your people and your father's house.

11 And the King will desire your beauty, for He *is* your Lord, and you shall worship Him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre will stroke Your face with a gift, the rich among the peoples.

13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within, her clothing braided gold.

14 She shall be led to the King in embroidered work; her companions, the virgins, shall be brought to You after her.

15 They shall be led with gladness and rejoicing; they shall go in to the King's palace.

16 Your sons shall be in the place of your fathers; You will make them for rulers in all the earth.

17 I will make Your name remembered in every generation and generation; on account of this people shall thank You forever and ever.

Psalms 46

1 The confidence which God's people have in Jehovah. 8 An exhortation to behold it.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. For the sons of Korah; A song. For the Virgins.* God *is* our refuge and strength, very much found to be a help in distresses.

2 On account of this we will not fear when the earth changes and when mountains *are* slipping into the heart of the seas.

3 Its waters shall rage *and* foam; let the mountains shake in its swelling. Selah.

4 *There is* a river, its channels gladden the city of God, the holy tabernacles of the Most High.

5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God will help her at the turning of the morning.

6 ¶ The nations roared; kingdoms were shaken; He gave forth His voice *and* the earth melted.

7 Jehovah of Hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of Jehovah, who sets ruins on the earth,

9 causing to cease wars to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts apart spears; He burns the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still and know that I *am* God! I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.

11 Jehovah of Hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

Psalms 47

The nations are exhorted cheerfully to entertain the kingdom of Christ.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.* All the peoples clap the hand; shout to God *with* a ringing cry of joy.

2 For Jehovah Most High *is* awesome, a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall speak peoples under us, even nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the majesty of Jacob whom He loved. Selah.

5 ¶ God has gone up with a shout, Jehovah with the sound of a rams' horn.

6 Sing praise to God; sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise!

7 For God *is* the King of all the earth; sing a psalm for understanding.

8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on the throne of His holiness.

9 The nobles of peoples gather together, the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth *are* God's; He is greatly lifted up.

Psalms 48

The ornaments and privileges of God's people.

1 ¶ *A Song, A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.* Great *is* Jehovah, and exceedingly to be praised in the city of our God, His holy mountain.

2 Beautiful on high, the joy of all the earth, *is* Mount Zion, in the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God *is* known in her strongholds for a refuge.

4 For, behold, the kings met together; they passed by together;

5 they saw, so they marveled; they were troubled *and* fled away.

6 Trembling seized them there, *and* pain like one giving birth.

7 You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8 ¶ As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of Jehovah of Hosts, in the city of our God. God establishes it forever. Selah.

9 O God, We have given thought on Your loving-kindness, in the midst of Your temple.

10 According to Your name, O God, so *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Mount Zion shall be glad; the daughters of Judah shall rejoice because of Your judgments.

12 Walk around Zion; yea, go all around it; count its towers;

13 set your heart on its ramparts; pass between its strongholds; in order that you may recount to the coming generation.

14 For this God *is* our God forever and ever; He will lead us *even* unto death.

Psalms 49

An earnest persuasion to build the faith of resurrection, not on worldly power, but on Jehovah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.* Hear this, all peoples, give ear, all those living *in* the world,

2 both sons of mankind, even sons of man together, the rich *one* and the poor *one*:

3 My mouth shall speak wisdoms, and the thoughts of my heart *shall be* of understanding.

4 I will stretch out my ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying on the harp.

5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my supplanting *ones* encompass me

6 ¶ Those who trust in their wealth and in their many riches boast themselves.

7 A brother cannot at all redeem a man, and not *can* give to God a ransom for him,

8 for the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceases forever,

9 for he shall yet live forever; he does not see the pit.

10 For he sees wise men die; together the fool and the animal-like ones perish and leave their riches to others.

11 Their inward *thought is that* their houses *shall last* forever, their dwelling-places to generation and generation; they call their lands after their own names.

12 But man shall not remain high in honor; he is like the animals; they shall be cut off.

13 This way of theirs *is* folly to them, yet their followers shall be pleased by their mouth. Selah.

14 Like sheep, they are appointed to Sheol. Death shall reign *for* them. And upright *ones* shall rule over them in the morning; and their form *is* for wearing out; Sheol *is* home for him.

15 ¶ Surely God will redeem my soul from the hand of Sheol, for He will take me. Selah.

16 Do not be afraid when one becomes enriched, when the glory of his house increases;

17 for in his death he shall not take anything; his glory shall not go down after him.

18 For in his life he blessed his soul; yea, *men* praise you when you do well for yourself.

19 For He will go to the generation of his fathers; they will not see light forever.

20 Man, *though high* in honor, but understanding not, is like the animals; they shall be cut off.

Psalms 50

1 God sets forth His excellence to His godly ones;

7 He seeks the sacrifices of thanksgiving; 16 He warns the wicked of their end.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of Asaph* God, Jehovah God, has spoken, and calls to the earth from the rising of the sun to *its* going in.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone.

3 Our God comes, and He is not silent; a fire shall devour before Him; and it shall be very stormy around Him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, to judge His people.

5 Gather My godly *ones* together to Me, those who cut My covenant by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare His righteousness, for God Himself *is* judge. Selah.

7 ¶ Hear, My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I *am* God, your God.

8 Not for your sacrifices do I reprove you; yea, your burnt offerings *are* continually before Me;

9 I will take no bull out of your house, *no* he-goats out of your folds,

10 for every beast of the forest *is* Mine; the cattle on a thousand hills;

11 I know all the birds of the mountains; and all moving in My fields *are* Mine;

12 if I were hungry, I would not speak to you, for the world *is* Mine, and the fullness of it.

13 Will I eat the flesh of mighty *ones*, and will I drink the blood of he-goats?

14 Sacrifice thanksgiving to God, and pay your vows to the Most High.

15 And call on Me in the day of distress, and I will save you; and you shall glorify Me.

16 ¶ But to the wicked *one*, God says, What *is it* to you to proclaim My statutes, and to take up My covenant on your mouth?

17 Yea, you hate discipline and toss My words behind you.

18 When you saw a thief, you were pleased with him; and with ones doing adultery is your portion.

19 You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

20 You sit; you speak against your brother; you charge the son of your mother.

21 You have done these *things*, and I have kept silence; you thought *that* being I would be like you; *but* I will rebuke you and set in order before your eyes.

22 Now think of this, you who forget God, lest I tear, and not *is any* to deliver:

23 Whoever offers thanks glorifies Me; and he who sets a way, I will show the salvation of God to him.

Psalms 51

1 David prays for remission of sins, 6 and for sanctification.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.* Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies; blot out my transgressions.

2 Multiply to wash me from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions; and my sin *is* ever before me.

4 Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done the evil in Your eyes; that You might be justified in Your speaking *and* be

clear when You judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts; and in the secret *part* You teach me wisdom.

7 ¶ Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Cause me to hear joy and gladness; the bones You have crushed will rejoice.

9 Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me out from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me *with* a willing spirit.

13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways; and sinners will turn back to You.

14 ¶ Deliver me from blood *guilt*, O God, O God of my salvation; my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

16 For you do not desire sacrifice, or I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole offering; then they shall make go up bulls on Your altar.

Psalms 52

David prophesies the destruction of Doeg.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Contemplation. A Psalm of David when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.* Why do you boast yourself in evil, O mighty *one*? The mercy of God is all the day.

2 Like a sharp razor your tongue devises destruction, working deceit.

3 You love evil more than good, lying more than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 You love all devouring words, O deceitful tongue!

5 God will likewise break you forever; He shall take you away, even pluck you from *your* tent and uproot you out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 ¶ And the righteous *ones* shall see and fear; yea, they *will* laugh over him, *saying*,

7 Behold, the man *who* did not set God *as* his strength; but he trusted in his many riches; he was strong in his destruction.

8 But I *am* like a luxuriant olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the kindness of God forever and ever.

9 I will thank You forever, because You have done *it*; and I will hope *in* Your name, for *it is* good before Your godly *ones*.

Psalms 53

1 David describes the corruption of a natural man.

4 the wicked know by the light of their conscience.

1 ¶ *To the Chief musician on Mahalath. A Contemplation; A Psalm of David.* The foolish *one* has said in his heart, No God! They have done corruptly; they have acted abominably, *doing* iniquity; not *one is* doing good!

2 God looked down from Heaven on the sons of mankind, to see if there was *any* discerning, who was seeking God:

3 All have turned away, altogether they are corrupted, not one is doing good, not even one!

4 Have the doers of evil not known, eating up My people as they eat bread? They have not called on God.

5 There they dreaded *with* dread, *where* no dread was; for God has scattered the bones of the one who besieges you; you have put *them* to shame because God rejects them.

6 Who gives from Zion the salvation of Israel? When God brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice; Israel shall be glad.

Psalms 54

David prays for deliverance.

1 ¶ *To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Contemplation; A Psalm of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Does not David hide himself among us?*

1 Save me, O God, by Your name; and judge me by Your might.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me; and terrifying men seek after my soul; they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 ¶ Behold, God *is* my helper. The Lord *is* with those who uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil to my enemies; cut them off in Your truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O Jehovah, for *it is* good.

7 For He has delivered me out of all trouble; and my eye has looked upon my enemies.

Psalms 55

David complains of his fearful case.

1 ¶ *To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Contemplation. A Psalm of David.* Give ear to my prayer, O God; and do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

2 Pay attention to me, and answer me; I wander and I moan in my complaint,

3 from the voice of the enemy, from the oppression of the wicked *one*; for they shake iniquity over me, and in anger they hate me.

4 My heart is pained within me, and the terrors of death have fallen on me.

5 Fear and trembling come on me; and horror has covered me.

6 And I said, Who will give to me wings like a dove? I would fly away and be at rest.

7 Behold, I would go far away, fleeing; I would lodge in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten to my escape from the rushing wind, from the tempest.

9 ¶ Swallow up, O Lord; divide their tongue; for I see violence and strife in the city.

10 They turn about her on her walls by day and night; and iniquity and mischief *are* in her midst.

11 Covetings *are* in her midst; oppression and deceit will not depart from her streets.

12 For *it is* not an enemy reproaching me, or I could bear *it*; *it is* not one who hates me who is magnifying *himself* against me; or I would hide myself from him.

13 But *it is* you, a man of my rank, my friend and one knowing me

14 We sweetened counsel together; we walked into the house of God with the throng.

15 Desolations be upon them! They go down *to Sheol* alive, for evils *are* among them in their dwelling.

16 ¶ I, *even* I, will call to God, and Jehovah will save me.

17 Evening and morning and at noon I will complain and moan; and He will hear my voice.

18 He redeems my soul in peace from the war *being waged* against me; for they were many with me.

19 God shall hear and answer them, even He who sits *enthroned* of old. Selah. There are no changes to them; yea, they do not fear God.

20 He sent out his hand against his peace; he defiled his covenant.

21 The butterings of his mouth *were* smooth, but war *was* in his heart; his words were softer than oil, but they *were* as drawn swords.

22 Cast on Jehovah that given to you, and He will keep you; He will not give shaking to the righteous *ones* forever.

23 But You, O God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction; men of blood and deceit will not *live out* half their days; but I will trust in You.

Psalms 56

David complains of his enemies.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. Concerning the silent dove, those far off. Of David, a secret treasure (when the Philistines seized him in Gath).* Favor me, for man snuffs me up; all the day fighting oppresses me, O Most High.

2 My watchers panted for me all the day; for many *are* proudly fighting against me.

3 The day I am afraid I will trust in You.

4 In God I will praise His Word; in God I have trusted; I will not fear; what will flesh do to me?

5 All the day they pervert my words; all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

6 They stir up strife; they hide; they observe my footprints as they wait *for* my soul.

7 By iniquity escape *is* for them. In anger cast down the peoples, O God.

8 ¶ You have counted my wanderings; You; put my tear in Your *wineskin*; *are they* not in Your Book?

9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day I call; this I know, for God *is* for me.

10 In God I will praise the Word; in Jehovah I will praise the Word.

11 In God I have trusted; I will not fear; what will man do to me?

12 On me, O God, *are* Your vows; I will render to You thank offerings.

13 For You have delivered my soul from death. *Are You* not *keeping* my feet from falling, to walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalms 57

David prays about his dangerous case.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.* Be merciful to me, O God, be gracious to me, for my soul seeks refuge in You; yea, in the shadow of Your wings I will seek refuge, until the destructions pass over.

2 I will cry to God Most High, to God who works for me.

3 He shall send from Heaven and save me; He will shame the one who crushes me. Selah. God shall send His kindness and His truth.

4 My soul *is* among lions; I lie *among* those blazing, the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; let Your glory *be* over the whole earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; *they have* dug a pit before me; they have fallen into it. Selah.

7 ¶ My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

8 Wake up my glory! Wake up, harp and lyre! I will stir the dawn with praise.

9 I will praise You among the peoples, O Lord, I will sing to You among the nations.

10 For Your mercy *is* great to the heavens, and Your truth to the clouds.

11 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Your glory over the whole earth.

Psalms 58

1 David reproves wicked judges. 3 He describes the nature of the wicked.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David.* Will you indeed speak righteousness in silence? Do you judge rightly, O sons of men?

2 Yes, in heart you work injustices you weigh the violence of your hands in the land.

3 The wicked *ones* are estranged from the womb; they go astray from the belly, speaking lies.

4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent; like the deaf adder he stops his ear,

5 which will not hear the charmer's voice, skillful charmer of charms.

6 ¶ O God, break their teeth in their mouth; break out the big teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah.

7 They flow away like waters going *away* for themselves; he treads his arrows, as though *they were* cut off;

8 As a snail goes *into* melting, a miscarriage of a woman, they do not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can discern the thorns, whether green or glowing, He shall storm it away.

10 The righteous *one* shall rejoice when he sees vengeance; he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked *ones*.

11 And man will say, Truly, a fruit *is* to the righteous *one*; there is a God judging in the earth.

Psalms 59

David prays to be delivered from his enemies.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. Do not destroy. A secret treasure of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.* Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; set me on high from those rising up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of evil, and save me from bloody men.

3 For behold, they lie in wait for my soul, mighty *ones* gather against me; not *for* my transgression, and not *for* my sin, O Jehovah.

4 Without *my* fault they run and prepare themselves; awoken to help me, and see.

5 And You, O Jehovah God of Hosts, the God of Israel: Awake to call all the nations

to account; do not favor any acting treacherously. Selah.

6 They return at evening; they howl like a dog and go around the city.

7 Behold, they belch forth with their mouth; swords *are* in their lips; for *they say*, Who hears?

8 ¶ But You, O Jehovah, shall laugh at them; you shall mock at all the nations.

9 O my Strength, let me look to You; for God *is* my strong tower.

10 The God of my mercy shall go before me; God shall cause me to see those being my enemies.

11 Do not kill them, lest my people forget; scatter them by Your power and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 *For* the sin of their mouth *is* the word of their lips, even let them be taken in their pride, and for cursing and the lying *which* they speak.

13 Consume *them* in anger; consume, and they will not be; and they shall know that God *is* ruling in Jacob, to the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And they shall return at evening; let them howl like the dog and go around the city;

15 *they are* caused to wander up and down to eat, if they are not satisfied, even they growl.

16 But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing of Your kindness in the morning. For You have been my strong tower, and my refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 To You, O my strength, I will sing; for God *is* my strong tower, the God of my mercy.

Psalms 60

1 David prays to Jehovah that former trials may not return;. 4 prays for deliverance.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. On the Lily of Testimony. A secret treasure of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim, and with Aram-zobah; when Joab returned, and struck twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.* O God! You have cast us off; You have broken us; You who were angry, take us back.

2 You made the earth tremble; You tore it; heal its breaks, for it is quaking.

3 You have made Your people see hardship; You made us drink the wine of trembling.

4 You have given a banner to those who fear You, to be lifted up because of the truth. Selah.

5 Save *with* Your right hand and answer me, that Your beloved may be delivered.

6 ¶ God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead *is* Mine, and Manasseh *is* Mine; Ephraim *is* the strength of My head; Judah *is* My lawgiver;

8 Moab *is* My washpot; over Edom I will cast out My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph over me.

9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? Who will lead me into Edom?

10 Have not You, O God, cast us aside? And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?

11 Give us help from the oppressor, for vain *is* the deliverance of man.

12 Through God we shall do mighty things; for He shall tread on our adversaries.

Psalms 61

1 David prays to Jehovah, expressing the ground of his trust; 5 He displays his faith in God.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. On stringed instruments. Of David.* Hear my cry, O God, and attend to my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart faints; Oh lead me into the Rock higher than I.

3 For You have been a refuge, a strong tower before the enemy.

4 I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever; I will seek refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.

5 ¶ For You, O God, have heard my vows; You gave an inheritance *to* those who fear Your name.

6 You will add days to the days of the king; his years *will be* as generation to generation.

7 He shall abide forever before God; appoint mercy and truth to keep him.

8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever, so that I may pay my vows day *by* day.

Psalms 62

1 David speaking of his trust in Jehovah, discourages his enemies, 5 encourages the godly. ones.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.* Only to God is my soul silent; from Him *comes* my salvation.

2 He alone *is* my rock and my salvation, my strong tower; I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 Until when will you break in against a man? You will slay him, all of you, like a wall stretched out, a fence being thrust down .

4 Surely, they plotted to cast *him* down from his exaltation; they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse in their inward parts. Selah.

5 Only be silent to God, O my soul, for my hope *is* from Him.

6 He alone *is* my rock and my salvation, my strong tower; I shall not be shaken.

7 On God *is* my salvation and my glory; my strong rock; my refuge *is* in God.

8 ¶ Trust in Him at all times, *you* people, pour out your heart before Him; God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

9 Surely the sons of men *are* vanity, the sons of man *are* a lie; they go up in the scales; they *are* lighter than vanity together.

10 Trust not in oppression, and do not be vain in robbery; if riches increase to you, do not set your heart *on* them.

11 God has spoken once; twice I have heard this, that strength *belongs* to God;

12 Also kindness *belongs* to You, O Lord, for You reward a man according to his *work*.

Psalms 63

1 David's thirst for Jehovah. 9 His confidence for the destruction of his enemies.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.* O God, You are my God; I earnestly seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You, as in a dry and weary land without water.

2 *so* as I have seen you in the sanctuary, seeing Your power and Your glory.

3 ¶ For Your loving-kindness *is* better than life; my lips give praise to You.

4 So I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my palms in Your name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied, as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips,

6 when I remember You upon my bed. I will meditate on You in the night watches.

7 ¶ For You have been a help to me, and I will rejoice under the shadow of Your wings.

8 My soul has cleaved after You; Your right hand upholds me.

9 And those *who* seek to destroy my life shall go into the depths of the earth.

10 They shall pour him out by the sword; they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him shall glory, because the mouth of the *one* speaking a lie will be stopped.

Psalms 64

David prays for deliverance, complaining of his enemies.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* O God, hear my voice in my complaint; guard my life from the terror of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the counsel of *those* doing injury, from the tumult of doers of evil,

3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword; they tread their arrows, a bitter word,

4 to shoot at the perfect *ones* from a hiding place; suddenly they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They strengthen themselves *in* an evil thing; they talk of hiding snares; they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out injustices, *saying*, We have finished devising a plot. Yea, the inward part of man and *the heart are deep!*

7 ¶ But God shall shoot an arrow at them; their wounds shall suddenly appear.

8 So they shall be confounded; their tongue *falls* upon themselves; everyone seeing them shall flee.

9 And all men shall fear and shall declare the work of God; yea, they shall in wisdom consider His work.

10 The righteous *one* shall rejoice in Jehovah, and shall trust in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Psalms 65

1 David praises Jehovah for his grace. 4 The blessedness of Jehovah's elect.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm and Song of David.* To You silence is praise, O God, in Zion; and to You is a vow paid.

2 To You who hears prayer, all flesh comes.

3 Things of iniquity, our transgressions are mightier than I; You cover them.

4 Blessed is *the one* You elect and cause to come near You; he shall dwell *in* Your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

5 You will answer us in righteousness by awesome things, O God of our salvation; the Confidence of all the ends of the earth and the sea afar off.

6 ¶ By Your strength the mountains are established, girded in might.

7 You still the roaring of the sea, the roar of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.

8 And those living *in* the uttermost parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice.

9 You visit the earth and overflow it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water. You provide their grain, for in this way You have prepared it.

10 You fill its terraces with water. You press down its furrows. You make it soft with showers. You bless the sprouting of it.

11 You crown the year of Your goodness, and Your paths drip with fatness.

12 The pastures of the wilderness drip, and the little hills gird themselves *with* joy.

13 The meadows are outfitted with flocks; the valleys are also covered with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Psalms 66

1 David exhorts to praise Jehovah, 5 to observe His great works, 8 to bless him for His gracious benefits.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Song. A Psalm.* Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

2 Sing out the honor of His name; give glory to His praise.

3 Say to God, How *much* to be feared *are* Your works! Through the greatness of Your

power, Your enemies pretend obedience to You.

4 All the earth shall worship You; and they sing to You; they praise Your name. Selah.

5 Come and see God's works, who is feared in His acts toward the sons of men.

6 He turns the sea into dry land; they pass through the river on foot; there we will rejoice with Him.

7 He rules by His power forever; His eyes search out the nations; let not the rebels exalt themselves. Selah.

8 ¶ Bless our God, O peoples, and make heard the voice of His praise;

9 Who places our soul in life and does not allow our foot to slide.

10 For You, O God, have proved us; You have tested us as silver is refined.

11 You have brought us into the net; You laid afflictions on our loins.

12 You have let men ride at our head; we went through fire and through water, but You brought us out to a place of rest.

13 ¶ I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,

14 which my lips have opened, and my mouth has spoken in my trouble.

15 I will make go up burnt sacrifices of fatlings to You, with the incense of rams; I will do it with bulls and he-goats. Selah.

16 Come, hear, all you fearing God, and let me recount what He has done for my soul.

17 I cried to Him with my mouth, and He being exalted under my tongue.

18 If I had regarded iniquity in my heart, Jehovah would not have heard.

19 Surely, God has heard; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer and His mercy from me!

Psalms 67

A prayer for the enlargement of Jehovah's reign.

1 ¶ To the chief musician, for stringed instruments. A Psalm. A song. May God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. Selah.

2 That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

3 Let the peoples thank You, O God; let all the peoples thank You.

4 Oh let the peoples be glad and sing for joy; for You shall judge the peoples with uprightness, and govern the peoples on earth. Selah.

5 Let the peoples give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples give thanks to You.

6 The earth has given its increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Psalms 68

A prayer during the removing of the ark.

1 ¶ To the chief musician. A Psalm of David. A Song. God rises up and His enemies are scattered; and those who hate Him flee from before His face.

2 As smoke is driven away, You drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, the wicked ones perish in God's presence.

3 But the righteous ones are glad; they shout for joy before God; yea, they exult with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praise to His name; lift up a song for Him who rides in the deserts, by His name Jehovah; yea, exult in His presence.

5 In His holy dwelling God is a father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows.

6 God causes the lonely ones to live at home; He brings out those who are bound with chains, while the ones rebelling dwell in a dry land.

7 ¶ O God, in Your going out before Your people, in Your marching through the wilderness. Selah.

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped before God, this Sinai before God, the God of Israel.

9 O God, You shed abroad a shower of willingness, by which You firmed up Your inheritance when it was weary.

10 Your flock lived in it. You, O God, have prepared for the humble one in Your goodness.

11 Jehovah gave the Word; those bearing it were a great army.

12 Kings of armies fled, they ran away; yea, she who stayed home has divided the plunder.

13 When you lie among the sheepfolds, the wings of a dove are covered with silver, and its feathers with gleaming gold.

14 When the Almighty scatters kings in it, it snows on *Mount Salmon*.

15 ¶ The mountain of Bashan *is* God's mountain; the Bashan range *is* a mountain of peaks.

16 Why do you gaze in envy, O mountain range, *at the* mountain God desired for His dwelling? Yea, Jehovah will dwell *in it* forever.

17 The chariots of God *are* myriads, thousands of *angels*, the Lord *is* among them, *in* Sinai, in the place of holiness.

18 You have gone up on high; You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men; yea, to dwell *among* the *ones* rebelling, O Jehovah God.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord: day by day He carries loads for us, the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 Our God *is* the God of salvation; and to Jehovah the Lord *are* the issues of death.

21 Yea, God will crush the head of His enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks on in his guilt.

22 ¶ The Lord said, bringing again from Bashan; I will bring back *My people* from the depths of the sea;

23 so that your foot *may* be dashed in the blood of *your* enemies, the tongue of your dogs in it.

24 They have seen Your goings, O God, the goings of my God, my King, in the holy place.

25 The singers went before, then the players *on instruments* came; among *them were* the virgins playing the timbrels.

26 O bless God in the assemblies, the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

27 There *is* little Benjamin ruling them; the leaders of Judah *in* their crowd, *and* the leaders of Zebulun, the leaders of Naphtali.

28 Your God has commanded your strength; O God, be strong, *in this that* You have worked out for us.

29 Because of Your temple over Jerusalem, kings shall bring a present to You.

30 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds, the gathering of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples, trampling down with pieces of silver. He scatters the people *who* delight in war.

31 Let fat ones be brought out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall run up her hands to God.

32 ¶ Sing to God, kingdoms of the earth, praise to the Lord. Selah.

33 To Him who rides on the heavens of heavens of old; behold, He gives forth His voice, a mighty voice.

34 Give might to God over Israel; His majesty and His strength in the clouds.

35 O God, *You are* awesome out of Your holy places; the God of Israel *is* He who gives might and powers to the people. Blessed *be* God!

Psalms 69

David prays for relief from his affliction; 18 he shadows forth the Messiah, and His treatment.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. Concerning the Lilies. Of David.* Save me, O God, for the waters have come in to my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, and *there is* no standing; I have come into deep waters where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary from my crying, my throat is burnt; my eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 Those hating me without cause are more than the hairs of my head; they willing to put an end to me are mighty, my lying enemies; then I bring back what I did not take away.

5 O God, You know my foolishness, and my guiltiness *is* not hidden from You.

6 O Jehovah of Hosts, do not let those waiting on You be ashamed for my sake; let not the ones seeking You be put to shame for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because I have borne reproach for Your sake, shame has covered my face.

8 I have become a stranger to my brothers and a foreigner to my mother's sons.

9 For the zeal of Your house has consumed Me; and the reproaches of the ones who reproach You have fallen on Me.

10 And I wept in *the* fasting of my soul, it also was to my reproach;

11 I also made sackcloth my clothing, and I became a parable to them.

12 They who sit in the gate meditated on me; and I *was* the song of drinkers of fermented liquor.

13 ¶ But *as for* Me, My prayer *is* to You, O Jehovah, at a time of favor, O God! in

the plenitude of Your mercy answer Me, in the truth of Your salvation.

14 Deliver Me out of the clay, that I may not sink; let Me be delivered from those hating Me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the flood waters overflow Me, nor let the deep swallow Me up; and let not the pit shut its mouth on Me.

16 Hear Me, O Jehovah, for Your mercy is good; in the multitude of Your tender mercies, turn toward Me.

17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant; for *it is* distressing to Me; answer Me quickly;

18 draw near My soul; redeem it; ransom Me because of My enemies.

19 You have known My reproach, and My shame, and My dishonor; all vexing Me *are* all before You.

20 Reproach has broken My heart, and I am sick; and I waited for one to show pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They also gave *Me* gall in My food; and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

22 ¶ Let their table be a trap before them, and to those at peace a snare.

23 Let their eyes be darkened from seeing, and cause their loins to quiver continually.

24 Pour out Your wrath on them; and let the glow of Your anger overtake them.

25 Let their home be made desolate; let no one dwell in their tents.

26 For whom You have stricken, they have persecuted; and they recount to the pain of those You pierced.

27 Put iniquity to their iniquity, and do not let them enter into Your righteousness.

28 Blot them out from the Book of Life; yea, let them not be written with the righteous *ones*.

29 But I *am* afflicted and in pain; O God, Your deliverance shall set me on high.

30 ¶ I will praise God's name in a song; and I will magnify Him with thanks.

31 And it shall please Jehovah more than an ox, *or a horned or hoofed bull*.

32 The poor *ones* have seen *and* are glad; you seeking God, and your heart shall live.

33 For Jehovah hears the needy *ones*, and He does not despise His prisoners.

34 Let the heavens and the earth praise Him, the seas, and everything that moves in them.

35 For God will save Zion; and He will build the cities of Judah, and they shall live there and possess it.

36 And His servants' seed shall inherit; and they who love His name shall live in it.

Psalms 70

David entreats Jehovah for the speedy destruction of the wicked, and preservation of the godly.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.* O God, deliver me! Hurry, O Jehovah, to help me!

2 Let those who seek after my soul be ashamed and turned pale; let them be turned backward and shamed, those who desire my evil.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame, those who say, Aha, aha!

4 Let all those who seek You rejoice, and be glad in You; and let the one loving salvation; forever say, Let God be magnified.

5 But I *am* a humble *one* and a needy *one*, come quickly to me, O God; You *are* my help and my deliverer; O Jehovah, do not wait any longer.

Psalms 71

David prays both for himself and against the enemies of his soul, 17 and for perseverance.

1 ¶ I put my trust in You, O Jehovah, let me not be put to shame forever.

2 In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; stretch out Your ear to me and save me.

3 Be a rock of strength for me, to come always *to You*; You have given a command to save me; for You *are* my rock and my fortress.

4 O my God, deliver me out of the hand of the wicked *one*, and out of the palm of the unjust one and the *one* being cruel .

5 For You *are* my hope, O Lord Jehovah, my trust from my youth.

6 I have leaned on You from the belly; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb; my praise *shall be* always of You.

7 I am like a wonder to many, but You *are* my strong refuge.

8 My mouth is filled *with* Your praise, *with* your glory all the day.

9 Do not cast me off now at the time of my old age. Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies speak against me; and those watching my soul plot together.

11 And *they* say, God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him, for *there is* no one to deliver.

12 O God, do not be far from me; my God come quickly to help me.

13 Let them be ashamed; let those who are enemies of my soul be consumed; let them be covered *with* reproach, and let those seeking evil for me *be* dishonored;

14 ¶ and I will hope without ceasing, and I will add more onto all Your praise.

15 My mouth shall recount Your righteousness *and* Your salvation all the day; for I do not know the numbers.

16 I will come in the strength of the Lord Jehovah; I will speak of Your righteousness, of Yours alone.

17 O God, You have taught me from my youth; and until now I have declared Your wonders.

18 And even when *I am* old and gray-headed, O God, do not leave me until I make known Your arm *to this* generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

19 And, Your righteousness, O God, *is* to the heights, *You* who have done great things. O God, who *is* like You?

20 Who have made me see great and evil distresses; You will turn *me*; You will make me live; and You will bring me up from the depths of the earth.

21 You will multiply my greatness and surround *and* comfort me.

22 I will also thank You with a harp, O my God; I will sing Your truth; I will sing to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall give a ringing cry of joy, for I will sing praise to You; also my soul which you have redeemed.

24 And my tongue shall muse on Your righteousness all the day; because those seeking my evil are ashamed; they are put to shame.

Psalms 72

Solomon foreshadows the greatness and glory of the universal reign of Christ.

1 ¶ *Of Solomon.* Give the King Your judgments, O God; and Your righteousness to the King's son.

2 ¶ Your people He shall judge in righteousness, and Your humble *one* in justice.

3 The mountains will lift up peace to the people, and the little hills through righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people; and He shall save the sons of the needy *one*; and He shall crush the oppressor.

5 They shall fear You with the sun, and before the moon in generation and generation.

6 He shall descend like rain on the mown grass, like showers *that* water the earth.

7 In His days the righteous shall flourish, and plenty of peace, till the moon *is* not.

8 He shall also rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth;

9 Before Him will be brought low desert beasts, and His enemies will lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring near gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.

12 For He shall save the needy *one* who cries, and the poor *one with* no helper to him.

13 He shall have pity on the needy *one* and the poor *one*; and He saves the souls of the needy *one*.

14 He shall redeem their souls from oppression and violence; and their blood shall be precious in His eyes.

15 And He shall live, and the gold of Sheba shall be given to Him; and prayer shall be made to Him continually; He shall bless him all the day.

16 A fullness of grain shall be in the earth on top of the mountains; its fruit shall shake like Lebanon; and *they* of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth.

17 His name shall be forever; His name shall continue before the sun; and they shall bless themselves by Him; all nations shall call Him blessed.

18 ¶ Blessed *is* Jehovah God, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things.

19 And blessed *is* His glorious name forever; and the whole earth is filled *with* His glory! Amen and amen!

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse have ended.

Psalms 73

1 The prophet, prevailing in a temptation, 2 shows the occasion of it: the prosperity of the wicked.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of Asaph.* Truly God *is* good to Israel, to those who are of a pure heart.

2 And *as for* me, my feet had almost turned aside, my steps nearly made to slip.

3 For I was jealous of those boasting; I saw the peace of the wicked *ones*.

4 For *there are* no pangs to their death; but their belly *is* fat.

5 They *are* not in the misery of mortal man; and with men they are not touched.

6 So pride enchains them; violence covers them *like* a garment.

7 Their eyes go out with fat; they have passed the imaginations of the heart.

8 They scoff and speak in evil; from on high they speak oppression.

9 They set their mouth in the heavens; and their tongues walk through the earth.

10 Because of this His people shall return here; and waters of a full *cup shall be* drained by them.

11 And they say, How does God know? And, Is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Behold! These *are* the wicked *ones* who are always at ease; they increase *their* riches.

13 Surely I have purified my heart *in* vain; and I have washed my palms in innocence.

14 For all the day I was stricken; and my chastening is at the mornings.

15 ¶ If I say, This is the way I will speak; behold, I would deceive a generation of Your sons.

16 And I thought to know this; it *was* a vexation in my eyes,

17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* I understood their end.

18 Surely, You will set them in slippery places; You will make them fall into ruin.

19 How they have become desolation in a moment, consumed with terrors!

20 Like a dream *awakening* from dreaming, O Lord, in awakening You will despise their image.

21 ¶ For my heart *was* being leavened, and I was pierced *in* my reins.

22 And I *was* brutish and did not know; I *was like* animals with You.

23 Yet I *was* continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand.

24 You shall guide me by Your counsel; and afterward *You* will take me *to* glory.

25 Whom *is* to me in Heaven? And I do not desire *any* on earth besides You.

26 My flesh and my heart waste away; God *is* the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

27 For, behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You have cut off all who go fornicating *away* from You.

28 And I, *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have made my refuge in the Lord Jehovah, to declare all Your works.

Psalms 74

1 The prophet complains of the desolation of the sanctuary. 10 He seeks the help of Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Lesson, of Asaph.* O God, have You cast *us* off forever; will Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

2 Remember Your congregation; You bought *them* of old; You redeemed *us* as the rod of Your inheritance, this Mount Zion in *which* You have dwelt.

3 Lift up Your steps to the perpetual desolations, the enemy who has done all evil in the sanctuary.

4 *Those* vexing You have roared in the midst of Your meeting place; they set up their own signs *for* signs.

5 He is known as one bringing axes in on high, against the thick trees.

6 And now together they break down its carved work with the axe and hammers.

7 They have cast fire in Your sanctuary; they have polluted the place where Your name dwells on the earth.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us oppress them together; they have burned up all the meeting-places of God in the land.

9 We did not see our signs; *there is* no longer a prophet; nor *any* among us who knows until when.

10 O God, until when shall the enemy reproach *You*? Shall the adversary scorn Your name forever?

11 Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? From out of Your bosom, consume *them*.

12 ¶ For God *is* my King of old, who works salvation in the midst of the land.

13 You broke the sea by Your strength; You burst the heads of sea-monsters on the waters.

14 You crushed the heads of leviathan; You gave him to *be* food for the people of the wilderness.

15 You divided the fountain and the torrent; You dried up mighty rivers.

16 The day *is* Yours, the night *is* also Yours. You have established the light and the sun.

17 You have stationed all the boundaries of the earth; You have formed the summer and winter.

18 ¶ Remember this: the enemy has reproached, O Jehovah; and a foolish people have held in contempt Your name.

19 Do not give the soul of Your turtle-dove to the wild beasts; You will not forever forget the life of Your afflicted *ones*.

20 Look to *Your* covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full, the abodes of violence.

21 O let not the oppressed *ones* turn back ashamed; let the humble and needy *one* praise Your name.

22 Arise, O God, contend *for* Your cause; remember Your reproach from the foolish *one* all the day.

23 Do not forget the voice of *ones* vexing You; the noise of those rising up *against* You is going up continually.

Psalms 75

1 The prophet praises Jehovah. 2 He promises to judge uprightly.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. Do not destroy. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.* We have given thanks to You, O God; we have given thanks; for Your name is near; Your wonderful works have been recounted.

2 When I take the appointed time, I shall judge in uprightness.

3 The earth and all *those* living *in* it are melting away; I set firm its pillars. Selah.

4 I say to the ones being boastful, Do not boast; and to the wicked *ones*, Do not lift up the horn.

5 Do not lift up your horn on high; speaking with a stiff neck.

6 ¶ For exaltations *are* not from the east, and not from the west, and not from the desert;

7 but God *is* the judge; *He* puts down this one and lifts up this one.

8 For a cup *is* in the hand of Jehovah; and the wine foams; it is fully mixed, and He pours out from it; surely all the wicked *ones* of the earth must drink *and* drain its dregs.

9 But I will witness forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 And I will cut off all the horns of the wicked *ones*; *but* the horns of the righteous *one* shall be lifted up.

Psalms 76

A declaration of Jehovah's majesty in the elect.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. For stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song of Praise.* God is known in Judah; His name *is* great in Israel.

2 And His abode *is* in Salem; and His dwelling-place in Zion.

3 There He broke the fiery arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

4 You *are* glorious, *more* excellent than the mountains of prey.

5 The stouthearted have been plundered; they slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 By Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the horse and chariot are fast asleep.

7 ¶ You, *even* You, are to be feared; and, Who can stand before You when You are angry?

8 You have caused judgment to be heard from Heaven; the earth feared and was stilled;

9 when God arose to judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Selah.

10 For the wraths of man thank You; You gird on Yourself the remnant of wraths.

11 Vow and pay to Jehovah your God; let all that are around Him bring presents to the Fear.

12 He shall cut off the spirit in rulers; *He is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

Psalms 77

The psalmist recounts what fierce combat he had with diffidence.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. On Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.* My voice *is* to God, and I cry; my voice *is* to God, and He gave ear to me.

2 In the day of my distress I sought the Lord; my hand spread out in the night and did not grow benumbed; my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remember God and am troubled; I meditate and my spirit faints. Selah.

4 You seized the watches of my eyes; I am troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I thought upon the days of old, the years of *bygone* ages.

6 I will remember my song in the night; I will meditate with my own heart, and my spirit searches.

7 Will the Lord cast off forever; and will He not add to be pleased any more?

8 Is His kindness gone forever? Has *His* Word failed to generation and generation?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious; has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This *is* my sickness, the years of the right hand of the Most High;

11 ¶ I will remember the works of Jah; surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

12 And I will also meditate on all Your works and muse of Your doings.

13 O God, your way *is* in holiness; who *is* a god great like God?

14 You *are* the God who does wonders; You have revealed Your strength among the peoples.

15 You have redeemed Your people with *Your* arm, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 The waters saw You, O God, the waters saw You; they were disturbed; yea, the deeps *were* agitated

17 The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth a voice; and Your arrows go out.

18 The voice of Your thunder in the tempest; lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked!

19 Your way *is* in the sea; and Your path *is* in the great waters; and Your footsteps are not known.

20 You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalms 78

An exhortation to learn and preach the law of Jehovah; he recounts His wonders to Israel.

1 ¶ *A Lesson of Asaph.* Give ear, O my people, *to* my law; stretch out your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will pour forth dark sayings of old,

3 which we have heard and known, and our fathers have recounted to us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their sons; to declare to the coming generation the praises of Jehovah; yea, His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

5 For He raised a Testimony in Jacob, and *He* set a Law in Israel; which He commanded our fathers to make them known to their sons;

6 So that a following generation may know; sons shall be born; they shall rise up *and* recount to their sons,

7 so that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

8 And they shall not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation *that* prepared not its heart; yea, whose spirit was not faithful with God.

9 ¶ The sons of Ephraim, were armed to be shooters of bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They did not keep the covenant of God and refused to walk in His Law.

11 And they forgot His works and His wonders which He had made them see;

12 He did wonders before their fathers in the land of Egypt, the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea and passed them through; and He caused the waters to stand in a heap.

14 And He led them by a cloud in the day, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He split the rocks in the wilderness and made *them* drink, as *from* great depths.

16 Yea, He brought streams out of the rock and caused waters to go down like rivers.

17 Yet they sinned still more against Him, to provoke the Most High in the desert.

18 And they tested God in their heart, by asking food for their souls.

19 And they spoke against God, saying, Shall God be able to set a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold! He struck the rock and the waters sprung out, and the torrents were overflowing. Is He also able to give bread? Will He provide flesh for His people?

21 So Jehovah heard and He passed over, and a fire was kindled against Jacob, and also anger went up against Israel,

22 because they did not believe in God and trusted not in His salvation.

23 And He commanded the fine clouds above; and He opened the doors of the heavens;

24 and He rained on them manna to eat; yea, He gave the grain of the heavens to them.

25 Man ate the bread of the mighty; He sent them food to the full.

26 He made an east *wind* blow in the heavens; and He led out the south *wind* by His power.

27 Yea, He rained flesh on them like dust, and winged birds as the sand of the seas.

28 And He made them fall amidst their camp, all around to their tents.

29 They ate and were filled full; for their own lust He brought to them.

30 They were not estranged from their lust; their food *was* still in their mouths,

31 and God's wrath came on them and killed the fattest of them; and He struck down the choice ones of Israel.

32 In all this they sinned still; and *they* did not believe in His wonderful works;

33 and He ended their days in vanity, and their years in sudden terror.

34 When He killed them, then they sought Him; and they turned and searched for God.

35 So they remembered that God *was* their Rock, and the Most High God their Redeemer.

36 But they flattered Him with their mouths, and with their tongues lied to Him.

37 For their heart was not steadfast with Him; and they were not faithful in His covenant.

38 But He being merciful atoned for iniquity and did not destroy; and He added to turn away His anger, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For He remembered that they *were* flesh, a breath passing away, and not returning.

40 ¶ How often they disobeyed Him in the wilderness, grieving Him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tested God, and set marks to the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember His hand, on the day He redeemed them from the adversary;

43 who set His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, also their streams *that* they might not drink.

45 He sent a swarm *of flies* against them, and they devoured them; also frogs, and they destroyed them.

46 He also gave their crops to the stripping locust, and their labor to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with sleet.

48 He gave their cattle up to the hail, and their flocks to *bolts* of flame.

49 He sent the heat of His anger on them, fury and indignation and distress, a sending of angels of evils.

50 He leveled a path for His anger; He did not keep back their soul from death, but gave their life over to the plague.

51 And he struck all the first-born in Egypt, the firstfruits of strength in the tents of Ham;

52 and He pulled out His people like sheep; and He pulled them out like a flock in the wilderness.

53 And he led them on safely, and they did not fear; but the sea covered over their enemies.

54 He brought them to the border of His holy place; this mountain *that* His right hand had gained.

55 And He cast out the nations before them; and by a line He made a possession fall to them; and He made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tested and provoked the Most High God; and they did not keep His testimonies;

57 but they turned back and betrayed, like their fathers; they veered aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they enraged Him with their high places; and they provoked Him to jealousy with their molten images.

59 And God heard, and He passed over, and He utterly rejected Israel.

60 And He left the tabernacle of Shiloh; the tent He dwelt in among men;

61 and delivered His strength into captivity, and His glory into the hands of the enemy.

62 And He gave His people to the sword, and with His inheritance passed over.

63 The fire burned up their young men; and their virgins were not praised.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows were not able to weep.

65 Then the Lord awoke, as a sleeping one, like a mighty man rejoicing with wine.

66 And He smote His enemies backward; He put them to a never-ending shame.

67 And He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and He did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 But He chose the tribe of Judah, the Mount Zion which He loved.

69 And He built His sanctuary like high places, like the earth He has founded forever.

70 He also chose His servant David, and took him from the folds of the flock;

71 He brought him in from the suckling ewes; He brought him to feed His people Jacob, and His inheritance, Israel.

72 And he fed them in the integrity of his heart; and guided them in the skillfulness of his palms.

Psalms 79

The psalmist complains of the desolation of Jerusalem.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of Asaph.* O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; they have defiled Your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

2 They have given the bodies of Your servants as food for the birds of the heavens;

the flesh of Your godly ones to the beasts of the earth.

3 They have shed their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is no one burying.

4 We have become a shame to our neighbors a scorn and a mockery to those who are around us.

5 Until when, O Jehovah? Will You be angry with us forever? Shall Your jealousy burn like fire?

6 ¶ Pour out Your wrath on the nations who have not known You, and to the kingdoms who have not called on Your name.

7 For *they have* eaten up Jacob and laid waste to his dwelling-place.

8 Do not remember for us the former sins of our fathers; let Your tender mercies meet us speedily, for we have been greatly weakened.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the matter of the glory of Your name; and deliver us and cover our sins, for Your name's sake.

10 Why should the nations say, Where is their God? Let Him be known among the nations before our eyes, the avenging of the blood of Your servants *that* has been poured out.

11 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You. According to the greatness of Your arm, preserve the sons of death.

12 And turn back to our neighbors sevenfold. Give into their bosom their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.

13 And we Your people and sheep of Your pasture will give thanks to You forever; we will declare Your praise to generation and generation.

Psalms 80

1 The psalmist speaks of the miseries visited upon the people. 8 Jehovah's former favors are turned into judgments; 15 of the coming of Messiah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Testimony. Concerning the Lilies. A Psalm of Asaph.* Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, You dwelling *between* the cherubs.

2 Stir up Your might before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh, and come for salvation.

3 O God, turn us again, and make Your face shine, and we will be saved!

4 O Jehovah God of Hosts, until when will You smoke against the prayer of Your people?

5 You made them eat with the bread of tears; yea, You made them drink with tears a third time.

6 You make us a strife for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh to themselves.

7 O God of Hosts, turn us again, and cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

8 ¶ You have pulled a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and have planted it.

9 You cleared before it, and You have rooted its roots, and it has filled the land.

10 The hills were covered *with* its shadow, and its boughs *were as* the cedars of God.

11 It was sending its boughs out to the sea, and its branches to the River.

12 Why have You broken down its walls, so that it is plucked by all who pass by the way?

13 A wild boar out of the forest wastes it, and the moving creatures of the field feed on it.

14 O God of Hosts turn back, we pray! Look down from Heaven and see and watch over this vine;

15 even the shoot which Your right hand has planted, and on the Son You made strong for Yourself.

16 *It is* burned with fire, cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Your face.

17 Let Your hand be on the Man of Your right hand; on the Son of man *whom* You have made strong for Yourself.

18 So we will not backslide from You; make us live, and we will call on Your name.

19 O Jehovah, God of Hosts, turn us again! Cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

Psalms 81

An exhortation to a solemn praising of Jehovah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. On Gittith. Of Asaph.* Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

2 Lift up a song, and the timbrel, the pleasant lyre with the harp.

3 Blow the rams` horn in the new moon, at the full moon, *on* our feast day.

4 For this *was* a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

5 This He set *as* a testimony in Joseph, when He went out over the land of Egypt; I heard a lip I did not understand.

6 I turned away his shoulder from the burden; his palms were freed from the basket.

7 You called in distress, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

8 ¶ My people, listen, and I will testify against you, whether you will listen to Me:

9 There shall be no strange god among you; and you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I *am* Jehovah your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

11 But My people would not listen to My voice, and Israel did not consent to Me.

12 So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their own hearts; they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh if My people had listened to Me! *If* Israel had walked in My ways,

14 I would have subdued their enemies in a little; and I would have turned My hand against their adversaries.

15 *Ones* hating Jehovah shall be found to be untrue to Him, and their time is forever.

16 Yea, He would have caused them to eat from the fat of the wheat; and I would have satisfied you *with* honey out of the rock.

Psalms 82

1 The psalmist exhorts the judges, 5 and reproves their negligence, 8 he prays for Jehovah to judge.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of Asaph* God stands in the assembly of the mighty; He judges in the midst of the gods.

2 Until when will you judge unjustly, and lift up the faces of the wicked *ones*? Selah.

3 Judge the orphan and the poor *one*; do justice to the afflicted *one* and the ones being needy.

4 Deliver the poor *one* and the needy *one*; save *them* out of the hand of the wicked *ones*.

5 They neither know and not will understand; they walk in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 ¶ I have said, You *are* gods, and all of you *are* sons of the Most High.

7 But you shall die as men, and fall like one of the rulers.

8 Rise, O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit in all the nations.

Psalms 83

1 The Psalmist exhorts the judges, 5 reproves their negligence, 8 prays Jehovah to judge.

1 ¶ *A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.* O God do not keep silence to Yourself; do not be speechless; yea, do not be still, O God.

2 For behold, Your enemies are roaring; and those who hate You have lifted up *their* head.

3 They take shrewd counsel against Your people; *they* plot against Your hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and we will cut them off from *being* a nation; and, The name of Israel will not be recalled again.

5 For they conspired *with* one heart; they have cut a covenant against You;

6 *even* the tents of Edom, and of the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagarites;

7 Gebal and Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia and those living in Tyre.

8 Also Assyria has joined with them; they were an arm to the sons of Lot. Selah.

9 ¶ Do to them as *to* Midian, as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin at the torrent Kishon.

10 At En-dor they were destroyed; they became dung for the ground.

11 Make their nobles as Oreb and Zeeb, and all their rulers like Zebah and Zalmunna;

12 who said, Let us take possession of God's pastures for ourselves.

13 O my God, make them as whirling dust, as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burns a forest, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire,

15 so pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your windstorm.

16 Fill their faces with shame and they will seek Your name, O Jehovah.

17 Let them be ashamed and afraid for ever; yea, let them be ashamed and perish.

18 And let them know You *rule* ; Your name is Jehovah, that You alone *are* the Most High over all the earth.

Psalms 84

The prophet longs for communion of the sanctuary, saying, A day in Your courts is better than a thousand.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. On Gittith. A Psalm for the sons of Korah.* How lovely *are* Your dwellings, O Jehovah of Hosts!

2 My soul longs and even faints for the courts of Jehovah; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

3 Even the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even on* Your altars, O Jehovah of Hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed *are* they who dwell in Your house; they will yet be praising You. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man *whose* strength *is* in You; *Your* ways *are* in their hearts.

6 Passing through the valley of weeping, they will make it a fountain; even the early rain covers *with* blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength, being seen in Zion before God.

8 ¶ O Jehovah God of Hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 See, O God, our shield; and look upon the face of Your anointed.

10 For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand; I have chosen to stand at the threshold in the house of my God rather than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For Jehovah God *is* a sun and shield; Jehovah will give grace and glory; He will not withhold good from those who walk in integrity.

12 O Jehovah of Hosts, blessed *is* the man who trusts in You!

Psalms 85

The psalmist prays for former mercies.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm for the sons of Korah.* O Jehovah, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob.

2 You have taken away the iniquity of Your people; You covered all of their sins. Selah.

3 You gathered all of Your wrath; You turned back from the heat of Your anger.

4 O God of our salvation turn us, and break up Your anger with us.

5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You draw out Your anger to generation and generation?

6 Will You give us life anew, so that Your people may rejoice in You?

7 Cause us to see Your mercy, O Jehovah, and give us Your salvation.

8 ¶ I will hear what Jehovah God will say; for He will speak peace to His people and His godly *ones*, but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely His salvation *is* near to the *ones* fearing Him, *for* glory to dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace kissed *each other*.

11 Truth shall sprout out of the earth, and righteousness looks down from Heaven.

12 Yea, Jehovah shall give good, and our land shall give its produce.

13 Righteousness shall go before Him and shall make a way for His footsteps.

Psalms 86

David relies upon Jehovah's mercy.

1 ¶ *A Prayer of David.* O Jehovah, stretch out Your ear, answer me, for I *am* an afflicted and needy *one*.

2 Guard my soul, for I *am* Your godly *one*; O You, my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.

3 Be gracious to Me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day.

4 Give joy to the soul of Your servant; for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For You, O Lord, *are* good and ready to forgive, and rich in mercy to all who call on You.

6 O Jehovah, give ear to my prayer; attend to my voice of supplications.

7 I will call on You in the day of my trouble, for You will answer me.

8 ¶ None among the gods *is* like You, O Lord, and none *are* like Your works.

9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You; yea, Lord, *they* shall glorify Your name.

10 For You *are* great and do wonderful things; You alone *are* God.

11 Teach me Your way, O Jehovah; I will walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

12 With all my heart I will thank You, O Lord my God; and I will glorify Your name forever.

13 For Your mercy toward me *is* great; and You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.

14 O God, the proud *ones* have risen against me; and the assembly of the terrifying *ones* have sought after my life, and have not set You before their eyes.

15 But You, O God, *are* God, full of pity; and gracious, long *before* anger and rich in mercy and truth.

16 O turn to me and be gracious to me; give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your handmaid.

17 Make a sign with me for good, and those hating me shall see and be ashamed, O Jehovah, because You have helped me and comforted me.

Psalms 87

The nature and glory of Zion.

1 ¶ *For the Sons of Korah. A Psalm. A Song.* His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

2 Jehovah loves the gates of Zion more than all the tents of Jacob.

3 Glorious things *are* spoken of you, O city of God. Selah.

4 ¶ I will mention Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; behold, Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.

5 And it shall be said to Zion, *This* man and *that* man was born in her; and the Highest Himself shall establish her.

6 In recording the peoples Jehovah shall recount, *This man* was born there. Selah.

7 And the singers, the players of the pipe: all my springs *are* in You.

Psalms 88

A prayer containing a fervent plea.

1 ¶ *A Song. A Psalm for the Sons of Korah, to the chief musician on Mahalath, to make humble. A Poem of Heman the Ezrahite.* O Jehovah God of my salvation, I have cried in the day, in the night before You.

2 Let my prayer come before You; stretch out Your ear to my cry.

3 For my soul is full with evils, and my life draws near Sheol.

4 I am counted with those who go down to the Pit; I have been like a man without strength,

5 free among the dead, as pierced ones lying in the grave, whom You remember no more; yea, by Your hand they are cut off.

6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places, in the deeps.

7 Your fury has lain hard upon me, and You afflict me with all Your waves. Selah.

8 You have taken ones knowing me from me; You have made me a disgusting thing to them; *I am* shut up, I will not go out.

9 My eye mourns because of affliction; O Jehovah, I have called on You every day; I have spread out my palms to You.

10 ¶ For will You do wonders for those dying? Or shall the departed spirits rise and thank You? Selah.

11 Shall Your mercy be declared in the grave, Your faithfulness amidst ruin?

12 Shall Your wonders be known in the dark, and Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But to You I have cried, O Jehovah; and in the morning my prayer shall go before You.

14 O Jehovah, why do You cast off my soul; why do You hide Your face from me?

15 I am afflicted one and dying from youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distracted.

16 Your fierce wrath passes over me; Your terrors have cut me off.

17 They surrounded me like waters all the day; they have together gone around me.

18 You have taken lover and friend far from me, he who knows me, into darkness.

Psalms 89

1 The psalmist praises Jehovah for His covenant,

18 lists many of the promises to the coming Messiah, 38 groans under state of Zion lately.

1 ¶ *A Poem of Ethan the Ezrahite.* I will sing of the mercies of Jehovah forever; I will speak with my mouth Your faithfulness to generation and generation.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever; You shall establish Your faithfulness in the heavens.

3 I have cut a covenant with My elect; I have sworn to David My servant,

4 I will establish Your Seed forever, and

build up Your throne to generation and generation. Selah.

5 ¶ And the heavens shall thank Your wonders, O Jehovah; also Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

6 For who in the cloud *is* ranked with Jehovah, *who* among the sons of the mighty *is* like Jehovah?

7 God is greatly to be seen *as* awesome in the counsel of the holy ones, and to be feared by all round about Him.

8 O Jehovah God of Hosts, who *is* a strong Jehovah like You? And Your faithfulness is all round about You.

9 You rule the pride of the sea; when its waves rise high, You still them.

10 You have crushed Rahab, as one slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

11 The heavens *are* Yours, and the earth *is* Yours; the world and its fullness, You founded them.

12 You have created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon gave a ringing cry of joy in Your name.

13 To You *is* an arm of might; Your hand is strong, Your right hand is high.

14 Justice and righteousness *are* Your throne's foundation; mercy and truth go before Your face.

15 ¶ O the blessedness of the people knowing the joyful sound; O Jehovah, they shall walk in the light of Your face.

16 They shall rejoice in Your name always; and they are exalted in Your righteousness.

17 For You *are* the glory of their strength; and by Your favor You lift up our horn.

18 For Jehovah *is* our shield, yea, the Holy One of Israel our King.

19 ¶ Then You spoke in a vision to Your Holy One; and You said, I have laid help on a mighty One. I have exalted an Elect One from the people.

20 I have found My servant David; I have anointed Him with My holy oil.

21 My hand shall be fixed with Him; and My arm shall make Him strong.

22 An enemy will not exact against Him; the son of iniquity shall not afflict Him.

23 And I will beat down His adversaries before Him, and plague those hating Him.

24 But My faithfulness and My mercy *is* with Him; and His horn shall be exalted in My name.

25 And I will set His hand in the sea, and His right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry to Me, My Father, You *are* My God, and the rock of My salvation.

27 Also I will make Him *My* First-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep My mercy for Him forever, and My covenant *shall be* to Him.

29 And I have set his Seed forever, and His throne as the days of the heavens.

30 If His sons forsake My Law, and do not walk in My judgments;

31 if they profane My statutes and do not keep My commandments;

32 then I will visit their transgressions with the rod, and their sins with stripes.

33 But I will not annul My mercy from him, and I will not be false in My faithfulness.

34 I will not profane My covenant, nor change what goes from My lips.

35 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.

36 His Seed shall be fixed forever, and His throne as the sun before Me.

37 Like the moon, it shall be fixed forever, and a faithful witness in the heaven. Selah.

38 ¶ But You have cast off and rejected *us*; You have passed over on Your anointed.

39 You have spurned from the covenant of Your servant; You have defiled his crown on the ground.

40 You have broken down all his walls; You have brought his strongholds *to* ruin.

41 All who pass by the way plunder him; he is a reproach to his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all *his* enemies rejoice.

43 Also you have turned back the edge of the sword, and have not raised him up in battle.

44 You have made his brightness to cease and have hurled his throne to the ground.

45 You have shortened the days of his youth; You have covered him over *with* shame. Selah.

46 Until when, O Jehovah? Will You hide Yourself? Shall Your wrath burn like fire forever?

47 Remember, I pray, the time of life; for what vanity have you created all the sons of men?

48 What man lives and never sees death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of Sheol? Selah.

49 Lord, where *are* Your former kindnesses *that* You swore to David in Your faithfulness?

50 Remember, O Lord, the reproach of Your servants, my bearing in my bosom the insults of the many peoples

51 *with* which Your enemies have reproached, O Jehovah; *with* which they have cursed the footsteps of Your Anointed.

52 Praised *be* Jehovah forever. Amen and Amen!

Psalms 90

Moses prays for the knowledge and sensible experience of Jehovah's good providence.

1 ¶ *A Prayer of Moses, the Man of God.*
O Lord, You have been our dwelling-place in generation and generation.

2 Before the mountains were born, or ever You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You *are* God.

3 You turn man back to dust, and say, Return, O sons of men.

4 For a thousand years in Your eyes *are* as a day, yesterday, when it passes, and *as* a watch in the night.

5 You flooded them away; they are *as* a sleep; in the morning, *they are* like grass sprouting;

6 in the morning it sprouts and shoots up; in the evening it *is* cut off and dries up.

7 ¶ For we are consumed by Your anger, and we are troubled by Your wrath.

8 You have set our iniquities before You, our secret *sins* in the light of Your face.

9 For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh.

10 The days of our years *are* seventy years; and if by strength *we live* eighty years, yet their pride *is* labor and sorrow; for it soon passes, and we fly away.

11 Who knows the power of Your anger?
And as Your fear *is, so is* Your fury.

12 ¶ So teach us to number our days, so
that we may bring a heart of wisdom.

13 Return, O Jehovah! Until when? And
give pity to Your servants.

14 O satisfy us in the morning with Your
mercy, and we will be glad and rejoice all
our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days of
our affliction, the years *in which* we have
seen evil.

16 Make Your work to be seen *by* Your
servants, and Your majesty to their sons.

17 And let the delight of the Lord our
God be upon us; and establish the works
of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our
hands, establish it!

Psalms 91

*The happy state of the godly ones, 9 more prom-
ises to the coming Messiah*

1 ¶ He who dwells in the secret place of
the Most High shall abide *in* the shade of
the Almighty.

2 I will say to Jehovah: my Refuge and
my Fortress, my God; I will trust in
Him.

3 For He delivers you from the fowler's
snare, from the plague of destruction.

4 With His feathers He will cover you,
and under His wings you shall seek ref-
uge; His truth *is* a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not fear the terror of night, of
the arrow *that* flies by day;

6 of the plague *that* walks in darkness,
of the destruction laying waste at noon-
day.

7 A thousand shall fall by your side, and a
myriad at your right hand; it shall not come
near you.

8 Only with your eyes you shall look, and
see the retribution of the wicked *ones*.

9 ¶ Because You, O Jehovah, *are* My
refuge; You make the Most High Your
habitation,

10 no evil shall happen to You, nor shall
any plague come near Your tent.

11 For He shall give His angels charge
over You, to keep You in all Your ways.

12 They shall bear You up in *their* palms,
that You not dash Your foot on a stone.

13 You shall tread on the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent You shall
trample under foot.

14 Because He has set *His* love on Me,
therefore I will deliver Him; I will set Him
on high because He has known My name.

15 He shall call on Me and I will answer
Him; I *will be* with Him in distress; I will
rescue Him and honor Him.

16 I will satisfy him *with* length of days,
and will make him see My salvation.

Psalms 92

The prophet exhorts to praise Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Psalm, A Song for the Sabbath Day.*

*It is good to give thanks to Jehovah, and to
sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

*2 to make Your mercy known in the morn-
ing, and Your faithfulness every night;*

*3 on the ten strings, and on the harp; on
the lyre with sounding music.*

*4 For You have made me glad with Your
work, O Jehovah; I will sing out in the
works of Your hands.*

*5 O Jehovah, Your thoughts are very deep.
How great are Your works!*

*6 A brutish man does not know; a fool
does not understand this.*

*7 ¶ When the wicked ones flourish like
grass, and all the evildoers blossom, it is
for them to be destroyed forever.*

*8 But You, O Jehovah, are exalted for-
ever.*

*9 For, behold, Your enemies, O Jehovah;
for, behold, Your enemies shall perish; all
the doers of evil shall be scattered.*

*10 But You will lift up my horn as the wild
ox, and I will be anointed with fresh oil.*

*11 And my eye shall look on my enemies;
my ears shall hear the evildoers who rise
up against me.*

*12 The righteous one shall flourish as the
palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in
Lebanon.*

*13 Those planted in the house of Jeho-
vah, in the courts of our God, shall flour-
ish.*

*14 They shall bear fruit in old age; they
shall be fat and fresh,*

*15 to declare that Jehovah is an upright
One, my Rock! And in Him is no evil.*

Psalms 93

The majesty, power, and holiness of Christ's kingdom.

1 ¶ Jehovah reigns! He is clothed with majesty; Jehovah is clothed with strength; He girded Himself; and the world is established; it shall not be shaken.

2 Your throne *is* established from then; You *are* from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up; O Jehovah, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods have lifted their roaring waves.

4 Jehovah on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Your testimonies are very sure; holiness becomes Your house to length of days, O Jehovah.

Psalms 94

1 The prophet calls for judgment on the wicked, 12 the blessedness of the godly ones.

1 ¶ O Jehovah, God of vengeance; O God of vengeance, shine forth!

2 Lift up Yourself, O judge of the earth; give back a just recompense on the proud.

3 Until when *shall* the wicked *ones*, O Jehovah, until when shall the wicked *ones* exult?

4 They pour out, they speak impudent things; all the workers of evil speak *proudly*.

5 O Jehovah, they crush Your people and afflict Your inheritance.

6 They kill the widow and the sojourner, and *they* murder the orphan.

7 And they say, Jehovah will not see, and the God of Jacob will not perceive.

8 Understand you brutish ones among the people; yea, you fools, when will you be wise?

9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

10 He who chastises the nations, shall He not rebuke, He who teaches man knowledge?

11 Jehovah knows the thoughts of man, that they *are* a mist.

12 ¶ Blessed *is* the man You chasten, O Jehovah, You make him know out of Your Law;

13 to give him rest from evil days, until the pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For Jehovah will not leave His people, and not will He forsake His inheritance.

15 For judgment shall turn to righteousness; and all the upright in heart *shall follow* after it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of evil?

17 Unless Jehovah *had been* my help, my soul would almost have dwelt in silence.

18 If I said, My foot has slipped, O Jehovah, Your mercy has held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship *with* You, forming mischief for a statute?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous *one*, and *they* condemn the blood of the innocent *one*.

22 But Jehovah is my tower of defense; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

23 And He shall turn their own iniquity upon them; and He shall cut off in their evil, Jehovah our God shall exterminate them!

Psalms 95

1 An exhortation to praise Jehovah, 8 and not to test Him as they did in the wilderness.

1 ¶ O come, let us sing to Jehovah; let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us go before His face with praise; let us shout to Him with songs.

3 For Jehovah *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 The deep places of the earth *are* in His hand; the summits of the mountains also *are* His.

5 The sea *is* His, and He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker.

7 ¶ For He *is* our God; and we *are* the people of His pasturing, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice,

8 do not harden your heart as *in the day* of strife, as *in the day* of testing in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tried Me, they tested Me and they saw My work.

10 For forty years I detested *this* generation; and I said, They *are* a people who go astray in heart; and, They do not know My ways,

11 to whom I swore in My anger, They shall not enter into My rest.

Psalms 96

He urges all to praise Jehovah for his judgment.

1 ¶ O sing to Jehovah a new song; sing to Jehovah, all the earth.

2 Sing to Jehovah; bless His name, bear news of His salvation day by day.

3 Recount His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people.

4 For Jehovah *is* great and greatly to be praised; He *is* to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols; but Jehovah made the heavens.

6 Honor and majesty *are* before Him; strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary.

7 Give to Jehovah, O families of the people; give to Jehovah glory and might.

8 Give to Jehovah the glory *due* His name; lift up an offering and come in to His courts.

9 Oh worship Jehovah in the adornment of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.

10 ¶ Say among the nations, Jehovah reigns; and, The world shall be established, it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples in uprightness.

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and the fullness of it.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it; then the trees of the forest shall rejoice

13 before Jehovah; for He comes; for He comes to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His faithfulness.

Psalms 97

1 The majesty of Jehovah's kingdom. 8 godly ones rejoice that Jehovah lovingly cares for them.

1 ¶ Jehovah reigns! Let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of islands be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness *are* all around Him; righteousness and judgment *are* the foundation of His throne.

3 A fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries all around.

4 His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw and trembled.

5 The mountains melted like wax before the face of Jehovah, before the face of Jehovah of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare His righteousness and all the people see His glory.

7 All who serve graven images *are* shamed, those who boast themselves in idols; all gods bow down before Him.

8 ¶ Zion heard and was glad; yea, the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O Jehovah.

9 For You, Jehovah, *are* high above all the earth; You go on high far above all gods.

10 You who love Jehovah, hate evil. He keeps the souls of His godly *ones*; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked *ones*

11 Light is sown for the righteous *one*, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Be glad in Jehovah, O righteous *ones*; give thanks to the memory of His holiness.

Psalms 98

The psalmist exhorts all creatures to sing praise to Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Psalm.* O sing to Jehovah a new song, for He has done wonderful; His right hand and His holy arm has saved Him.

2 Jehovah has made known His salvation; He revealed His righteousness to the eyes of the nations.

3 He has remembered His loving-kindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 ¶ Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth; break out and rejoice and sing praise.

5 Sing praise to Jehovah with the lyre; with the lyre and the voice of a song.

6 With trumpets and the sound of a rams` horn, shout before Jehovah the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap *their* hands; let the heights give a ringing cry of joy together,

9 before Jehovah, for He comes to judge the earth; with righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples in uprightness.

Psalms 99

The prophet exhorts all, by the example of the forefathers, to worship Jehovah at His holy hill.

1 ¶ Jehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble; He sits *between* the cherubs; let the earth quake.

2 Jehovah *is* great in Zion; and He *is* high above all the peoples.

3 They shall thank Your great and fearful name; it *is* holy.

4 The king's strength also loves judgment; You establish uprightness; You worked judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt Jehovah our God and worship at His footstool; He *is* holy.

6 ¶ Moses and Aaron *were* among His priests, and Samuel *was* among those who called on His name; they called to Jehovah, and He answered them.

7 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; they kept His testimonies and the Law that He gave to them.

8 You answered them, O Jehovah our God; to them You were a God who forgives them, but *One* taking vengeance on their doings.

9 Exalt Jehovah our God and worship at His holy hill; for Jehovah our God *is* holy.

Psalms 100

An exhortation to praise Jehovah cheerfully.

1 ¶ A Psalm of Thanksgiving. Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all the land.

2 Worship Jehovah with gladness; come before His face with joyful singing.

3 Know that Jehovah, He *is* God; He has made us, and not we ourselves, His people and the flock of His pasture.

4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with praise; be thankful to Him; bless His name.

5 For Jehovah *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, and His faithfulness to generation and generation.

Psalms 101

David makes a vow and profession of godliness.

1 ¶ A Psalm of David. I will sing of mercy and judgment; to You O Jehovah, I will sing praise.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way; O when will You come to me? I will walk in the integrity of my heart in the midst of my house.

3 I will not set a worthless thing before my eyes; I have hated the work of those who turn aside; it shall not fasten upon me.

4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know evil.

5 *Whoever* secretly slanders his neighbor, I will cut him off; I will not endure him who has high eyes and a proud heart.

6 My eyes *are* on the faithful of the land, so that they may dwell with me; he who walks in a perfect way shall serve me.

7 *He* who works deceit shall not live inside my house; he who speaks lies shall not be established before my eyes.

8 In the mornings I will cut off every wicked *one* of the land, so that I may cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of Jehovah.

Psalms 102

1, The afflicted pleads to Jehovah for relief,

18 The mercies of Jehovah are to be recorded.

1 ¶ A Prayer of the afflicted one, when he is faint and pours out his plea to Jehovah. Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and let my cry come to You.

2 Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; stretch out Your ear to me in the day I call; answer me quickly.

3 For my days are finished in smoke, and my bones *are* burned like a burning heap.

4 My heart is stricken and dried like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my sighing, my bones cleave to my flesh.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch and am like a bird alone on the housetop.

8 My enemies reproach me all the day; those who rave against me have sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and have mingled my drink with weeping,

10 because of Your anger and Your wrath; for You have lifted me and cast me down.

11 My days *are* like a shadow stretched out, and I wither like grass.

12 ¶ But You, O Jehovah, shall dwell forever, and Your memory to generation and generation.

13 You shall arise; have mercy on Zion, for the time to pity her, yea, the appointed time has come.

14 For Your servants take pleasure in its stones, and pity its dust.

15 So nations shall fear the name of Jehovah, and all the kings of the earth Your glory.

16 When Jehovah shall build up Zion, He shall be seen in His glory.

17 He will turn to the prayer of the destitute *one*, and *He* will not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come, and people to be created shall praise Jehovah.

19 For He has looked down from the height of His sanctuary; Jehovah looked from Heaven to the earth,

20 to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to set free the sons of death,

21 to declare the name of Jehovah in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem,

22 when the peoples and the kingdoms are gathered together to serve Jehovah.

23 ¶ He weakened his strength in the way; He shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, do not take me up in the half of my days; Your years *are* in the generation of generations.

25 Before *time* You founded the earth, and the heavens *are* the work of Your hands.

26 They shall perish, but You shall endure; yea, all of them shall wear out like a garment; You shall change them like clothing, and they shall be changed.

27 But You *are* He, and Your years shall not be ended.

28 The sons of Your servants shall dwell, and their seed shall be established before You.

Psalms 103

An exhortation to bless Jehovah for His mercy.

1 ¶ *Of David.* Bless Jehovah, O my soul, and all within me, *bless* His holy name.

2 Bless Jehovah, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits;

3 *He* who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases;

4 who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you *with* kindness and

tender mercies;

5 who satisfies your desire with good; your youth is renewed like an eagle.

6 ¶ Jehovah works righteousness and judgments for all the ones being oppressed.

7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

8 Jehovah *is* compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy.

9 He will not always strive, and not will He keep His *anger* forever.

10 He has not done to us according to our sins, and has not rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens *are* above the earth, *so* is His mercy mighty over those fearing Him.

12 As far as the east *is* from the west, *so* far has He put our transgressions from us.

13 As the pity of a father over his sons, *so* Jehovah pities those who fear Him.

14 For He knows our form, remembering that we *are* dust.

15 *As for* man, his days *are* as grass; as the flower of the field, so he flourishes.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it is not; and its place never recognizes it again.

17 But the mercy of Jehovah *is* from everlasting, even to everlasting, on those who fear Him; yea, His righteousness *is* to the sons of sons;

18 to those who keep His covenant, and to those who remember His precepts, to do them.

19 ¶ Jehovah has prepared His throne in Heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless Jehovah, O angels of His; mighty in strength; doing His Word; listening to the voice of His Word.

21 Bless Jehovah, all His hosts, ministers of His, doing His will.

22 Bless Jehovah, all His works in all the places of His dominion; bless Jehovah, O my soul.

Psalms 104

1 A meditation on the wonderful providence of Jehovah. 33 The prophet vows perpetually to praise Jehovah.

1 ¶ Bless Jehovah, O my soul! O Jehovah my God, You are very great; You have put on honor and majesty,

2 covering Yourself *with* light like a cloak, and stretching out the heavens like a curtain;

3 who lays beams in the waters *of* His upper rooms; setting thick clouds *as* His chariots; walking on the wings of the wind.

4 He makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flaming fire.

5 He founded the earth on its foundations; it shall not be shaken forever and ever.

6 You have covered the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

7 From Your rebuke, they flee; from the sound of Your thunder, they hurry away.

8 They go up the mountains; they go down the valleys to the place which You founded for them.

9 You have set a boundary they may not pass over; they shall not return to cover the earth.

10 ¶ *He* sends springs into the valleys; they flow between the hills;

11 they give drink to every animal of the field; wild asses break their thirst;

12 over them the birds of the heavens dwell; they give voice from between the branches.

13 *He* waters the hills from His upper rooms; the earth is satisfied from the fruit of Your works.

14 *He* causes the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for the service of man, to bring food out of the earth.

15 And wine cheers the heart of man; oil makes *his* face shine, and bread sustains the heart of man.

16 The trees of Jehovah *are* satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon that He planted;

17 there where the birds nest; the fir trees *are* the house of the stork;

18 high hills *are* for the wild goats; rocks *are* a refuge for the rock-badgers.

19 ¶ He made the moon for seasons; the sun knows its going down.

20 You put darkness, and it is night; in it all the forest animals creep.

21 The young lions roar for prey, and to seek their food from God.

22 The sun rises; they are gathered, and go to their dens to lie down.

23 Man goes out to his work, and to his labor until the evening.

24 O Jehovah, how many are Your works! You have made all of them in wisdom; the earth is full of Your possessions.

25 This *is* the sea, great and wide on both hands; there *are* creeping things even without number; living things, small and great.

26 There the ships go; You formed this great sea-animal to play in it.

27 All of them wait for You to give *them* their food in due season.

28 You give to them; they gather; You open Your hand, *and* they are filled with good.

29 You hide Your face, and they *are* troubled; You gather their breath, *and* they expire and return to their dust.

30 You send out Your Spirit, *and* they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.

31 ¶ The glory of Jehovah shall be forever; Jehovah shall rejoice in His works.

32 He looks to the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing to Jehovah during my life; I will sing praise to my God while I exist.

34 My meditations on Him shall be sweet; I will be glad in Jehovah.

35 Sinners *are* consumed from the earth and the wicked *ones*; still they will not be; bless Jehovah, O my soul; Hallelujah. praise Jah!

Psalms 105

1 An exhortation to praise Jehovah. 6 Jehovah's providence over Abraham, 16 over Joseph, 23 over Jacob, 26 over Moses delivering the Israelites.

1 ¶ O give thanks to Jehovah; call on His name; make His deeds known among the peoples.

2 Sing to Him; sing praises to Him; meditate on all His wonders.

3 Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek Jehovah rejoice.

4 Seek Jehovah and His strength; seek His face without ceasing.

5 Remember His wonders that He has done, His signs, and the judgments of His mouth,

6 O seed of His servant Abraham; O sons of Jacob, His elect.

7 He *is* Jehovah our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth;

8 ¶ He has remembered His covenant forever; the Word He commanded to a thousand generations;

9 which He cut with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac;

10 and He made it stand to Jacob for a statute, to Israel *for* a perpetual covenant;

11 saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan, the portion of your inheritance;

12 when they were few in number; very few, and aliens in it.

13 And they walked from nation to nation; from *one* kingdom to another people.

14 He did not allow a man to oppress them; yea, He reproved kings for their sakes;

15 *saying*, Touch not My anointed; and, Do My prophets no harm.

16 And He called a famine on the land; He broke the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph; he was sold for a slave;

18 they hurt his feet with chains; his soul came into iron;

19 until the time His Word came, the Word of Jehovah refined him;

20 the king, the ruler of peoples, sent and shook off his *fetters*, even setting him free;

21 he made him lord of his house, and ruler over all he owned;

22 to bind his leaders at his will, and to teach his elders wisdom.

23 Israel also came *into* Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And He increased His people greatly and made them stronger than their adversaries.

25 ¶ He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants.

26 He sent His servant Moses *and* Aaron whom He had chosen.

27 They put things of His signs among them; yea, wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness and made it dark; and they did not rebel against His Word.

29 He turned their waters into blood and killed their fish.

30 Their land swarmed with frogs in the rooms of their kings.

31 He spoke, and *fly* swarms came; gnats in all their borders.

32 He gave hail *for* their rain, flaming fire in their land.

33 He struck their vines also, and their fig trees; and *He* broke the trees of their borders.

34 *He* spoke, and locusts came; and larvae without number;

35 and they ate up all the plants in the land; yea, ate the fruit of their ground.

36 He also struck all the first-born in their land, the firstfruit of all their vigor.

37 And He led them out with silver and gold; and among their tribes, not one *was* stumbling.

38 Egypt was glad when they went out, for their dread had fallen on them.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light *in* the night.

40 He asked, and He brought quail; and *also* satisfied them *with* the food *from* the heavens.

41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out; they went in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For He remembered His holy Word *and* His servant Abraham;

43 and He brought His people out with joy; His elect with gladness.

44 And He gave to them the lands of the nations; and they inherited the labor of the peoples;

45 so that they might keep His statutes and keep His laws. Praise Jah!

Psalms 106

The people's rebellion, and Jehovah's mercy.

1 ¶ Praise Jah! Give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever.

2 Who can speak the might of Jehovah, or cause all His praise to be heard?

3 Blessed *are* those keeping judgment, he who does righteousness in every season.

4 Remember me, Jehovah, with the favor of Your people; O watch over me with Your salvation,

5 to see the good of joy, Your elect to rejoice in the joy of Your nation, to glory with Your inheritance.

6 ¶ We have sinned with our fathers; we did perversely; we were wicked.

7 Our fathers did not ponder Your wonders in Egypt; they did not remember Your many mercies, and *they* rebelled at the sea, at the Sea of Reeds.

8 But He saved them for His name's sake, to make known His might.

9 And He rebuked the Sea of Reeds; and it dried up; and He made them go through the depths *as* through the wilderness.

10 And He saved them from the hand of the *one* hating, and ransomed him from the hand of the enemy;

11 and waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed His words; they sang His praise.

13 ¶ They hurried *and* forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel;

14 and they lusted a lust in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert.

15 And He gave their request to them, but sent wasting into their soul.

16 And they were jealous of Moses the holy *one* of Jehovah in the camp of Aaron;

17 the earth opened up and swallowed Dathan; and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire burned in their company; the flame burned up the wicked *ones*

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and bowed down before the molten image;

20 and they changed their Glory into the image of an ox eating grass.

21 They forgot God their deliverer, doing great things in Egypt;

22 wonders in the land of Ham, awesome things by the Sea of Reeds.

23 And He said to exterminate them; except Moses His elect had stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath from destroying *them*.

24 They despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His Word.

25 And they murmured in their tents; they did not listen to the voice of Jehovah;

26 and He lifted up His hand to them, to make them fall in the wilderness;

27 to make their seed fall also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They also were joined to Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the ones who died;

29 and provoked *Him* with their deeds; and a plague broke out among them.

30 And Phinehas stood and intervened, and the plague was stayed;

31 and it was counted to him for righteousness to generation and generation, forever.

32 And they angered *Him* at The Waters of Strife, and it went ill for Moses because of them;

33 for they provoked his spirit, and he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 ¶ They did not exterminate the peoples, *as* Jehovah said to them,

35 but mingled with the nations and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols, and they became a snare to them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons;

38 and they shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. And the land was polluted with the blood.

39 And they were unclean with their works, and went fornicating in their doings.

40 And the anger of Jehovah glowed against His people; and He detested His inheritance.

41 And He gave them into the hand of the nations; and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 And their enemies oppressed them and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many times He delivered them, but they rebelled in their plans, and *they* were brought low in their iniquities.

44 And He looked on their affliction when He heard their cry;

45 He remembered *His* covenant for them, and had pity according to His many mercies.

46 And He gave them to tender mercies before all their captors.

47 Save us, O Jehovah our God, and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, to exult in Your praise.

48 Blessed *is* Jehovah God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, Amen! Praise Jah!

Psalms 107

The psalmist exhorts the redeemed, in praising Jehovah, to observe his manifold providence.

1 ¶ Give thanks to Jehovah, for *He* is good; for His mercy *endures* forever.

2 Let the redeemed of Jehovah say *so*, whom He redeemed from the hand of the adversary;

3 and gathered them from the lands; from east and from west; from north and from south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness, in a deserted way; they found no city of dwelling;

5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them;

6 and they cried to Jehovah in their distress; He delivered them from their straits.

7 And He guided them in the way of the upright *ones* to go to a city of dwelling.

8 Let them thank Jehovah *for* His mercy, and His wonders to the sons of man.

9 He satisfies the thirsty soul, and He fills the hungry soul *with* good.

10 ¶ Those who live in the darkness, and in the shadow of death, *being* prisoners in affliction and iron,

11 because they rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High;

12 and He humbled their heart by toil, they stumbled, and not *one* helping;

13 and they cried to Jehovah in their distress; He saved them out of their straits;

14 He brought them out from darkness and the shadow of death; and He tore off their bonds.

15 Let them give thanks to Jehovah *for* His kindness, and His wonders to the sons of man.

16 For He has broken gates of bronze; and He cut bars of iron in two.

17 ¶ Foolish *ones!* They are afflicted from the way of their transgression, and from their iniquities;

18 their soul hates every food; and they reach the gates of death;

19 and they cried to Jehovah in their distress; He saved them from their straits;

20 He sent His Word and healed them; and delivered *them* from all their pits.

21 Let them give thanks to Jehovah *for* His kindness and His wonders to the sons of men.

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and recount His works with rejoicing.

23 ¶ They who go down to the sea in ships, who work in the great waters;

24 These see the works of Jehovah and His wonders in the deep.

25 For He speaks, and *He* raises a wind of tempest and makes its waves high;

26 they go up *to the* heavens; they go down *to the* depths; their soul is melted in evil;

27 they reel and stagger like a drunken *man*, and all their wisdom is swallowed up;

28 and they cry to Jehovah in their distress, and He brings them out of their straits.

29 He settles the tempest to a whisper, so that its waves are still;

30 and they are glad, because they are quiet; and He led them to their haven of desire.

31 Let them thank Jehovah *for* His kindness and His wonders to the sons of men;

32 and exalt Him in the assembly of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders.

33 ¶ He sets rivers to a wilderness, and watersprings to thirsty ground;

34 a fruitful land to a salty desert, because of the evil of those who live in it.

35 He puts the wilderness into pools of water; and dry land into water-springs;

36 and He makes those who hunger live there, and they may prepare a city of dwelling.

37 And they sow the fields, and plant vineyards, and make fruits of produce.

38 He also blesses them so that they multiply greatly; and He does not allow their cattle to be few

39 but they become few and bowed down through restraint, evil and grief.

40 He pours contempt on nobles, and causes them to wander in a desert; there is no path.

41 But He sets on high the needy *one* from affliction, and He sets families like a flock.

42 The upright *one* shall see and be glad; and all iniquity shuts its mouth.

43 Whoever *is* wise and will observe these *things*, even they shall discern the kindnesses of Jehovah.

Psalms 108

David prays for Jehovah's assistance according to his promise.

1 ¶ *A Song. A Psalm of David.* O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing; yea, I will sing songs even *with* my glory.

2 Awake, harp and lyre! I will awake early;
3 I will thank You, O Jehovah, among the peoples; and I will sing to You among the nations.

4 For Your mercy *is* great above the heavens; and Your truth *reaches* to the clouds.

5 Be lifted up, O God, above the heavens; and Your glory above all the earth;

6 ¶ O that Your beloved may be delivered; save *by* Your right hand and answer me.

7 God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice; I will portion out Shechem; and I will measure out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead *is* Mine; *and* Manasseh *is* Mine; and Ephraim *is* the refuge *of* My head; Judah *is* My lawgiver;

9 Moab *is* My washpot; I will throw My shoe out over Edom; I will shout in triumph over Philistia.

10 Who will lead me into the fortified city? Who will lead me over Edom?

11 O God, have You not cast us off? And, O God, will You not go out with our armies?

12 Give help to us from distress; for the deliverance of man *is* vanity.

13 In God we shall act *with* strength, for He shall tread down ones oppressing us.

Psalms 109

David complains of his slanderous enemies and under the person of Judas devotes them.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.*
O God of my praise, do not be silent;

2 for the mouth of the wicked *one*, and the mouth of deceit, are opened against me; they spoke against me *with* a tongue of falsehood.

3 And they circled me in *with* words of hatred; and *they* fought against me without a cause.

4 Instead of my love, they oppose me; but I *am* in prayer.

5 And they put on me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 ¶ Set a wicked *one* over him; and let one opposing stand at his right hand;

7 when he is judged, let him go out as a wicked *one*; and let his prayer become sin;

8 let his days be few; and let another take his office;

9 his sons be orphans and his wife a widow;

10 and let his sons always beg and wander, and seek *food* out of their ruins;

11 let the one lending lay a snare for all that *is* his; and let strangers plunder his labor;

12 let there not be to him *one* giving kindness; and let there not be *one* having pity on his orphans;

13 let his posterity be cut off; let their name be blotted out in the following generation;

14 let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered to Jehovah; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out;

15 let them be always before Jehovah, so that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

16 because he did not remember to do kindness; and *he* persecuted the afflicted and needy *one*, even to cause the broken of heart to die.

17 Yea, he loved cursing, and it came to him; he also had no pleasure in blessing, and it was far from him.

18 And he put on cursing as his garment, and it came within him like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be to him as a garment he wraps in, and for a girdle that he always girds on.

20 This *is* the reward from Jehovah to those opposing me from Jehovah, and *of* those who speak evil against my soul.

21 ¶ But You, O Jehovah the Lord, work with me for Your name's sake; deliver me because Your mercy *is* good.

22 For I *am* an afflicted and needy *one*, and my heart is pierced within me.

23 As a shadow when it stretches out, I am gone; I am shaken off like the locust.

24 My knees stumble from fasting, and my flesh grows lean from fatness.

25 And I have become a reproach to them; they saw me; they shook their heads.

26 O Jehovah my God, help me; save me according to Your kindness;

27 and they will know that this *is* Your hand, that You, O Jehovah, have done it.

28 They will curse, but You will bless; they rise up and are ashamed, but Your servant will be glad.

29 Let those opposing me put on shame, and cover themselves in their shame as with a robe.

30 I will greatly thank Jehovah with my mouth; yea, I will praise Him in the midst of the many.

31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the needy *one* to save from those judging his soul.

Psalms 110

1 The kingdom, 4 the priesthood, 5 the conquest, 7 and the passion of Christ.

1 ¶ A Psalm of David. A statement of Jehovah to my Lord: Sit at My right hand, until I place Your enemies as Your footstool.

2 Jehovah shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion *to* rule in the midst of Your enemies.

3 Your people *shall have* willingnesses in the day of Your strength; in the majesties of holiness; from the womb of the dawn, to You *is* the dew of Your youth.

4 Jehovah has sworn and will not repent: You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

5 ¶ The Lord at Your right hand shatters kings in the day of His anger.

6 He shall judge among the nations; He shall fill with corpses; He shall shatter heads over much land.

7 He shall drink out of the torrent on the way; on account of this, He shall lift up the head.

Psalms 111

The psalmist incites others to praise Jehovah.

1 ¶ Praise Jah! I will thank Jehovah with all *my* heart; in the council of the upright *one*, and of the assembly.

2 The works of Jehovah *are* great, sought out by all those desiring them.

3 His work *is* honorable and glorious; and His righteousness *is* standing forever.

4 He has made a memorial for His wonders; Jehovah is gracious and full of pity.

5 He has given food to *ones* fearing Him; He will remember His covenant to forever

6 ¶ He has shown to His people the power of His works, to give to them *the* inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of His hands *are* truth and all His commandments *are* true,

8 standing firm forever and ever; *they are* done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever; holy and awesome *is* His name.

10 The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of wisdom; all doing them *have* a good understanding; His praise is standing forever!

Psalms 112

1 Godliness has the promises of this life, 4 and of the life to come.

1 ¶ Praise Jah! Blessed *is* the man who fears Jehovah, delighting greatly in His commands.

2 His seed will be mighty on the earth; the generation of the upright *ones* will be blessed;

3 wealth and riches in his house; and his righteousness is standing forever.

4 Light rises in the darkness to the upright *ones*; *he is* gracious and full of pity, and of righteousness.

5 Good *is* a man showing favor and lending; he will measure his matters with justice.

6 ¶ For he shall not be shaken forever; the righteous *one* shall be for a remembrance forever.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil news; his heart *is* fixed, trusting in Jehovah.

8 His heart *is* upheld; he shall not be afraid *until* he looks on his oppressors.

9 He has scattered; he has given to the needy *ones*; his righteousness *is* standing forever; his horn shall be lifted up with honor.

10 The wicked *one* shall see and be indignant; he shall gnash his teeth and melt; the desire of the wicked *ones* shall perish.

Psalms 113

He exhorts to praise Jehovah for His excellency.

1 ¶ Praise Jah! Praise, O servants of Jehovah; praise the name of Jehovah.

2 Being blessed *is* the name of Jehovah from now on and forever.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going, the name of Jehovah *is* to be praised.

4 Jehovah *is* high above all nations; His glory above the heavens.

5 Who *is* like Jehovah our God, who exalts *Himself* to dwell;

6 Who humbles *Himself* to consider *all* in the earth and the heavens!

7 He raises up the poor *one* from the dust;
He lifts the needy *one* out of the dunghill,
8 to make him sit with nobles, with the
nobles of his people,
9 causing the barren *one* to dwell in the
house, the joyful mother of sons. Praise Jah!

Psalms 114

An exhortation to fear Jehovah in His sanctuary.

1 ¶ In the going out, of Israel from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people speaking
a strange language
2 Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His
dominion.
3 The sea saw and fled; the Jordan turned
back;
4 the mountains skipped like rams, the little
hills like a flock!
5 What *ails* you, O sea, *that* you flee? O
Jordan, *that* you turn back?
6 O mountains, *that* you skip like rams?
O little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, O earth, from the face of
the Lord, from the face of the God of
Jacob;
8 who turned the rock *into* a pool of wa-
ter, the flint into a spring of waters.

Psalms 115

*1 Because Jehovah is truly glorious, 4 and idols
are vanity, 9 he exhorts to trust in Jehovah.*

1 ¶ Not to us, O Jehovah, not to us, but to
Your name give glory, for Your mercy, for
Your truth.
2 Why do the nations say, Where *is* their
God now?
3 But our God *is* in Heaven; He has done
all that He has pleased.
4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work
of man's hands;
5 they *have* mouths, but they do not speak;
they *have* eyes, but they do not see;
6 they *have* ears, but they do not hear;
they *have* a nose, but they do not smell;
7 their hands do not feel; their feet do not
walk; they do not mutter through their throat.
8 The ones who make them are like them,
so is everyone trusting in them.
9 ¶ O Israel, trust in Jehovah; He *is* their
help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in Jehovah;
He *is* their help and their shield.

11 Ones fearing Jehovah trust in Jehovah;
He *is* their help and their shield.

12 Jehovah remembers us; He will bless;
He will bless the house of Israel; He will
bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear Jehovah,
the small and the great.

14 Jehovah will add on *to* you; on *to* you
and on your sons.

15 You *are* blessed to Jehovah, *He who*
makes heavens and earth.

16 The heavens; the heavens *are* Jehovah's,
but He has given the earth to the sons of
men.

17 The dying do not praise Jehovah, nor
all who go down into silence;

18 but we will bless Jehovah, from now
on and forever. Praise Jah!

Psalms 116

*1 The psalmist professes his love and duty to
Jehovah for His deliverance.*

1 ¶ I love Jehovah because He hears my
voice, my supplications.

2 Because He has stretched out His ear to
me, even I will also call in my days.

3 The cords of death encompassed me;
and the straits of Sheol found me; I found
distress and sorrow;

4 and I call on the name of Jah: O Jeho-
vah, I pray, deliver my soul!

5 Jehovah *is* gracious and righteous; yea,
our God *is* merciful.

6 Jehovah watches over *ones of* simplic-
ity; I was low, but He saved me.

7 Return to your rest, O soul; for Jehovah
has rewarded you.

8 For You have delivered my soul from
death, my eye from tears, my feet from
stumbling.

9 I will walk before the face of Jehovah
in the land of the living.

10 ¶ I believed; so I speak; I was greatly
afflicted;

11 I said in my alarm, All men *are* liars.

12 What shall I return to Jehovah *for* all
His benefits to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation, and
I will call on the name of Jehovah.

14 I will pay my vows to Jehovah; I pray
in the presence of all His people.

15 Precious in the eyes of Jehovah *is* the death of His godly *ones*.

16 O Jehovah, truly I *am* Your servant now; I *am* Your servant, the son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will sacrifice to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of Jehovah.

18 I will pay my vows to Jehovah now in the presence of all His people,

19 in the courts of the house of Jehovah; in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise Jah!

Psalms 117

He praises Jehovah for His mercy and truth.

1 ¶ Praise Jah, all nations; praise Him, all peoples;

2 for His mercy is mighty over us, and the truth of Jehovah *is* forever. Praise Jah!

Psalms 118

1 An exhortation to praise Jehovah for His mercy.

5 The goodness coming from trust in Jehovah.

1 ¶ Give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good; because His mercy *endures* forever.

2 Let Israel say now that His mercy *endures* forever.

3 Let the house of Aaron say now that His mercy *endures* forever.

4 Let those fearing Jehovah say now that His mercy *endures* forever.

5 I called Jehovah from the distress; He answered me in the large place of Jehovah.

6 Jehovah *is* for me; I will not fear; what can man do to me?

7 Jehovah *is* for me among those helping me, and I will look on those hating me.

8 *It is* better to take refuge in Jehovah than to trust in man;

9 *it is* better to take refuge in Jehovah than to trust in nobles.

10 All the nations encompass me; but surely I will cut them off in the name of Jehovah.

11 They encompass me; even they encompass me; I surely will cut them off in the name of Jehovah.

12 they encompass me like bees; they are quenched like the fire of thorns; for surely I will cut them off in the name of Jehovah.

13 Thrusting, you thrust me down to fall; but Jehovah helped me.

14 Jehovah *is* my strength and my song; and He is my salvation.

15 The voice of a ringing cry of joy and salvation *is* in the tents of the righteous *ones*; the right hand of Jehovah works mightily.

16 The right hand of Jehovah is exalted; the right hand of Jehovah acts with strength.

17 I shall not die, but I shall live and declare the works of Jah.

18 Chastening, Jah has chastened me, but He has not given me to death.

19 ¶ Open the gates of righteousness to me, I will enter into them; I will thank Jehovah.

20 This *is* the gate to Jehovah, the righteous *ones* shall enter into it.

21 I will thank You, for You answered me, and *You* are my salvation.

22 The Stone *which* the builders rejected has become the Head of the Corner.

23 This is from Jehovah, it *is* wonderful in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day Jehovah has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 O Jehovah, I pray, save now; I pray, O Jehovah, cause *me* to prosper now.

26 Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of Jehovah; we blessed you from the house of Jehovah.

27 Jehovah *is* God, and He gives light to us. Tie the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

28 You *are* my God, and I will exalt You; My God, I will thank You!

29 O give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever.

Psalms 119

This psalm contains various prayers, praises and professions of obedience in alphabetical order.

1 ¶ **ALEPH:** Blessed *are* the blameless in the way, who walk in the Law of Jehovah.

2 Blessed *are* those keeping His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart.

3 They also do not do injustice; they walk in His ways.

4 ¶ You have commanded to exceedingly keep Your precepts.

5 O that my ways were fixed to keep Your statutes!

6 Then I shall not be ashamed, when I look to all Your commands.

7 ¶ I will thank You with integrity of heart, in my learning the judgments of Your righteousness.

8 I will keep Your statutes; do not forsake me utterly.

9 ¶ *BETH*: By what shall a young man purify his way, to keep *it* according to Your Word?

10 ¶ I have sought You with my whole heart; do not let me wander from Your commands.

11 ¶ I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

12 ¶ Blessed *are* you, O Jehovah; teach me Your statutes.

13 ¶ I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth with my lips;

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies as over all riches.

15 I will meditate in Your precepts and I will regard Your paths.

16 I will delight myself in Your statutes. I will not forget Your Word.

17 ¶ *GIMEL*: Deal fully with Your servant *that* I may live, and I will keep Your Word.

18 ¶ Open my eyes and I will see wonderful things from Your Law.

19 ¶ I *am* a sojourner in the earth; hide not Your commandments from me.

20 ¶ My soul is crushed for the longing to Your judgments in every season.

21 ¶ You have rebuked the proud, the cursed ones who go astray from Your commands.

22 ¶ Roll from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept Your testimonies.

23 ¶ Princes also sat, speaking against me; *but* Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

24 ¶ Your testimonies also *are* my delight, the man of my counsel.

25 ¶ *DALETH*: My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to Your Word.

26 ¶ I have declared my ways, and You answered me; teach me Your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wonderful *works*.

28 ¶ My soul weeps *with* grief; Lift me up according to Your Word.

29 Turn from me the way of lying, and favor me with Your Law.

30 ¶ I have chosen the way of truth; I have set Your judgments *before* me.

31 I have clung to Your testimonies; O Jehovah, do not shame me.

32 I will run the way of Your commands, for You shall enlarge my heart.

33 ¶ *HE*: O Jehovah, teach me the way of Your statutes, and I will keep it *to* the end.

34 Make me understand and I will keep Your Law, and observe it with the whole heart.

35 ¶ Make me walk in the way of Your commands, for in it I delight.

36 Bow my heart to Your testimonies, and not to unjust gain.

37 ¶ Turn my eyes from seeing vanity; in Your way give me life.

38 ¶ Make Your Word rise to Your servant, who *is devoted* to Your fear.

39 ¶ Turn away my shame which I fear; for Your judgments *are* good.

40 ¶ Behold, I have longed for Your precepts; grant to me life in Your righteousness.

41 ¶ *VAU*: By Your salvation, according to Your Word, let Your mercies come to me, O Jehovah.

42 And I will answer a word to one who reproaches me; for I trust in Your Word.

43 ¶ And do not take the Word of truth completely out of my mouth; for I have hoped in Your judgments.

44 And I shall keep Your Law continually, forever and ever.

45 ¶ And I will walk in a wide *space*, for I seek Your precepts.

46 And I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I have loved.

48 And I will lift up my palms to Your precepts that I love; and I will meditate on Your statutes.

49 ¶ *ZAYIN*: Remember the Word to Your servant, on which You made me hope.

50 ¶ This *is* my comfort in my affliction; for Your Word has given me life.

51 ¶ The proud have scorned me utterly; I have not veered from Your Law.

52 ¶ I remembered Your judgments from of old, O Jehovah, and I take comfort.

53 ¶ Hot zeal has seized me because of the wicked *ones* forsaking Your Law.

54 ¶ Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojournings.

55 ¶ O Jehovah, I have remembered Your name in the night and have kept Your Law.

56 This has been to me because I kept Your precepts.

57 ¶ *CHETH*: Jehovah *is* my portion; I have said to keep Your words.

58 ¶ I entreated Your face with all *my* heart; favor me according to Your Word.

59 ¶ I thought on my ways and turned my feet to Your testimonies.

60 I hurried and delayed not to keep Your commands.

61 ¶ The cords of the wicked *ones* surround me; I have not forgotten Your Law.

62 ¶ At halves of the night I will rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous judgments.

63 ¶ I *am* a companion of all who fear You; yea, of those who keep Your precepts.

64 ¶ O Jehovah, the earth is full of Your mercy; teach me Your statutes.

65 ¶ *TETH*: You have done good with Your servant, O Jehovah, by Your Word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have believed Your commands.

67 ¶ Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I have kept Your Word.

68 ¶ You *are* good and do good; teach me Your statutes.

69 ¶ The proud have smeared a lie against me; I will keep Your precepts with all *my* heart.

70 Their heart is like fat, without feeling; I delight in Your Law.

71 ¶ *It was* good for me that I was afflicted, to learn Your statutes.

72 ¶ The Law of Your mouth *is* better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

73 ¶ *YOD*: Your hands have made me and made me firm; give me discernment that I may learn Your commands.

74 ¶ The ones fearing You will see me and rejoice; for I hoped in Your Word.

75 ¶ I know, O Jehovah, righteous *are* Your judgments; and in faithfulness You afflicted me.

76 ¶ I pray, let Your mercy be for my comfort, by Your Word to Your servant.

77 Let Your mercies come to me that I may live; for Your Law *is* my delight.

78 ¶ Let the proud be ashamed, for with lies they perverted me; I will muse on Your precepts.

79 Let those fearing You turn to me, and *ones* knowing of Your testimonies.

80 ¶ Let my heart be blameless in Your statutes, that I may not be ashamed.

81 ¶ *KAPH*: My soul *is* being consumed for Your salvation; I hope in Your Word.

82 My eyes are used up for Your Word, saying, When will You comfort me?

83 ¶ For I am like a wineskin in the smoke; I do not forget Your statutes.

84 ¶ As what *are* the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those pursuing me?

85 ¶ The proud have dug pits for me which *are* not according to Your Law.

86 All Your commands *are* faithful; they pursue me *with* lying; help me!

87 In a little they had *almost* finished me on earth; but I did not forsake Your precepts.

88 ¶ Give me life according to Your mercy, and I will keep the testimonies of Your mouth.

89 ¶ *LAMED*: Your Word is settled in Heaven forever, O Jehovah.

90 Your faithfulness *endures* to generation and generation; You founded the earth, and it stands.

91 They stand by Your judgments to this day, for all *are* Your servants.

92 ¶ If Your Law *was not* my delight, then I had perished in my affliction.

93 ¶ I will never forget Your precepts; for with them You gave me life.

94 ¶ I *am* Yours, save me; for I have sought Your precepts.

95 ¶ The wicked *ones* waited for me, to destroy me; I will consider Your testimonies.

96 ¶ I have seen an end to all perfection; Your command *is* exceedingly broad.

97 ¶ *MEM*: Oh how I love Your Law! It *is* my meditation all the day.

98 ¶ You make me wiser than my enemies by Your commands; for they *are* forever mine.

99 I have acted more wisely than all my teachers; for Your testimonies *are* a meditation to me.

100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep Your precepts.

101 ¶ I have kept my feet from every evil way, to keep Your Word.

102 ¶ I turned not from Your judgments; for You have taught me.

103 ¶ How sweet are Your words to my palate! More than honey to my mouth!

104 By Your precepts I get understanding; on account of this, I hate every false way.

105 ¶ *NUN*: Your Word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106 ¶ I have sworn and I rise to *it*, to keep Your righteous judgments.

107 ¶ I am afflicted very much; O Jehovah, give me life according to Your Word.

108 ¶ I pray, O Jehovah, accept the free offering of my mouth, and teach me Your judgments.

109 ¶ My life *is* in my palm continually, yet I do not forget Your Law.

110 The wicked *ones* have laid a snare for me; yet I do not wander from Your precepts.

111 ¶ I have inherited Your testimonies forever; for they *are* the joy of my heart.

112 I have bowed my heart to do Your statutes always to the end.

113 ¶ *SAMECH*: I hate halfhearted *ones*; but I love Your Law.

114 ¶ You *are* my shelter and my shield; I hope in Your Word.

115 ¶ Turn aside from me, O evildoers, for I will keep my God's commands.

116 ¶ Uphold me by Your Word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold me up and I will be saved; and I will always look to Your statutes.

118 ¶ You have trampled all who go astray from Your statutes, for their deceit *is* falsehood.

119 As dross You have made all the wicked *ones* of the earth to cease; so I love Your testimonies.

120 My flesh has shivered because of Your fear; and I have feared Your judgments.

121 ¶ *AYIN*: I have done justice and righteousness; leave me not to *those who* oppress me.

122 Be surety for Your servant for good; let not the proud oppress me.

123 ¶ My eyes *are* wearied for Your salvation, and for the Word of Your righteousness.

124 ¶ Deal with Your servant by Your mercy; and teach me Your statutes.

125 I *am* Your servant; make me consider, and I will know Your testimonies.

126 ¶ *It is* time for Jehovah to work; they have broken Your Law.

127 ¶ Therefore, I have loved Your commands, more than gold, even fine gold.

128 Therefore, I count wholly right all the precepts; I have hated every false way.

129 ¶ *PE*: Your testimonies *are* wonderful; so my soul keeps them.

130 ¶ The entering of Your Word gives light, giving discernment to ones of simplicity.

131 ¶ I opened my mouth and panted; for I longed for Your commands.

132 ¶ Turn to me and favor me, as is the manner to those who love Your name.

133 ¶ Fix my steps in Your Word; and let no evil rule over me.

134 ¶ Redeem me from the oppression of man; and I will keep Your precepts.

135 ¶ Make Your face shine on Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.

136 ¶ Channels of waters go down *from* my eyes, for they do not keep Your Law.

137 ¶ *TZADDI*: O Jehovah, You *are* righteous, and Your judgments upright.

138 You have enjoined Your testimonies *as* righteous and to be exceedingly faithful.

139 ¶ My zeal has eaten me up; my adversaries have forgotten Your Word.

140 ¶ Your Word *is* pure and Your servant loves it.

141 ¶ I *am* small and despised; I do not forget Your precepts.

142 ¶ Your righteousness is righteousness forever, and Your Law *is* truth.

143 ¶ Distress and anguish have found me; Your commands *are* my delight.

144 The righteousness of Your testimonies *is* everlasting; make me understand and I will live.

145 ¶ *QOPH*: I cried with *my* whole heart; O Jehovah, answer me; I will keep Your statutes.

146 I cried to You; save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.

147 ¶ I go before the dawn of day and cry; I hope in Your Word.

148 My eyes go before the *night* watches, to meditate on Your Word.

149 ¶ Hear my voice by Your mercy, O Jehovah; give me life by Your judgment.

150 ¶ Those pursuing mischief draw near; they are far from Your Law.

151 You *are* near, O Jehovah, and all Your commands *are* truth.

152 ¶ Of old I have known from Your testimonies, for You have founded them forever.

153 ¶ *RESH*: Look on my affliction and deliver me; for I do not forget Your Law.

154 Contend for my cause and redeem me; give me life according to Your Word.

155 ¶ Salvation *is* far from the wicked, *ones*, for they do not seek Your statutes.

156 ¶ O Jehovah, Your tender mercies *are* great; give me life according to Your judgments.

157 those pursuing me and my adversaries *are* many; I do not turn from Your testimonies.

158 ¶ I saw *those* acting deceitfully and was grieved, because they did not keep Your Word.

159 ¶ See how I love Your precepts, O Jehovah; give me life according to Your mercy.

160 ¶ The sum of Your Word *is* true; every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

161 ¶ *SHIN*: Rulers have pursued me without cause; but my heart has feared at Your Word.

162 ¶ I rejoice at Your Word, as one who finds great plunder.

163 ¶ I hate and despise a lie, *but* I love Your Law.

164 ¶ I praise You seven *times* a day because of Your righteous judgments.

165 ¶ Great peace *is to* those who love Your Law, and there *is* no stumbling block to them.

166 ¶ O Jehovah, I have hoped for Your salvation, and have done Your precepts.

167 ¶ My soul has kept Your testimonies, and I love them very much.

168 I have kept Your precepts and Your testimonies, for all my ways are before You.

169 ¶ *TAU*: Let my cry come before You, O Jehovah; give me wisdom according to Your Word.

170 Let my prayer come before You; deliver me according to Your Word.

171 ¶ My lips shall pour forth praise when You have taught me Your statutes.

172 ¶ My tongue shall answer Your Word, for all Your commands *are* righteousness.

173 ¶ Let Your hand help me; for I have chosen Your precepts.

174 I have longed for Your salvation, O Jehovah; and Your Law *is* my delight.

175 ¶ Let my soul live and it will praise You, and let Your judgments help me.

176 ¶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant; for I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalms 120

1 David prays against Doeg, 3 reproves his tongue, 5 complains of his necessary conversation with the wicked.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents*. In my distress I cried to Jehovah, and He answered me.

2 O Jehovah, deliver my soul from lips, of falsehood, from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given to you, or what shall *one* add to you, O deceitful tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the mighty with coals of broom!

5 ¶ Woe is me that I sojourned in Meshech; I dwell with the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul has long dwelt to itself, with him who hates peace.

7 I *am for* peace; but when I speak, they *are for* war.

Psalms 121

The safety of the godly ones who trust in Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents*. I will lift up my eyes to the hills; from where shall my help come?

2 My help comes from Jehovah, the One making the heavens and the earth.

3 He will not give your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, He keeping Israel will not slumber nor sleep.

5 Jehovah *is* the One keeping *you*; Jehovah *is* your shade on your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night;

7 Jehovah keeps you from all evil; He shall keep your soul.

8 Jehovah shall keep your going out, and your coming in, from now on and till forever.

Psalms 122

David professes his joy for Jerusalem.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents; of David.* I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of Jehovah.

2 Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built like a city that is joined to itself, together.

4 *There* the tribes go up, the tribes of Jehovah; to the testimony of Israel; to give thanks to the name of Jehovah.

5 For the thrones of judgment were established there, the thrones of the house of David.

6 ¶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; those who love you shall prosper.

7 Peace *be* within your walls; prosperity in your towers.

8 Because of my brothers and my companions, I will now say, Peace *be* in you.

9 Because of the house of Jehovah, our God, I will seek your good.

Psalms 123

The godly profess their confidence in Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* I will lift up my eyes on You, You who dwell in Heaven.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters; as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *look to* Jehovah our God, until He shows grace to us.

3 Be gracious to us, O Jehovah; be gracious to us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled for itself with the contempt of those who are at ease, the contempt of proud *ones*.

Psalms 124

The godly bless Jehovah for a miraculous deliverance.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents, of David.* Except that *it was* Jehovah who was for us, O may Israel say;

2 except that *it was* Jehovah who was for us in the rising of men against us,

3 then they would have swallowed us alive, their anger *was* hot against us.

4 the waters would have flowed over us; the torrent would have covered our soul;

5 then the raging waters would have passed over our soul.

6 ¶ Blessed *be* Jehovah, who did not give us *as* a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the fowlers' snare; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help *is* in the name of Jehovah, the One making the heavens and earth.

Psalms 125

1 The safety of such as trust in Jehovah. 4 A prayer for the godly ones, and against the wicked ones

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* They who trust in Jehovah *shall be* like Mount Zion; it is not shaken; it remains forever.

2 The mountains *are* all around her. Jerusalem; and Jehovah *is* all around His people, from this time and forever.

3 For the rod of wickedness shall not rest on the lot of the righteous *ones*; that the righteous *ones* not put forth their hands to injustice.

4 ¶ Do good, O Jehovah, to the good *ones*, and to the upright *ones* in their heart.

5 And those who turn aside to their crooked ways, Jehovah shall lead them forth with the doers of iniquity. Peace *be* upon Israel.

Psalms 126

1 Zion, celebrating her return out of captivity, 4 prays for, and prophesies the success.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* When Jehovah turned back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was full of laughter, and our tongue *gave* a ringing cry of joy; then they said among the nations, Jehovah *will* work great *things* with these.

3 Jehovah *did* great things to work with us; we are glad.

4 ¶ Turn her captivity again, O Jehovah, like the south streams.

5 Those who sow in tears shall reap with a ringing cry of joy.

6 Walking *he who* walks and weeps, bearing a trail of seed, shall come again with a ringing cry of joy, bearing his sheaves.

Psalms 127

1 The virtue of Jehovah's blessing. 3 Sons are His gift.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents, for Solomon.* If Jehovah does not build the house, they labor in vain that build it; if Jehovah does not keep the city, the *one* keeping it stays awake in vain.

2 Being early to rise *is* in vain for you, being late to sit up to eat the bread of toils *is vain*; for so He gives His beloved sleep.

3 Behold! Sons *are* an inheritance of Jehovah; the fruit of the womb *is its* reward.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty *one*, so *are* the sons of the young.

5 Blessed *is* the man who has filled his quiver with them; they shall not be ashamed, for they shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalms 128

The blessings which follow the ones who fear Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* Blessed *is* everyone who fears Jehovah, walking in His ways.

2 For you shall surely eat the labor of your hands; you *shall be* happy, and all *is* good to you.

3 Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine by the sides of your house; your sons *shall be* like olive plants around your table.

4 Behold! So shall the man be blessed who fears Jehovah.

5 Jehovah shall bless you out of Zion; and you shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 Yes, you shall see the sons of your sons. Peace *be* upon Israel!

Psalms 129

An exhortation to praise Jehovah for saving Israel in their great afflictions.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* Many times they have distressed me from my youth, let Israel now say;

2 they have distressed me from my youth many times, yet they have not prevailed over me.

3 The *ones* plowing plowed on my back; they made their furrows long.

4 Jehovah *is* a righteous *One*; He cuts the cords of wicked *ones*.

5 ¶ Let them be ashamed and turned back, all those who hate Zion;

6 let them be like the grass *on* the rooftops, which dries up before it draws out;

7 with which the reaper does not fill his palm, and the binder of sheaves his bosom.

8 And those who pass by have never said, The blessing of Jehovah *be* on you; we bless you in the name of Jehovah.

Psalms 130

1 The psalmist professes his hope in prayer, 5 and his patience in hope.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* Out of the depths I have called You, O Jehovah.

2 Lord, hear my voice, and let Your ears attend to the voice of my prayers.

3 If You will keep iniquities, O Jehovah, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But forgiveness *is* with You that You may be feared.

5 ¶ I wait *for* Jehovah; my soul waits, and I hope for His Word.

6 My soul *waits* for the Lord more than those watching for the morning; *yea, those* watching for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope to Jehovah, for with Jehovah *is* mercy, and with Him *is* abundant redemption;

8 and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalms 131

1 David, professing his humility, 3 exhorts Israel to hope in Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents. Of David.* O Jehovah, my heart is not proud, nor have my eyes been lofty; nor have I walked in great things, and not in things too wonderful for me.

2 If not I have set *myself* and have quieted my soul, like one weaned by its mother; my soul on me *is* as *one* weaned.

3 Let Israel hope in Jehovah, from now and till forever.

Psalms 132

1 David commends to Jehovah the care he had for the ark. 8 His prayer at its moving.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* O Jehovah, remember David *with* all his afflictions,

2 who swore to Jehovah; he vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

3 If I will go into the tent of my house, if I go up on the couch of my bed,

4 if I give sleep to my eyes, slumber to my eyelids,

5 until I search out a place for Jehovah, dwellings for the Mighty One of Jacob.

6 Behold, we have heard of it at Ephratah; we found it in the fields of the forest;

7 we will enter into His tabernacles; we will worship at His footstool.

8 Arise, O Jehovah, into Your rest; You, and the ark of Your strength;

9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your godly *ones* shout for joy.

10 For the sake of Your servant David do not turn away the face of Your anointed.

11 ¶ Jehovah has sworn to David *in* truth; He will not turn from it; I will set *one* of the fruit of your body on the throne for you.

12 If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimonies *which* I will teach them, their sons shall also sit on the throne for you forever.

13 Jehovah has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for a dwelling-place to Him.

14 This *is* My rest till forever; I will dwell here; I have desired it.

15 Blessing, I will bless her food-supply; I will satisfy her needy *ones with* bread.

16 And I will clothe her priests *with* salvation; and shouting, her godly *ones* shall give a ringing cry of joy.

17 I will make the horn of David to sprout; I have arranged a lamp for My Anointed.

18 I will clothe His enemies *with* shame, but His crown shall flourish upon Him.

Psalms 133

The benefit of the communion of saints.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents. Of David.* Behold! How good and how pleasant *is* the living of brothers, even in unity.

2 *It is* like the precious oil on the head that ran down on the beard, Aaron's beard, going down to the mouth of his garments;

3 like the dew of Hermon coming down on the mountains of Zion; for there Jehovah commanded the blessing: life till everlasting.

Psalms 134

An exhortation to bless Jehovah.

1 ¶ *A Song of Ascents.* Behold, bless Jehovah, all servants of Jehovah; who stand in the house of Jehovah at night.

2 Lift up your hands *in* the holy place, and bless Jehovah.

3 *May* Jehovah bless you out of Zion, He who made the heavens and earth.

Psalms 135

1 An exhortation to praise Jehovah for his mercy, 5 for his power, 8 for his judgments. 15 The vanity of idols. 19 An exhortation to bless Jehovah.

1 ¶ Praise Jah! Praise the name of Jehovah; sing praise, servants of Jehovah;

2 *those* who stand in the house of Jehovah in the courts of the house of our God;

3 praise Jah! For Jehovah *is* good! Sing praises to His name, for *it is* delightful.

4 For Jehovah has chosen Jacob to Himself, Israel for His special treasure.

5 ¶ For I know that Jehovah *is* great, and our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 Every *thing* which Jehovah *was* pleased to do, He did, in the heavens and in the earth, and in the seas and all deep places.

7 He causes the vapors to rise from the end of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain; He brings the wind out of His storehouses;

8 *He* who struck the first-born of Egypt, from man to animal;

9 *who* sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, on Pharaoh and on all his servants;

10 who struck great nations, and killed mighty kings;

11 Sihon, king Of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 And He gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to His people Israel.

13 O Jehovah, Your name *endures* forever; O Jehovah, Your memorial *is* from generation and generation.

14 For Jehovah will judge His people; and He will have pity on His servants.

15 ¶ The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands;

16 they *have* mouths, but they say nothing; they *have* eyes, but they see nothing;

17 they *have* ears, but they hear nothing; yea, there is no breath in their mouths.

18 Those who make them are like them, everyone who is trusting in them.

19 Bless Jehovah, O house of Israel; bless Jehovah, O house of Aaron;

20 Bless Jehovah, O house of Levi; you who fear Jehovah, bless Jehovah.

21 Blessed *be* Jehovah out of Zion, *He* who dwells at Jerusalem. Praise Jah!

Psalms 136

Exhortation to thank Jehovah for particular mercies.

1 ¶ O give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good; for His mercy *endures* forever.

2 O give thanks to the God of gods; for His mercy *endures* forever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords; for His mercy *endures* forever;

4 to Him who alone does great wonders; for His mercy *endures* forever;

5 to Him who by understanding made the heavens; for His mercy *endures* forever;

6 to Him who spread the earth on the waters; for His mercy *endures* forever;

7 to Him who made great lights; for His mercy *endures* forever;

8 the sun to rule by day; for His mercy *endures* forever;

9 the moon and the stars to rule by night; for His mercy *endures* forever;

10 ¶ to Him who struck Egypt in her first-born; for His mercy *endures* forever;

11 and brought Israel out from among them; for His mercy *endures* forever;

12 with a strong hand and a stretched out arm; for His mercy *endures* forever;

13 to Him who divided the Sea of Reeds into parts; for His mercy *endures* forever;

14 and made Israel pass through the middle of it; for His mercy *endures* forever;

15 but shook Pharaoh and his army off in the Sea of Reeds; for His mercy *endures* forever;

16 to Him who led His people in the wilderness; for His mercy *endures* forever;

17 to Him who struck great kings; for His mercy *endures* forever;

18 and killed majestic kings; for His mercy *endures* forever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites; for His mercy *endures* forever;

20 and Og, the king of Bashan; for His mercy *endures* forever;

21 and gave their land for an inheritance; for His mercy *endures* forever;

22 an inheritance to His servant Israel; for His mercy *endures* forever;

23 ¶ who remembered us in our low estate; for His mercy *endures* forever;

24 and *He* has turned us away from our adversaries; for His mercy *endures* forever;

25 who gives food to all flesh; for His mercy *endures* forever.

26 O give thanks to the God of Heaven; for His mercy *endures* forever.

Psalms 137

The constancy of the Jews in captivity.

1 ¶ There by the rivers of Babylon we sat down; also we wept when we remembered Zion.

2 We hung our lyres on the willows in its midst.

3 For there our captors asked us the words of a song; yea, our plunderers *asked* joy, *saying*, Sing to us a song of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the song of Jehovah on a foreign land?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, my right hand shall forget;

6 let my tongue cleave to my palate, if I do not remember you, if I do not bring up Jerusalem above the head of my joy.

7 ¶ O Jehovah, remember for the sons of Edom the day of Jerusalem; who said, Lay *it* bare! Lay *it* bare, even to its foundation!

8 O daughter of Babylon, O devastated *one*! Blessed *is* he who shall repay to you your recompense which you dealt to us.

9 Blessed *is* he who seizes and dashes your little ones against the stone!

Psalms 138

David praises Jehovah for the truth of His Word.

1 ¶ *A Psalm of David.* I will thank You with my whole heart; I will sing praise to You before the gods;

2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, and give thanks to Your name for Your mercy, and for Your truth; for You have magnified Your Word above all Your name.

3 You answered me in the day that I cried; You emboldened me in my soul *with* strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall thank You, O Jehovah, because they have heard the words of Your mouth.

5 Yes, they shall sing in the ways of Jehovah; for the glory of Jehovah *is* great, 6 He sees the humble *one*; but the haughty *one* He sees from afar.

7 If I walk in the midst of distress, You give me life; You send out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

8 Jehovah will perfect *His work* in me; O Jehovah, Your mercy *endures* forever; *You will* not forsake the works of Your hands.

Psalms 139

1 David praises Jehovah for His all-seeing providence. 19 He defies the wicked.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* O Jehovah, You have searched me and known *me*.

2 You know my sitting down, and my rising up; You understand my thought from afar off.

3 You sift my path and my lying down, and are acquainted *with* all my ways.

4 For not a word *is* on my tongue, but, lo, O Jehovah, You know it all.

5 You have closed me in behind, and in front, and Your palm *is* laid on me.

6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is set on high; I am not able to *reach* it.

7 ¶ Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your face?

8 If I go up to the heavens, You *are* there; if I make my bed *in* Sheol, behold, You *are there!*

9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, dwelling in the uttermost part of the sea,

10 even there Your hand shall lead me; and Your right hand shall take hold of me.

11 If I say: Surely the darkness shall fall on me; even the night *shall be* light around me.

12 Even the darkness will not be dark from You, but the night shines as the day; as *is* the darkness, so is the light.

13 For You have possessed my inward parts; You wove me in the belly of my mother.

14 I will thank You, for I am awed, I am set apart; Your works *are* marvelous and my soul knows *it* very well.

15 My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret; when I was skillfully woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my embryo; and in Your book all *my members* were written the days they were formed, and not one *was* with them.

17 ¶ And how precious are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

18 *If* I should count them, they are more than the sand; when I awaken I am still with You.

19 If You will slay the wicked *one*, O God, even men of blood *will* turn away from me.

20 Who will speak against You with evil purposes? Your enemies are lifted up with vanity.

21 O Jehovah, do not I hate those hating You? And I am loathing those rising against You?

22 I hate them *with* a perfect hatred; they have become my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts;

24 and see if *any* wicked way *is* in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 140

1 David prays to be delivered from Saul and Doeg. 12 He comforts himself by confidence in Jehovah.

1 ¶ *To the chief musician. A Psalm of David.* O Jehovah, deliver me from the evil man; guard me from the man of violence, 2 who devises evil things in the heart; they gather wars all the day.

3 They sharpen their tongues like a snake; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah.

4 O Jehovah, keep me from the hands of the wicked *one*; guard me from the man of violence who plan to trip up my steps.

5 The proud *ones* have hidden a trap and cords for me; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set snares for me. Selah.

6 I said to Jehovah, You *are* my God; O Jehovah, give ear to the voice of my prayers.

7 O Jehovah the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of armor.

8 ¶ O Jehovah, do not grant the desires of the wicked *one*; do not promote his plan, lest they be exalted. Selah.

9 As for the head of those around me, let the evil of their own lips cover them.

10 Make coals of fire to fall on them; let them fall into pits; they shall not rise again.

11 Do not let a man of tongue be established in the earth; evil shall hunt the violent man, thrust upon thrust.

12 I know that Jehovah will maintain the cause of the afflicted *ones*, the justice of the poor *ones*.

13 Surely the righteous *ones* shall give thanks to Your name; the upright *ones* shall dwell in Your presence.

Psalms 141

1 David prays that his suit may be acceptable, 3 his conscience sincere, 7 and his life safe from snares.

1 ¶ A Psalm of David. O Jehovah, I cry to You; hasten to me; give ear to my voice when I cry to You.

2 Let my prayer be established before You as incense; the lifting up of my palms as the evening sacrifice.

3 O Jehovah, set a guard to my mouth; keep watch on the door of my lips.

4 Do not let my heart turn aside to any evil thing, to thrust out deeds in wickedness with men who do iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies.

5 ¶ Let the righteous *one* strike me; *it is* a mercy; and he rebuking me, *it is* oil of the head, let not my head refuse *it*; for yet my prayer also shall be against their evils.

6 Their judges have been cast down against the sides of the rock; they shall hear my words for they are pleasant.

7 As when one plows and tears the earth, so our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

8 But my eyes *are* on You, O Jehovah, my Lord; in You I take refuge; do not make my soul bare.

9 Keep me from the hands of the trap they laid for me, and from the snares of the workers of evil.

10 Let the wicked *ones* fall into their own nets at the same time; I even shall pass by.

Psalms 142

David shows that in his trouble all his comfort was in prayer to Jehovah.

1 ¶ An Instruction of David, a Prayer, in his being in the cave. I cry to Jehovah with my voice; I pray to Jehovah with my voice.

2 I pour out my musing before Him; I declare my distress before Him.

3 When my spirit faints within me, then You have known my path; they have hidden a snare for me in the path in which I walk.

4 ¶ I look to the right hand and see, and no one recognizes me; every escape is hidden from me; no one inquires for my soul.

5 I cried to You, O Jehovah; I said, You *are* my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend to my cry; for I am brought very low; deliver me from those who pursue me; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out from prison to give thanks to Your name; the righteous *ones* shall gather around me; for You shall deal bountifully with me.

Psalms 143

1 David prays for favor in judgment. 5 He strengthens his faith by meditation and prayer.

1 ¶ A Psalm of David. Hear my prayer, O Jehovah give ear to my supplications; answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness;

2 and do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for not anyone living is just in Your sight.

3 For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness like those who died of old.

4 And my spirit within me has fainted; my heart within me is stunned.

5 I remember the days of old. I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to You; my soul is to You like a weary land. Selah.

7 ¶ O Jehovah, answer me quickly; my spirit is spent; do not hide Your face from me lest I be compared with the ones who go down to the Pit.

8 Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning, for I do trust in You; cause me to know the way I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You.

9 O Jehovah, deliver me from my enemies; by You I am covered.

10 Teach me to do Your will; for You are my God; Your Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 O Jehovah, because of Your name, make me live; in Your righteousness, bring my soul out of distress.

12 And in Your mercy cut off my enemies and make perish all those who distress my soul; for I am Your servant.

Psalms 144

1 David blesses Jehovah for His mercy both to him and to man. 9 He promises to praise Jehovah.

1 ¶ A Psalm of David. Blessed be Jehovah my Rock, who teaches my hands for war, my fingers for battle.

2 He is my mercy and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield, and in Him I take refuge, in Him who subdues my people under me.

3 O Jehovah, what is man that You know him; the son of man, that you esteem him?

4 Man is like to vanity; his days are like a shadow that passes.

5 Bow down Your heavens, O Jehovah; and come down; touch the mountains and they shall smoke.

6 Flash out lightning and scatter them; send out Your arrows and confound them.

7 Send Your hand from above; rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of the sons of a foreigner,

8 whose mouths have spoken vanity; and their right hand is a right hand of lies.

9 ¶ I will sing a new song to You, O God; I will sing praises to You on a harp of ten strings

10 You who gives deliverance to kings, who delivers His servant David from the evil sword.

11 Rescue me and deliver me from the sons of a foreigner, whose mouths have spoken vanity; and their right hand is a right hand of lies;

12 so that our sons may be like plants grown up in their youth; and our daughters like corner-stones, hewn like the form of a palace;

13 and our storehouses may be full, furnishing kind to kind; our flocks may breed thousands and ten thousands outside,

14 our oxen laden; there is no break and no going out, and no crying in our plazas.

15 Blessed are the peoples that are so; blessed are the peoples whose God is Jehovah!

Psalms 145

1 David praises Jehovah for His goodness, 17 and for His saving mercy.

1 ¶ A Psalm of Praise, of David. I will exalt you, my God, O King; and bless Your name forever and ever.

2 I will bless You every day; and I will praise Your name forever and ever.

3 Jehovah is great and to be greatly praised; and to His greatness there is no searching out.

4 Generation to generation shall praise Your works, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

5 I will muse on the glorious honor of Your majesty, and the things of Your wonderful works.

6 And they shall speak of the might of Your awesome works, and I will declare Your greatness.

7 They shall express the memory of Your great goodness, and they shall sing of Your righteousness.

8 Jehovah is gracious and merciful, long to anger and of great mercy;

9 Jehovah is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works.

10 ¶ All Your works shall thank You, O Jehovah; and Your godly ones shall bless You.

11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your might;

12 to make Your might known to the sons of men; yea, the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

13 Your kingdom *is* a kingdom to all ages; and Your rule in all, generation and generation.

14 Jehovah upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all hope to You; and You give them their food in due time.

16 *You* open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17 Jehovah *is* righteous in all His ways, and a faithful *One* in all His works.

18 Jehovah *is* near to all who call on Him, to all those who call on Him in truth.

19 He will do the desire of the ones who fear Him; and He will hear their cry and save them.

20 Jehovah watches over all who love Him, but He destroys all the wicked *ones*.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah; and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.

Psalms 146

1 The psalmist vows perpetual praises to Jehovah. 5 Jehovah is only worthy to be trusted.

1 ¶ Praise Jah; praise Jehovah, O my soul.

2 While I live I will praise Jehovah; I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

3 Put not your trust in nobles, in a son of man, for there is no salvation in him.

4 His breath will go out, he returns to the earth; his thoughts perish in that day.

5 ¶ Blessed *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help; his hope *is* on Jehovah his God;

6 who made the heavens and the earth, the seas and all that *is* in them; who keeps truth forever;

7 who executes judgment for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry; Jehovah sets free the prisoners;

8 Jehovah opens *the eyes of* the blind *ones*; Jehovah raises those bowed down; Jehovah loves the righteous *ones*;

9 Jehovah watches over the strangers; He relieves the orphan and the widow, but He warps the way of the wicked *ones*.

10 Jehovah shall reign forever; O Zion, your God, from generation and generation.

Praise Jah.

Psalms 147

The Prophet exhorts to praise Jehovah.

1 Praise Jah! for it is good to sing praise to our God, because praise is delightful *and* becoming.

2 Jehovah builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 *He* heals the broken-hearted and binds up their sorrows.

4 He appoints the number of the stars; He calls to them by names.

5 Our Lord *is* great and of great might; *there is* no numbering to His understanding.

6 Jehovah relieves the humble; He throws the wicked *ones* down to the ground.

7 Sing to Jehovah with thanksgiving; sing praise on the lyre to our God,

8 who covers the heavens with clouds; who prepares rain for the earth; who makes grass to grow *on* the mountains.

9 *He* gives the animals their food, to the young ravens that cry.

10 He takes no delight in the strength of the horse, *and* not any pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 Jehovah takes pleasure in those who fear Him, those who hope in His mercy.

12 ¶ Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.

13 For He has made strong the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you.

14 He sets up peace *in* your border, He satisfies you *with* the fat of the wheat.

15 He sends His command out *on* the earth, until His Word runs very swiftly;

16 He gives snow like wool; He scatters the white frost like ashes;

17 He casts out His ice like crumbs; who can stand before His cold?

18 He sends out His Word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

19 He declares His Word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel.

20 He has not done so with any nation; and they have not known *His* judgments. Praise Jah!

Psalms 148

1 The psalmist exhorts the celestial, 7 the terrestrial, 11 and the rational creatures to praise Jehovah.

1 ¶ Praise Jah! Praise Jehovah from the heavens, praise Him in the heights.

2 Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts.

3 Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all stars of light.

4 Praise Him, O heavens of heavens; and O waters that *are* above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of Jehovah; for He commanded, and they were created.

6 And He made them stand forever and ever; He gave a decree that they not pass away.

7 ¶ Let the sea-monsters and all deeps praise Jehovah from the earth,

8 fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling His Word,

9 mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars,

10 beasts and all livestock, creeping things and birds of the wing,

11 kings of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all judges of the earth,

12 young men and virgins, too, old men and youths.

13 Let them praise the name of Jehovah; for His name alone is exalted; His glory *is* above the earth and heavens.

14 He also lifts up the horn of His people, the praise of all His godly *ones*, of the sons of Israel, a people near to Him, Praise Jah.

Psalms 149

The prophet exhorts to praise Jehovah for His love.

1 ¶ Praise Jah! Sing to Jehovah a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly *ones*.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the sons of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise His name in the dance; let them sing praise to Him with the timbrel and lyre.

4 For Jehovah takes pleasure in His people; He beautifies the humble with salvation.

5 Let the godly *ones* be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds.

6 ¶ Let the exaltation of God *be* in their throat, and a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 to execute vengeance on the nations, punishments on the peoples;

8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with iron bands;

9 to execute on them the judgment written; have this honor for all His godly *ones*.

Praise Jehovah!

Psalms 150

An exhortation to praise Jehovah.

1 ¶ Praise Jehovah! Praise God in His holy place; praise Him in the expanse of His might.

2 Praise Him in His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

3 Praise Him with the sound of the rams`horn; praise Him with the harp and lyre.

4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipes.

5 Praise Him on the sounding cymbals; praise Him with the resounding cymbals.

6 Let everything that breathes praise Jehovah. Praise Jehovah!

The Book of PROVERBS

Proverbs 1

1 The use of the proverbs. 7 An exhortation to fear Jehovah, and believe His word.

1 ¶ The Proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;

3 to receive instruction in prudence, righteousness, and judgment, and uprightness;

4 to give sense to the *one of* simplicity, knowledge and discretion to the young man.

5 The wise *ones* hear and increase learning, and he understanding gets wise counsel,

6 to understand a proverb and an enigma; the words of the wise *ones*, and their riddles.

7 ¶ The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of knowledge; foolish *ones* despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear your father's instruction, and do not forsake the law of your mother;

9 for they *shall be* an ornament of grace to your head, and chains for your neck.

10 ¶ My son, if sinners lure you, do not be willing.

11 If they say, Walk with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us secretly lurk for the innocent *ones* without cause,

12 let us swallow them up alive as Sheol; and whole, as those going down *into* the Pit,

13 we shall find all precious wealth; we shall fill our houses *with* plunder;

14 cast in your lot among us; one purse shall be to all of us.

15 My son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their path;

16 for their feet run to evil and they haste to shed blood.

17 For in vain the net is spread in the sight of every lord of the wing.

18 And they lie in wait for their *own* blood, they are hiding for their own souls.

19 So *are* the ways of everyone who gains unjust gain; it takes away its owner's soul.

20 ¶ Wisdom cries aloud outside; she gives her voice in the square;

21 she calls at the head of roaring *places*, at the opening of the gates, in the city she speaks her words:

22 Until when, *ones of* simplicity, will you love simplicity? And will scorning *ones* desire scorning for themselves? And will fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn back at My warning; behold, I will pour out My Spirit to you; I will make My words known to you.

24 Because I called, and you refused; I stretch out a hand, and not *one* pays attention,

25 but you have ignored all My counsel, and you did not desire My warning.

26 I also will laugh in your calamity, I will mock when your dread comes;

27 when your dread comes like a storm, and your calamity arrives like a tempest,

when distress and anguish come on you,

28 then they shall call on Me, and I will not answer; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me.

29 Instead, they hated knowledge and chose not the fear of Jehovah.

30 They did not desire My counsel; they despised all My reproof,

31 and they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the going astray of the *ones of* simplicity kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them.

33 But he who listens to Me shall live securely and shall be at ease from the dread of evil.

Proverbs 2

1 Wisdom promises godliness to her children, 10 and safety from evil company.

1 ¶ My son, if you will receive My words, and treasure up My commandments with you,

2 so that your ear attends to wisdom, you shall stretch out your heart to understanding.

3 For if you cry for discernment, giving forth your voice for understanding;

4 if you seek her as silver, and search *for* her as hidden treasures,

5 then you shall understand the fear of Jehovah and find knowledge of God.

6 For Jehovah gives wisdom; out of His mouth *are* knowledge and understanding.

7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright *ones*; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity,

8 to guard the paths of judgment, and He guards the way of His godly *ones*.

9 Then you shall understand righteousness and judgment and uprightness; *yea*, every good path.

10 ¶ When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

11 discretion shall keep you, understanding shall watch over you;

12 to deliver you from the evil way, from the man speaking perversity;

13 those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,

14 rejoicing to do evil; they delight in the perversity of the evil *one*,

15 whose paths *are* crooked and being devious in their tracks,

16 *these* will deliver you from the strange woman, from the foreign *woman* flattering *by* her words,

17 who forsakes the guide of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

18 For her house leads down to death, and her tracks to the departed spirits.

19 All going in to her do not return, and not do they reach the paths of life.

20 Then you may walk in the ways of the good and keep the ways of the righteous *ones*.

21 For the upright *ones* shall live *in* the land, and the blameless shall remain in it;

22 but the wicked *ones* shall be cut off from the earth, and *ones* acting deceitfully shall be rooted out of it.

Proverbs 3

1 ¶ My son, do not forget My law, but let your heart guard My commands,

2 for they shall add length of days and years of life and peace to you.

3 Mercy and truth will not forsake you; tie them on your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart;

4 and you shall find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in Jehovah with all your heart, and lean not to your *own* understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

7 ¶ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear Jehovah and turn from evil.

8 Healing shall be to your navel and marrow to your bones.

9 Honor Jehovah with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase,

10 and your storerooms shall be filled *with* plenty, and your wine-vats shall burst *with* new wine.

11 My son, do not reject the chastening of Jehovah, and do not loathe His chastisement;

12 for whom Jehovah loves He corrects, even as a father *corrects* the son with whom he is pleased.

13 ¶ Happy *is* the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding.

14 For better *is* its profit than the gain of silver, and its produce more than fine gold;

15 she *is* more precious than jewels, and all the things you can desire are not to be compared with her.

16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; riches and honor in her left hand.

17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths peace.

18 She *is* a tree of life to the ones who lay hold on her, and blessed *are* the ones holding her fast.

19 Jehovah founded the earth by wisdom; He founded the heavens by understanding;

20 the depths were broken up by His knowledge, and the clouds dropped down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, do not let them depart from your eyes; keep sound wisdom and judgment,

22 and they shall be life to your soul, and grace to your neck;

23 then you shall walk in your way safely, and your foot shall not stumble.

24 When you lie down, you shall not dread; *yea*, you shall lie down and your sleep shall be sweet.

25 Do not be afraid of sudden dread, and of the ruin of the wicked *ones* when it comes.

26 For Jehovah shall be at your loins, and He shall keep your foot from capture.

27 ¶ Do not withhold good from its owners, when it is in the power of your hand to do *it*.

28 Do not say to your neighbor, Go and return, or, Tomorrow I will give, when it is with you.

29 Do not plot evil against your neighbor, and he lives securely by you.

30 Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has dealt you no evil.

31 Do not be envious of the man of violence, and choose not among all his ways.

32 For *one* being devious *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but His counsel *is* with the upright *ones*.

33 The curse of Jehovah *is* in the house of the wicked *one*, but He blesses the abode of the righteous *ones*.

34 If he will scorn at those scorning, yet He will give grace to the humble *one*.

35 The wise *ones* inherit honor, but fools exalt shame.

Proverbs 4

1 ¶ Sons, hear the instruction of a father, pay attention to know understanding.

2 For I give you good teaching, do not forsake my Law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and an only *one* in the sight of my mother.

4 And he taught me and said to me, May my words hold to your heart; keep my commands and live.

5 Obtain wisdom, and with all your obtaining, obtain understanding; do not stretch out, and do not stretch away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you.

7 The first thing *is* wisdom; obtain wisdom, and with all your obtaining, obtain understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she will lift you up; she shall bring you to honor when you embrace her.

9 She shall give a wreath of grace to your head; she shall shield you with a crown of glory.

10 Oh my son, hear and receive my sayings, and the years of your life *shall be* many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have made you walk in the right tracks;

12 when you go, your tracks shall not be narrowed, and if you run, you shall not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she *is* your life.

14 ¶ Do not enter into the path of the wicked *ones*, and do not go straight in the way of evil *ones*

15 Avoid it, do not pass by it; turn from it and pass on.

16 For they do not sleep if they have done no evil, and their sleep is taken away if not they cause *some* to stumble.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous *ones is* as a light of brightness going on and shining till the day is established.

19 The way of the wicked *ones is* as darkness; they do not know at what they stumble.

20 ¶ My son, pay attention to my words; stretch your ear to what I say;

21 let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the center of your heart;

22 for they *are* life to those who find them, and healing to all his flesh.

23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *are* the issues of life.

24 Turn away from you the crooked mouth, and put devious lips far from you.

25 Let your eyes look straight to the front, and let your eyelids look straight before you.

26 Ponder the track of your feet, then all your ways *will be* established.

27 Do not stretch to the right or to the left; turn your foot aside from evil.

Proverbs 5

1 ¶ My son, pay attention to my wisdom; stretch out your ear to my understanding;

2 to keep discretion, and your lips may keep knowledge.

3 For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her palate *is* smoother than oil,

4 but afterwards she *is* bitter *as* wormwood, sharp as a sword of mouths;

5 her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on Sheol,

6 lest you ponder on the path of life, her tracks are unstable, you cannot know *them*.

7 And hear me now, O sons, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove your way far from her, and do not come near to the door of her house,

9 lest you give your vigor to others, and your years to the cruel *one*;

10 that strangers not be filled *with* your strength, and your labors *be* in the house of a foreigner,

11 and you groan when your end *comes*, when your flesh and muscle are used up,

12 and say, How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction;

13 and I have not heard the voice of my teachers, nor stretched out my ear to those teaching me.

14 In a little I was in every evil *thing* in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 ¶ Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well.

16 Should your overflowing springs be dispersed outside, *like* rivers of waters in the streets?

17 Let them be for you alone, and not to strangers with you;

18 let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth;

19 *she is* a loving deer, a graceful doe; let her breasts satisfy you at every time, always be ravished in her love.

20 And my son, why will you be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of Jehovah, and He ponders all his tracks.

22 His own iniquities shall capture him, the wicked *one*, and he shall be held with the cords of his sin.

23 He shall die without instruction, and in the greatness of his foolishness he shall go astray.

Proverbs 6

1 Against suretyship, 6 idleness, 12 and mischiefousness. 16 Seven things hateful to Jehovah.

1 ¶ My son, *if* you are surety for your friend, *if* you struck your palms with an alien,

2 you are snared with the words of your mouth; you are captured with the words of your own mouth.

3 My son, do this then, and save yourself when you come into the palm of your friend: go, humble yourself and be bold *to* your friend.

4 Do not give sleep to your eyes, or slumber to your eyelids.

5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from a hand, and as a bird from the fowler's hand.

6 ¶ Go to the ant, lazy man; see her ways and be wise;

7 who, having no leader, overseer or ruler, 8 provides her bread in the summer, *and* gathers her food in the harvest.

9 Until when will you lie down, O lazy man? When will you arise out of your sleep?

10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down;

11 so shall your poverty come as one walking about, and your need like a man of a shield.

12 ¶ A worthless man, an evil man, walks with crookedness of mouth,

13 winking with his eyes, speaking with his feet, teaching with his fingers.

14 Perversity *is* in his heart; he *is* plotting evil *things* at every time, he sends out strife.

15 On account of this, calamity shall come suddenly; he is broken quickly and there is no healing.

16 These six *things* Jehovah hates; yea, seven *are* disgusting things to his soul;

17 a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises iniquity, feet hurrying to run to evil *things*,

19 a lying witness who breathes lies, and he who causes strife among brothers.

20 ¶ My son, keep your father's commands, and do not forsake the law of your mother.

21 Bind them to your heart continually; tie them around your neck.

22 When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall watch over you; and *when* you awaken, it will muse *with* you.

23 For the commandment *is* a lamp, and the law a light; and reproofs of instruction *are* a way of life,

24 to keep you from the evil woman, from tongue of flattery of the strange woman.

25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, and do not let her take you with her eyelids,

26 For through a woman committing adultery, *a man comes* to the *last* loaf of bread, and *another* man's wife hunts for the precious soul.

27 Can a man take fire into his bosom and his clothes not be burned?

28 Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be burned?

29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; everyone touching her shall not be free *from guilt*.

30 They do not despise a thief, if he steals to fill his appetite when he is hungry.

31 But *if* he is found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the goods of his house.

32 He who commits adultery *with* a woman lacks heart; he *who* does it *is* a destroyer of his own soul.

33 He shall find a wound and dishonor, and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not lift up the face of every ransom, nor will he consent when you multiply the bribes.

Proverbs 7

1 ¶ My son, keep my words and treasure up My commands within you.

2 Keep My commands and live, and *keep* My Law as the pupil of your eye.

3 Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Say to wisdom, You *are* my sister, and call understanding *your* kinswoman,

5 to keep you from the strange woman, from the foreign *one* with her flattering words.

6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,

7 and I saw in the *ones* of simplicity, I observed among the sons a young man lacking heart,

8 passing through the street near her corner; and he stepped the way to her house,

9 in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and darkness of night.

10 And, behold, a woman to meet him, *in* the dress of *one* doing adultery, and a guarded heart;

11 she *is* loud and stubborn; her feet do not abide in her own house.

12 *At this time she is* outside, now in the streets, and *she* lies in wait at every corner;

13 and she seizes him and kisses him; she hardens her face and says to him,

14 Sacrifices of peace offerings are on me, today I have completed my vows;

15 so I came out to meet you, early to seek your face, and I have found you.

16 I have spread my couch *with* coverings, *with* striped cloths of Egyptian linen.

17 I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning, let us delight ourselves with caresses.

19 For my husband *is* not in his house; he is going in the way to a distant *place*.

20 He has taken a bag of silver in his hand; at the day of the full moon he will enter his house.

21 With her much persuasiveness she turned him aside; with the flattering of her lips she forced him,

22 going after her at once, as an ox goes to the slaughter; or as *one* in fetters goes to the correction of a foolish *one*,

23 until an arrow strikes through his liver, like a bird hastening to the snare, and not knowing that it *is* for his soul.

24 ¶ And now listen to Me, O sons, and attend to the words of My mouth:

25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; do not go astray in her paths.

26 For many *are* the wounded she has caused to fall, and numerous all the ones being slain by her.

27 The ways of Sheol *are* in her house, leading down to the rooms of death.

Proverbs 8

1 *The fame and evidence of Wisdom. 10 The excellency, 12 the nature, 15 the power, 18 the riches, 22 and the eternity of Christ.*

1 ¶ Does not Wisdom call? And does not understanding speak?

2 She stands at the head of high places, on the way between the paths,

3 at the side of the gates; at the mouth of the city, *at* the doors, she cries.

4 I call to you, O men, and My voice *is* to the sons of men.

5 Understand prudence, *ones* of simplicity; and fools, be of an understanding heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of My lips *shall be* right things.

7 For My mouth shall speak of truth, and a disgusting thing *is* wickedness to My lips.

8 In righteousness are all the sayings of My mouth there *is* not a distorted or perverse *thing* in them;

9 they *are* all straight to those discerning and *to* the upright *ones*, to those who find knowledge.

10 Receive My instruction, and not silver; and knowledge, rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom *is* better than jewels, and all delights cannot be compared to it.

12 ¶ I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge of discretions.

13 The fear of Jehovah *is* to hate evil; I hate pride and loftiness, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth.

14 To Me *is* counsel and sound wisdom; I *am* understanding; to Me *is* strength.

15 By Me kings reign, and leaders decree righteousness.

16 Rulers and nobles rule by Me, and all the judges of the earth.

17 I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me early find Me.

18 Riches and honor *are* with Me; enduring wealth and righteousness.

19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and My increase *is better than* the best silver.

20 I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;

21 to cause those who love Me to inherit wealth, and I will fill up their treasures.

22 ¶ Jehovah possessed Me in the beginning of His way, from then, before His works.

23 I was anointed from everlasting, from before the earth.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no springs heavy *with* water.

25 Before the mountains were sunk, before the hills, I was brought forth;

26 before He had made the earth and the fields, or the head of the dust of the world.

27 In His preparing the heavens, I *was* there; in His decreeing a circle on the face of the deep,

28 in His forming the clouds above, in *His* making the strong springs of the deep,

29 in His setting its limit for the sea, that the waters should not pass beyond *His* command; in His decreeing the foundations of the earth,

30 then I was at His side, like a master workman; and I was *His* delights day *by* day, rejoicing before Him *at* every time;

31 rejoicing in the world, His earth; and My delight *was* with the sons of men.

32 ¶ And now listen to Me, O sons, for blessed *are those who* keep My ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not let go.

34 Blessed *is* the man listening to Me, watching day *by* day at My gates, guarding at the posts of My doors.

35 For the one finding Me finds life, and he shall draw out favor from Jehovah.

36 But he who sins against Me wrongs his own soul; all who hate Me love death.

Proverbs 9

1 The discipline and doctrine of wisdom.

1 ¶ Wisdom has built her house; she has carved out her seven pillars;

2 she has slaughtered her slaughter; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her maidens; she cries on the heights of the city;

4 *One* who is of simplicity, turn in here; *one* lacking heart, she says to him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine I have mixed.

6 Forsake simplicity, and live, and go straight in the way of understanding.

7; He rebuking one scorning takes shame for himself, and one reproving a wicked *one* has his own blemish.

8 Do not reprove one scorning, lest he hate you; reprove a wise *one*, and he will love you.

9 Give to a wise *one*, and he will be more wise; cause a just *one* to know and he will add *to* learning.

10 The fear of Jehovah *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy Ones *is* understanding.

11 For by Me your days shall increase and shall be added to you the years of life.

12 If you are wise, you shall be wise for yourself, but *if* you scorn, you alone shall bear *it*.

13 ¶ A woman of foolishness *is* noisy; *one of* simplicity, and she knows not what.

14 And she sits at the door of her house, in a seat in the high places of the city,

15 to call those passing in the way, who are going straight *on* their paths:

16 *One of* simplicity turn aside here. And to the one lacking heart, she says to him:

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

18 But he does not know that the departed spirits *are* there; In the depths of Sheol *are* her called *ones*.

Proverbs 10

Of moral virtues, and their contrary vices.

1 ¶ The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a father rejoice, but a son who *is* a fool *is* a mother's sorrow.

2 ¶ Treasures of wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

3 Jehovah will not allow the soul of the righteous *one* to hunger, but He pushes away the desire of the wicked *one*.

4 ¶ He who works *with* a lazy palm will be lacking, but the hand of the diligent *one* makes to become rich.

5 ¶ He who gathers in summer *is* a prudent son; he who sleeps in harvest *is* a son who causes shame.

6 ¶ Blessings *are* on the head of the righteous *one*, but the mouth of the wicked *ones* covers violence.

7 ¶ The memory of the righteous *one is* for a blessing, but the name of the wicked *ones* shall rot.

8 ¶ The wise of heart accepts commands, but the lips of the foolish *one* shall be thrust away.

9 ¶ He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways shall be known.

10 ¶ One winking the eye causes pain, and the lips of the foolish *one* shall be thrust away.

11 ¶ The mouth of the righteous *one is* a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked *one* covers violence.

12 ¶ Hating stirs up strifes, but love covers all transgressions.

13 ¶ Wisdom is found in the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod *is waiting* for the back of him who lacks heart.

14 ¶ The wise *ones* store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish *one is* near ruin.

15 ¶ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city; the ruin of the poor *ones is* their poverty.

16 ¶ The wages of the righteous *one is* for life; the gain of the wicked *one is* for sin.

17 ¶ *On* the path to life *is* one keeping instruction, but one forsaking reproof *is* going astray.

18 ¶ *One* covering hating *with* lying lips, and sending out slander, he *is* a fool.

19 ¶ In the abundance of words transgression does not cease, but one restraining his lips *is* prudent.

20 ¶ The tongue of the righteous *one is* as choice silver; the heart of the wicked *ones is but* little.

21 The lips of the righteous *one* feed many, but foolish *ones* die in lack of heart.

22 ¶ The blessing of Jehovah makes one to be rich, and he adds no pain with it.

23 ¶ To work out evil devices *is as* laughter to the fool; so wisdom *is* to a man of understanding.

24 ¶ The fear of the wicked *one is* that *which* shall come upon him, but the desire of the righteous *one is* granted.

25 As the storm wind passes, so the wicked *one is* not; but the righteous *one is* an everlasting foundation.

26 ¶ Like vinegar to the teeth, and like smoke to the eyes, so *is* the lazy *one* to those who send him.

27 ¶ The fear of Jehovah prolongs days, but the years of the wicked *ones* shall be cut short.

28 The expectation of the righteous *ones is* joyful, but the hope of the wicked *ones* shall perish.

29 ¶ The way of Jehovah *is* strength to the *ones* of integrity, but ruin *is* to doers of iniquity.

30 The righteous *one* shall never be shaken, and the wicked *ones* shall not dwell in the land.

31 ¶ The mouth of the righteous *one* flourishes *with* wisdom, but the tongue of perversity shall be cut off.

32 The lips of the righteous *one* know what is pleasing, but the mouth of the wicked *ones* knows only perversity.

Proverbs 11

1 ¶ False balances *are* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but a perfect stone His delight.

2 ¶ Pride comes, then shame comes, but with those being humble *is* wisdom.

3 ¶ The integrity of the upright *ones* guides them, but the perverting of *those* betraying will devastate them.

4 ¶ Wealth does not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

5 ¶ The righteousness of the sound *one* shall make his way right, but the wicked *one* shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright *one* shall deliver them, but *those* betraying shall be taken in *their* lust.

7 ¶ In the death of a wicked man his expectation shall perish, and the hope of *doers* of iniquity shall be lost.

8 ¶ The righteous *one* is delivered from distress, and the wicked *one* goes in instead of him.

9 ¶ The godless *one* is corrupting *his* friend with *his* mouth, but the righteous *ones* are delivered by knowledge.

10 ¶ When the righteous *ones* receive good things, the city rejoices; and at perishing of the wicked *ones* *is* singing.

11 A city is lifted up by the blessing of the upright *one*, but by the mouth of the wicked *ones* it is overthrown.

12 ¶ One despising his friend lacks heart, but an understanding man remains silent.

13 One going with slander is a revealer of secrets, but the faithful of spirit keeps a matter hidden.

14 ¶ In the absence of *wise* counsels the people fall, but safety *is* in a great counselor.

15 ¶ The evil *one* suffers when he is surety for a stranger, but one hating strikers of *hands* is trusted.

16 ¶ A gracious woman holds to honor, but terrifying *men* hold to riches.

17 ¶ A merciful man does good to his own soul, but the cruel *one* troubles his own flesh.

18 ¶ The wicked *one* makes a wage of falsehood, but one sowing righteousness *has* a reward of truth.

19 ¶ As righteousness *is* to life, even the evil *one* *is* pursuing to his death.

20 ¶ The perverse of heart is a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but His delight *is* the blameless *one* of *his* way.

21 ¶ *Though* hand *join* to hand, the evil *one* shall not be free *from* guilt, but the seed of the righteous *ones* escapes.

22 ¶ As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, *so* *is* a woman who *is* beautiful, yet turning aside discretion.

23 ¶ The desire of the righteous *ones* *is* only good, the hope of the wicked *ones* *is* wrath.

24 ¶ There is one who scatters yet increases more, but a withholder of uprightness *comes* only to poverty.

25 ¶ The soul of blessing will be made fat; he drinking to his fill will also be taught.

26 ¶ One holding back *grain*, the people curse him; but a blessing *is* to the head of one selling grain.

27 ¶ *One* seeking good early seeks favor; but one pursuing an evil *thing*, it shall come to him.

28 ¶ One trusting in his riches, he shall fall; but like a green leaf the righteous *ones* shall flourish.

29 One troubling his house inherits the wind; and the foolish *one* *is* servant to the wise of heart.

30 ¶ The fruit of the righteous *one* *is* a tree of life, and one taking souls *is* wise.

31 ¶ Behold, the righteous *ones* shall be rewarded in the earth; also indeed the wicked *one* and the sinner.

Proverbs 12

1 ¶ Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he hating chastisement *is* one of stupidity.

2 ¶ The good obtain grace from Jehovah, but He will condemn a man of evil devices.

3 ¶ A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous *ones* shall not be dislodged.

4 ¶ A woman of virtue *is* a crown to her lord, but one causing shame *is* like rottenness in his bones.

5 ¶ The thoughts of the righteous *ones* are justice; the counsels of the wicked *ones* are deceit.

6 ¶ The words of the wicked *ones* lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright *ones* shall deliver them.

7 ¶ Overthrow the wicked *ones* and they are not; but the house of the righteous *ones* stands.

8 ¶ A man shall be praised according to his prudence, but he who is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

9 ¶ Better *is* one despised, and a servant is his, than one honoring himself and lacking bread.

10 ¶ The righteous *one* knows the life of his animal, but the mercies of the wicked *ones* are cruel.

11 ¶ He who works his land shall be satisfied *with* bread, but he chasing vanities lacks heart.

12 ¶ The wicked *one* desires the net of evils, but the root of the righteous *ones* give.

13 ¶ In the transgression of the lips *is* the snare of an evil *one*, but the righteous *one* will come out from distress.

14 ¶ A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of the mouth, and the dealing of a man's hand shall be given back to him.

15 ¶ The way of a foolish *one* *is* right in his own eyes, but he who listens to advice *is* wise.

16 ¶ The anger of a foolish *one* is known in a day, but the prudent *one* covers shame.

17 ¶ He who breathes faithfulness reveals righteousness, but a witness of falsehoods deceit.

18 ¶ There is a rash speaking like thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise *ones* *is* healing.

19 ¶ The lips of truth are established forever, but a tongue of falsehood *is* only while I wink.

20 ¶ Deceit *is* in the heart of those who plot evil *things*, but to counselors of peace *is* joy.

21 ¶ Not every trouble shall be sent to the righteous *one*, but the wicked *ones* shall be filled with evil.

22 ¶ Lips of falsehood *are* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but those who do faithfulness *are* His delight.

23 ¶ A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools calls out their folly.

24 ¶ The hand of the diligent *ones* shall rule, but one of laziness will become forced labor.

25 ¶ Anxiety in a man's heart makes it depressed, but a good word makes it glad.

26 ¶ The righteous *one* searches out his friend, but the way of the wicked *ones* leads them astray.

27 ¶ The *one* of laziness does not start after his prey, but the wealth of a diligent man *is* precious.

28 ¶ In the way of righteousness *is* life, and in that pathway *is* no death.

Proverbs 13

1 ¶ A wise son *hears* his father's instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.

2 ¶ From the fruit of *his* mouth a man eats good, but the soul of those betraying *eats* violence.

3 ¶ He who guards his mouth keeps his life; he who opens his lips wide, ruin *is* to him.

4 ¶ A sluggish *one's* soul *is* craving, but having nothing, but the soul of the diligent *ones* shall be made fat.

5 ¶ The righteous *one* hates a word of falsehood, but the wicked *one* is odious and acts shamefully.

6 ¶ Righteousness keeps the way of the *one* of integrity, but wickedness subverts a sin-offering.

7 ¶ There *is* one being rich, yet having nothing *at all*; but one acting poor *has* much wealth.

8 ¶ The ransom of a man's life *is* his riches, but one acting poor does not hear rebuke.

9 ¶ The light of the righteous *ones* rejoice, but the lamp of the wicked *ones* shall be put out.

10 ¶ Only by pride comes strife, but with those taking counsel wisdom.

11 ¶ Wealth from vanity shall diminish, but he who gathers by hand shall increase.

12 ¶ Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a tree of life *is* desire coming.

13 ¶ *He who* despises the Word shall ruin himself, but one fearing the commandment, he shall be rewarded.

14 ¶ The law of the wise *one is* a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.

15 ¶ Good prudence gives grace, but the way of *those* betraying *is* ever flowing.

16 ¶ Every prudent *one* deals with knowledge, but a fool lays open *his* folly.

17 ¶ A wicked messenger falls into an evil way, but a faithful envoy *is* healing.

18 ¶ Poverty and shame *shall be to* him letting chastening go, but he who keeps to chastisement shall be honored.

19 ¶ The desire coming to pass *is* sweet to the soul, but to turn away from an evil way *is* a disgusting thing to fools.

20 ¶ *One* walking with the wise *ones* shall be wise, but a feeder of fools shall be made evil.

21 ¶ An evil *end* pursues sinners, but the righteous *ones* shall be rewarded *with* good.

22 ¶ A good *man* makes the sons of his son to inherit, but the wealth of the sinner *is* treasured up for the righteous *one*.

23 ¶ The tilled land of one being poor yields much food, but when *there is* no justice, it is swept away.

24 ¶ One holding back his rod *is* hating his son, but he loving him seeks him *with* correction.

25 ¶ The righteous *one* eats to the satisfaction of his soul, but the belly of the wicked *ones* shall lack.

Proverbs 14

1 ¶ The wise *among* women builds her house, but *she* of foolishness pulls it down with her *own* hands.

2 ¶ One walking in his uprightness fears Jehovah, but *one* being perverse in his ways despises Him.

3 ¶ A rod of pride *is* in the mouth of a foolish *one*, but the lips of the wise *ones* shall keep them.

4 ¶ The manger *is* clean where there *are* no cattle, but much increase *is* by the strength of an ox.

5 ¶ A faithful witness will not lie, but a false witness breathes lies.

6 ¶ A scorner seeks wisdom, but *finds* it not, yet knowledge *is* swift to the discerning.

7 ¶ Go from before a foolish man, or you will not know the lips of knowledge.

8 ¶ The wisdom of the shrewd *one is* to understand his way, but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 ¶ Foolish *ones* laugh at guilt offering, but favor *is* among the upright *ones*.

10 ¶ The heart knows the bitterness of its soul, and a stranger does not share in its joy.

11 ¶ The house of the wicked *ones* shall be laid waste, but the tent of the upright *ones* will flourish.

12 ¶ There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it *is* the way of death.

13 ¶ Even in laughter pain is in the heart and in its end that joy *is* grief.

14 ¶ One backsliding in heart shall be filled with his own ways, but a good man from himself.

15 ¶ *One* of simplicity believes every word, but the prudent one considers his step.

16 ¶ The wise *ones* fear and turn from evil, but the fool passes over and is bold.

17 ¶ He who *is* short of temper acts foolishly; and a man of *evil* plots is hated.

18 *Ones* of simplicity inherit foolishness, but the prudent *ones* are encircled with knowledge.

19 ¶ The evil *ones* will bow before the good *ones*; yea, the wicked *ones* at the gates of the just *one*.

20 ¶ The one lacking is hated even by his own neighbor, but lovers of a rich *one are* many.

21 ¶ He who despises his neighbor sins, but he who favors the humble *one*, how happy *is* he!

22 ¶ Devisers of evil go astray? But mercy and truth *follow* one devising good.

23 ¶ In all pain there is profit, but the word of the lips *tends* only to poverty.

24 ¶ The crown of the wise *ones is* their riches; the folly of fools is their foolishness.

25 ¶ A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful *witness* breathes lies.

26 ¶ In the fear of Jehovah *is* strong trust, and His sons shall have a refuge.

27 The fear of Jehovah *is* a fountain of life, to turn aside from snares of death.

28 ¶ In the multitude of people *is* the king's glory, but in the lack of people *is* the ruin of a ruler.

29 ¶ One long *to* anger *is* of great understanding, but he who *is* short of spirit exalts folly.

30 ¶ A heart of healing *is* the life of the flesh, but jealousy *is* the rottenness of the bones.

31 ¶ One oppressing the poor *one* curses his Maker, but one honoring Him favors the needy *one*.

32 ¶ The wicked *one* is thrust out in his evil, but the righteous *one* seeks refuge in his death.

33 ¶ Wisdom rests in the heart of *one* understanding, but amidst fools *the lack of it* is made known.

34 ¶ Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin *is* a shame to any people

35 ¶ The king's favor *is* toward a servant who acts wisely, but his wrath underlies one causing shame.

Proverbs 15

1 ¶ A soft answer turns back wrath, but a word of pain causes anger to go up.

2 ¶ The tongue of the wise makes glad knowledge, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.

3 ¶ The eyes of Jehovah *are* in every place watching the evil *ones* and the good *ones*.

4 ¶ A healing tongue *is* a tree of life, but perversity in it *is* a break of the spirit.

5 ¶ A fool despises his father's instruction, but he keeping correction is prudent.

6 ¶ In the house of the righteous *ones is* much treasure, but in the increase of the wicked *one is* troubling.

7 ¶ The lips of the wise *ones* disperse knowledge, but the heart of fools *is* not so.

8 ¶ The sacrifice of the wicked *one is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but the prayer of the upright *one is* His delight.

9 ¶ The way of the wicked *ones is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah, but He loves one pursuing righteousness.

10 ¶ Discipline *is* an evil *thing* to one leaving the path *of obedience*; one hating reproof shall die.

11 ¶ Sheol and destruction *are* before Jehovah; even more the hearts of the sons of men!

12 ¶ A scorner does not love one who corrects him; he will not go to the wise *one*.

13 ¶ A joyful heart makes a good face, but by pain of heart the spirit is stricken.

14 ¶ The heart of the discerning *one* seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on folly.

15 ¶ All the days of the afflicted *one are* evil *days*, but a good heart is a continual feast.

16 ¶ Better *is* a little with the fear of Jehovah than great treasure and tumult with it.

17 Better *is* a meal of herbs and love than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

18 ¶ A man of fury stirs up strife, but one long *to* anger calms fighting.

19 ¶ The way of the lazy *one is* like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright *ones is* lifted up.

20 ¶ A wise son makes a glad father, but a man *who is* a fool despises his mother.

21 ¶ Foolishness *is* joy to him who lacks understanding, but a man of understanding directs his going.

22 ¶ Purposes without counsel are frustrated, but by many counselors they rise.

23 ¶ Joy is to a man by the answer of his mouth, and how good *is* a word in its time.

24 ¶ The path of life *is* upward to the prudent *one*, that he may turn away from Sheol below.

25 ¶ Jehovah will pull down the house of the proud *ones*, but He will set up the widow's border.

26 ¶ The thoughts of the evil *one are* disgusting things to Jehovah, but the sayings of pleasantness *are* pure.

27 ¶ One gaining unjust gain troubles his own house, but *one* hating bribes shall live.

28 ¶ The heart of the righteous *one* meditates *how* to answer, but the mouth of the wicked *ones* pours out evil.

29 ¶ Jehovah *is* far from the wicked *ones*, but He hears the prayer of the righteous *ones*.

30 ¶ The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, a good report makes the bones fat.

31 ¶ The ear that hears the reproof of life dwells in the midst of wisdom.

32 ¶ He casting off correction despises his own soul, but he who hears reproof gets heart.

33 ¶ The fear of Jehovah *is* instruction in wisdom, and before honor *is* humility.

Proverbs 16

1 ¶ Of man *are* plans of the heart, and the answer of the tongue from Jehovah.

2 ¶ All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes, but Jehovah weighs the spirits.

3 ¶ Roll your works on Jehovah, and your thoughts will be established.

4 ¶ Jehovah has made all for His purpose, yea, even the wicked *one* for the day of evil *things*.

5 ¶ A disgusting thing to Jehovah *is* everyone proud in heart; *though* hand *join* in hand he shall not be free *from* guilt.

6 ¶ Iniquity is covered by mercy and truth, and in the fear of Jehovah *men* turn aside from evil *ways*.

7 ¶ When a man's ways please Jehovah, He makes even his enemies *to be* at peace with him.

8 ¶ Better *is* a little with righteousness than great increase without justice.

9 ¶ A man's heart plans his way, but Jehovah establishes his step.

10 ¶ A divination *is* on the king's lips; his mouth does not act unfaithfully in judgment.

11 ¶ A scale and balances of justice *are* to Jehovah, all the stones of the bag *are* His work.

12 ¶ *It is* a disgusting thing for kings to commit wickedness, for the throne *is* made firm by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings, and he speaking uprightly is loved.

14 ¶ A king's fury *is* as messengers of death, but a wise man will cover it.

15 In the light of the face of the king *is* life, and his favor *is* like a cloud of the latter rain.

16 ¶ How much better to obtain wisdom than gold! And to obtain understanding *is* to be chosen *above* silver.

17 ¶ The way of the upright *one is* to turn aside from evil *ways*; he keeping his soul watches his way.

18 ¶ Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 ¶ Better *is* lowness of spirit with the humble *ones* than to divide the spoil with the proud *ones*.

20 ¶ He being prudent on a matter shall find good *success*; yea, he trusting in Jehovah, blessed *is* he!

21 ¶ The wise in heart shall be called understanding, and sweetness of lips increases learning.

22 ¶ Prudence *is* a fountain of life to its owners, but the correction of foolish *ones is* folly.

23 ¶ The heart of the wise *ones* makes his mouth prudent, and he adds learning on his lips.

24 ¶ Combs of honey *are* sayings of pleasantness, sweetness to the soul and healing to the bones.

25 ¶ There is a way *seeming* right to a man's face, but the end of it *is* the ways of death.

26 ¶ The soul who labors *is* a laborer for himself, for his mouth urges him on.

27 ¶ A man of worthlessness digs up evil *things*, and on his lips *it is* like a burning fire.

28 A man of perversity sends out strife, and a talebearer separates *from* a friend.

29 ¶ A man of violence lures his neighbor, and causes him to go in a way *that is* not good.

30 He who shuts his eyes to plan perversity, compressing his lips, *he* finishes in an evil *plan*.

31 ¶ The gray head *is* a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness.

32 ¶ One long to anger *is* better than the mighty *one*, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

33 ¶ The lot is cast into the bosom, but all the ordering of it *is* from Jehovah.

Proverbs 17

1 ¶ Better *is* a dry piece of bread, and quietness with it, than a house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

2 ¶ A servant being prudent shall rule over a son who causes shame, and *he*

shall share the inheritance among the brothers.

3 ¶ The refining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold, but Jehovah tries the hearts.

4 ¶ One being evil gives heed to lips of iniquity; a liar listens to a tongue of *evil* desire.

5 ¶ *One* mocking the one being poor reviles this Maker, *one* joyful at calamity shall not be free of *guilt*.

6 ¶ Sons of sons *are* the crown of old men, and the glory of sons *are* their fathers.

7 ¶ A lip of excess *is* not fitting for a foolish *one*, much less are lying lips *for* a noble *one*.

8 ¶ A bribe *is* a stone of favor in the eyes of its owner, everywhere he turns he is shrewd.

9 ¶ *One who* covers a transgression seeks love, but one repeating a matter separates *from* a friend.

10 ¶ A reproof goes down more into one discerning than a hundred *blows* striking *into* a fool .

11 ¶ An evil *one* seeks only rebellion, so a cruel messenger is sent against him.

12 ¶ Let a man meet a bear of bereavement and not a fool in his foolishness.

13 ¶ Whoever returns an evil *deed* for a good *deed*, an evil *deed* shall not depart from his house.

14 ¶ The beginning of strife *is* like the releasing of water, therefore leave off striving before it breaks out.

15 ¶ *One* justifying the wicked *one*, and condemning the just *one*, even both of them *are* disgusting things to Jehovah.

16 ¶ Why *is* this, a price in the hand of a fool to obtain wisdom, and there is no heart *for* it?

17 ¶ A friend loves at every time, and a brother is born for distress.

18 ¶ A man lacking heart strikes the palm, he pledges a pledge in the presence of his friend.

19 ¶ *He* loving strife loves transgression; *he* exalting his entrance seeks a breaking *in*.

20 ¶ One crooked of heart does not find a good *thing*, and he who *is* perverse in his tongue falls into an evil *thing*.

21 ¶ *He who* fathers a fool *falls* into sorrow for it; yea, the father of a foolish *one* will not be joyful.

22 ¶ A joyful heart makes good healing, but a stricken spirit dries the bones.

23 The wicked *one* takes a bribe out of the bosom to stretch the paths of justice.

24 ¶ With the face of one discerning *is* wisdom, but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

25 ¶ A son *who is* a fool *is* vexation to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.

26 ¶ Also *it is* not a good *thing* to punish the just *one*, to strike nobles for uprightness.

27 ¶ *One* restraining his words knows knowledge, and *one* cool of spirit *is* a man of understanding.

28 Even a foolish *one* being silent *is* counted a wise *one*, he shutting his lips *as* discerning.

Proverbs 18

1 ¶ He *who* separates himself seeks to *gain his own* desire; he breaks out against all sound wisdom.

2 ¶ A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in uncovering his heart.

3 ¶ When the wicked *one* comes, scorn also comes, and with shame comes reproach.

4 ¶ The words of a man's mouth *are* like deep waters, the fountain of wisdom *is* a flowing stream.

5 ¶ To lift up the face of the wicked *one* is not good, to thrust aside the righteous *one* in judgment.

6 ¶ The lips of a foolish *one* enter into strife, and his mouth calls for strokes.

7 The mouth of a fool *is* his ruin, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

8 ¶ The words of a slanderer *are* greedily swallowed; yea, they go down *into* the *innermost* parts of the belly.

9 ¶ And he who is slack in his work, he is a brother to a master of destruction.

10 ¶ The name of Jehovah *is* a tower of strength; the righteous *one* runs into it and is set on high.

11 ¶ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as a high wall in his imagination.

12 ¶ Before shattering, a man's heart is haughty, but humility *goes* before honor.

13 ¶ *One* turning back a matter before he hears it, *it is* folly and shame to him.

14 ¶ The spirit of a man will endure his sickness, but who can bear a stricken spirit?

15 ¶ The heart of one being discerning gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise *one* seeks knowledge.

16 ¶ A man's bribe makes room for him, and *it* leads him before the great.

17 ¶ *The* first in his cause *seems to be* a just *one*, but his neighbor comes and examines him.

18 ¶ The lot causes contentions to cease, and divides between the mighty *ones*.

19 ¶ A brother transgressing *is like* a city of strength; and *their* contentions *are* like the bar of a castle.

20 ¶ A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; he shall be satisfied *with* the produce of his lips.

21 ¶ Death and life *are* in the hand of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat its fruit.

22 ¶ *He* finding a wife finds good, and obtains favor from Jehovah.

23 ¶ The one being poor speaks with entreaties, but the rich *one* answers fiercely.

24 ¶ A man of friends may be broken up, but there is a Lover who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 19

1 ¶ *One* being poor who walks in his integrity *is better* than a perverted *one* in his lips, and *is* a fool.

2 ¶ Also, without knowledge the soul *is* not good, and he hurrying with his feet sins.

3 ¶ The folly of man perverts his way, and his heart rages against Jehovah.

4 ¶ Wealth adds many friends, but the poor *one* is separated from his neighbor.

5 ¶ A witness of falsehoods will not be free *from guilt*; yea, a breather of lies shall not slip away.

6 ¶ Many will beg *at* the face of a noble *one*, and all *are* friends to a man of gifts.

7 All the brothers of the one being poor hate him, and his friends also surely have been far from him; he pursues *them* with words, *yet* they are not.

8 ¶ *He* possessing heart loves his own soul, *he* keeping understanding finds good.

9 ¶ A witness of falsehood shall not be free *from guilt*; yea, *one* breathing lies shall perish.

10 ¶ Luxury is not becoming for a fool, much less for a servant to rule over rulers.

11 ¶ The discretion of a man makes his anger long, and his glory *is* to pass over a transgression.

12 ¶ The king's rage *is* like a lion's roar, but his favor *is* like dew on the grass.

13 ¶ A son *who is* a fool *is* calamity to his father, and the drippings of a woman *is* a continuing dripping.

14 ¶ House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers, but a wife who acts prudently *is* from Jehovah.

15 ¶ Laziness makes one fall into a deep sleep, and an idle soul shall be hungry.

16 ¶ *One* keeping the commandment keeps his own soul; he who despises His ways shall die.

17 ¶ *One* favoring the poor *one* lends to Jehovah, and He will repay his dealing to him.

18 ¶ Chasten your son, for there is hope, and do not lift your soul on making him die.

19 ¶ *One* great of fury will bear a fine, for if you deliver *him*, even again you must add *to it*.

20 ¶ Hear counsel and accept chastening, that you may be wise in your latter end.

21 ¶ Many purposes *are* in a man's heart, but the counsel of Jehovah shall rise.

22 ¶ The desirableness of a man *is* his kindness, and it *is* better to be poor than a man of a lie.

23 ¶ The fear of Jehovah *tends* to life, and he shall rest satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 ¶ A lazy *one* hides his hand in a dish, and he will not return it to his mouth.

25 ¶ Strike a scorners and one of simplicity will become shrewd; reprove a discerners, and he will discern knowledge.

26 ¶ *He* who deals violently with *his* father chases *his* mother away; he *is* a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

27 ¶ My son, cease to hear the chastening *only* to stray from the words of knowledge.

28 ¶ A worthless witness scorns justice, and the mouth of the wicked *one* swallows iniquity.

29 ¶ Judgments are prepared for scorners, and blows for the backs of fools.

Proverbs 20

1 ¶ Wine *is* a mocker, strong liquor *is* stirring, and each one straying by it *is* not being wise.

2 ¶ Like the roar of a lion *is* the dread of a king; he who stirs him up to anger wrongs his own soul.

3 ¶ For a man to cease from strife *is* an honor, but every foolish *one* lays himself bare.

4. The lazy *one* will not plow, after autumn he begs at harvest, and nothing *is there*.

5 ¶ Counsel in a man's heart *is like* deep water, and a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 ¶ A multitude of men will proclaim each his own kindness, but who can find a faithful man?

7 ¶ The just *one* walks in his integrity, blessed *are* his sons after him!

8 ¶ A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.

9 ¶ Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 ¶ A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah, *are* disgusting things to Jehovah, even both of them.

11 ¶ Even a boy makes himself known by his actions, whether his work *is* pure, or upright.

12 ¶ The hearing ear and the seeing eye, Jehovah has even made both of them.

13 ¶ Do not love sleep, lest you be dispossessed; open your eyes, be satisfied with bread.

14 ¶ An evil *thing!* An evil *thing*, says the buyer, but when *it is* left to him, then he boasts.

15 ¶ There is gold and a multitude of gems, but the lips of knowledge *are* a rare vessel.

16 ¶ Take the garment of the one who is surety *for* an alien, and bind him in pledge for strangers.

17 ¶ Bread of falsehood *is* sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth shall be filled *with* gravel.

18 ¶ Purposes are established in counsel; yea, make war with wise guidance.

19 ¶ A revealer of a secret walks about as a gossip, so do not meddle with him who opens his lips.

20 ¶ *He* cursing his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in the middle of darkness.

21 ¶ An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily in the beginning, but the end of it shall not be blessed.

22 ¶ Do not say, I will repay the evil *one*; wait on Jehovah, and He will save you.

23 ¶ *To have* a stone and a stone *is* a disgusting thing to Jehovah; and a balance of deceit *is* not good.

24 ¶ The steps of a man *are* from Jehovah, and what can man discern of his way?

25 ¶ *It is* a snare *to* a man to say rashly, A holy thing, and afterward to vow to inquire *about it*.

26 ¶ A wise king scatters the wicked *ones* and turns the wheel over them.

27 ¶ The spirit of man *is* the lamp of Jehovah, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 ¶ Mercy and truth preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by mercy.

29 ¶ The glory of young men *is* their vigor, and the honor of old men *is* the gray head.

30 ¶ The stripes of a wound *are* a remedy *for* an evil *plan*, and strokes the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 21

1 ¶ *As* streams of waters, the king's heart *is* in the hand of Jehovah; He extends it wherever He desires.

2 ¶ Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but Jehovah weighs the hearts.

3 ¶ For Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice *is* to be chosen more than sacrifice.

4 ¶ High eyes, a proud heart, *and* the fal-low ground of the wicked *ones*, *is* sin.

5 ¶ The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenty, but *those of* every one being hasty only to poverty.

6 ¶ The acquisition of treasures by a tongue of falsehood *is* a vapor driven by those who seek death.

7 ¶ The violence of wickedness drags them down, because they refuse to do justice.

8 ¶ The work of a guilty man *is* perverted; but the pure *one is* an upright *one*.

9 ¶ *It is* better to dwell on a corner of a housetop, than *with* a woman of contentious, and to share a house.

10 ¶ The soul of wicked *ones* desires an evil *thing*; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

11 ¶ The one of simplicity is made to be wise when the scorner is punished, and when the wise *one* is instructed, he takes in knowledge.

12 ¶ The Righteous *One* is acting wisely toward the house of the wicked *one*; He subverts wickedness for *its* evil.

13 ¶ *One* shutting his ears at the cry of the poor *one*, he himself shall also call and shall not be answered.

14 ¶ A gift in secret subdues anger; yea, a bribe in the bosom *quiets* fierce fury.

15 ¶ *It is* joy to the righteous *one* to do justice, but ruin *shall come* to the workers of iniquity.

16 ¶ The man who wanders out of the way of prudence shall rest in the assembly of departed spirits.

17 ¶ A man who loves pleasure *shall have* poverty, he who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 ¶ The wicked *one shall be* a ransom for the righteous *one*, and the *one* acting treacherously instead of the upright *ones*.

19 ¶ *It is* better to live in a land of the wilderness than *with* a woman of contentions and anger.

20 ¶ A treasure to be desired and oil *are* in the dwelling of the wise *ones*, but a man who *is* a fool swallows it.

21 ¶ *He* pursuing righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness and honor.

22 ¶ A wise *one* makes the city of the mighty *ones* go up, and makes go down the force *in which* it trusts.

23 ¶ *Whoever* guards his mouth and his tongue guards his soul from distresses.

24 ¶ *The* proud arrogant *one*, scoffer *is* his name, he who deals in proud wrath.

25 ¶ The lust of the lazy *man* kills him, for his hands have refused to work.

26 All the day he longs with lust, but the righteous *one* gives and does not withhold.

27 ¶ The sacrifice of the wicked *ones is* a disgusting thing; how much more *when* he brings it with an evil intent!

28 ¶ A witness of falsehood shall perish, but the man who hears will speak forever.

29 ¶ A wicked man hardens his face, but he, the upright *one*, establishes his way.

30 ¶ *There is* no wisdom and no understanding and no counsel against Jehovah.

31 The horse *is* made ready for the day of battle, but to Jehovah *belongs* deliverance.

Proverbs 22

1 ¶ A name *is* to be chosen rather than great riches; favor is better than silver or gold.

2 ¶ The rich *one* and the one being poor meet together, Jehovah *is* the One making all of them.

3 ¶ A prudent *one* sees the evil way and hides himself, but the *ones* of simplicity pass on and are punished.

4 ¶ The reward of humility *is* the fear of Jehovah, riches, and honor, and life.

5 ¶ Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the crooked *one*, *he* guarding his soul shall be far from them.

6 ¶ Train up a boy on the mouth of his way, even when he is old he will not turn aside from it.

7 ¶ The rich *one* rules over the one being poor, and the one borrowing *is* servant to a man who lends.

8 ¶ *He who* sows injustice will reap sorrow, and the rod of his wrath shall cease.

9 ¶ The good of eye, he is blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor *one*.

10 ¶ Drive the scorner out and strife shall go out; yea, quarrels and shame shall cease.

11 ¶ He who loves pureness of heart, grace *is on* his lips; the king *shall be* his friend.

12 ¶ The eyes of Jehovah keep knowledge, and He overthrows the words of the *one* acting deceitfully.

13 ¶ The lazy *one* says, A lion *is* outside! I will be killed in the midst of the broad places.

14 ¶ The mouth of alien women *is* a deep pit; those hated *by* Jehovah shall fall there.

15 ¶ Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 ¶ *One* oppresses the poor *one* to increase *riches* to him, he gives to the rich *one*, only *to come* to poverty.

17 ¶ Stretch your ear and hear the words of the wise *one*, and apply your heart to My knowledge,

18 for *they are* pleasant when you keep them within you; they shall all be fixed together on your lips,

19 that your trust may be in Jehovah. I caused you to know today, even you.

20 Have I not written to you three days ago with counsels and knowledge,

21 to cause you to know the certainty of the words of truth, to return the words of truth to those who send to you?

22 ¶ Rob not the poor *one* because he *is* a poor *one*, and do not crush the afflicted *one* in the gate.

23 For Jehovah will contend for their cause, and *He* will plunder those plundering them *in* soul.

24 ¶ Do not feed with a lord of anger, and do not go in with a man of fury,

25 lest you learn his ways and take a snare for your soul.

26 ¶ Do not be one of those who strike the palm, those who are sureties for loans.

27 If you have nothing to repay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

28 ¶ Do not move the old landmark which your fathers have set.

29 ¶ Do you see a man who is prompt in his work? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure *men*.

Proverbs 23

1 ¶ When you sit down to eat with a ruler; considering, consider what *is* before you, 2 and put a knife to your throat if you *are* an owner of a soul.

3 Do not desire his delicacies, for it *is* the bread of lies.

4 ¶ Do not labor to become rich; cease from your own understanding.

5 Will your eyes fly on it? And *it* is not! For making it makes wings for itself; it flies *into* the heavens like an eagle.

6 ¶ Do not eat the bread of *one having* an evil eye, and do not desire his delicacies,

7 for as he reasons out in his soul, so *is* he. He says to you, Eat and drink, but his heart *is* not with you.

8 You shall vomit the bit you have eaten and spoil your pleasant words.

9 ¶ Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the prudence of your words.

10 ¶ Do not move the old landmark, and do not enter into the fields of the fatherless,

11 for their Redeemer *is* a strong *One*, He will contend for their cause with you.

12 ¶ Bring your heart in for instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Do not withhold correction from a boy, for *if* you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

14 You shall strike him with the rod, and you shall deliver him from Sheol.

15 My son, if your heart is wise, my heart shall rejoice, even I.

16 And my reins shall exult when your lips speak right things.

17 ¶ Do not let your heart envy sinners, but only *be* in the fear of Jehovah all the day.

18 For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope shall not be cut off.

19 ¶ My son, hear you, and be wise, and advance your heart in the way.

20 Be not among heavy drinkers of wine, with a glutton *of* flesh to themselves,

21 for the drunkard and the *one* being a glutton lose all, and with drowsiness shall clothe *one with* rags.

22 Listen to your father, this one fathered you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not, *also* wisdom, and instruction and understanding.

24 The father of a righteous *one* shall greatly rejoice, and he who fathers a wise *one* shall even be glad in him.

25 Your father and your mother shall be glad, and she who bore you shall rejoice.

26 My son, give Me your heart, and let your eyes watch My ways.

27 For a deep pit *is one* doing adultery, and a strange woman *is* a narrow well.

28 Surely she lies in wait, as *for* prey, and she increases *one* acting deceitfully among men.

29 ¶ To whom *is* woe, to whom *is* sorrow? To whom *are there* contentions, to whom *is* babbling? To whom *are* wounds without cause? To whom *are* brilliant eyes?

30 Those who stay long at the wine, those who go to seek mixed wine.

31 Do not look at the wine when it is red, *when* it gives its sparkle in the cup, *when* it goes *down* smoothly,

32 at its last it bites like a snake, and it stings like a viper.

33 Your eyes shall look on strange women, and your heart shall speak perverse things;

34 yes, you shall be as one who lies down in the heart of the sea, or as he who lies on the top of a mast,

35 *saying*, They struck me! I was not sick! They beat me, *yet* I did not know. When I awaken I will add *to it*, I will still seek it.

Proverbs 24

1 ¶ Do not envy evil men, nor desire to be with them.

2 For their heart meditates violence, and their lips speak of mischief.

3 ¶ Through wisdom a house is built, and it is established by understanding,

4 and by knowledge the inner parts shall be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise warrior *is* in strength: yes, a man of knowledge firms up power.

6 For you shall make war for yourself by wise advice, and deliverance *is* in the great Counselor.

7 ¶ Wisdom *is* too high for a foolish *one*, he does not open his mouth in the gate.

8 *The one* devising to do evil shall be called a lord of evil devices.

9 The evil plan of foolishness *is* sin, and one who scorns *is* a disgusting thing to men.

10 ¶ Your strength *will be* narrow *if* you faint in the day of distress,

11 ¶ if you hold back to snatch away those being taken to death, and *those* stumbling for killing;

12 for you say, Behold, we did not know this. Does not He who weighs the heart consider it? And the One who keeps your soul, does He *not* know? Yea, He repays to a man according to his work.

13 ¶ My son, eat honey because *it is* good, yea, the honeycomb *is* sweet on your palate;

14 so *shall* knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul when you have found there is a hereafter and your hope is not cut off.

15 ¶ Wicked *one*, do not lie in wait against the abode of the righteous *one*; do not deal violently *with* his resting place,

16 for a righteous *one* falls seven times and rises up again, but the wicked *ones* shall stumble into evil.

17 ¶ Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles,

18 lest Jehovah see and it be evil in His eyes, and He turn away His anger from him.

19 ¶ Do not be hot in anger because of evildoers, *and* do not envy the wicked *ones*;

20 for no hereafter shall be to the evil *one*; the lamp of the wicked *one* will be put out.

21 ¶ My son, fear Jehovah and the king; do not meddle with those who change,

22 for their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin of both of them?

23 ¶ These also *are* for the wise *ones*: to know faces in judgment *is* not good.

24 *Whoever* says to the wicked *one*, You *are* a righteous *one*; the peoples shall curse him; nations shall abhor him.

25 But to those who rebuke *him*, it is pleasant, and a good blessing comes to them.

26 He kisses the lips *of one* who returns right words.

27 ¶ Prepare your work outside, and make it ready for yourself in the field, and afterwards even build your house.

28 ¶ Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, or deceive with your lips.

29 Do not say, so I will do to him as he has done to me; I will repay to *each* man according to his work.

30 ¶ I passed over the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man lacking heart,

31 and, behold, all of it was going up with thistles; nettles had covered its surface, and its stone wall was broken down.

32 And I beheld; I set my heart *on it*; I looked; I received instruction.

33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down,

34 and your poverty comes walking about, and your lack like a man *with* a shield.

Proverbs 25

1 ¶ Also these *are* the proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah handed forward:

2 ¶ The glory of God *is* to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter.

3 The heavens for height, and the earth for depth, but there is no searching of the heart of kings.

4 ¶ Take away the dross from the silver, and a vessel for the refiner shall go out.

5 Take away the wicked *one from* before the king, and his throne is established in righteousness.

6 ¶ Do not honor yourself before a king, and do not stand in the place of the great.

7 For it is better he shall say to you, Come up here, than that you should be put lower before a noble whom your eyes have seen.

8 ¶ Do not go out for strife hastily, lest what shall you do in the end of it, when your neighbor has put you to shame.

9 Contend for your cause with your neighbor, and do not uncover another's secret,

10 lest he who hears put you to shame, and your evil report not turn back.

11 ¶ *Like* apples of gold in settings of silver *is* a word spoken at the right *time*.

12 *As* a ring of gold, and an ornament of *fine* gold, *so is* the reproving of a wise *one* on a hearing ear.

13 ¶ *Like* the cold of snow in harvest time, *so is* a faithful messenger to those sending him, *for* he refreshes his master's soul.

14 ¶ A man boasting himself in a gift of falsehood *is like* clouds and wind, but with no rain.

15 ¶ *In being* at length to anger, a ruler is persuaded; and a soft tongue shatters the bone.

16 ¶ Have you found honey? Eat *only* your fill lest you be satiated and vomit it out.

17 ¶ Make your foot rare from your neighbor's house, lest he be full of you and hate you.

18 ¶ Ones of simplicity inherit foolishness, but the prudent *ones* are encircled with knowledge.

19 A maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow *is* a man testifying a witness of falsehood against his neighbor.

19 ¶ Trust in *one* acting deceitfully in a day of distress *is like* a bad tooth and a slipping foot.

20 ¶ *As one* removing a garment in a cold day, and *as* vinegar on soda, *so* a singer with songs on a bad heart.

21 ¶ If *one* hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

22 for you shall heap coals *of fire* on his head, and Jehovah shall reward you.

23 ¶ The north wind brings forth rain, so *one* becomes angrily indignant *by* a tongue of secrecy.

24 ¶ *It is* better to dwell in the corner of a roof than to share a house with a contentious woman.

25 ¶ *Like* cold waters to a weary soul, *so is* a good report from a far country.

26 ¶ The righteous one falling down before the wicked *one is like* a fouled spring and a ruined fountain.

27 ¶ *It is* not good to eat much honey, and *for men* to search out their honor *is not* honor.

28 ¶ A man to whom *there is* no control to his spirit *is like* a broken down city without a wall.

Proverbs 26

1 ¶ As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor *is* not seemly for a fool.

2 ¶ As the wandering bird, as the swallow in its flying, so the causeless curse shall not come.

3 ¶ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the back of fools.

4 ¶ Answer not a fool according to his foolishness, lest you become like him, even you.

5 Answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

6 ¶ *He* sending messages by a fool's hand cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks violence.

7 *As* the legs of the lame *one* are weak, so a proverb in the mouth of fools.

8 *As he* binding a stone on a sling, so he giving honor to a fool.

9 *As* a thorn goes up into the drunkard's hand, so a proverb in the mouth of fools.

10 ¶ Great *is* the One who produced all things, but he who hires a fool *is like* one who hires those passing by.

11 ¶ As a dog that returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats in his foolishness.

12 ¶ Do you see a man wise in his *own* eyes? *There is* more hope *for* a fool than *for* him.

13 ¶ The lazy *one* says, A lion *is* in the way, a lion *is* between the open places!

14 ¶ As the door turns on its hinge, *so* the lazy *one* on his bed.

15 ¶ The lazy *one* buries his hand in the dish; he is weary to bring it back to his mouth.

16 ¶ The lazy *one is* wiser in his own eyes than seven that return a wise judgment.

17 ¶ One who grabs the ears of a dog *is like one* passing by; *he is* passing *wrath* on himself over strife *that is* not his.

18 ¶ As *one* feigning weakness throwing sparks, arrows and death,

19 *so is* a man who deceives his neighbor and says, Am I not joking?

20 ¶ The fire goes out where there is no wood, *so* the strife becomes quiet. where *there is* no slanderer.

21 As coal to burning embers, and wood to fire, *so is* a man of strife to kindle contention.

22 The words of a slanderer *are* gulped down, and they go down into the chambers of the heart.

23 ¶ As *with* silver dross laid over an earthen vessel, *so are* burning lips and an evil heart.

24 ¶ *One who* hates disguises himself with his lips, and he lays up deceit in his inner being;

25 when his voice is gracious, do not believe him, for *there are* seven disgusting things in his heart.

26 *Though one's* hating is covered by guile, his evil *purpose* shall be revealed in the assembly.

27 ¶ *He who* digs a pit shall fall into it, and *he who* rolls a stone, it shall turn back on him.

28 ¶ A tongue of falsehood hates those it crushes, and a flattering mouth works an occasion of stumbling.

Proverbs 27

1 ¶ Do not boast in the day of tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

2 ¶ Let a stranger praise you, and not your own mouth; a foreign *one*, and not your own lips.

3 ¶ A stone *is* heavy, and sand a burden, but the anger of a foolish *one is* heavier than both *of them*.

4 Fury *is* fierce, and anger *is* overflowing, but who can stand before jealousy?

5 ¶ Better *is* reproof being uncovered than love being secret.

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of *one who* loves, and being plentiful *are* the kisses of *one who* hates.

7 A sated soul tramples a honeycomb, but to a hungry soul every bitter thing *is* sweet.

8 ¶ A man wandering from his place *is like* a bird that wanders from the nest.

9 ¶ Oil and perfume rejoice the heart, and one's friend *is* sweet from the counsel of the soul.

10 Do not forsake your friend, and your father's friend, and do not go into your brother's house in the day of your calamity, for a near neighbor *is* better than a brother at a distance.

11 ¶ My son, become wise and give joy to my heart, so that I may return a word to one taunting *me*.

12 ¶ A prudent *one* sees the evil *and* hides himself; ones of simplicity go on *and* are punished.

13 ¶ Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger; and for a foreign *woman* bind him in pledge

14 ¶ *He* rising early in the morning blessing his friend with a loud voice, it is considered *to be* cursing to him.

15 ¶ A constant dripping on a day of steady rain, and a woman of contentions are alike;

16 he who hides her hides the wind, and the oil *of* his right hand cries out.

17 ¶ Iron on iron sharpens, and a man sharpens the face of his friend.

18 ¶ The *one* keeping the fig tree eats its fruit, and the *one* guarding his master is honored.

19 ¶ As face *reflects* face in the water, so the heart of man *reflects* a man.

20 ¶ Sheol and destruction are not satisfied, and the eyes of man are not satisfied.

21 ¶ The refining pot *tries* silver, and the furnace *tries* gold, but a man *is tried* by the mouth of his praise.

22 ¶ If you pound a foolish *one* in the mortar with a pestle amidst grain, his foolishness will not turn away from him.

23 ¶ Know well the face of your flock; set your heart on your herds,

24 for wealth *is* not forever, nor the crown from generation *and* generation.

25 Uncover the grass and the new grass *is* seen, and the mountain plants are gathered,

26 the lambs *will be* for your clothing, and the he-goats the price for a field,

27 and there will be goat's milk enough for your food, for the food of your household, and for the lives of your maidens.

Proverbs 28

1 ¶ The wicked *one* flees and none are pursuing, but the righteous *ones* are as bold as a lion.

2 ¶ By transgression *in* a land many are its rulers, but by a discerning man who knows, it is thus prolonged.

3 ¶ A poor man that oppresses the weak *one is like* a sweeping rain that leaves no food.

4 ¶ Those forsaking the law praise the wicked *one*, but those keeping the law strive with them.

5 ¶ Evil mankind does not understand judgment, but those seeking Jehovah understand all.

6 ¶ Better *is* the poor *one* walking in his integrity than the crooked *one* of ways, even if he is rich.

7 ¶ *One* keeping the law *is* a wise son, but one feeding those being worthless shames his father.

8 ¶ *There is one* who increases his wealth by interest and by usury, but *one* pitying the weak *ones* gathers it.

9 ¶ *He who* turns aside his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer *is* a disgusting thing.

10 ¶ *One* leading astray the upright *one* in an evil way shall fall into his own pit; and the blameless *one* shall inherit good.

11 ¶ A rich man *is* wise in his own eyes, but the discerning poor *one* examines him.

12 ¶ When the righteous *ones* rejoice, great *is* the glory, but when the wicked *ones* rise, a man will be sought out.

13 ¶ *One* covering his transgressions will not prosper, but *the one* confessing and forsaking *them* shall have pity.

14 ¶ Blessed *is* the man who *is* always in awe of God! But he who hardens his heart falls into an evil way.

15 ¶ The wicked ruler *is* a roaring lion and a ranging bear over a poor people.

16 ¶ The ruler that lacks understanding even adds extortionate deeds, but *one* hating unjust gain prolongs *his* days.

17 ¶ A man pressed down with the blood of a soul shall flee to the pit; let them not uphold him.

18 ¶ *One* walking blamelessly shall be saved, but a crooked *one in his* ways shall fall at once.

19 ¶ *He who* works his ground shall have plenty of bread, but one pursuing vanities shall be sated with poverty.

20 ¶ A faithful man shall be full of blessings, but *one* pressing to be rich shall not be free from guilt.

21 ¶ To recognize faces *is* not good, and for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22 ¶ A man with an evil eye is anxious for wealth, but *he* does not know that poverty will come on him.

23 ¶ *He who* reproves a man afterwards finds grace, *more* than he who flatters with the tongue.

24 ¶ He who robs his father or his mother, and says, *It is* not a transgression, he shall be a partner to a man who corrupts.

25 ¶ The proud in soul stirs up strife, but he who is trusting on Jehovah shall be made fat.

26 ¶ *One* trusting in his own heart is a fool, but the *one* walking in wisdom shall be delivered.

27 ¶ *The one* giving to *one* being poor shall not lack, but *the one* hiding his eyes shall have plenty of curses.

28 ¶ When the wicked *ones* rise, a man hides himself; but when they perish, the righteous *ones* multiply.

Proverbs 29

1 ¶ A man of chastisements who hardens *his* neck shall be broken with suddenness, and there will be no healing.

2 ¶ When the righteous *ones* increase, the people rejoice; when a wicked *one* rules, the people groan.

3 ¶ A man who loves wisdom gladdens his father, but one feeding *ones* doing adultery wastes wealth.

4 ¶ A king establishes a land by judgment, but a man taking bribes tears it down.

5 ¶ A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his steps.

6 An evil man *is* a snare by transgression, but the righteous *ones* sing and rejoice.

7 ¶ The righteous *one* knows the cause of the poor *ones*; the wicked *one* does not discern knowledge.

8 ¶ Men of scorning blast a city, but the wise *ones* turn away anger.

9 ¶ If a wise man judges with a foolish man, even he shakes, or laughs, and *there is no rest.*

10 ¶ Men of blood hate the perfected *ones*, but the upright *ones* seek his soul.

11 ¶ A fool brings out all of his spirit, but holding back, the wise *ones* quiet it.

12 ¶ To a ruler who listens to a word of falsehood, all his ministers *are* wicked *ones*.

13 ¶ *One* being poor and the man of oppressions meet together. Jehovah enlightens the eyes of both.

14 ¶ A king that judges the poor *ones* with truth shall have his throne established forever.

15 ¶ The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a boy sent off causes shame to his mother.

16 ¶ When wicked *ones* are multiplied, transgression increases; but the righteous *ones* shall see their fall.

17 ¶ Discipline your son, and you will get rest, and it will give delight to your soul.

18 ¶ Where *there is* no vision, the people are let loose, but blessed *is he* keeping the law.

19 ¶ A servant is not corrected by words; though he understands, there is no answer.

20 ¶ Do you see a man hastening in his words? *There is* more hope for a fool than of him.

21 ¶ *He treating* his servant delicately from youth, even afterwards in his days he shall be *his* heir.

22 ¶ A man of anger stirs up contention, and a master of fury abounds in transgression.

23 ¶ The pride of man brings him low, but the humble of spirit takes hold of honor.

24 ¶ *He who* shares with a thief hates his soul; he hears a curse, but does not tell *it*.

25 ¶ The fear of man brings a snare, but he trusting Jehovah is set on high.

26 ¶ Many are seeking the face of the ruler, but the judgment of each man *is* from Jehovah.

27 ¶ A man of injustice *is* a disgusting thing to the righteous *one*, and the upright of way *is* a disgusting thing to the wicked *one*.

Proverbs 30

1 ¶ The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the burden: A statement of the man to Ithiel, even to Ithiel and Ucal, *saying*,

2 Surely I *am more* brutish than any man, and the understanding of a man *is* not to me.

3 I have not learned wisdom, but I do know the knowledge of holy *things*.

4 Who has gone up *to* Heaven, and come down? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has made all the ends of the earth to rise? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name? Surely you know.

5 Every Word of God *is* refined, He *is* a shield to *those* seeking refuge in Him.

6 Do not add to His words, that He not reprove you, and you be proven to be a liar.

7 I have asked two *things* from You: Do not hold back from me before I die,

8 Remove vanity and the word of a lie far from me, do not give me poverty *or* riches; tear for me my portion of bread,

9 lest I become satisfied and deceive, and say, Who *is* Jehovah? Or lest I become dispossessed and steal, and lay hold of the name of my God.

10 ¶ Do not slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be guilty.

11 *There is* a generation *that* curses its father, and does not bless its mother,

12 a generation pure in its own eyes, and not washed from its filth.

13 *There is* a generation, Oh how high are its eyes, and its eyelids *are* lifted up;

14 a generation; its teeth *are* swords and its jaw teeth knives, to devour the humble *ones* from the earth, and the afflicted *ones* from *among* men.

15 ¶ To the leech *are* two daughters *crying*, Give! Give! Three things are not satisfied, four not have said, Enough!

16 Sheol, and the barren womb, the earth not filled *with* water, and the fire, *these* have not said, Enough!

17 The eye *that* mocks *its* father and despises to obey *its* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, the sons of the eagle shall eat it.

18 ¶ Three *things are* too wonderful for me; yea, I do not know the way of four:

19 The way of an eagle in the heavens, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship in the heart of the sea, and the way of a man with a virgin.

20 So *is* the way of a woman doing adultery; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done no iniquity.

21 The earth quakes under three *things*; yea, it is not able to bear up under four:

22 under a servant when he reigns, and a foolish *one* when he is filled with food,

23 under one hating when she is married, under a slave-girl when she is heir to her mistress.

24 ¶ Four *things are* little on the earth, but they *are* the wise *ones* of those made wise:

25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their food in summer;

26 rock badgers *are* not a mighty people, yet they make their house in the rock;

27 *there is* not a king to the locusts, yet they go out in a swarm, all of them;

28 the lizard you can take with the hands, yet *it is* in the palaces of a king.

29 ¶ There *are* three *things* that do good in a march; yea, four that go well in walking:

30 a lion *is* a mighty *one* among beasts, and he does not turn away from facing all;

31 one girded in the loins, and a he-goat, and a king; *there is* no rising up with him.

32 If you have been foolish in lifting yourself up, or if you plot *evil*, lay your hand on your mouth!

33 Surely the squeezing of milk brings curds, and the squeezing of the nose brings blood, so the squeezing of wrath brings out strife.

Proverbs 31

1 Lemuel's lesson of chastity and temperance. 10

The praise and properties of a good wife.

1 ¶ The words of King Lemuel, the burden that his mother taught him:

2 What, my son? And what, the son of my womb? And what, the son of my vows?

3 Do not give your strength to women, or your ways to that wiping out kings.

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine, nor for rulers to lust for fermented drink,

5 lest they drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the right of all sons of affliction.

6 Give fermented drink to one perishing, and wine to the bitter of soul,

7 let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open your mouth for the mute *ones*, to the cause of all the sons *of those* passing away.

9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the afflicted *ones* and the needy *ones*.

10 ¶ Who can find a woman of virtue? For her value *is* far above jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, so that he has no lack *of* gain.

12 She deals good with him, and not evil, all the days of her life.

13 She seeks wool and flax, and she works *with* her palms *with* delight.

14 She is like the merchant ships, she brings in her food from afar.

15 She also rises while *it is* still night and gives game to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She has examined a field and takes it; she plants a vineyard from the fruit of her palms.

17 She has girded her loins with strength, and has made her arms strong.

18 She tastes whether her gain *is* good; her lamp is not put out by night.

19 She has sent forth her hands on the distaff, and her palms have held the spindle.

20 She spreads out her palms to afflicted *ones*, yea, she stretches out her hands to the needy *ones*.

21 She does not fear for her household from the snow, for all her household *are* clothed *with* scarlet.

22 She makes herself coverlets; her clothing *is* bleached *linen* and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits with the elders of the land.

24 She makes fine linen garments, and sells, and she delivers girdles to the merchant.

25 Strength and honor *are* her clothing, and she laughs at the day to come.

26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the law of kindness *is* on her tongue.

27 She watches the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband *also*, for he praises her:

29 Many *are* the daughters who act with virtue, but you rise above them all!

30 Charm *may be* deceitful, and beauty vanity, *but* a woman who fears Jehovah, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Book of *ECCLESIASTES*

Ecclesiastes 1

1 The preacher shows that all human courses are vain: 9 they bring forth nothing new.

1 ¶ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem:

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All *is* vanity!

3 What *is* the profit to a man in all his labor which he labors under the sun?

4 ¶ A generation goes away, and *another* generation comes; but the earth stands forever.

5 The sun also arises, and the sun goes even panting to its place; it arises there *again*.

6 The wind going toward the south, and turning around to the north; the wind is going round about *and* round about; and the wind returns on its circuits.

7 All the rivers are going to the sea; yet the sea *is* not full. To the place where the rivers are going, there they *are* returning to go *again*.

8 All words *are* wearisome; a man is not able to speak it. The eye is not satisfied to see, and the ear is not filled from hearing.

9 ¶ That which has been, *it is* that which shall be. And that which has been done, *it is* that which will be done. And there is no new *thing* under the sun.

10 Is there a thing *of* which one might say, See this, *it is* new? It has already been for the ages which were before us.

11 *There is* no memory of former *things*; yea, also of *things* which will be afterward; and not shall there be a memorial with those following.

12 ¶ I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I gave my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all which is done under the heavens. *It is* an evil task God has given to the sons of men, to be afflicted by it.

14 I have seen all the works which are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and striving *after* wind!

15 What *is* crooked cannot be made straight, and *that* lacking cannot be numbered.

16 I spoke with my heart, saying, Behold, I have become great and have increased wisdom over all that have been over Jerusalem before me. Yea, my heart has seen much wisdom and knowledge.

17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness, and folly. I know that this also, *it is* striving *after* wind.

18 For in much wisdom *is* much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases pain.

Ecclesiastes 2

1 The vanity of human courses in the works of pleasure. 12 Though the wise be better than the fool, yet both have one event. 24 Nothing better than joy in our labor.

1 ¶ I said in my heart, Come now, I will test you with mirth. Therefore, consider with goodness. And behold, this also *is* vanity.

2 I said of laughter, *it is* mad, and of mirth, What does it do?

3 I searched in my heart *how* to draw out my flesh with wine, and leading my heart in wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, until I might see where the good for the sons of men *is*, that which they should do under the heavens the number of days of their life.

4 I made my works great; I built houses for myself; I planted vineyards for myself;

5 I made gardens and parks for myself; and I planted trees in them of every fruit;

6 I made pools of water for myself; to water from them the forest shooting forth trees;

7 I bought male slaves and female slaves, and the sons of the house were mine. Also livestock, a herd and a great flock were mine, above all that were before me in Jerusalem.

8 I also gathered to me silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and of provinces. I made ready *men* to sing and *women* to sing for myself; and the delights of the sons of men, a concubine, and concubines.

9 And I became great and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom stood with me.

10 And all that my eyes asked, I did not withdraw from them. I withheld not my heart from all joy; for my heart rejoiced from all my labor; and this was my portion from all my labor.

11 Then I faced on all my works that my hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do. And, behold, all *is* vanity and striving *after* wind, and *there is* no profit under the sun.

12 ¶ And I turned to consider wisdom, and madness, and folly. For what *can* a man *do* who comes after the king, when they have already done it?

13 Then I saw that there is advantage to wisdom above folly, even as light has advantage over darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes *are* in his head, but the fool walks in darkness; and I also know that one event happens with all of them.

15 And I said in my heart, As the event of the fool, even *so* it will happen to me; and why then was I more wise? And I said in my heart that this also *is* vanity.

16 For there *is* not a memory of the wise *ones more than* with the fool forever, in that already the days to come will be forgotten. And how do the wise *ones* die above the fool?

17 ¶ And I hated life; because the work that is done under the sun *is* an evil *thing* to me; for all *is* vanity and striving *after* wind.

18 Yea, I hated all my labor which I *did* under the sun, a laborer, that I must leave it to the man who will be after me.

19 And who knows *if* he will be wise or a fool? Yet he shall rule among all my labor in which I labored, and acted wisely under the sun. This *is* also vanity.

20 And I turned to make my heart despair over all the labor which I labored under the sun.

21 When there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, and with knowledge, and

with success, yet he shall give it to a man who has not labored with it, *for* his share; this also *is* vanity and a great evil.

22 For what is there for man in all his labor, and in striving of his heart, *which* he *did as a* laborer under the sun?

23 For all his days *are* pains, and his task *is* grief; his heart does not even lie down in the night. Even this also *is* vanity.

24 Is it not good that he should eat and drink and make his soul see good in his labor? This I also saw, that it *was* from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, or who can enjoy, *apart* from Me?

26 For *God* gives wisdom, and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight. But to the sinner He gives the task of gathering and to heap up, to give to *him* who *is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and striving *after* wind.

Ecclesiastes 3

1 By the necessary change of times, vanity is added to human travail. 11 There is an excellence in Jehovah's works. 16 Jehovah shall judge man.

1 ¶ To all *there is* an appointed time, even a time for every purpose under the heavens:

2 a time to bear, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pull up what *is* planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to lament, and a time to dance;

5 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to let perish; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

7 a time to tear, and a time to sew together; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 What advantage *is* to him who works in that which he *did as* a laborer.

10 I have seen the task which God has given to the sons of men, to be humbled by it.

11 ¶ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has set eternity in their heart, without which man cannot find out the work that God makes from the beginning even to the end.

12 I know that *there is* no good in them, except for *a man* to rejoice to do good in his life.

13 And also every man that eats and drinks, and sees good in his labor, it *is* the gift of God.

14 I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever; nothing is to be added to it, and nothing is to diminish from it. For God does *it* so that they fear before Him.

15 That which has been, it already is; and that which *is* to be, *it* already has been. And God seeks that which is pursued.

16 ¶ And again I saw under the sun the place of judgment: wickedness *is* there; and the place of righteousness, wickedness *is* there.

17 I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous *one* and the wicked *one*; for *there is* a time there for every good purpose and for every work there.

18 I said in my heart concerning the matter of the sons of men, that God may purge them and see that they *are* beasts, they by themselves.

19 For the event of the sons of men, and the event of beasts, even one event *is* to them. As this *one* dies, so that *one* dies; yea, one breath *is* to all; so that there is to the man no advantage over the beast; for all *is* vanity.

20 All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all return to the dust.

21 Who knows the spirit of the sons of man, *whether* it goes upward; and the spirit of the beast, *whether* it goes downward to the earth?

22 And I have seen that nothing *is* better than that the man should rejoice in his works; for that *is* his portion; for who can bring him to see what shall be after him?

Ecclesiastes 4

I Vanity is increased to men by oppression, 4 by envy, 5 by idleness, 7 by covetousness, 9 by solitariness, 13 by willfulness.

1 ¶ So I returned and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold the tears of those who were oppressed, and *there is* not for them one who comforts! And at the hand of those

oppressing them *was* power; but there was not one who comforts them.

2 And I commended the *ones who* died, *those who* already have died, more than the living. that they *are* still alive.

3 Yea, better than both of them *is that one* who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 ¶ And I considered all labor, and every advantage of the work, that it is the envy of a man against his neighbor; this *is* also vanity and striving *after* wind.

5 The fool folds his hands together and eats his own flesh.

6 Better *is* a palm filled *with* rest, than two fists filled *with* labor and striving *after* wind.

7 ¶ And I returned and saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; and *there is* not a son or a brother to him; and *there is* not an end to all his labor; even his eyes are not satisfied with riches; and *he says*, For whom do I labor, and my soul be without good? This *is* also vanity; yea, it *is* an evil task.

9 Two *are* better than one; because there is a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, this one will lift up his companion. But woe to him, the one that falls, and there is not a second to lift him up.

11 Also if two lie *together*, even warmth *is* to them; but for one *alone*, how is he warm?

12 And if one overpowers him, two shall stand before him; and a threefold cord is not quickly torn apart.

13 ¶ A poor and a wise child *is* better than the old and stupid king who does not know to be warned any more.

14 For from the house of the imprisoned he goes forth to reign, although in his kingdom he was born poor.

15 I saw all the living who walk about under the sun, with the second child who shall stand up instead of him.

16 *There is* no end to all the people, to all who have been before them; also the later *ones* shall not rejoice with him. Surely this *is* also vanity and striving *after* wind.

Ecclesiastes 5

1 Vanities in divine service, 8 in murmuring against oppression, 9 and in riches. 18 Joy in riches is the gift of Jehovah.

1 ¶ Guard your feet when you go to the house of God, and draw near to hear, more than to give a sacrifice, *as do* the fools. For they do not know that they are doing an evil *thing*.

2 Do not be hurried *with* your mouth, and do not let your heart hurry to bring forth a word before God. For God *is* in Heaven, and you *are* on earth; on account of this, let your words be few.

3 For the dream comes through the greatness of the task; and the voice of the fool *is* known by the greatness of *his* words.

4 ¶ When you vow a vow to God, do not wait to fulfill it. For *He* has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill that which you have vowed.

5 *It is* better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not fulfill it.

6 Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; do not say before the angel that it *was* an error. Why should God be angry over your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams, both words and vanities abound; but fear God.

8 If you see the oppression of the poor, or the removing of justice and righteousness in the province, do not be amazed at the purpose. For a high one over a high one is watching; and high ones *are* over them.

9 ¶ And the advantage of a land, it is among all; *even* a king has a field being tilled.

10 *He who* loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; and *he who* loves abundance does not gain. This *is* also vanity.

11 When the good thing increases, those who devour it increase; then what profit *is it* to its possessor, except to see *it* with his eyes?

12 The sleep of the laboring man *is* sweet, whether he eats little or much. But the sated *lust* of the rich will not allow him to sleep.

13 There is an evil *thing which* I have seen under the sun, *which* makes *one* to be sick: riches being kept for its owner to his evil;

14 but those riches perish by an evil task; and he fathers a son, and not anything *is* in his hand.

15 As he came forth from his mother's womb naked, he shall return to go as he came. And from his toil he may not carry anything that may go in his hand.

16 And this also *is* an evil *thing which* makes *one* to be sick, *that* in all, as he came, so shall he go. And what profit is to him who has labored for the wind?

17 Also all his days he eats in darkness, and with much grief, and *with* his sickness and wrath.

18 ¶ Behold that which I have seen: *It is* good, *it is* beautiful, to eat and to drink and to see good in all his labor that the laborer *does* under the sun, the number of the days of his life which God gives to him, for *it is* his portion.

19 Also every man to whom God has given riches and treasures, and gives him power to eat of it, and to take his share, and to rejoice in *being* a laborer; *it is* the gift of God.

20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life, because God answers *him* in the joy of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 6

1 The vanity of riches without use. 3 Of children, 6 and old age without riches.

1 ¶ There is an evil *thing* that I have seen under the sun, and it is great upon men:

2 A man to whom God has given riches, and wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires; yet God does not give him the power to eat of it, but a foreign man eats it; this *is* vanity, and *it is* an evil disease.

3 If a man fathers a hundred, and lives many years, and the days of his years are many, and his soul is not satisfied from the good, and also there is no burial for him; I say, a miscarriage is better than he.

4 For he comes in with vanity and goes out in darkness; his name shall be covered in darkness.

5 Also he has not seen and has not known the sun; more rest *is* to this *one* than to that *one*.

6 Yea, though he lives twice a thousand years, yet he has seen no good. Do not all go to one place?

7 ¶ All the labor of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the soul is not filled.

8 For what *is* the advantage to the wise *ones* above the fool? What *advantage is* to the humble *one* who knows *how* to walk before the living?

9 Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the soul. This *is* also vanity and striving *after* wind.

10 That which has been, *its* name already was called, and it is known that he *is* man; and he is not able to contend with Him who is stronger than he.

11 ¶ Since there are many things that increase vanity, *and* what *is* the advantage to men?

12 For who knows what *is* good for man in this life, the number of the days of *his* life *of* vanity? Even he makes them like the shadow. For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 7

1 Remedies against vanity are; a good name, 2 mortification, 7 patience, 11 wisdom.

1 ¶ A good name *is* better than good oil; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

2 *It is* better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for it *is* the end of every man; and the living will lay *it* to his heart.

3 Grief *is* better than laughter; for by the sadness of the face the heart is made good.

4 The heart of the wise *ones* is in the house of mourning; but the heart of the fool *is* in the house of mirth.

5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise *ones* than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the sound of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool. And this also *is* vanity.

7 ¶ For oppression makes a wise *man* mad; and a bribe destroys the heart.

8 Better *is* the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

9 Do not hasten to be angry in your spirit; for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

10 Do not say, Why was *it* that the former days were better than these? For you do not ask from wisdom concerning this.

11 ¶ Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance; yea, an advantage to those who see the sun.

12 For wisdom *is* in a shadow; *and* silver *is* in a shadow; but the profit of knowledge *is that* wisdom gives life to its possessors.

13 Consider the work of God; for who can make that straight which He has bent?

14 On the good day, be in good *spirit*, but also consider in the evil day, *that* God has made this one along with this one, so that man should not find anything after him.

15 All *things* I have seen in the days of my vanity; there is a just *one* who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *one* who prolongs *his* life in his evil.

16 Do not be *too* much a righteous *one*, nor make yourself overly wise; why destroy yourself?

17 Do not be a very wicked *one*, and do not be a fool; why should you die *and* it not *be* your time?

18 *It is* good that you should take hold of this; yea, also from this do not let your hand rest; for he who fears God shall come forth with all of them.

19 Wisdom makes the wise *one* stronger than ten rulers who are in the city.

20 For *there is* not a just *one* on the earth who does good, and does not sin.

21 Also, do not give your heart to all the words they speak, that you not hear your servant cursing you.

22 For also your own heart knows that you yourself have also cursed others many times.

23 ¶ All this I have tested by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me.

24 What *is* far off and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

25 And I turned my heart about, to know, and to search out, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, and the foolishness of madness:

26 and I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart *is* snares and nets; her hands *are* bonds. A good *man* before God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be captured by her.

27 Behold, this I have found, says the Preacher, *counting* one by one to find out the sum,

28 that my soul still seeks, but I have not found; one man among a thousand I have

found, but a woman among all these I have not found.

29 See, this only I have found, that God has made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions.

Ecclesiastes 8

1 Kings are greatly to be respected. 12 It is better with the godly in adversity, than with the wicked ones in prosperity.

1 ¶ Who *is* as the wise *one*? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and by might his face is changed.

2 I say, Keep the king's mouth, even on the matter of the oath of God;

3 do not hasten to go from before him. Do not take a stand in an evil matter, for all that he pleases he does.

4 Because the king's word *is* that which has power; even who will say to him, What are you doing?

5 *Whoever* keeps the command shall not know an evil thing. The heart of the wise *ones* know both time and judgment.

6 ¶ Because there is a time and judgment to every purpose, in *this* the evil of man *is* great upon him.

7 For he does not know what shall be. For who can declare to him when it shall be?

8 Man is not a ruler over the spirit, to restrain the spirit; and not he has power in the day of death. And *there is* no discharge in *that* war, and wickedness shall not deliver its possessors.

9 ¶ All this I have seen. I gave my heart to every work that is done under the sun. *There is* a time in which a man rules over a man for an evil *reason* to him.

10 And this I saw, the wicked *ones* buried; and they came and went from the holy place, and were forgotten in the city, *these* things that they had done. *This is* also vanity.

11 Where sentence *on* an evil work is not executed speedily, on account of this the heart of the sons of men is filled in them to do an evil *act*.

12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and his *days* are long to him, yet surely I know that it shall be well to those who fear God, who fear before Him.

13 But it shall not be good for the wicked *one*; and he shall not prolong *his* days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

14 ¶ There is a vanity which is done on the earth: There are just *ones* whom it touches to them according to the works of the wicked *ones*; and there are wicked *ones* to whom it touches according to the work of the righteous *ones*. I said that this also *is* vanity.

15 Then I praised mirth, because nothing is good for man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be glad. For that shall join with him in his labor for the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.

16 When I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to see the task that is done on the earth; for even by day and by night he does not see sleep in his eyes.

17 Then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun; that for which a man labors to seek out, yet he shall not find it. And even if the wise *ones* speak of knowing, he shall not be able to find *it*.

Ecclesiastes 9

1 Like things happen to good and bad. 4 There is a necessity of death to men. 11 Jehovah's providence rules over all. 13 Wisdom is better than strength.

1 ¶ For all this I gave to my heart, even to clear up all this, that the righteous *ones* and the wise *ones* and their works *are* in the hand of God. Also love, also hatred, man does not know all *that is* before them.

2 All that *happens* it is to all; one event to the righteous *one*, and to the wicked *one*; to the good *one*, and to the clean *one*, and to the unclean *one*; to him who sacrifices, and to him who does not sacrifice. As *is* the good *one*, so *is* the sinner; *he who* swears is as *he* that fears an oath.

3 *This is* an evil *event* among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event to all. Yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil *purpose*, and madness *is* in their heart while they *are* alive, and after that *they go* to those who died.

4 ¶ For *to him* who is chosen to be among all the living, there is hope. For a living dog *is* better than a lion *that* died.

5 For the living know that they shall die; but *the ones* having died do not know anything, and not to them is any more a reward, for their memory is forgotten.

6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy has now perished; and not *there* is a portion for them any more forever in all that is done under the sun.

7 Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a good heart, for God now is pleased with your works.

8 Let your garments be white at every time; and let your head lack no oil.

9 Look *on* life with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which He gave you under the sun, all the days of your vanity. For that *is* your portion in *this* life, and in your labor which you *as* a laborer *do* under the sun.

10 All that your hand finds to do, do *it* with your strength. For *there is* no work, or planning, or knowledge, or wisdom, in Sheol, there where you go.

11 ¶ I turned back and saw under the sun that the race *is* not to the swift *ones*, and the battle not to the mighty *ones*, and not even bread to the wise *one*, and not even riches to discerning *ones*; and not even favor to *ones* knowing. For time and occurrence happen to them all.

12 For man also does not know his time. As the fish that are caught in the evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the trap, like these *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly on them.

13 ¶ This wisdom I saw also under the sun, and it *is* great to me:

14 *there was* a little city, and few men in it. And a great king came against it, and turned around it, and built huge siege works against it.

15 And there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom saved the city. Yet no man remembered that poor man!

16 And I said, Wisdom *is* better than strength; but the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise *ones are* heard in quiet, more than the cry of one who rules among fools.

18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons of conflict; but one sinner destroys much good.

Ecclesiastes 10

1 Observations of wisdom and folly: 16 of riot, 18 laziness, 19 and money. 20 Men's thoughts of kings ought to be reverent.

1 ¶ As flies of death cause the perfumer's oil to stink *and* ferment; so a little foolishness is heavier than wisdom *and* honor.

2 The heart of the wise *one is* toward his right, but the fool's heart toward his left.

3 And also, in the way in which a fool walks, his heart is lacking, and he says to all *that he is* a fool.

4 ¶ If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place; for *a mind of* health quiets great sins.

5 There is an evil *thing* I have seen under the sun, like a sin of error that comes from the presence of the ruler:

6 folly is set in many high *positions*, and many rich *ones* sit in humble *situations*.

7 I have seen slaves on horses, and rulers walking as slaves on the earth.

8 He who digs a pit may fall into it; and one breaking a wall, a snake may bite him.

9 *He who* pulls out stones may be hurt with them; *he who* splits trees may be endangered by them.

10 If the iron is blunt, and he does not whet the faces, even *he must add* more strength; *it must* be strong. But wisdom *is* an advantage giving success.

11 If the snake will bite without charming, then there *is* no advantage to a master of tongue.

12 ¶ The words of a wise mouth *are* grace, but the lips of a fool swallow him;

13 the beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness; and the end of his mouth *is* evil madness.

14 Yet the fool makes many words; a man knows not what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The labor of fools wearies them, because he does not know *how* to go to the city.

16 ¶ Woe to you, O land, when your king *is* a boy, and your leaders eat in the morning.

17 Blessed *are* you, O land, when your king *is* the son of nobles, and your leaders eat in *due* time, in strength, and not in drinking.

18 The framework sinks through laziness; and through lowering of hands, the house leaks.

19 Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life; but silver answers all things.

20 Also, do not curse a king in your thought; and do not curse the rich in your bedrooms; for a bird of the heavens may carry the voice; yea, the lord of wings may tell the matter.

Ecclesiastes 11

1 Directions for charity. 7 Death in life, 9 and the day of judgment matters in the days of youth.

1 ¶ Send out your bread on the face of the waters, for you shall find it in many days.

2 Give a share to seven, or even to eight; for you do not know what evil may be on the earth.

3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty on the earth. And if the tree falls in the south, or in the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall be.

4 He who watches the wind shall not sow, and he who looks at the clouds shall not reap.

5 As you do not know what is the way of the Spirit, as the bones in the womb of the full one, even so you do not know the works of God who makes all.

6 Sow your seed in the morning, and do not rest your hand until evening; for you do not know what shall succeed, this or that; or whether they both shall be good as one.

7 ¶ Also the light is sweet; yea, it is good for the eyes to see the sun.

8 But if the man lives many years, let him rejoice in them all, and remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. All that may come is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth. And make your heart glad in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

10 And turn aside frustration from your heart, and cause evil purpose to pass from your flesh. For childhood and prime of life are vanity.

Ecclesiastes 12

1 The Creator is to be remembered in due time.

13 The fear of Jehovah is the antidote of vanity.

1 ¶ Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, until the evil days do

not come, or the years reach when you shall say, There is no pleasure in them for me;

2 until not yet the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, are darkened, and the clouds return after rain;

3 in the day when those keeping the house shall tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the ones grinding cease because they are few; and those looking out the windows become dim.

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of grinding is low, and one rises up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of song are silenced;

5 also they shall be afraid of a high place, and terrors in the way; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the locust makes himself a burden; and desire breaks, because man goes to the house of eternity, and the wailers go about in the street;

6 while the silver cord has not gone far away, or the golden bowl is crushed, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern;

7 then the dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

8 ¶ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, all is vanity.

9 And more than that, the Preacher was wise; he still more taught the people knowledge; and gave ear, and sought out and set in order many proverbs.

10 The Preacher sought to find out pleasing words, and words of truth written on uprightness.

11 The words of wise ones are as goads; yea, as nails driven in are the masters of collections, they are given from one Shepherd.

12 And more than these, my son, be warned: The making of many books has no end, and much study is weariness of the flesh.

13 ¶ Let us hear the end of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this applies to every man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with all that is hidden, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.

The SONG of SOLOMON

Song of Solomon 1

1 The King, His love to her. 5 She confesses her deformity, 7 and prays to be directed to His flock. 8 Her Beloved directs her to the shepherds' tents: 15 He praises her.

1 ¶ The song of songs which is Solomon's.

2 ¶ Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth; for Your love *is* better than wine.

3 For Your ointments *are* good for a fragrance; Your name is *as* ointment poured out; on account of this the virgins love You.

4 Draw me; we will run after You. The King has brought me *into* His chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in You; we will remember Your love more than wine; the upright *ones* love You.

5 I *am* black, but comely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

6 Do not look at me, that I *am* black, that the sun has looked on me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me the one keeping the vineyards; *but* my own vineyard I have not kept.

7 ¶ Tell me, *You* whom my soul loves, where do You feed; where do You lie down at noon? For should I be as one who is veiled beside the flocks of Your companions?

8 If you yourself do not know, most beautiful among women, go out yourself in the footsteps of the flock. And feed your kids beside the dwellings of the shepherds.

9 O My love, I have compared you to My mares in Pharaoh's chariots.

10 Your cheeks *are* lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of beads.

11 We will make for you ornaments of gold with studs of silver.

12 ¶ While the King is in His circle, my spikenard gives its fragrance.

13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my Beloved to me. *He* shall lie between my breasts.

14 My Beloved *is* to me *like* a cluster of henna in the vineyards of En-gedi.

15 Behold, you *are* beautiful, My love. Behold, you are beautiful; your eyes as doves' eyes.

16 Behold, You *are* beautiful, my Beloved; yea, pleasant. Also our couch *is* green.

17 The beams of our house *are* cedars and our rafters of firs.

Song of Solomon 2

1 The mutual love between the King and his beloved. 14 His cure for His beloved. 16 The beloved professes her faith and hope.

1 ¶ I *am* a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

2 As a lily among thorns, so *is* My love among the daughters.

3 ¶ As the apple among the trees of the forest, so *is* my Beloved among the sons. I delighted in His shadow, and I sat down; and His fruit *was* sweet to my palate.

4 He brought me to the house of wine, and His banner over me *was* love.

5 Support me with raisin cakes, refresh me with apples, for I *am* sick *with* love.

6 His left *hand is* under my head, and His right hand embraces me.

7 I adjure you by the gazelles, or by the does of the field, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you not stir up, and that you not awaken *my* Love until it pleases.

8 ¶ The voice of my Beloved! Behold this, He comes leaping on the mountains, skipping on the hills.

9 My Beloved is likened to a gazelle, or to a young deer, the stag. Behold, *He* stands behind our wall, peering from the windows, sparkling from the lattice.

10 My Beloved answered and said to me, rise up yourself, My love, My beautiful *one*, and yourself come away.

11 For, behold, the winter has passed, the rain has passed, it goes to itself.

12 The flowers are seen on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

13 The fig tree spices her unripe figs, and the vines give a fragrance *by* the blossom. Arise, My love; come, My beautiful *one*, and come yourself.

14 ¶ My dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secrecy of the steep place, let Me see your form. Let Me hear your voice; for your voice *is* sweet, and your form *is* beautiful.

15 Take for us the foxes, the little foxes spoiling the vineyards, even our vineyards *with* blossoms.

16 My Beloved *is* to me, and I *am* to Him; He feeds among the lilies.

17 Until when does the day blow, and the shadows flee away? Turn, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle, or a young deer, the stag, on the cleft mountains.

Song of Solomon 3

1 She seeks and finds the Beloved. 6 She glories in Him.

1 ¶ By night on my bed I sought *Him* whom my soul loves. I sought Him, but I did not find Him.

2 I will rise now and go about in the city, in the streets and in the broad places. I will seek *Him* whom my soul loves. I sought Him, but I did not find Him.

3 The *ones* watching going about in the city found me. *I said*, Have you seen *Him* whom my soul loves?

4 When I had passed on from them, *it was* a little while until I found *Him* whom my soul loves. I seized Him, and I did not let Him go until I had brought Him into my mother's house, and into the room of her who conceived me.

5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, that awakening you do not awaken, even that you not awaken the Beloved until it pleases.

6 ¶ Who *is* this who comes up out of the wilderness like columns of smoke, sacrificing *as incense* myrrh and frankincense, from all powders of the merchant?

7 ¶ Behold his bed, Solomon's! Sixty mighty men *are* around it, of the mighty men of Israel.

8 They all hold the sword, instructed in war; *each* man has his sword on his thigh from dread in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself a litter bed of the trees of Lebanon.

10 He made its poles *of* silver; its back *of* gold; its seat *of* purple; its middle was paved *with* love by the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and see King Solomon with the crown *with* which his mother crowned him on his wedding day, even on the day of the gladness of his heart.

Song of Solomon 4

1 He sets forth the graces of His beloved.

1 ¶ Behold, you *are* beautiful, My love. Behold, you *are* beautiful; your eyes *are* as doves' from behind your veil. Your hair *is* like a flock of goats which recline from Mount Gilead.

2 Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep* which come up from the washing place; of which they all *are* bearing twins; and be-reavement is not among them.

3 Your lips *are* like a cord of scarlet, and your speech *is* comely; your temples *are* like a piece of pomegranate behind your veil.

4 Your neck *is* like the tower of David, built for an armory; a thousand bucklers hang on it, all the shields of the mighty *men*.

5 Your two breasts *are* like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, feeding among the lilies.

6 Until when the day blows, and the shadows flee away, I myself will go to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hills of frankincense.

7 You *are* all beautiful, My love; a blemish is not on you.

8 ¶ *Come* with Me from Lebanon, *My* spouse; with Me from Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 You have ravished My heart, My sister, *My* spouse; you have ravished My heart with one of your eyes, with one string of beads from your neck.

10 How beautiful *are* your loves, My sister, *My* spouse! How *much* better *are* your loves than wine, and the scent of your ointments than all spices!

11 Your lips, *My spouse*, drip *like* the honeycomb; honey and milk *are* under your tongue. And the scent of your garments *is* like the scent of Lebanon.

12 A locked garden *is* My sister, *My spouse*; a spring locked up, a sealed fountain.

13 Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates with excellent fruits, with henna and spikenard;

14 spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon; with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes; with all the chief balsam spices;

15 ¶ a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters; even flowings from Lebanon.

16 Awake, north *wind*; yea, come, south *wind*; blow on my garden; let its spices flow out. Let my Beloved come into His garden and eat its excellent fruits.

Song of Solomon 5

2 *Open to Me, My sister, My love. 8 She is sick of love. 9 She tells of the beauties of her Beloved.*

1 ¶ I have come to My garden, My sister, *My spouse*; I have gathered My myrrh with My spice. I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey; I have drunk My wine with My milk. Eat and drink, O friends; yea, drink fully, beloved ones.

2 ¶ I sleep, but my heart is waking. *It is* the sound of my Beloved that knocks, *saying*, Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled. For My head is filled with dew, My locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have stripped off My coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed My feet; how shall I make them unclean?

4 My Beloved sent His hand from the opening, and my bowels sighed for Him.

5 I rose up to open to my Beloved, and my hands dripped *with* myrrh; yea, my fingers flowing *with* myrrh on the handles of the bolt.

6 I opened to my Beloved, but my Beloved had withdrawn; He passed on. My soul went out when He spoke; I sought Him, but I could not find Him. I called Him, but He did not answer me.

7 The *ones* watching going about the city found me *and* struck me; they wounded

me; those keeping the walls lifted my veil from me.

8 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my Beloved, what do you tell Him? That I *am* sick *with* love.

9 ¶ What *is* your Beloved above *any* beloved, most beautiful among women? What *is* your Beloved above *any other* beloved, that you adjure us so?

10 My Beloved *is* bright and ruddy, standing out among ten thousand.

11 His head *is like* refined gold; His locks *are* wavy and black as a raven.

12 His eyes *are* as *the* eyes of doves on the rivers of waters, washed with milk, sitting on a setting.

13 His cheeks *are* like a bed of spices, a raised bed of aromatic herbs. His lips *are like* lilies dropping flowing myrrh.

14 His hands *are like* rings of gold filled with jewels; His body an ivory plate overlaid with sapphires.

15 His legs *are like* pillars of marble founded on bases of fine gold; His appearance *is like* Lebanon, being chosen as the cedars.

16 His palate *is* most sweet, and He *is*, all of Him, *One of* desire. This *is* my Beloved, and this *is* my Friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Song of Solomon 6

1 *I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine. 4 The graces of His beloved.*

1 ¶ Where has your Beloved gone, most beautiful among women? Where has your Beloved turned? For we seek Him along with you.

2 My Beloved has gone down to His garden, to the garden-bed of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies.

3 I *am* to my Beloved, and my Beloved *is* to me; He feeds among the lilies.

4 ¶ O My love, you *are* as beautiful as Tirzah, as comely as Jerusalem, awesome as bannered armies.

5 Turn away your eyes from Me, because they are disturbing to Me. Your hair *is* like a flock of goats which recline from Gilead.

6 Your teeth *are* like a flock of ewes which come up from the washing place, of which they all *are* giving birth, bearing twins, and bereavement is not among them.

7 Your temples from behind your veil *are* like a piece of pomegranate.

8 Sixty of them *are* queens, and eighty concubines, and virgins without number.

9 *But* My dove, My perfect one is one *alone*. She *is* the *only* one to her mother; she *is* pure to the one who bore her. The daughters saw *her* and called her blessed; the queens and the concubines saw her, and they praised her.

10 Who *is* she who looks down like the dawn, beautiful as the moon, pure as the sun, awesome as bannered *armies*?

11 ¶ I went down to the garden of nut trees, to see the greenery of the ravine, to see whether the vine flowered *and* the pomegranates budded.

12 I did not know, *but* My soul set Me *on* the chariots of My princely people.

13 Return, return, O Shulamite! Return, return, that we may gaze upon you. What will you see in the Shulamite? As it were the dance of two *army* camps.

Song of Solomon 7

1 A further description of the graces of Christ's beloved. 10 His beloved again professes her faith and desire.

1 ¶ How beautiful *are* your footsteps in sandals, O prince's daughter! The curves of your thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of an artisan.

2 Your navel *is like* a round goblet; it never lacks mixed wine. Your belly *is like* a heap of wheat hedged about with lilies.

3 Your two breasts *are* like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

4 Your neck *is like* an ivory tower; your eyes *like* the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim. Your nose *is like* a tower of Lebanon, peering toward the face of Damascus.

5 Your head *is like* Carmel, and the hair of your head like purple *cloth*; the King *is* held captive in its flowing.

6 How beautiful and how pleasant you *are* in delights, O love!

7 This your stature *is* likened to a palm tree, and your breasts to clusters of grapes.

8 I said, I will go up in the palm tree; I will take hold of its stalk. And please let

your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your nose like apples,

9 and your palate like the best wine going down for my Beloved for uprightness, flowing softly *over the* lips of sleeping *ones*.

10 ¶ I am my Beloved's, and His desire *is* toward me.

11 Come, my Beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us stay in the villages.

12 Let us rise up early to the vineyards; let us see *if* the vine flowers and whether the blossom opens, and the pomegranates bud forth. There I will give my loves to You.

13 The love apples give a scent, and over our doors *are* all excellent *fruits*; new, also old, I have laid up for You, my Beloved.

Song of Solomon 8

1 The love of the beloved to Christ. 6 Love is stronger than death.

1 ¶ Who can give You to me, *as my* brother, suckling the breasts of my mother? *If I* find You outside, I would kiss You. They also would not despise me.

2 I would lead You; I would bring You into my mother's house, *that* You might teach me; I would cause You to drink the spiced wine from the juice of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand *would be* under my head, and His right *hand* embracing me.

4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem; why do you awaken; yea, why do you awaken *my* Love until it pleases?

5 ¶ Who *is* this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning on her Beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree; there your mother travailed with you; there she travailed; she bore you.

6 Set me as a seal on Your heart, as a seal on Your arm. For love *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* cruel as Sheol; its flames *are* flames of fire, a flame of Jehovah.

7 Many waters cannot quench love, and the rivers will not overflow it. *If a* man would give all the wealth of his house for love, despising they would despise him.

8 ¶ A little sister *is* to us, and no breasts are to her. What shall we do for our sister in the day she shall be spoken for?

9 If she *is* a wall, we will build a turret of silver on her. And if she *is* a door, we will enclose her *with* boards of cedar.

10 I *was* a wall, and my breasts like towers; then I was in His eyes as one finding peace.

11 A vineyard in Baal-hamon was to Solomon. He gave the vineyard to those keeping *it*; for its fruit *each* man was to bring a thousand of silver.

12 My vineyard which *is* mine *is* before me; the thousand *is* for you, O Solomon, and two hundred for *those* keeping of its fruit.

13 ¶ You who dwell in the gardens, the companions *are* listening to your voice; cause me to hear *it*.

14 Hurry, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle, or a young deer, the stag, on the mountains of spices.

The Book of ISAIAH

Isaiah 1

1 *Isaiah charges rebellion to Judah, 5 laments her judgments, 16 urges repentance, 21 announces Jehovah's judgments 25 promises grace, 28 and threatens ruin to the wicked ones.*

1 ¶ The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 ¶ Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For Jehovah has spoken: I have lifted up and reared sons, but they have transgressed against Me.

3 The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's manger, *but* Israel does not know; My people have not understood.

4 Woe, sinful nation, a people heavy *with* iniquity, a seed of evildoers, sons who corrupt! They have forsaken Jehovah; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel. They *are* estranged backward.

5 Why will you be stricken any more? Will you continue the revolt? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head, no soundness is in it; *only* a wound and a stripe and a fresh blow; they have not been closed, nor bound up; and not was it softened with oil.

7 Your land *is* a desolation; your cities burned with fire. Strangers devour your land before you; and *behold*, it is ruin, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left a booth in a vineyard, like a hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

9 Except Jehovah of Hosts had left a remnant for us, a few, we would be as Sodom; we would be as Gomorrah.

10 ¶ Hear the Word of Jehovah, rulers of Sodom. Listen to the Law of our God, people of Gomorrah.

11 What *good* to Me *are* your many sacrifices, says Jehovah? I am sated *with* burnt

offerings of rams, and the fat of fattened cattle, and *the blood of* bulls; nor do I delight in the blood of lambs and he goats.

12 When you come to see My face, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts?

13 Do not add to bringing vain sacrifice; *its* incense is a disgusting thing to Me. I cannot endure the new moon and sabbath, the going to meeting; I cannot endure the evil assembly.

14 My soul hates your new moons and your set feasts. They are a burden on Me. I am weary of bearing *them*.

15 And when you spread out your palms, I will hide My eyes from you; also, when you multiply prayer, I will not hear. Your palms are full of bloods.

16 ¶ Wash yourselves, purify yourselves. Remove the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease doing evil.

17 Learn to do good, seek justice, straighten the oppressor, judge the orphan, strive for the widow.

18 Come now and let us reason *together*, says Jehovah: Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as the crimson, they shall be like wool.

19 If you are willing and hear, you shall eat the good of the land;

20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

21 ¶ Oh how the faithful city has become *one* doing adultery! *She was* full of justice; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers!

22 Your silver has become dross; your liquor is diluted with water.

23 Your rulers *are* rebelling and *are* companions of thieves. Everyone loves a present, and is pursuing bribes. They do not judge the orphan, nor does the cause of the widow come to them.

24 Therefore, a statement of the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts, the mighty *One* of Israel, Alas! I will be eased of My adversaries, and avenge Myself of My enemies.

25 And I will return My hand on you, and refine your dross, as *with* lye, and turn aside all your alloy.

26 And I will return your judges as at the first; and one advising you, as at the beginning; then you shall be called the city of righteousness, a faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her returning *ones* with righteousness.

28 And the breaking of those transgressing and of the sinners shall be together. And those who forsake Jehovah *shall be* consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the trees which you lusted after; and you shall be ashamed of the gardens that you have chosen.

30 For you shall be like a tree whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water for it.

31 And the strong *one* shall be for tow, and his work for a spark; and they shall burn both together; and no one shall quench *them*.

Isaiah 2

1 Isaiah prophesies the coming of Christ's kingdom. 10 He exhorts to fear, because of the powerful effects of Jehovah's majesty.

1 ¶ The Word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

2 And it shall be in the last days, the mountain of the house of Jehovah shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it.

3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come and let us go up to the mount of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion the Law will go forth, and the Word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

4 And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many peoples. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and they shall not learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

6 ¶ For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, and *are* spirit-knowers like the Philistines. And they clap *hands* with children of *those* being foreign.

7 And his land is filled *with* silver and gold. *There is* no end of his treasures. And his land is full of horses; his chariots also do not have an end.

8 And his land is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

9 And man bowed down; and man was humbled, but You do not lift them up.

10 ¶ Enter into the rock and hide in the dust from fear of Jehovah, and from the glory of His majesty.

11 The haughtiness of eyes of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men shall be bowed down; but Jehovah, He alone, will be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of Jehovah of Hosts *shall be* on all the proud *ones* and those exalted, and on all that is lifted up; and it *will be* abased;

13 and against all Lebanon's cedars, high and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Bashan;

14 and against all the high mountains; and against all the lifted up hills;

15 and against every tall tower; and against every fortified wall;

16 and against all the ships of Tarshish; and on all ships of desire .

17 And the pride of man shall be humbled; and the haughtiness of men shall be abased; and Jehovah alone will be exalted in that day.

18 And the idols shall completely vanish.

19 And they shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the earth, for dread of Jehovah, and from the glory of His majesty; when He rises up to make the earth tremble.

20 In that day a man shall cast out his silver, and his golden idols which they made for him to worship to the hole of the burrowers and to the bats;

21 to go into the crevices of the rocks, and into the clefts of the cliffs, from the dread of Jehovah, and from the glory of

His majesty; when He rises up to make the earth tremble.

22 Cease yourself from man, whose breath *is* in his nostril, for in what is he to be esteemed?

Isaiah 3

1 The great confusion which comes by sin. 9 The impudency of the people. 16 The judgments which shall be for the pride of the women.

1 ¶ For, behold, the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts, *is* turning aside from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water;

2 the mighty *one*, and the man of war; the judge and the prophet, and the one divining, and the old *one*;

3 the commander of fifty and the exalted of face; the counselor and the skilled craftsman; and the discerning charmer.

4 And I will give young boys *to be* their rulers, and caprices shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed man against man, and a man against his neighbor. The boy will act insolently against the old *one*, and the *one* being despised against the *one* being honored.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother, *at* his father's house, *saying*, A cloak! Come, you be a ruler for us; let this ruin be under your hand.

7 In that day he shall rise up, *saying*, I will not be one who binds up; for there *is* no bread and not a cloak in my house; you shall not appoint me a ruler of the peoples.

8 For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their tongue and their doings toward Jehovah *are* to rebel against the eyes of His glory.

9 ¶ The look of their faces answers against them; they have declared their sin like Sodom; they do not hide *it*. Woe to their soul! For they have dealt an evil *way* to themselves.

10 Say to the righteous *one* that *it is* good; for they shall eat of the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe to the wicked *one*! For the evil *thing*, the doing of his hand will be done to him.

12 *As for* My people, children *are* the ones oppressing, and women rule over him. Oh My people, those leading you cause *you* to

go astray, and they swallow the way of your paths.

13 Jehovah stands up to contend, and stands up to judge the peoples.

14 Jehovah will enter into judgment with the old *ones* of His people, and their rulers. For you have eaten up the vineyard, the plunder of the afflicted *one is* in your houses.

15 What *is* it to you? You crush My people, and *you* grind the faces of the afflicted *ones*, a statement of the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts?

16 ¶ And Jehovah says, Because are being proud the daughters of Zion, and walk with stretched out necks and wanton eyes, walking and skipping *as* they go, and make a tinkling with their feet;

17 So Jehovah will make the crown of the daughter of Zion scabby; and Jehovah will lay their secret parts bare.

18 In that day the Lord will turn aside the beauty of the ankle bracelets, and the headbands, and the crescents,

19 the pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils;

20 the turbans, and the leg ornaments, and the sashes, and the houses of the soul, and the amulets;

21 the rings and nose-rings;

22 the festal apparel, and the outer garments, and the mantles, and the purses;

23 the mirrors and the fine linen; and the turbans and the veils.

24 And it shall be, instead of a smell of perfume, there shall be an odor of decay.

And instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of curled work, baldness; and instead of a girding of a rich robe, sackcloth; instead of beauty, a burning

25 Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty *ones* in the battle.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn, and she shall sit on the ground.

Isaiah 4

Christ's kingdom shall be a sanctuary

1 ¶ And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, *saying*, We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothing, only let your name be called on us; collect our shame.

2 ¶ In that day the Branch of Jehovah will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth for majesty and for glory for the escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall be, the remnant in Zion, and the remainder in Jerusalem, it shall be said of him: *He is holy*, every one who is written among the living in Jerusalem;

4 when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and the blood of Jerusalem shall have been rinsed away from its midst by a spirit of judgment, and by a spirit of burning.

5 Then Jehovah will create a *pillar of cloud* and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, over all the site of Mount Zion, and over her assemblies; for over all the glory *will be* a covering.

6 And there shall be a booth for a shade from the heat, and for a refuge, and for a hiding place from storm and rain.

Isaiah 5

Jehovah's judgments on various sins.

1 ¶ Now I will sing to my Beloved a song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard: There was a vineyard to My Beloved in a horn, a son of fatness.

2 And He dug about it, and cleared it of stones, and planted it *with* the choicest vine, and built a tower in its midst, and also hewed out a wine vat in it. And He waited *for it* to produce grapes, but it produced rotten grapes.

3 And now, ones living *in* Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you, judge between Me and My vineyard.

4 What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Who knows? I waited *for it* to produce grapes, but it produced rotten grapes.

5 And now, please, I will make known to you what I will do to My vineyard. I will turn aside its hedge, and it will be burned. I will breach its wall, and it will become a trampling place.

6 And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned and not hoed; but briars and thorns shall come up. And on the clouds I will command the rain from raining on it.

7 For the vineyard of Jehovah of Hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the man of Judah

is His delightful plant. And He waited for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

8 ¶ Woe *to* those touching house to house, bringing near field to field until the end of space! And you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!

9 Jehovah of Hosts *has sworn* in my ears, If not many houses shall be a waste, large and beautiful *ones* without *one* living *in them*.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall produce one bath, and the seed of a homer shall produce an ephah.

11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning pursue fermented drink, tarrying in the twilight *while* wine inflames them!

12 And the lyre and the harp, the timbrel and flute, and wine are *at* their feasts, but they do not look upon the work of Jehovah; yea, they do see. Therefore My people will go into exile without knowledge, and his men of glory into famine; and his multitude is parched with thirst.

14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite, and opened its mouth without measure, and her glory and her multitude, and her uproar, he who exults in her, shall go down in it.

15 And man is bowed down, and man is humbled, and the eyes of the proud *ones* are humbled.

16 But Jehovah of Hosts is exalted in judgment, and God the Holy One is *seen* holy in righteousness.

17 Then the lambs shall feed as in their pasture, and ones being sojourners shall eat the waste places of the fatlings.

18 ¶ Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as *with* ropes of a cart;

19 who say, Let Him hurry *and* hasten His work, so that we may see; and let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, so that we may know!

20 Woe to those who say to an evil *thing*, a good *thing*; and to a good *thing*, an evil *thing*; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put a bitter *thing* for a sweet *thing*, and a sweet *thing* for a bitter *thing*!

21 Woe to the wise *ones* in their own eyes, and discerning in their *own* faces!

22 Woe to the mighty *ones* to drink wine, and men of strength to mix fermented drink;

23 who justify the wicked *one* for a bribe, and turn aside the righteousness of the righteous *ones* from him!

24 Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and the dry grass falls *in* the flame; their root shall be like rottenness, and their blossoms shall go up like dust, because they have rejected the Law of Jehovah of Hosts; and despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 On account of this the anger of Jehovah is kindled on His people, and He has stretched out His hand against them, and has struck them; and the mountains quaked, and their corpses *were* as offal in the midst of the streets. In all this His anger does not turn back, but His hand is stretched out still.

26 And He will lift up a banner to nations from afar, and hiss to them from the ends of the earth; and, behold, it shall come *with* swift speed!

27 None *shall be* weary and none stumble in it; not one will slumber and not *one* sleep; and not shall the waist cloth of their loins be opened, and not the thong of their sandals broken;

28 whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hooves shall seem like flint, and their wheels like a windstorm.

29 Its roaring *shall be* like a lion; they shall roar like young lions. Yea, they roar and seize the prey and bring *it* away safely; and not *one* shall deliver.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; when *one* looks to the land, and behold, darkness! Distress! And light shall be darkened by its clouds.

Isaiah 6

1 Isaiah, in a vision of Jehovah in his glory, *5* being terrified, is confirmed for his message.

9 He shows the obstinacy of the people..

1 ¶ In the year that King Uzziah died, then I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up. And His train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphs. To *each* one are six wings; with two he covered his face;

and with two he covered his feet; and with two he flew.

3 And this *one* cried to this *one* and said, Holy, holy, holy *is* Jehovah of Hosts; all the earth *is* full of His glory!

4 And the posts of the threshold shook from the voice of the one who cried; and the house was filled with smoke.

5 ¶ Then I said, Woe to me! For I am cut off; for I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I live amongst a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of Hosts.

6 And one of the seraphs flew to me and in his hand *was* a burning coal taken with tongs from the altar.

7 And *he* touched *it* on my mouth, and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is covered.

8 And I heard the voice of Jehovah, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? And I said, Behold me. Send me!

9 ¶ And He said, Go and say to this people, Hearing *you* hear, but do not understand; and seeing *you* see, but do not know.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make his ears heavy, and shut his eyes, that he not see with his eyes, and hear with his ears, and understand with his heart, and turn back, and *one* heals him.

11 And I said, Until when, O Lord? And He said, Until cities lie desolate without *one* living *in them*, and the houses without man, and the land is laid waste, a desolation;

12 and *until* Jehovah has sent mankind far away, and the desolation in the midst of the land *is* great.

13 But yet a tenth *shall be* in it, and *it* shall return and be burned like the terebinth *tree* and like the oak that in being felled *yet has* its stump (the holy seed *is* its stump).

Isaiah 7

1 Ahaz, being troubled with fear, is comforted by *Isaiah*. *10* Ahaz, having liberty to choose a sign and refusing it, has for a sign, Christ promised.

1 ¶ And it happened in the days of Ahaz: the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up

to Jerusalem to war against it, but were not able to do battle against it.

2 And the house of David was told, saying, Syria is resting upon Ephraim, and his heart and the heart of his people quivering like the trees of the forest toss about from the wind.

3 And Jehovah said to Isaiah, Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, to the highway of the Fuller's Field.

4 And say to him, Be on guard and be quiet. Do not fear and not be timid of heart because of the two tails of these smoking firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil *things* against you, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah and make her to be loathed, and break her for ourselves, and set a king in her midst, the son of Tabeal.

7 So says the Lord Jehovah, It shall not rise, nor shall it happen.

8 For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within sixty five years Ephraim shall be broken from *being* a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. If you will not stand firm, surely you will not be established.

10 ¶ And Jehovah spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask a sign from Jehovah your God; make deep the asking, or make *it* high above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, nor will I test Jehovah.

13 And He said, Hear now, O house of David, is *it* too little for you to weary men, that you will also weary my God?

14 So, The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold! The virgin will conceive and will bear a son; and she shall call His name Immanuel.

15 He shall eat curds and honey until He knows to refuse the evil *thing* and choose the good *thing*.

16 For before the boy shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good *thing*, the land

that you hate will be forsaken before both her kings.

17 ¶ Jehovah shall bring the king of Assyria on you, and on your people, and on your father's house, *by* the king of Assyria, days which have not come since the days Ephraim turned aside from Judah.

18 And it shall be in that day Jehovah shall hiss for the fly that *is* in the end of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and they shall all rest in the steep ravines, and in the clefts of the rocks, and in all the thorn-bushes, and in all the pastures.

20 In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired beyond the River, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet, and also it shall sweep away the beard.

21 And it shall be in that day, a man shall keep alive a heifer of the herd, and two sheep.

22 And it shall be, he shall eat curds from the plenty of making of milk; for everyone who is left in the land shall eat curds and honey.

23 And it shall be in that day, every place where there were a thousand vines *worth* a thousand *pieces* of silver, *it* shall be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with the bow, he shall come there; because all the land shall be briers and thorns.

25 And all the hills which were hoed with the hoe, you shall not come there *for* fear of briers and thorn-bushes; but it shall be for the sending out of the ox, and for trampling of sheep.

Isaiah 8

I To Make Haste to Plunder! Hurry to the Spoil!, he prophesies that Syria and Israel shall be subdued by Assyria. 5 Judah likewise for their infidelity. 11 Comfort shall be to them that fear Jehovah.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to me, Take a big tablet and write on it with a man's pen: To Make Haste *to* Plunder! Hurry to the Spoil!

2 And I took faithful witnesses to record for me, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

3 And I drew near the prophetess. And she conceived, and bore a son. Then Jehovah said to me, Call his name, Make Haste to Plunder! Hurry to the Spoil!

4 For before the boy knows to cry, My father, or, My mother, the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria shall be lifted up before the king of Assyria.

5 And Jehovah added to speak to me again, saying,

6 Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that flow softly, and rejoices in Rezin and Remaliah's son,

7 even behold, therefore the Lord also brings up on them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And he shall come up over all its waters, and go over all its banks.

8 And he shall pass through Judah. He shall overflow and pass over; he shall reach to the neck; and his wings will be stretching out, filling the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.

9 ¶ O peoples, suffer evil, and be broken! And give ear, all from the far places of the earth; gird yourselves and be broken. Gird yourselves and be broken!

10 Counsel a plan, and it is broken; speak a word, and it shall not rise; for God *is* with us.

11 For so Jehovah spoke to me with a strong hand, and taught me against walking in the way of this people, saying,

12 Do not say, A conspiracy, to everything of which this people says, A conspiracy! And do not dread its dread, and do not be terrified.

13 Sanctify Jehovah of Hosts Himself, and He will *be* your fear, and let Him be terrifying to you.

14 And He shall be for a sanctuary, and become a Stone-of-Stumbling and *shall be* a Rock -of-Falling to the two houses of Israel; for a trap and for a snare to the one living *in* Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 ¶ Bind up the Testimony, seal the Law among My disciples.

17 And I will wait for Jehovah, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will look for Him.

18 Behold, I and the children whom Jehovah has given to me *are* for signs and wonders in Israel from Jehovah of Hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion.

19 And when they say to you, Seek to the mediums, and to spirit-knowers who peep and mutter; should not a people seek to its God, *than* for the living to *seek* the *ones* who died?

20 To the Law and to the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, *it is* because there is no dawn to them!

21 And they shall pass through it, hard pressed and hungry. And it shall be, they shall be hungry; he will be angry and curse his king and his God, and face upward.

22 And they shall look to the land. And, behold, distress and darkness and gloom of anguish; and *they* are driven *to* darkness.

Isaiah 9

1 What joy shall be in the midst of afflictions, by the kingdom and birth of Christ. 8 The judgments upon Israel for their pride, 18 and for their impenitency.

1 ¶ Yet there *shall not* be gloom for which anguish *is* to her; *as* the former *time* made light the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, even afterwards He will glorify the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great Light; they dwelling in the land of the shadow of death, Light has shone on them.

3 You have not multiplied the nation; You have not increased the joy. They rejoice before You as in the joy of harvest, as *men* shout when they divide the plunder.

4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of him pressing, as *in* the day of Midian.

5 For every boot of the one trampling *is* with shaking, and *war*-garments rolled in blood, *even* it shall be for burning, fuel for the fire.

6 For a Child is born; to us, a Son is given; and the dominion is on His shoulder; and His name is called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 There is no end to the increase of *His* dominion and of peace on the throne of David, and on His kingdom, to order it, and to sustain it with judgment and with righteousness, from now and to eternity. The zeal of Jehovah of Hosts will do this.

8 ¶ The Lord sent a Word into Jacob, and it has fallen into Israel.

9 And the people shall know, all of it, Ephraim and the *ones* living in Samaria, who say in pride and greatness of heart,

10 bricks have fallen, but we will build *with* cut stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change *to* cedars instead.

11 And Jehovah will set up Rezin's adversaries against him, and weave together his enemies;

12 Syrians in front, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with all the mouth. In all this His anger does not turn back, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

13 For the people do not turn back to Him who strikes them, and they do not seek Jehovah of Hosts.

14 And Jehovah will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, *in* one day.

15 Those leading and he exalted of face, he is the head; and the prophet teaching lies, he *is* the tail.

16 For those leading this people led *them* astray, and the *ones* advancing it are swallowed up.

17 On account of this the Lord shall not rejoice over their young men, and not have pity on their orphans and widows; for everyone *is* godless and an evildoer; and every mouth speaks foolishness. In all this His anger does not turn back, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

18 For wickedness burns like a fire; it shall devour the briars and thorns; and it kindles the thickets of the forest; and they shall roll upward, *like* the rising up of smoke.

19 The land is scorched by the wrath of Jehovah of Hosts, and the people *shall be* as the fuel of the fire; they shall not spare a man to his brother.

20 And *he* cuts off on the right hand, yet is hungry. And he eats on the left, but they shall not be satisfied; *each* man shall eat the flesh of his own arm;

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; together they are against Judah. In all this His anger does not turn back, but His hand is still stretched out.

Isaiah 10

1 *The woe of tyrants. 5 Assyria shall be broken.*

20 *A remnant of Israel shall be saved. 24 Israel is comforted with promise of deliverance.*

1 ¶ Woe to those who decree decrees of iniquity, and writers *who* write toil;

2 to turn aside the judgment of the poor *ones*, the afflicted *one* from judgment, and to take away justice of the afflicted *one* of My people; that widows may be their prey; that they *may* plunder orphans.

3 And what will you do in the day of visitation and of ruin? It comes from far away. To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory?

4 Without Me *they* will bow in the place of the prisoners, and in the place of the slain they will fall. In all this His anger does not turn back, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

5 ¶ Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger! Yea, My fury is the staff in their hand.

6 I will send him against a godless nation, and on the people of My wrath. I will command him to plunder plunder, and to spoil spoil, and to appoint them a trampling like the mud of the streets.

7 Yet he does not imagine, and not does his heart think so. For it *is* in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations.

8 For he says, *Are* not my commanders all like kings?

9 *Is* not Calno like Carchemish? *Is* Hamath not like Arpad? *Is* Samaria not like Damascus?

10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols (for their carved images *were* more than Jerusalem's and Samaria's);

11 should I not do to Jerusalem and her idols as I have done to Samaria and her idols?

12 And it will be, when the Lord has broken off all His work in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, I will call to account on *him* the fruit of the greatness of heart of the king of Assyria, and on the glory of his high eyes.

13 For he says, I have worked by the might of my hand and by my wisdom; for

I am discerning. And I take away the borders of peoples, and I have robbed their treasures. And like a mighty *one*, I put down *ones* living *in it*.

14 And my hand has found the riches of the people. Like a nest, I also have gathered all the earth, as forsaken eggs *are* gathered. And there was not one moving a wing, or opening a mouth, or one chirping.

15 Shall the axe glorify itself over him chopping with it? Or shall the saw magnify itself over him moving it? As *if* a rod *could* wave those who lift *it*. As *if* a staff *could* raise *what is* not wood!

16 So the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts, shall send leanness among his fat ones. And under His glory *He* will kindle a burning like the burning of fire.

17 And the Light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and briers in one day.

18 And He shall consume the glory of his forest and his fruitful field, even from soul to flesh; and it shall be as a sick *one* melts away.

19 And the rest of the trees of the forest shall be few, even a boy might write them.

20 ¶ And it shall be in that day, the remnant of Israel, and the fugitives from the house of Jacob, shall not any more lean on the one striking him. But they will in truth lean on Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel.

21 The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

22 For though Your people Israel is like the sand of the sea, *only* a remnant of it shall return, and an end will be decisive, overflowing *with* righteousness.

23 For the Lord Jehovah of Hosts is making a full end, being decisive, in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶ So the Lord Jehovah of Hosts says this: Oh My people who dwell *in* Zion, do not fear Assyria. He shall strike you with the rod, and he shall lift up his staff against you in the way of Egypt.

25 But yet a little while and the fury is finished; and My anger *shall be* over their destruction.

26 And Jehovah of Hosts shall stir up a scourge on him, according to the striking

of Midian at the rock Oreb; and *as* His rod was on the sea, and He lifted it up in the way of Egypt.

27 And it shall be in that day, his burden shall turn away from on your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck; and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the *anointing* oil.

28 He has come to Aiath; he has passed to Migron; he has left his baggage at Michmash.

29 They have crossed the ford; they have bedded down at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Shriek *with* your voice, daughter of ruins; bow, Laish, afflicted of Anathoth.

31 Madmenah wanders; those living *in* Gebim take refuge.

32 Yet *he* remains in Nob today; *he* will shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts, shall lop off the bough of terror, and ones being high *in* height *shall be* cut down, and the proud *ones* shall be humbled.

34 And He shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty *One*.

Isaiah 11

1 The peaceable kingdom of the Branch out of the root of Jesse. 10 The victorious restoration of Israel, and of the nations.

1 ¶ And a Shoot goes out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch will bear fruit out of his roots.

2 And shall rest on Him the Spirit of Jehovah, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and power, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah.

3 And He is made to breathe in the fear of Jehovah. But He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, and not decide by the hearing of His ears.

4 But He shall judge the poor *ones* in righteousness, and shall decide with uprightness for the humble *ones* of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and He shall cause the wicked *one* to die with the breath of His lip.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His loins.

6 And the wolf shall abide with the lamb; and the leopard shall lie with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall feed, their young shall lie together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the suckling shall play on the hole of the snake; yea, the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den.

9 They shall not do evil, and not destroy in all My holy mountain. For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶ And it shall be in that day, the Root of Jesse *is it* that stands as a banner of peoples; nations shall seek to Him; and His resting place shall be glory.

11 And it shall be in that day, the Lord shall add His hand, the second time, to possess the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea.

12 And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel, and gather those dispersed from Judah, and shall gather from the four wings of the earth.

13 And the envy of Ephraim shall turn off; and Judah's foes shall be cut off. Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not trouble Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly onto the shoulder of the Philistines to the west; together they shall plunder the sons of the east, the stretching of the hand on Edom and Moab and the sons of Ammon; *they will* obey them.

15 And Jehovah shall utterly destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt; and with the heat of His wind He shall wave His hand over the River, and shall strike it into seven torrents, and make one tread *it* with shoes.

16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Assyria, as it was to Israel in the day of his going up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 12

A joyful thanksgiving of the faithful for the mercies of Jehovah.

1 ¶ And in that day you shall say, O Jehovah, I will thank You. Though You were angry with me, turn back Your anger and You shall comfort me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid, for my strength and song *is* Jah Jehovah; yea, He has become my salvation.

3 And you shall draw waters out of the wells of salvation with joy.

4 ¶ And in that day you shall say, Thank Jehovah! Call on His name; declare His doings among the peoples; make mention that His name is exalted.

5 Sing *to* Jehovah, for in majesty He has done *it*; this *is* known in all the earth.

6 and *give* a ringing cry *of joy*, one living in Zion! For great *is* the Holy One of Israel *in* your midst.

Isaiah 13

1 Jehovah musters the armies of His wrath. 6 He threatens to destroy Babylon by the Medes.

1 ¶ The burden of Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw:

2 Lift up a banner on a bare mountain; make the voice rise to them; wave the hand that they may enter the gates of nobles.

3 I have commanded to *ones* being holy to Me; I have also called My mighty *ones* for My anger, those exultant at My majesty.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, the likeness of a great people! A noise of tumult of the kingdoms of nations gathered together; Jehovah of Hosts is calling up an army *for the* battle.

5 They come from a distant land, from the end of the heavens, Jehovah and the weapons of His wrath, to destroy all the land.

6 ¶ Howl! For the day of Jehovah *is* near. It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 On account of this all hands shall droop, and every heart of man shall melt;

8 and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be

in pain like one giving birth; they shall be amazed, a man to his neighbor; faces of flames *shall be* their faces.

9 Behold, the day of Jehovah comes, cruel and *with* wrath and heat of His anger, to lay the land waste. And He shall destroy its sinners out of it.

10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations shall not give light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not reflect its light.

11 And I will visit evil on the world, and their iniquity on the wicked *ones*. And I will cause the arrogance of the proud *ones* to cease; and I will humble the pride of tyrants.

12 I will make a man more rare than fine gold, and a man more than the pure gold of Ophir.

13 On account of this I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall move out of its place, in the wrath of Jehovah of Hosts, and in the day of the heat of His anger.

14 And it shall be as a gazelle driven away, and as a sheep no one gathers; *each* man shall look to his own people, and *each* man shall flee to his land.

15 Everyone who is found shall be pierced through; yea, everyone who is captured shall fall by the sword.

16 And their children shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be robbed, and their wives raped.

17 Behold! I stir up the Medes against them, who shall not esteem silver *to be* valuable, and they shall not delight in gold.

18 And bows shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare sons.

19 ¶ And Babylon, the glory of the kingdoms, the beauty of the pride of the Chaldeans, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall not be lived *in* forever, and not shall it be lived in to generation and generation. And the Arabian shall not pitch a tent there, nor shall those feeding make *flocks* lie down there.

21 But the desert creatures shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of howling creatures; and daughters of ostriches shall dwell there; and he-goats shall skip there.

22 And hyenas shall cry along with his widows; and jackals in palaces of delight. Yea, her time to come *is* near, and her days shall not be drawn out.

Isaiah 14

1 Jehovah's merciful restoration of Israel. 4 Their triumphant exultation over Babylon.

24 Jehovah's purpose against Assyria.

1 ¶ For Jehovah will have pity on Jacob, and will yet choose among Israel, and set them in their own land. And the alien shall be joined to them; and they shall join themselves to the house of Jacob.

2 And the peoples shall take them and bring them to their own place. And the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Jehovah for male slaves and female slaves. And they shall be captives of their captors; and they shall rule over the *ones* oppressing them.

3 And it shall be, in the day that Jehovah shall give you rest from your pain, and from your trouble, and from the hard bondage which was served on you,

4 ¶ you shall lift up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: How the exacter, the gold gatherer, has ceased!

5 Jehovah has broken the rod of the wicked *one*, the staff of rulers,

6 who struck the peoples in wrath, a blow without turning away, ruling the nations in anger, persecution without restraint.

7 All the earth is at rest, quiet; they break forth into singing.

8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice over you; the cedars of Lebanon *say*, Since you have lain down, no one hewing will come up against us.

9 Sheol from below is stirred for you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the departed spirits for you, all the he-goats of the earth. It has raised all the kings of the nations from their thrones.

10 All of them shall answer and say to you, Are you also made as weak as we? Are you likened to us?

11 Your majesty is lowered into Sheol; the noise of your harps. The maggot is spread under you; yea, the worms cover you.

12 Oh shining star, son of the dawn, how you have fallen from the heavens; *you*

weakening on the nations, you are cut down to the ground.

13 For you have said in your heart, I will go up *to* the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit in the mount of meeting, in the sides of the north.

14 I will go up over the heights of the clouds; I will be likened to the Most High.

15 Yet you shall go down to Sheol, to the sides of the Pit.

16 They that see you shall stare and consider you, *saying*, Is this the man who made the earth tremble, shaking kingdoms,

17 setting the world *to be* like a wilderness, and who tore down its cities; he did not open a house *for* his prisoners?

18 All kings of nations, all of them lie in glory, *each* man in his house.

19 But you are thrown from your grave *like* an abhorred branch, *like* the covering of the slain, those pierced by the sword, those who go down into the stones of the Pit, like a corpse trampled under foot.

20 You shall not be united with them in burial, because you ruined your land; you have slain your people; the seed of evildoers shall never be named.

21 Prepare for the slaughter of his sons, for the iniquity of their fathers; that they may not rise and possess the land and fill the face of the earth *with* cities.

22 For I will rise against them, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, and *I will* cut off the name and remnant, the son and posterity, from Babylon, a statement of Jehovah.

23 Also I will make it a possession of a shrinking *animal* and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of ruin, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

24 ¶ Jehovah of Hosts has sworn, saying, If not as I have thought, so it shall be; and as I have purposed, it shall rise up;

25 to break Assyria in My land, and trample him on My mountains, and his yoke shall depart from them, and his burden shall depart from his shoulders.

26 This *is* the counsel that *is* counselled on all the earth; and this the hand that is stretched out on all the nations.

27 For Jehovah of Hosts has purposed. And who shall reverse *it*? And His hand is stretched out. Who shall turn it back?

28 This burden was in the year King Ahaz died:

29 Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, for the rod of your striking is broken, because a viper comes forth from the root of a snake, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the first-born of the poor *ones* shall feed; and the needy *ones* shall lie down in safety; and I will cause your root to die with famine; and it shall kill your remnant.

31 Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! Philistia is melted away, all of you. For a smoke comes from the north, and not one is separated in his ranks.

32 What then shall one answer to the messengers of the nation? That Jehovah has founded Zion, and the afflicted *one* of His people shall trust in it.

Isaiah 15

The lamentable state of Moab.

1 ¶ The burden of Moab: Because in a night Ar of Moab is laid waste; it is cut off; because in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste; it is cut off.

2 One goes up to the house, even to Dibon, *to* the high places, to weep. Moab shall howl over Nebo and over Medeba; on all their heads *shall be* baldness, every beard cut off.

3 They shall put on sackcloth in the broad places; everyone shall howl on their housetops and in their open places, going down in weeping.

4 And Heshbon and Elealeh shall cry; their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz; so those being armed of Moab shall shout; his life is broken to him.

5 My heart shall cry to Moab; her fugitives to Zoar, a heifer of three years; he goes up the ascent of Luhith with weeping, for *in* the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of ruin.

6 ¶ For Nimrim's waters are desolations; for the hay is dried up; the grass fails; there is not a green thing.

7 On account of this one made up the remainder, and their store; they shall carry them over the torrent of the willows.

8 For the cry has gone around Moab's border; his howling even to Eglaim; and his howling even to the Well of Elim.

9 For Dimon's waters are full of blood; for I will put on Dimon *things* I add, a lion on him for the fugitives from Moab, and for the remnant of the land.

Isaiah 16

1 Moab is exhorted to yield obedience to Christ's kingdom. 6 Moab is threatened for her pride.

12 The judgment of Moab.

1 ¶ Send a lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela in the wilderness to the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it is as a fleeing bird cast out of the nest; the daughters of Moab shall be *at* the fords of Arnon.

3 Take counsel; do judgment; make your shadow as the night in midday; hide the outcasts; do not uncover the fugitive!

4 Let My outcasts stay with you, Moab. Be a hiding place to them from the face of the destroyer. For the exacter has ended, destruction has failed; the trampler is ended out of the land.

5 And in mercy the throne shall be founded; and *He* shall sit on it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking judgment, and prompt in righteousness.

6 ¶ We have heard of the pride of Moab, very proud; of his pride, his arrogance, and his rage; not so *are* his babblings.

7 So Moab shall howl for Moab; everyone shall howl; all of it shall howl for the foundations of Kir-hareseth; surely they are stricken.

8 For the fields of Heshbon droop, the vine of Sibmah. The masters of the nations have crushed its choice plants. They have come to Jazer; they wander *in* the desert; her branches are spread out; they have crossed the sea.

9 On account of this I will weep with the weeping of Jazer, the vine of Sibmah; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; for shouting has fallen on your fruit and on your harvest.

10 And gladness and joy is gathered up from the fruitful field; and there is no singing and no shouting in the vineyards; the one treading shall not tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shout to cease.

11 On account of this my belly shall sound like a harp for Moab, and my bowels for Kir-haresh.

12 And it shall be, when it is seen that Moab shall be wearied on the high place, then he shall come to his sacred place to pray, and he shall not be able.

13 *This is* the Word that Jehovah had spoken to Moab from then.

14 But now Jehovah has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, then the glory of Moab will be abased, with all the great host; and the remnant *shall be* few; small, not mighty.

Isaiah 17

1 Syria and Israel are threatened. 6 A remnant shall forsake idolatry. 9 The rest shall be plagued for their impiety.

1 ¶ The burden of Damascus: Behold, Damascus is turned aside from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruined heap.

2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; *now* they are for flocks; they lie down and no one terrifies *them*.

3 And the fortress shall cease from Ephraim; and the kingdom from Damascus and the rest of Syria. They shall be as the glory of the sons of Israel, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

4 And it shall be in that day, Jacob's glory shall be made low, and the fatness of his flesh shall be made lean.

5 And it shall be as he gathers the grain of the harvest, and his arm reaps the ears. And it shall be as he who gathers ears in the Valley of the Giants.

6 ¶ Yet gleanings shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree; two *or* three oliveberries in the top of *a branch*; four *or* five in the fruitful branches, a statement of Jehovah God of Israel;

7 in that day a man shall gaze on his Maker, and his eyes shall look to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not gaze to the altars, the work of his hands; and he will not see what his fingers have made, even the Asherahs, and the sun pillars.

9 ¶ In that day his fortified cities shall be as a thing left in the forest, or the top of a

branch that they leave, from before the sons of Israel, and it will become a desolation.

10 Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and you did not remember the Rock of your strength, on account of this you shall plant plants of pleasantness, and shall sow it a foreign shoot.

11 In the day of your planting you fence it in; in the morning you make your seed sprout; the harvest *is* a heap in the day of sickness and incurable pain.

12 ¶ Woe *to* the multitude of many peoples; they roar like the roar of seas; and the crash of nations, they crash like the crash of mighty waters!

13 The nations shall crash like the crashing of many waters, but He rebukes it, and it flees far away; yea, *it is* pursued like the chaff of mountains before the wind, and like a whirling thing before a tempest.

14 At the time of evening, even behold, terror! Before it is morning, it *shall not be*. This *is* the portion of those plundering us, and the lot of those spoiling us.

Isaiah 18

1 Jehovah will destroy the Ethiopians fir His people. 7 By this they will gain access.

1 ¶ Woe to the land of whirring of wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia;

2 which sends envoys by the sea, even in ships of papyrus on the face of the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a dreadful people from it and onwards; and a nation mighty and trampling down, whose land the rivers have divided!

3 All those living in the world and those living on the earth, as one lifts a sign *on the hills*, you will see. And you will hear as the blowing of a rams` horn.

4 For so Jehovah said to me, I will rest, and I will watch My dwelling place; as the glowing heat on light; as the cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5 For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives, cut down *and* take away the branches,

6 And they shall be left together to the birds of prey of the hills, and to the beasts of the earth. And the birds of prey shall

summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter on them.

7 Then shall be brought in that time to Jehovah of Hosts a present from a tall and smooth people, and a dreadful people, from it and onward; a nation of might, *with* a *measuring* line of trampling, whose land the rivers have divided, to the place of the name of Jehovah of Hosts: Mount Zion.

Isaiah 19

1 The confusion of Egypt. 18 The calling of Egypt to the worship of Jehovah. 23 The covenant of Egypt, Assyria, and Israel.

1 ¶ The burden of Egypt: Behold! Jehovah rides on a light cloud and comes into Egypt. And the idols of Egypt shall tremble from before Him; and the heart of Egypt shall melt in its midst.

2 And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians; and they shall fight, a man against his brother; and a man against his fellow; city against city, kingdom against kingdom.

3 And the spirit of the Egyptians shall be empty in its midst; and I will swallow its counsel. And they shall seek to idols, and to the enchanter, and to the mediums, and to the spirit-knowers.

4 And I will shut up the Egyptians into the hand of cruel lords; and a fierce king shall rule them, a statement of the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts.

5 And the waters shall dry up from the sea, and the river shall fail and dry up.

6 And rivers will stink; and the Nile of Egypt will languish and dry up; the reed and the rush shall wither.

7 Bare places shall be at the Nile, by the mouth of the Nile, and everything sown *by* the Nile shall dry up, *be* driven away, and be no more.

8 The fishermen shall mourn; and all who cast a hook into the Nile shall wail; and those who spread nets on the surface of the waters shall droop.

9 And the workers in fine flax, and the weavers of white cloth are ashamed.

10 And her supports shall be crushed; and all who make wages shall be sad of soul.

11 Surely the rulers of Zoan *are* foolish *ones*; the advice of Pharaoh's wise counselor has become stupid. How can you say to

Pharaoh, I *am* the son of wise *ones*, the son of kings of old?

12 Where then *are* your wise *ones*? Yea, let them tell you now, that they may know what Jehovah of Hosts has planned against Egypt.

13 The rulers of Zoan are foolish *ones*; the rulers of Noph are deceived; they also have led Egypt astray, the cornerstone of her tribes.

14 Jehovah has mixed a perverse spirit in her midst; and they led astray Egypt in all his work, as a drunkard strays in his vomit.

15 And there shall be no work to Egypt that the head or the tail, the branch or rush, may do.

16 In that day Egypt shall be like women; and it will tremble and dread from before the shaking of the hand of Jehovah of Hosts, which He waves over it.

17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt; everyone who mentions it shall dread to it, from before the counsel of Jehovah of Hosts, which He counsels against it.

18 ¶ In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan, and swear to Jehovah of Hosts. and it shall be called, City of Ruin to one.

19 In that day an altar to Jehovah shall be in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to Jehovah at its border.

20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness to Jehovah of Hosts in the land of Egypt. For they shall cry to Jehovah because of those oppressing; and He shall send to them a savior, even a great one, and will save them.

21 And Jehovah shall be known to Egypt. Egypt shall know Jehovah in that day. And they shall offer sacrifice and offering, and they shall vow a vow to Jehovah, and repay it.

22 And Jehovah shall strike Egypt. striking and healing, and they shall return to Jehovah, and He shall be entreated for them and will heal them.

23 In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria. And Assyria shall come into Egypt; and Egypt into Assyria; and Egypt shall serve with Assyria.

24 In that day Israel shall be the third with

Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

25 which Jehovah of Hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* My people Egypt, and Assyria, the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.

Isaiah 20

A type prefiguring the shameful captivity of Egypt and Ethiopia.

1 ¶ In the year Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

2 at that time Jehovah spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loosen the sackcloth from your loins, and take your shoe off from your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3 And Jehovah said, Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years (a sign and a wonder on Egypt and on Ethiopia)

4 so shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old; naked and barefoot, and with uncovered buttocks; *to* the nakedness of Egypt.

5 And they shall be dismayed and ashamed of their hope Ethiopia, and of their glory Egypt.

6 And he who lives in this coast shall say in that day, Behold, this has *become* of our hope *to* which we fled for help there, to be delivered from before the king of Assyria; and, How shall we escape?

Isaiah 21

1 The prophet sees in a vision the fall of Babylon by the Medes and Persians. 13 the burden of Arabia.

1 ¶ The burden of the wilderness of the sea: As tempests in the Negeb pass, it comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.

2 A harsh vision is revealed to me; the one betraying betrays, and the one ravaging ravages. Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! I have caused all her sighing to cease.

3 On account of this my loins are filled *with* pain; pangs have taken hold on me

like the pangs of a *one* giving birth. I am bowed from bearing; I am troubled from seeing.

4 My heart wanders; terror overwhelms me; the twilight of my pleasure has *turned* into a fear.

5 Arrange the table; watch in the watchtower; eat, drink; rise up, rulers, *and* anoint the shield.

6 For so the Lord has said to me: Go, station a watchman; he will declare what he sees.

7 And he sees a chariot, a couple of horse-men; a chariot of an ass; a chariot of a camel; and attending let him attend *with* much attention.

8 And he cried, A lion! My lord, I always stand on my watchtower by day; and I am stationed there at my post all the nights.

9 And, behold this, a chariot of a man comes, a pair of horses. And he answered and said, Babylon has fallen, has fallen! And He has shattered the graven images of her gods to the earth.

10 Oh my threshing, and the son of my floor! That which I have heard from Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

11 ¶ The burden of Dumah: *He* calls to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman says, The morning comes, and also night. If you would inquire, inquire. Come! Return!

13 ¶ The burden of Arabia: You shall stay in the forest of Arabia, O traveling Dedanites.

14 *Those* living in the land Tema bring water to him who is thirsty; meet the fugitive with his bread.

15 For they fled from before swords, from before the drawn sword, and from before the bent bow, and from before the press of battle.

16 For so the Lord has said to me, Within a year, as the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kedar shall be ended,

17 and the rest of the number of the archers, the mighty *ones* of the sons of Kedar, shall be few. For Jehovah God of Israel has spoken.

Isaiah 22

I Isaiah laments the invasion of Jewry by the Persians. 15 He prophesies Shebna's loss, 20 and Eliakim, prefiguring the kingdom of Christ.

1 ¶ The burden of the valley of vision: What *ails* you now, that all have gone up to the housetops?

2 Crashings fill the noisy city, the joyous city. Your slain ones *are* not slain by the sword, and not dying in battle.

3 All your rulers fled together; they were bound without the bow; all found in you were bound together; they have fled from afar.

4 On account of this I said, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly; do not hurry to comfort me over the ruin of the daughter of my people.

5 For *it is* a day of tumult, and of trampling down, and of confusion, by the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts, in the valley of vision; digging down a wall, and crying to the mountain.

6 And Elam lifted the quiver with a chariot of a man and horsemen; *and* Kir bared the shield.

7 And it happened; your choicest valleys were full of chariots; and setting the horsemen set in order at the gate.

8 ¶ And he removed Judah's covering; and you looked in that day to the armor of the house of the forest.

9 You have also seen the breaks in the city of David, that they are many; and you gathered the waters of the lower pool.

10 And you have counted the houses of Jerusalem; and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall.

11 And you made a reservoir between the walls, for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to its Maker, and you did not see its Former from long ago.

12 And in that day the Lord Jehovah of Hosts called to weeping and mourning; and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth.

13 But behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and slaughtering sheep; eating flesh and drinking wine, saying, Eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!

14 And Jehovah of Hosts revealed in my ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be

atoned for you until you die, says the Lord Jehovah of Hosts.

15 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah of Hosts, Go! Go to this steward, to Shebna who *is* over the house.

16 What is to you here? And who is here to you, that you have cut out a tomb for yourself here, *as* one cutting out his tomb on high, having cut out a dwelling place for himself in the rock?

17 Behold, Jehovah hurls you *with* a hurling, O man, and grasps you *with* a grasping.

18 Whirling, He will whirl you *with* a whirling *like* a ball, into a land wide of hands. You shall die there, and there *are* the chariots of your glory, the shame of your lord's house.

19 And I will drive you from your position, and he will pull you from your station.

20 And in that day it shall be, even I will call to My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah.

21 And I will clothe him with your robe and will fasten your sash on him. And I will give your authority into his hand. And he shall be a father to the *ones* living in Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder, so that he opens, and no one shuts; and he shuts, and no one opens.

23 And I will drive him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a throne of glory to his father's house.

24 And they shall hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the offshoots, all small vessels, from vessels of cups even to all vessels of jars.

25 In that day, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, the nail that is driven in the sure place shall be removed, and be cut down, and fall. And the burden that *was* on it shall be cut off. Jehovah has spoken.

Isaiah 23

1 The miserable overthrow of Tyre. 17 Their unhappy return.

1 ¶ The burden of Tyre: Howl, ships of Tarshish! For it is ruined, without house, without entrance. It is revealed to them from the land of Kittim.

2 Be still, *ones* living in the coast, trader of Sidon crossing the sea; they have filled you.

3 And by great waters, the seed of Sihor and the harvest of the Nile *was* her revenue; and she the mart of nations.

4 Be ashamed, Sidon, for the sea has spoken, the strength of the sea, saying, I have not travailed, *and not* brought forth, I have not made grow young men *and not* raised up virgins.

5 As the report *comes* to Egypt, *so* they shall be anguished at the report of Tyre.

6 Pass over Tarshish; howl, the *ones* living *at* the coast!

7 *Is* this your exulting *city* from days of her old age? Her feet bear her far away to stay.

8 Who has counseled this against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants *are* rulers, whose traders *are the* weighty of the earth?

9 Jehovah of Hosts has counseled it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring all those being honored of the earth into contempt.

10 Pass through your land as the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish; *there is* no girdle any more.

11 He stretched His hand over the sea; He shook kingdoms. Jehovah has made a decree against Canaan, to destroy its strongholds.

12 And He said, You shall not again still rejoice, oppressed *one*, virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, cross over to Kittim, even there is no rest to you.

13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans! This people did not exist! Assyria founded it for desert-creaturess. They set up their siege towers; they lay bare its palaces; they set it up *to be* a ruin.

14 Howl, ships of Tarshish! For your stronghold is ruined.

15 ¶ And it shall be in that day that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years, it will be as the song of a harlot to Tyre.

16 Take a harp; go about the city, O forgotten harlot. Do well to play; make many songs, that you may be remembered.

17 And it will be, after the end of seventy years, Jehovah will visit Tyre; and she shall return to her hire, and will fornicate with

all the kingdoms of the earth on the face of the earth.

18 And her gain and her wages shall be holiness to Jehovah; it shall not be hoarded and not stored; for her gain shall be for those who dwell before Jehovah, to eat to satiety, and for a choice covering.

Isaiah 24

1 The doleful judgments of Jehovah on the land.

13 A remnant shall joyfully praise Him. 16 Jehovah in his judgments shall advance His kingdom.

1 ¶ Behold! Jehovah empties the land and makes it waste, and distorts its face, and scatters those living *in it*.

2 And as *it is* with the people, so with the priest; as *with* the servant, so *with* the master; as *with* the maid, so *with* her mistress; as *with* the buyer, so *with* the seller; as *with* the lender, so *with* the borrower; as *with* the creditor, so *with* the debtor.

3 The land shall completely be emptied and plundering *will be* plundered, for Jehovah has spoken this Word.

4 The land mourns *and* withers; the world droops *and* withers the proud people of the earth droop.

5 And the earth is defiled under those living in it, because they transgress laws *and* violate a statute, *and* break the everlasting covenant.

6 On account of this a curse has devoured the land; and they living in it are held guilty. Therefore those living *in* the land are burned, and few men remaining.

7 The new wine has failed; the vine droops; all the merry-hearted sigh.

8 The exultation of timbrels ceases; the noise of jubilant *ones* ends; the exultation of the harp ceases.

9 They shall not drink wine with the song; fermented liquor shall be bitter to those who drink it.

10 The city of emptiness is broken down; every house is shut from entering.

11 A crying over the wine is in the streets; all joy is darkened; the gladness in the land is removed.

12 Desolation is remaining in the city, and a ruin; the gate is battered.

13 ¶ For it is thus in the midst of the land, among the peoples, *it shall be* as the shak-

ing of an olive tree, and as gleanings when the grape harvest is completed.

14 They lift up their voice; they sing for the majesty of Jehovah; they cry aloud from the sea.

15 On account of this glorify Jehovah in the flames, the name of Jehovah God of Israel, in the coasts of the sea.

16 ¶ We have heard songs from the wing of the earth, Honor to the Righteous *One*. But I said, Leanness to me! Leanness to me! Woe to me! Traitors betray, even *with* treachery; traitors betray!

17 Terror, and *the* pit, and a snare *are* upon you, *one* living *in* the earth.

18 And it shall be, he who flees from the sound of terror shall fall into the pit. And he who comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For the windows from on high are opened, and the earth's foundations quake.

19 The earth is breaking, breaking! The earth is crashing, crashing! The earth is tottering, tottering.

20 Like a drunken *one*, the earth is staggering, staggering! And it rocks to and fro like a hut. And its transgression is heavy on it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall visit on the army of the high place in the high place, and on the kings of the land on the land.

22 And they will be gathered, a gathering of prisoners in a dungeon. And they shall be shut up in a prison; and after many days they will be called to account.

23 Then the moon shall blush, and the sun shall be ashamed, when Jehovah of Hosts shall reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem; and before His elders in *His* glory.

Isaiah 25

1 The prophet praises Jehovah for His judgments, 9 and for His victorious salvation.

1 ¶ O Jehovah, You *are* my God. I will exalt You; I will thank Your name; for You have done a wonder: counsels from afar; faithful faithfulness.

2 Because You have made a heap from a city, a fortified city into a ruin; a fortress of foreigners from *being* a city, not to be built, to forever.

3 Therefore the mighty people glorify You, the city of the terrifying nations shall fear You.

4 For You are a stronghold to the poor *one*, a stronghold to the needy *one* in his distress, a refuge from storm, a shadow from heat; because the breath of the terrifying *one is* like a storm *against* a wall.

5 You shall lay low the noise of aliens, like the heat in a dry place, the heat with the shadow of cloud; the shouting of the terrifying *ones* shall be laid low.

6 ¶ And Jehovah of Hosts shall make a feast of fat things for all the peoples in this mountain; a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, refined wine on the lees.

7 And He will swallow up in this mountain the face of the covering which covers over all people, and the veil that is woven over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever! And the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from all faces. And He shall turn aside the reproach of His people from all the earth; for Jehovah has spoken.

9 ¶ And one shall say in that day, Behold, this *is* our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This *is* Jehovah; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

10 For the hand of Jehovah shall rest in this mountain; and Moab shall be trampled under Him, even as straw *is* trampled in a dung pit.

11 And He shall spread His hands in his midst, as one swimming spreads to swim. And He shall lay low his pride with the skill of His hands.

12 And *He shall* bow down the fortress of the height of your walls; *He will* lay low, strike down to the earth, even to the dust.

Isaiah 26

1 A song inciting to confidence in Jehovah, 12 for His favor to His people. 16 Christ prophesied to come. 20 An exhortation to wait on Jehovah.

1 ¶ In that day this song shall be sung in the land of Judah: A strong city to us; He sets up salvation *as our* walls and rampart.

2 Open the gates, and the righteous nation shall come in, keeping faithfulness.

3 You will keep *in* peace, *perfect* peace the mind sustained *by You*, for he trusts in You.

4 Trust in Jehovah forever, for in Jah Jehovah *is* an everlasting Rock.

5 ¶ For He bows those living on high; He lays low the lofty city; He lays it low to the ground; He strikes down even to the dust.

6 The foot shall trample it, the feet of the humble *one*, steps of the poor *ones*.

7 The path for the just *one is* uprightness; *the Upright One* will make level the track of the just *one*.

8 Yea, Jehovah, *in* the path of Your judgments we awaited You; for Your name and for Your memory *is* the desire of *our* soul.

9 *With* my soul I desire You in the night; yea, *with* my spirit within me I diligently seek You. For when Your judgments *are* in the earth, *those* living *in* the world learn righteousness.

10 The wicked *one* finds favor; he does not learn righteousness; he acts wrongfully in the land of straight *things*, and *he* does not see the majesty of Jehovah.

11 Jehovah, Your hand is high; they do not see; they see and are ashamed of the zeal of the people. Yea, the fire of Your adversaries devour them.

12 ¶ Jehovah, You will ordain peace for us; for also You have worked all our works for us.

13 Jehovah our God, masters beside You have governed us; only in You we will mention Your name.

14 Ones that died do not live; *Departed* spirits do not rise; therefore You called to account and destroyed them, and caused all memory of them to perish.

15 You have added to the nation, Jehovah; You have added to the nation, You are glorified; You have sent far off all the ends of the land.

16 Jehovah, they visited You in distress; they poured out a whisper; Your chastening *was* to them.

17 As a pregnant *woman* draws near to give birth, she writhes *and* cries out in her pangs. So are we before You, Jehovah.

18 We conceived; we writhed; as it were, we gave birth *to* wind. We have not worked

salvation *for* the earth; and *those* living in the world have not fallen.

19 Yours who died shall live, my dead body, they shall rise up. Awake and sing, those dwelling in the dust; for the dew of lights *is* your dew; and the earth shall cast out *departed* spirits.

20 ¶ Come, My people, go in your rooms and shut your doors behind you. Hide *for* a little moment, until the fury passes.

21 For, behold, Jehovah comes from His place to visit his iniquity on *one* dwelling on the earth. On him the earth shall also reveal her blood, and not shall still cover over her being slain.

Isaiah 27

1 The care of Jehovah over His vineyard. 7 His chastisements differ from judgments. 12 The sons of the Jews and the nations.

1 ¶ In that day Jehovah will call to account the sea monster, the darting serpent, with His great and fierce and strong sword; and the fleeing serpent, on the sea monster, the crooked serpent; and He shall slay the monster that is in the sea.

2 In that day sing to it, A vineyard of desire;

3 I, Jehovah, keep it; I will water it *every* moment, lest one injure it; I will guard it night and day.

4 Fury *is* not to Me. Who will give Me briars *and* thorns in the battle? I will step through it; I would burn it at once.

5 Or will he lay hold of My strength that he may make peace with Me? Let him make peace with Me.

6 *In* the coming *days* Jacob will take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and they will fill the face of the world *with* fruit.

7 ¶ As the wound of the wounded did He strike him? Or as the slaughter of *them* slain by Him, is he slain?

8 You will contend with her by driving her away, by sending her away. He shall take away by His harsh wind, in the day of the east wind.

9 By this, then, the iniquity of Jacob will be covered, and this *is* all the fruit, to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in pieces; Asherahs and sun pillars shall not rise.

10 For the fortified city *shall be* lonely, a forsaken pasture, left alone and forsaken like a wilderness. The calf shall feed there, and he shall lie there and eat up its branches.

11 When its boughs dry up, they are broken off. Women shall come and kindle them, for it is not a people of discernment. On account of this his Maker will not pity him, and his Former will not favor him.

12 And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall thresh from the stream of the River to the torrent of Egypt; and you shall be gathered one *by* one, sons of Israel.

13 And it shall be in that day, the great rams` horn shall be blown; and those perishing in the land of Assyria and the outcasts in the land of Egypt shall come and shall worship Jehovah in the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28

1 The prophet threatens Ephraim for their pride and drunkenness. 16 Christ the sure foundation is promised. 23 They are incited to the consideration of Jehovah's discreet providence.

1 ¶ Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and the fading flower, the glory of his beauty, which *is* on the head of the fat valley of those smitten with wine!

2 Behold, a strong and mighty *one is* to the Lord, like a hailstorm, a destroying storm; like a storm of mighty waters overflowing; He sets down to the earth with *His* hand.

3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trampled down by feet.

4 And shall be the fading flower, the glory of beauty which *is* on the head of the valley of fatness, like the firstripe fig before summer which the seeing one sees; while it is yet in his palm, he swallows it.

5 In that day Jehovah of Hosts shall become a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the rest of His people,

6 and a spirit of justice to him who sits on the judgment *seat*; and for might to those turning back the battle toward the gate.

7 But also these also have erred by wine, and have strayed through fermented liquor; priest and prophet have erred through fermented liquor; they are swallowed from wine;

they stagger from fermented liquor; they err in vision; they stumble *in* judgment;

8 for all tables are full of vomit *and* filth, without *a clean* place.

9 ¶ To whom shall He teach knowledge? And to whom shall He explain the message? Those weaned from milk, those moving from breasts?

10 For rule *must be* on rule, rule on rule; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little.

11 For with stammering lip and another tongue, He will speak to this people;

12 of whom He said, This *is* the rest; cause the weary to rest, even this *is* the rest. But they willed not to hear.

13 Yet the Word of Jehovah was to them, rule upon rule, rule upon rule; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they might go, and stumble, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 ¶ So hear the Word of Jehovah, men of scorn ruling this people in Jerusalem.

15 Because you have said, We have cut a covenant with death; and, We have made a vision with Sheol, when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us, for we have made the lie our refuge, and we have hidden in falsehood.

16 So, the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I place in Zion a Stone, a tried Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a founded Foundation; he who believes shall not hasten.

17 And I will lay judgment for a line, and righteousness for a plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of the lie; and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 And your covenant with death shall be covered; and your vision with Sheol shall not rise up. When the overwhelming scourge passes through, then you shall be for a trampling to it.

19 As often as it passes, it shall take you; for it shall pass in the morning, in the morning, in the day and in the night, it shall only be a terror to understand the message.

20 For the bed is shorter than one can stretch himself on; and the cover is *more* binding than one can wrap himself in.

21 For Jehovah shall rise up, as *at* Mount Perazim; He shall be stirred as in the Gibeon Valley, to do His work, His work being

strange, and to work His work, His foreign work.

22 And now do not be mockers, lest your bonds be made strong. For I have heard from the Lord Jehovah of Hosts that a full end even is decreed on all the earth.

23 ¶ Give ear and hear My voice; pay attention and hear My saying:

24 Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 When he has leveled its surface, does he not strew black cummin, and scatter cummin, and set wheat in rows, and barley *in its* place, and spelt *in its* border?

26 And He instructs him for the right; his God teaches him.

27 For black cummin is not threshed with the sledge; and a cartwheel is not turned on cummin. But black cummin is beaten out with the staff, and cummin with the rod.

28 Bread is crushed, but not always does one thresh it *with* threshing; and he drives the wheel of his cart; and his horses do not beat it small.

29 This also comes from Jehovah of Hosts, doing wonders in counsel, making sound wisdom great.

Isaiah 29

1 Jehovah's heavy judgment upon Jerusalem.

7 the futility of the nations 9 The senselessness,

13 and deep hypocrisy of the Jews.

1 ¶ Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David camped. Add year on year; let go around their feasts.

2 And I will compress Ariel, and there shall be mourning and sorrow; and it shall be to Me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp as a circle on you, and will lay siege work on you; and I will raise up ramparts on you.

4 And you shall be humbled; you shall speak from the dust; and your speech shall be bowed down; and your voice shall be from the ground, like a medium; and your speech shall chirp out of the dust.

5 And the host of *ones* estranged to you shall be as fine powder, and as chaff passing, the host of terrifying *ones*; and it will happen suddenly, instantly;

6 you shall be visited from Jehovah of Hosts; with thunder and earthquake, and great noise, tempest and storm, and flame of devouring fire.

7 And the multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, even all fighting her and compressing her and her stronghold, shall be like a dream of a night vision.

8 It shall even be as when a hungry *one* dreams; and, behold, he is eating; but when he awakes, his soul is empty. Or *it shall be* as when a thirsty *one* dreams; and, behold, he is drinking, but when he awakes, he is faint, and his soul is longing. So shall be the multitude of all the nations who fight against Mount Zion.

9 ¶ Wait and wonder! Blind yourselves, and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine! They stagger, but not *with* fermented liquor.

10 For Jehovah has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes. The prophets and your heads, the seers, He has covered

11 And the whole vision to you is like the words of a sealed book which they give to one knowing books, saying, Please read this. Then he says, I am not able, for it *is* sealed.

12 And the book is given to one who does not know books, saying, Please read this. And he says, I do not know books.

13 And the Lord says, Because this people draws near with its mouth, and they honor Me with its lips; but its heart *is* far from Me, and their fear of Me is taught the commandment *by* men;

14 So, behold, I am adding to do wonderfully with this people, the wonder, even a wonderful wonder. For the wisdom of his wise *ones* shall perish, and the wit of his witty *ones* shall be hidden.

15 Woe *to* those who go to hide deeply *their* counsel from Jehovah! Yea, their works are in the dark; and they say, Who sees us? And, Who knows us?

16 O your perversity! Shall the former be counted as the clay, that *it* shall say to its maker, He did not make me? Or shall the thing formed say to the former, He does not understand?

17 ¶ *Is* it not yet a little while, and Lebanon shall be turned back into a fruitful

field; and the fruitful field shall be counted for the forest?

18 And in that day deaf *ones* shall hear the words of a book; and the eyes of blind *ones* shall see out of their gloom and out of darkness.

19 And the humble *ones* shall increase joy in Jehovah, and the poor of men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrifying *one* ceases; and the *one* scorning is ended; and all that watch for iniquity are cut off;

21 those who make a man sin by a word, even they ensnare the reprover in the gate, and turn aside the righteous *one* by emptiness .

22 Therefore Jehovah says to the house of Jacob, *He* who redeemed Abraham: Jacob shall not be ashamed now, nor shall his face become pale now.

23 But when he sees his children in his midst, the work of My hands, they shall sanctify My name. They shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

24 Those led astray of spirit shall know discernment, and those who murmured shall learn instruction.

Isaiah 30

1 The prophet threatens the people for their confidence in Egypt, 8 and contempt of Jehovah's Word. 27 Jehovah's wrath, and the people's joy, in the destruction of Assyria.

1 ¶ Woe *to* rebellious sons, a statement of Jehovah, to make counsel, but not from Me; and to weave a covering web, but not of My Spirit, in order to add sin on sin;

2 these walking to go down *to* Egypt, but they have not asked at My mouth, to seek refuge in the stronghold of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt.

3 And the stronghold of Pharaoh shall become a shame to you; and refuge in the shadow of Egypt a disgrace.

4 For his rulers were in Zoan, and his ambassadors reached *to* Hanes.

5 Every one is ashamed over a people who do not profit them; *they are* not for a help, and not for profiting, but for a shame; yea, also for a reproach.

6 The burden of the beasts of the south: Into the land of distress and constraint. The

lioness and the lion *are* from them; the viper and fiery flying serpent. They lift up their riches on the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people who cannot profit *them*.

7 And Egypt, vainly and emptily they help. So I have called to this: Their strength *is* to sit still.

8 ¶ Now come, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it on a book, so that it may be for the latter day forever, until forever;

9 that this *is* a rebellious people, lying sons; sons who are not willing to hear the Law of Jehovah;

10 *those* who say to the seers, Do not see; and to those who advise, Do not have a vision for right things *to* us; speak smooth things to us; have a vision of trifles.

11 Turn aside from the way; stretch from the path; cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

12 Therefore, so says the Holy One of Israel, Because of your rejection of this Word, and your trust in oppression and perversity, even resting on it;

13 So this iniquity shall be to you as a broken *section* falling, like the bulging out of a high wall, the breaking of which comes suddenly, in an instant.

14 And its breaking *is* as the breaking of a potter's vessel; *when* shattered he has no pity; for in its breaking there is not found a shard to take up fire from the hearth, nor to skim water from a pool.

15 For so says the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest you shall be saved; and in quietness and confidence shall be your strength. But you were not willing.

16 For you said, No! For we will flee on a horse. Therefore you shall flee. Also, *you say*, We will ride on swift *ones*. On account of this, those who pursue you shall be swift *ones*.

17 One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one. You shall flee from the rebuke of five, until you are left like a pole on the top of the mountain, and like a sign on a hill.

18 ¶ And therefore Jehovah waits to be gracious to you. And for this He is exalted

to have mercy on you; for Jehovah *is* a God of judgment. Blessed *are* all who wait for Him.

19 For the people shall live in Zion, at Jerusalem; Surely you shall weep no more. Favoring He will favor you at the sound of your cry. When He hears, He will answer you.

20 And the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of oppression; but your teachers shall not be hidden any more; but your eyes shall be *able* to see your teachers.

21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you go right, or when you go left.

22 And you shall defile the plating of your carved images of silver; and the plating of your molten images of gold. You shall strew them as a menstruous cloth; you shall say to it, Go out!

23 Then He shall give rain *for* your seed, *with* which you sow the ground. And the bread of the produce of the earth also shall be fattened and fat. In that day your livestock shall feed *in* a pasture made wide.

24 Also, the oxen and the young asses serving the ground shall eat seasoned fodder which one winnows with the shovel and with the fork.

25 And on every high mountain, and on every high hill, shall be rivulets lifted up, streams of water, in a day of great slaughter, in the falling of towers.

26 And the moonlight shall be like the light of the sun. And the sun's light shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day of binding up, Jehovah *binding* the break of His people, and healing the wound of His blow.

27 ¶ Behold, the name of Jehovah comes from afar; His anger burns; and *is* heavy *as* the lifting up *of flame*; His lips are full of fury, and His tongue like a devouring fire.

28 And like an overflowing torrent, His breath shall divide to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity, and a bridle causing to err on the jaws of the peoples.

29 The song shall be to you, as the night when the feast is sanctified, and gladness

of heart, as one going with the flute, to come into the mount of Jehovah, to the Rock of Israel.

30 And Jehovah shall make the majesty of His voice heard; and He causes His arm to be seen coming down with raging anger and flame of consuming fire, cloudburst and storm, and hailstones.

31 For through the voice of Jehovah, Assyria shall be crushed, the rod *with which* He strikes.

32 And every passage of the appointed staff that Jehovah causes to rest on him will be with timbrels and with harps. And in brandishing battles He fights with her.

33 For Topheth is ordained from yesterday. Also, it is prepared for the king; He deepened; He widened its pyre; *He* makes great *with* fire and wood. The breath of Jehovah burns in it like a torrent of brimstone.

Isaiah 31

1 The prophet shows the cursed folly in trusting to Egypt, and forsaking of Jehovah.

1 ¶ Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and lean on horses, and trust on chariotry, because *it is* great; and in horsemen because they are very strong! But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, and do not seek Jehovah.

2 And He also *is* wise, and brings evil, and will not turn aside His words, but will rise against the house of ones doing evil, and against the help of workers of iniquity.

3 And Egypt *is* a man, and not God. And their horses *are* flesh, and not spirit. And Jehovah stretches out His hand, and both he who helps shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall; and together they all shall be finished.

4 For so Jehovah has said to me: As the lion roars, even the young lion on his prey when the band of shepherds are called against him, *he* will not fear their voice, and not is humbled because of their noise. So Jehovah of Hosts shall go down to fight on Mount Zion, and on its hill.

5 As birds fly, so Jehovah of Hosts will shield over Jerusalem; shielding and delivering, and passing over, He will save *it*.

6 ¶ Turn back to *Him* against whom you have made a deep revolt, sons of Israel.

7 For in that day *each* man shall despise his silver idols and his golden idols, which your hands have made for you; a sin.

8 And Assyria shall fall by a sword, not of man; yea, a sword, not of man, shall devour him. For he shall flee for himself from the sword, and his young men shall become forced labor.

9 And his rock will pass away from fear; and his commanders shall tremble at the banner, declares Jehovah, whose fire *is* in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 32

1 The blessings of Christ's kingdom. 9 Desolation is predicted. 15 Restoration is promised.

1 ¶ Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness, and rulers shall rule in judgment.

2 And a Man shall be a hiding place from the wind, a shelter from the storm, as streams of water in a dry place; like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of those that see shall not gaze, and the ears of those who hear shall pay attention.

4 And the heart of the *ones* hurrying shall discern knowledge; and the tongue of those that stutter shall hurry to speak clear things.

5 The foolish *one* shall no more be called a noble *one*, and a miser will not be said to be a generous *one*.

6 For the foolish *one* speaks senselessness, and his heart works iniquity, to do ungodliness; and to speak error against Jehovah, to make the hungry soul empty; and he causes the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 And the miser's weapons *are* evil; he counsels wicked plots to destroy the poor *ones* with lying words, even the needy *ones* when he speaks justice.

8 But the noble *one* counsels noble things; and he rises up by noble things.

9 ¶ O women who are at ease, rise up. Hear My voice; daughters being confident, give ear to My Word.

10 You will quake for days of a year, women being confident; for the vintage fails; the gathering will not come.

11 Tremble, women at ease; quake, women being confident; strip and make yourselves bare, and bind *sackcloth* on your loins;

12 be wailing over breasts, over pleasant fields, over the fruitful vine.

13 Thorns *and* briars shall go up on the land of My people; even over all the houses of joy in the jubilant city,

14 for the palace is left alone; the crowd of the city is forsaken; mound and tower are instead caves, until forever; a joy of wild asses; pasture for flocks;

15 until is poured out on us the Spirit from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field; and the fruitful field is reckoned as a forest.

16 And judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness shall dwell in the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the service of righteousness shall be quietness and trusting till forever.

18 And My people shall live in a home of peace, and in safe dwellings, and in secure resting places.

19 Though it hails when the forest comes down, and the city is laid low in low places,

20 blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters, who send out the foot of the ox and the ass.

Isaiah 33

1 Jehovah's judgments against the enemies of the godly ones. 13 The privileges of the godly.

1 ¶ Woe *to one* destroying, and you not being destroyed, betraying and they did not betray you! When you finish destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, they will betray you.

2 O Jehovah, favor us. We have hoped in You; be their arm in the mornings, our salvation also in time of distress.

3 At the sound of the tumult, peoples fled; at Your exaltation, nations scattered.

4 And Your prey shall be gathered *as* the stripping locust gathers; as locusts run to and fro, he also runs about on it.

5 Jehovah is exalted, for *He* dwells on high; He has filled Zion *with* judgment and righteousness.

6 And He will be the security of your times, wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of Jehovah *is* His treasure.

7 Behold, their heroes cry outside; the envoys of peace shall weep bitterly.

8 The ways are desolated; the path crosser ceases. *He has* broken the covenant; he has rejected cities; he has not respected man.

9 The land mourns *and* droops; Lebanon is ashamed; Sharon withers like a wilderness; Bashan is shaken out; and Carmel.

10 Now I will rise up, says Jehovah. Now I will be exalted; now I will be lifted up.

11 You shall conceive chaff; you shall bear stubble; your breath *is* a fire; *it* shall devour you.

12 And peoples shall be *as* burnings of lime; *as* thorns cut away, they shall be burned in fire.

13 ¶ Distant *ones*, hear what I have done; and you near *ones*, know My might.

14 The sinners of Zion are afraid; terror has seized profane *ones*; who of us shall abide *with* consuming fire? Who of us shall abide with burnings forever?

15 He who walks righteously and speaks with uprightness; he who rejects the gain of oppressions, who shakes his palms free from taking the bribe, who stops his ear from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil.

16 He shall live *on* high; strongholds of rocks *will be* his retreat; his bread *shall be* given; his waters are faithful.

17 Your eyes shall see the King in His beauty; they shall see a land of far off places.

18 Your heart shall ponder terror: Where is the scribe? Where *is* the *one* weighing?? Where *is* the enumerator of the towers?

19 You shall not see the fierce people, from hearing a people deep of lip, *of a* foreign tongue, *that* none understands.

20 Behold, Zion, the city of our appointed meetings! Your eyes shall see Jerusalem, a quiet home, a tent that shall not be moved; its stakes shall not be pulled up forever, and not any of its cords shall be torn off.

21 But majestic Jehovah *will place* there for us a place of rivers *and* streams, broad on both hands; a ship with oars shall not go in it, and a majestic ship shall not pass through it.

22 For Jehovah *is* our judge; Jehovah *is* our lawgiver; Jehovah *is* our king; He will save us.

23 Your ropes are loosened; they do not hold the base of their mast, they do not

spread the sail. Then the prey of much plunder shall be divided; the lame shall plunder the booty.

24 And an inhabitant shall not say, I am sick, the people who live in it, *their iniquity shall be* lifted up.

Isaiah 34

1 The judgments where Jehovah renews his people. 11 The desolation of her enemies.

1 ¶ Nations, come near to hear; and peoples, give attention! Let the earth hear, and its fullness, the world and all its offspring.

2 For the wrath of Jehovah *is* on all the nations, and fury on all their army; He has devoted them; He gave them to slaughter.

3 And their slain shall be thrown out; and the stench from their carcasses shall go up; and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And all the host of the heavens shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled like a scroll. Then all their host shall droop, as a leaf drooping from the vine, and as the drooping from a fig tree.

5 For My sword is drenched in the heavens. Behold, it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment.

6 A sword *is* to Jehovah; it is filled with blood; it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For to Jehovah is a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

7 And wild oxen shall come down with them, and young bulls with strong *bulls*; and their land is drenched with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

8 For the day of vengeance *is* to Jehovah, the year of retribution for Zion's cause.

9 ¶ And its torrents shall be turned to pitch, and its dust to brimstone; and its land shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be put out night or day; its smoke shall go up forever. From generation to generation, it shall lie waste; no one shall pass through it forever *and* forever.

11 But the owl and the hedgehog shall possess it; and the eared owl and the raven shall live in it. And He shall stretch out on it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

12 They shall call its nobles *to* a kingdom, but none *shall be* there; and all her rulers shall be nothing.

13 And thorns, nettles and thistles shall go up *in* her palaces, in its fortresses; and it shall be a home for jackals, a court for daughters of ostriches.

14 The desert creatures shall also meet with the howlers; and the shaggy goat shall cry to his fellow. The Lillich shall also settle there, and find a resting place for herself.

15 The snake shall nest there, and shall lay, and hatch, and shall gather in her shadow. Also shall gather there birds of prey, each *with* its mate.

16 Search and read from the Book of Jehovah; not one of these shall miss, each not lacking her mate; for He has commanded my mouth, and *by* His Spirit He has gathered them.

17 And He has made fall a lot for them, and His hand divided it to them by line. They shall possess it until forever, from generation and generation they shall live in it.

Isaiah 35

1 The joyful flourishing of Christ's kingdom.

3 The weak are encouraged by the virtues and privileges of the gospel.

1 ¶ The wilderness and dry land shall rejoice for them; and the desert shall exult and bloom like the crocus.

2 Blooming, it shall bloom and exult; yea, *with* joy and singing. Lebanon's glory shall be given to it, the honor of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of Jehovah, the honor of our God.

3 Strengthen then the slack of hands and firm up the staggering knees.

4 Say to those of a heart being hasty, Be strong! Do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; *with* the full dealing of God, He will come and save you.

5 ¶ Then the eyes of blind *ones* shall be opened, and the ears of deaf *ones* opened.

6 Then lame *ones* shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute *ones* shall sing. For waters shall break out in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land shall become springs of waters, in the home of jackals,

in its resting place, and a place for the reed and rush.

8 And there shall be a highway, even a way, and The Way of Holiness shall be called to it. Unclean *ones* shall not pass over it. And it *is* for them, the poor *ones* going in the way; even foolish *ones* shall not go astray.

9 No lion shall be there; and no violent beast shall go up on it; it shall not be found there. But ones being redeemed shall walk there.

10 And ones being ransomed of Jehovah shall return and enter Zion with a ringing cry of joy, and with everlasting joy on their head; gladness and joy shall reach them, and sorrow and sighing shall flee.

Isaiah 36

1 Sennacherib invades Judah. 4 The chief cupbearer, sent by Sennacherib, by blasphemous persuasions solicits the people to revolt.

1 ¶ And it happened in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent the chief cupbearer from Lachish to Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah, with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool, in the highway of the Fuller's Field.

3 And Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Asaph's son Joah, the recorder, came out to him.

4 And the chief cupbearer said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, The great king says this, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this in which you trust?

5 I say, Are only words of the lips counsel and might for war? Now, in whom have you trusted that you rebelled against me?

6 Behold, you trust on the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt, which if a man leans on it, it goes into his palm and pierces it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.

7 But if you say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God; is it not He whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed? And He said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar.

8 And now please exchange pledges with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able to set riders on them for you.

9 How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariotry and horsemen?

10 And now have I come up against this land to destroy it without Jehovah? Jehovah said to me, Go up to this land and destroy it.

11 ¶ And Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to the chief cupbearer, Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we hear. But do not speak to us in Jewish, in the ears of the people on the wall.

12 But the chief cupbearer said, Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Is it not on the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink the water of their feet with you?

13 And the chief cupbearer stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 So says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to save you.

15 And let not Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Saving Jehovah will save us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Do not listen to Hezekiah. For the king of Assyria says this, Make with me a blessing and come out to me. Then let each man eat of his own vine, and each man of his own fig tree, and each man drink the waters of his own well,

17 until I come and take you to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 Lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. Have the gods of the nations delivered a man of his land from the king of Assyria's hand?

19 Where are the gods of Hamath, and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim; and when was it that they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

20 Who among all the gods of these lands has delivered their land out of my hand,

that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But they were silent, and did not answer him a word; for it *was* the king's order, saying, Do not answer him.

22 And Eliakim, Hilkiah's son who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Asaph's son Joah, the recorder, came to Hezekiah *with their* garments torn. And *they* reported to him the words of the chief cupbearer.

Isaiah 37

Hezekiah, mourning, asks Isaiah to pray for them.

8 Sennacherib sends a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 21 Isaiah's prophecy of the pride and destruction of Sennacherib, and the good of Zion. 36 The Angel of Jehovah slays 185,000.

1 ¶ And it happened when King Hezekiah heard, he tore his garments and was covered with sackcloth. And he went into the house of Jehovah.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, So says Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of distress, and reproach, and contempt. For sons have come to the breach and there is no strength to give birth.

4 It may be Jehovah your God will hear the words of the chief cupbearer whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and rebuke against the words which Jehovah your God has heard. And you shall lift up prayer for the remnant that is found.

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, You shall say this to your master, So says Jehovah: Do not fear the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 Behold, I am giving into him a spirit, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land. And I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 ¶ So the chief cupbearer returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had pulled up *stakes* from Lachish.

9 And he heard about Tirhakah *the* king of Ethiopia, saying, He has come out to fight with you. And he heard and sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 So 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 given into the king of Assyria's hand.

11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, to completely destroy them. And shall you be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Haran, and Rezep, and the sons of Eden who *were* in Telassar?

13 Where *is* Hamath's king, and Arpad's king, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the couriers, and read it. And Hezekiah went up *to* the house of Jehovah and spread it before Jehovah.

15 And Hezekiah prayed to Jehovah, saying,

16 O Jehovah of Hosts, God of Israel, who dwells *between* the cherubs, You *are* He, God, You alone to all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth.

17 Stretch out Your ear, O Jehovah, and hear. Open Your eye, O Jehovah, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib which he has sent to reproach the living God.

18 Truly, O Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the lands, and their land,

19 and have given their gods into the fire (for they *were* not gods, only the work of men's hands, wood and stone; and they have destroyed them.

20 And now, O Jehovah our God, save us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* Jehovah, You alone.

21 ¶ And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says Jehovah, God of Israel, Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib *the* king of Assyria,

22 this *is* the word Jehovah has spoken about him: The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, mocking you; the

daughter of Jerusalem has shaken the head behind you.

23 Whom have you reproached and reviled? And against whom have you lifted up your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel!

24 By the hand of your servants you have reproached the Lord, and said, By my many chariots I have come up to the tops of mountains, the sides of Lebanon, and I cut down its tall cedars, its choice firs; and I will go to heights of its end, the forest of its Carmel.

25 I have dug and drunk water; and I have dried up the streams of Egypt with the sole of my feet.

26 Have you not heard from afar? I have made it from days of old, even I formed it. Now I have caused it to come, and you are to cause fortified cities to crash into heaps, ruins.

27 And those living in them were short of hand, dismayed and ashamed. They were as the field grass and the green herbs; like the grass of the housetops, even blasted before it has risen.

28 But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging against Me.

29 Because of your raging against Me, and your arrogance has come up to My ears, even I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips; and I will turn you back by the way you came in.

30 And this shall be the sign to you: You shall eat self-sown grain this year; and the second year, that which springs up; and in the third year you shall sow and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

31 The escaped of the house of Judah that remains to be a root downward, and it produces fruit upward.

32 For a remnant shall go out of Jerusalem, and the escaped out of Mount Zion; the zeal of Jehovah of Hosts shall do this.

33 So Jehovah says this to the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, and not come before it with a shield, and not pour out a siege mound on it.

34 He shall return by the same way that he came in, and he shall not come into this city, a statement of Jehovah.

35 For I will defend over this city to save it, for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.

36 And the Angel of Jehovah went out and struck a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of Assyria. And they rose early in the morning; and, behold! They were all corpses who died.

37 And Sennacherib, king of Assyria, pulled up and went and returned; and he lived in Nineveh.

38 And it happened as he was worshiping in the house of his god Nisroch, even his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him with the sword. And they escaped into the land of Ararat. And his son Esar-haddon reigned in his place.

Isaiah 38

1 Hezekiah, having received a message of death, prays and his life is spared. 8 The sun goes ten degrees backward, for a sign of that promise.

1 ¶ In those days Hezekiah was sick, dying. And Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and said to him, So says Jehovah, Command your house, for you are dying and shall not live.

2 And Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Jehovah,

3 and said, O Jehovah, I pray, remember now that I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart; and I have done the good in Your eyes. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping.

4 Then the Word of Jehovah was to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go and say to Hezekiah, So says Jehovah the God of your father David, I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your days.

6 And I will deliver you and this city out of the king of Assyria's palm. And I will defend over this city.

7 So this shall be the sign to you from Jehovah, that Jehovah shall do this thing that He has spoken:

8 Behold, I will bring back the shadow of the steps which has gone down in the steps of Ahaz with the sun, backward ten steps. So the sun went back up ten steps, by which steps it had gone down!

9 ¶ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and had revived from his illness:

10 I said in the cessation of my days, I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I must account for the rest of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see Jah Jehovah in the land of the living; I shall no longer look on man with those dwelling in the *death-rest*.

12 My generation is plucked up and removed from me, like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my life like the weaver. He will cut me off from the threads; from day to night You will make an end of me.

13 I leveled *my soul* until morning. Like a lion, so He shatters all my bones. From day until night You make an end of me.

14 Like a swift *or* a crane, so I chatter. I moan as the dove; my eyes look weakly to the heights, O Jehovah; it presses me down; be surety for me!

15 What shall I say? For He speaks to me, and He has acted. I shall go softly all my years over the bitterness of my soul.

16 O Lord, on them they live, and for all in them *is* the life of my spirit. And You heal me, and make me live.

17 Behold, for peace was bitter to me, *yea*, bitter, but You loved my soul from the pit of destruction; You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

18 For Sheol cannot thank You; death *cannot* praise You; the ones going down to the Pit cannot hope for Your truth.

19 The living, the living *is* the one thanking You; as I *do* today. The father makes known Your truth to *his* sons.

20 For Jehovah will save me; *yea*, we will play my songs all the days of our life, at the house of Jehovah.

21 For Isaiah had said, Let them lift up a cake of figs and rub *it* on the boil, and he will live.

22 And Hezekiah said, What *is* the sign that I will go up to the house of Jehovah?

Isaiah 39

1 Merodach-baladan, sending to visit Hezekiah, and Hezekiah displays his treasures to them.

8 Isaiah foretells the Babylonian captivity.

1 ¶ At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent let-

ters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he was ill, and was made strong.

2 And Hezekiah was glad because of them and made them see the house of his treasure, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the good oil, and all his weapons, and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not let them see.

3 And Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, What did these men say? And from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a distant land to me, from Babylon.

4 Then he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah said, They have seen all that *is* in my house; there is not a thing among my treasures that I have not made them see.

5 ¶ And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the Word of Jehovah of Hosts:

6 Behold, days come when all that *is* in your house, even what your fathers have treasured up until now, shall be borne away *to* Babylon; nothing shall be left, says Jehovah.

7 And they shall take of your sons who shall issue from you, which you shall father; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, The Word of Jehovah that you have said *is* good. And he said, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Isaiah 40

1 The gospel pronounced. 3 The preaching of John, the Baptist. 9 The preaching of the apostles. 12 The prophet, by the omnipotency of Jehovah, 26 comforts the people.

1 ¶ Comfort, O comfort My people, says your God.

2 Speak to the heart of Jerusalem; *yea*, cry to her that her warfare is done, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has taken from the hand of Jehovah double for all her sins.

3 ¶ The voice of him crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of Jehovah; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the steep ground shall be a level place, and the rough places a plain.

5 And the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together, for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

6 A voice said, Cry! And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all its goodness as the flower of the field!

7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of Jehovah blows on it. Surely the people *is* grass.

8 The grass withers; the flower fades; but the Word of our God shall rise forever.

9 ¶ Go up for yourself on the high mountain, *one* bearing good news to Zion; lift up your voice with strength, *one* bearing good news to Jerusalem. Lift up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, Behold! Your God!

10 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come with strength, and His arm rules for Him. Behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His wage before Him.

11 He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather lambs with His arm; and bear *them* in His bosom; those with young He will lead;

12 ¶ *He* who has measured in the *palm* of His hand the waters and the heavens by a span meted out; and enclosed in the measure the dust of the earth, and weighed in the balance the mountains, and the hills in the scales,

13 Who has meted out the Spirit of Jehovah, or a man His counsel taught Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel, and *who* trained Him and taught Him in the path of judgment; and taught Him knowledge, and made known to Him the way of discernment?

15 Behold, nations *are* as a drop from a bucket, and are reckoned as dust of the scales. Behold, He takes up isles as a little thing.

16 And Lebanon *is* not enough to burn, nor are its beasts enough *for* a burnt offering.

17 All the nations *are* as nothing before Him; to Him they are reckoned less than nothing and emptiness.

18 ¶ And to whom will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

19 The craftsman pours out the molten image, the smelter spreads it with gold; and he casts the chains of silver.

20 He *too* poor for *that* offering chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks a skilled craftsman for him, to prepare a carved image that will not be shaken.

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Was it not told to you from the beginning? Did you not discern *from* the foundations of the earth?

22 He abiding over the circle of the earth *sees* and *ones* living *in it are* like grasshoppers; He who stretches the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

23 who gives potentates into nothing. He makes judges of the earth as nothing.

24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they are not sown; yea, their stem *is* not taking root in the earth. And He also blows on them, and they shall wither, and the tempest shall lift them up like stubble.

25 To whom then will you liken Me, or *am* I to be equated, says the Holy One?

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who has created these? Who brings out their host by number? By greatness of vigor, and mighty of power, He calls them all by names; not one is lacking.

27 ¶ Why will you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel; My way is hidden from Jehovah, and my judgment is passed over by my God?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Jehovah, the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth; He is not faint, nor does *He* grow weary; *there is* no searching to His understanding.

29 *He* gives strength to the faint, and to him with no vigor He increases power.

30 Even youths are faint and weary, and young men stumbling shall stumble;

31 but the ones waiting for Jehovah shall renew strength; they shall go up *with* wings as the eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint!

Isaiah 41

Jehovah demands that His people recognize His mercies to the saints.

1 ¶ Be quiet towards Me, O isles; and let peoples renew their strength. They come near; then they speak: Let us draw near together for judgment.

2 Who raised up in righteousness from the east? He called him to His foot; He gives nations before him, and subdues kings; He gives them as dust to his sword, as driven stubble to his bow;

3 He pursues them; he passes on in peace; he does not go by the way with his feet.

4 Who has planned and done it, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I Jehovah am the First and the Last; I am He.

5 The isles have seen and fear; the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near; yea, they come.

6 Each man helps his neighbor, and says to his brother, Be strong.

7 So the carver strengthens the refiner; and he smoothing with the hammer, him who struck the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good. And he made it strong with nails; it will not totter.

8 But you Israel are My servant, Jacob whom I have elected; the seed of My friend Abraham;

9 whom I have made strong from the ends of the earth, and called you from its sides; and I said to you, You are My servant. I elected you, and I have not rejected you.

10 ¶ Do not fear, for I am with you; do not gaze about, for I am your God; I will make you strong; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.

11 Behold, all shall be ashamed and humiliated, all who are provoked with you; they are as nothing, and men of your contention are perishing.

12 You shall seek them and shall not find them; men of your strife shall be as nothing, and men of your battle as ceasing.

13 For I Jehovah your God am strengthening your right hand, who says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.

14 Fear not, worm of Jacob, men of Israel; I will help you, a statement of Jehovah, and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold! I have set you a new sharp threshing instrument, a master of teeth; you shall thresh mountains and beat and crush them small, and shall make hills like the chaff.

16 You shall winnow them, and wind will bear them away, and the tempest will scatter

them. And you shall rejoice in Jehovah; you shall glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 Afflicted ones and the needy ones seek water, and there is not any; their tongue is parched for thirst. I, Jehovah will answer them, the God of Israel; I will not leave them.

18 I will open rivers in bare places, and springs of water in the midst of valleys; I will make the desert for a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 I will give cedar in the wilderness, acacia, and myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set fir, oak and boxwood together in the desert;

20 so that they may see, and know, and set up, and understand together, that the hand of Jehovah has done this; and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

21 ¶ Bring near your cause, says Jehovah; let your strong reasons come near, says the King of Jacob.

22 Let them draw near and tell us what shall happen; the former things, let them reveal what they are, that we may set our heart and know their end; or declare to us the coming things.

23 Reveal the coming things hereafter, so that we may know that you are gods. Yea, do good, or do evil, that we may gaze and see together.

24 Behold, you are of nothing; and your work of nothing; he who chooses you is a disgusting thing.

25 I have raised up one from the north; and he shall come from the rising of the sun; he will call on My name. And he shall come upon rulers as on mortar, and as a potter tramples clay.

26 Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know; and from before, that we may say, He is a righteous one? Yea, not one declares; yea, not one proclaims; yea, there is not one who hears your words.

27 First to Zion, I say, Behold! Behold them! And I will give to Jerusalem one proclaiming good news.

28 But I saw, and there was not a man; and of these, there was not a counselor, that I may ask them, and they could return a word.

29 Behold, they are all evil; their works are nothing; their molten images are wind and vanity.

Isaiah 42

1 The office of Christ, graced with meekness and constancy. 10 An exhortation to praise Jehovah for his gospel.

1 ¶ Behold My Servant; I will support Him; My Elect *in whom* My soul is pleased! I have put My Spirit on Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the nations.

2 He shall not cry, and not lift up, and not cause His voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed He shall not break, and a smoldering wick He shall not quench; He shall bring forth judgment to truth.

4 He shall not grow dim and not be crushed until He has set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His Law.

5 ¶ So says Jehovah God, creating the heavens and stretching them out; spreading out the earth and its produce, giving breath to the people on it, and spirit to those walking in it.

6 I, Jehovah, have called You in righteousness, and will hold up Your hand, and will keep You, and give You for a covenant of the people, for a Light of the nations;

7 to open the eyes of blind *ones*, to lead out the prisoner from the prison; those who sit in darkness from the house of restraint.

8 I *am* Jehovah; that is My name; and I will not give My glory to another, and *not* My praise to engraved images.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and I reveal new things before they spring forth, I cause you to hear.

10 Sing a new song to Jehovah; His praise from the end of the earth, you who go to sea, and all that is in it; the isles and those living *in them*

11 Lift up the wilderness and its cities, lift up the villages *where* Kedar lives. Lift up *the voice of* those dwelling in the rock; shout from the top of the mountains.

12 They give glory to Jehovah and declare His praise in the isles.

13 ¶ Jehovah goes out as a mighty *One*; and He stirs up His zeal like a man of war; He shall shout, yea, roar; He shall act mightily on His enemies.

14 I have been silent; I was quiet and refrained Myself; I will groan like *one* giving birth; I will pant and gasp at once.

15 I will make mountains and hills become a waste, and dry up all their plants. And I will set rivers for isles, and I will dry up pools.

16 And I will make blind *ones* go by a way that they did not know. I will make them go down into paths they never knew. I will put darkness into light before them, and crooked places a level place. I do these things to them and do not forsake them;

17 they are turned back; they are ashamed *with* shame, those trusting in the carved image, who say to cast images, You *are* our gods.

18 ¶ Or deaf *ones*, hear; and blind *ones*, look to see!

19 Who *is* a blind *one* but My servant? Or a deaf *one*, as My messenger whom I send? Who is a blind *one* as he who *is* at peace, and is a blind *one* as Jehovah's servant?

20 You see many things, but do not observe; *your ears are* open, but do not hear.

21 Jehovah is delighted for His righteousness' sake; He will magnify the Law and make *it* honorable.

22 But *it is* a people robbed and plundered; they shall all be snared in holes; they were hidden in houses of restraint. They were for plunder, and not *one* delivers; a prey, and not *one* says, Return!

23 Who among you will give ear to this, and will listen and hear for the time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob to the plunderer, and Israel to the robbers? Did not Jehovah, He against whom we have sinned? For they willed not to walk in His ways, and they did not obey His Law.

25 And He poured on him the fury of His anger, and the strength of battle; and it has set him on fire all around, yet he did not know; and it burned him, yet he did not lay *it* on *his* heart.

Isaiah 43

1 Jehovah comforts His people with His promises. 14 He foretells to them the ruin of Babylon, 18 His wonderful deliverance of his elect people.

1 ¶ But now so says Jehovah who created you, O Jacob; and He who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I called *you* by your name; you *are* to Me.

2 When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk in the fire, you shall not be burned, and not shall the flame kindle on you.

3 For I *am* Jehovah your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt *for* your atonement; Ethiopia and Seba instead of you.

4 Since you were precious in My eyes, you are honored, and I love you, and I give men instead of you; and peoples instead of your soul.

5 Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your seed from the east, and I will gather you from the west.

6 I will say to the north, Give up! And to the south, Do not hold back! Bring My sons from afar, and bring My daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 *every* one who is called by My name, I have created him for My glory; I have formed him; yea, *I have* made him.

8 ¶ Bring out the blind *ones*, yet there are eyes; and the deaf *ones*, yet there are ears to him.

9 All the nations are assembled together, and the peoples be assembled. Who among them can declare this and cause us to hear former things? Give their witnesses, and be justified; or hear and say, *It is true*.

10 You *are* My witnesses, a statement of Jehovah; and My servant whom I have elected; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He. Before Me no God was formed; and after Me not shall be.

11 I, I *am* Jehovah; and *there is* no Savior besides Me.

12 I declared, and I saved, and I proclaimed; and there is not an alien *god* among you. And you *are* My witnesses, a statement of Jehovah, and I *am* God.

13 Even from this day I *am* He, and not *one* delivers from My hand. I will work, and who will reverse it?

14 ¶ So says Jehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought all of them down *as ones* fleeing, even the Chaldeans, *whose* shout *is* in the ships.

15 I *am* Jehovah, your Holy One, the One creating Israel, your King.

16 So says Jehovah, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in mighty waters;

17 who brings out chariot and horse, force and power. They shall lie down together; they shall not rise; they are quenched; they are snuffed out like the wick.

18 Do not remember former things, and do not consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring up. Shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honor Me, jackals and daughters of ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My elect.

21 This people *that* I formed for Myself shall recount My praise.

22 ¶ But you have not called on Me, Jacob; but you have been weary of Me, Israel.

23 You have not brought Me the lamb of your burnt offerings; even your sacrifices have not honored Me. I have not caused you to serve with an offering, nor wearied you with frankincense.

24 You have not bought calamus for Me with silver, nor have you filled Me *with the* fat of your sacrifices; but only you made Me serve by your sins; you wearied Me by your iniquities.

25 I, *even* I, *am* He who blots out your transgressions for My sake; and I will not remember your sins.

26 Cause Me to remember; let us judge together; sum up *for* yourself, that you may be justified.

27 Your first father sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against Me.

28 And I will defile the rulers of the sanctuary, and will give Jacob to destruction, and Israel to revilings.

Isaiah 44

1 Jehovah comforts His people with His promises. 21 He exhorts to praise Jehovah for His redemption and omnipotency.

1 ¶ And now listen, My servant Jacob, and Israel *whom* I have elected.

2 So says Jehovah, who made you and formed you from the womb. He helps you. Do not fear, My servant Jacob; and you, Jeshurun whom I have elected.

3 For I will pour water on a thirsty *one*, and floods on the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit on your seed, and My blessing on your offspring.

4 And they shall sprout as among grass, as willows by streams of water.

5 This *one* shall say, I *am* Jehovah's; and this *one* will call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and this *one* shall write with his hand, For Jehovah, and be surnamed by the name of Israel.

6 So says Jehovah, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Jehovah of Hosts: I *am* the First, and I *am* the Last; and *there is* no God except Me.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare this, and set it in order before Me, since I placed the people of old? And *as to* things to come, yea, which shall come, let them declare concerning them.

8 Do not dread, nor be afraid. Have I not declared and made you hear since then? So you *are* My witnesses: Is there a God besides Me? Yea, *there is* not *one*. I have not known a Rock.

9 ¶ Those who form a carved image *are* all of them vanity. And their delights do not profit; and they *are* their *own* witnesses. They do not see, and not do know, that they may be ashamed.

10 Who has formed a god, or poured out an image to no profit?

11 Behold, all his companions shall be ashamed; and the craftsmen, they *are* from men. They shall assemble, all of them shall stand; they shall dread; they shall be shamed together.

12 He carves iron with a tool; he works in the coals and forms it with hammers, and works it with his powerful arm; then he is hungry, and has no strength; he drinks no water and is weary.

13 He fashions wood, and stretches a line; he marks it with a stylus; he shapes it with a carving tool, and he marks it with a compass. And he makes it according to the figure of a man, as the beauty of a man, to sit *in the house*.

14 He cuts down cedars and takes cypress and oak, and he makes the trees of the forest strong for him. He plants a tree, and rain makes *it* grow.

15 And it shall be for a man to burn; yea, he takes of them and is warmed; and he kindles *it* and bakes bread. Yea, he makes a god and worships; he makes a carved image and bows to it.

16 He burns half of it in the fire; he eats flesh on half of it; he roasts roast, and is satisfied. Then he warms himself and says, Ah, I am warm; I have seen the fire.

17 And he makes a god of the rest, his carved image; he bows to it and worships, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me, for you *are* my god.

18 They do not know and not discern; for He has smeared their eyes from seeing, their hearts from understanding.

19 And not one turns back to his heart, and not has knowledge and not discernment to say, I have burned half of it in the fire; and I also have baked bread on its coals. I have roasted flesh and have eaten it; and I have made the rest of it into a disgusting thing. Shall I bow down to a product of a tree?

20 Feeding *on* ashes, a deceived heart turns him aside, and he does not deliver his soul, and does not say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

21 ¶ Remember these, O Jacob, and Israel. For you *are* My servant; I have formed you; you *are* My servant, O Israel; you shall not forget Me.

22 I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud; and your sins like a cloud. Turn back to Me, for I have redeemed you.

23 Sing, O heavens, for Jehovah has done *it*. Shout, O lower parts of the earth; burst forth into praise, O mountains. O forest and every tree in it, *sing praise*, because Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and *He* glorifies Himself in Israel.

24 So says Jehovah, your Redeemer and the One forming you from the womb; I *am* Jehovah who makes all things; stretching out the heavens, I alone spreading out the earth. Who *was* with Me,

25 frustrating the signs of liars; yea, He makes divining *ones* mad, turning wise *ones* backward, and making their knowledge foolish,

26 confirming the word of His servant, and completes the counsel of His messengers. *He*

says to Jerusalem, You will be lived in; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built; and, I will raise up its wastes.

27 *He* says to the deep, Be a waste! And I will dry up your rivers!

28 *He* says to Cyrus, *You are* My shepherd; and he shall complete all My pleasure, even *for Me* to say to Jerusalem, You are built; and *to* the temple, You are founded.

Isaiah 45

1 *Jehovah* calls Cyrus for his elect's sake. 5 *By His omnipotency* he claims obedience. 20 *The vanity of the idols* shown by His saving power.

1 ¶ So says *Jehovah* to His anointed, to Cyrus, whom I have seized by his right hand, to subdue nations before him. Yea, I will open the loins of kings, to open the two leaved doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut.

2 I will go before you and make hills level; I will tear apart the bronze doors, and cut the iron bars in two.

3 And I will give you the treasures of darkness, even treasures in secret places, that you may know that I *am* *Jehovah*, who calls you by your name, the God of Israel.

4 For My servant Jacob's sake, and *for* Israel My elect, and I call you by your name, I name you, but you do not know Me.

5 ¶ I *am* *Jehovah*, and *there is not one* besides; there is not *one* except Me. I will clothe you, though you do not know Me,

6 that they may know from the rising of the sun, and to its going down, that not *one is God*, except Me; I *am* *Jehovah*, and no *one* besides Me,

7 forming light, and creating darkness; making peace, and creating evil. I, *Jehovah*, do all these things.

8 Drop down from above, O heavens; and let the clouds pour down righteousness. Let the earth open and let salvation bear fruit; and let righteousness spring up together. I, *Jehovah* have created it.

9 Woe *to* him who fights with his Former A potsherd among the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to its former, What are you making? Or does your work say, *There are* no hands to him?

10 Woe to him who says to a father, What are you fathering? Or to the woman, What are you laboring over?

11 ¶ So says *Jehovah*, the Holy One of Israel, and his Former-, Do you ask Me of the things to come? Do you give command to Me about My sons, and about the work of My hands?

12 I have made the earth, and created man on it. I stretched out the heavens *with* My hands; and I have set all their host in order.

13 I raised him up in righteousness, and have made straight all his ways. He shall build My city, and he will release My captives; not for price, and not for reward, says *Jehovah* of Hosts.

14 So says *Jehovah*, The labor of Egypt, and the goods of Ethiopia, and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come to you; and they shall be yours. They shall come after you; they shall cross in chains; and they shall bow to you; they shall plead to you. Surely God *is* in you, and there *is not one* besides; no *other* God.

15 Truly, You *are* a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

16 They shall be ashamed, and also disgraced, all of them. Together they go into disgrace, carvers of images.

17 Israel is saved in *Jehovah* *with* everlasting salvation. You shall not be ashamed and not disgraced to the forevers of eternity.

18 For so says *Jehovah*, the One creating the heavens; He *is* God, forming the earth and making it; He makes it stand, not creating it empty, *but* forming it to be lived in. I *am* *Jehovah*, and *there is not one* besides.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I did not say to Jacob's seed, Seek Me in vain. I *Jehovah* speak righteousness, declaring uprightness.

20 ¶ Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, fugitives of the nations; the ones who set up the wood of their carved image, and the ones who pray to a god who does not save; they know nothing.

21 Declare and bring near; yea, let them consult together. Who has heard this of old; *who* has told it from then? Is it not

I, Jehovah? And there *is* not a god besides, except Me, a just God and a Savior; *there is not one* except Me.

22 Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I *am* God, and there *is not one* besides.

23 I have sworn by Myself, the Word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not turn back, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24 He shall say, Only in Jehovah is to Me righteousness and strength; to Him he comes; and they are ashamed, all who are angry with Him.

25 In Jehovah all of the seed of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.

Isaiah 46

1 *The idols of Babylon could not save themselves.*

3 *Jehovah saves his people to the end. 5 Idols are not comparable to Jehovah for power.*

1 ¶ Bel has bowed; Nebo stoops; their idols are for the beast, and for the cattle; your things borne about *are* loads; a burden for the weary.

2 They stoop; they bow together; they are not able to deliver the burden; and their soul has gone into captivity.

3 Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel; who are borne from the belly, who are lifted from the womb:

4 even to old age I *am* He; and I will bear to gray hair; I made, and I will lift up; and I will bear and deliver.

5 ¶ To whom will you liken and make Me equal; yea, compare Me, that we may be alike?

6 Those who lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver on the measuring rod; they hire one who refines and he makes it a god. They fall down; yea, they worship.

7 They lift up it on the shoulder; they lift it up and set it in its place, and it stands; it shall not move from its place. Yea, he cries to it, but it does not answer, it does not save him from his distress.

8 Remember this and be a man; turn *it* back on *your* heart, *you* transgressing.

9 Remember former things from forever, for I *am* God, and *there is not any* God besides, even not *one* like Me,

10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from the past those things which have not been done, saying, My counsel shall rise; and, I will do all My desire;

11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My counsel from a far off land. Yes, I have spoken; yea, I will bring it; I have formed; yea, I will do it.

12 Listen to Me, mighty *ones* of heart who *are* far from righteousness:

13 I bring near My righteousness; it shall not be far off, and My salvation shall not wait; I will place salvation in Zion, My glory for Israel.

Isaiah 47

1 *Jehovah's judgment on Babylon and Chaldea, 6 for their unmercifulness, 7 pride, 10 and overboldness, 11 shall be irresistible.*

1 ¶ Go down and sit on the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the earth; a throne is not *to* the daughter of the Chaldeans, for they shall not again call you tender and delicate.

2 Take millstones and grind meal; uncover your veil; strip off the skirt; uncover the leg; pass over rivers.

3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered; yea, your shame shall be seen. I will take vengeance and I will not meet a man, *says*,

4 our Redeemer; Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit *in* silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans, for they shall not again call you the mistress of kingdoms.

6 I was angry with My people; I defiled My inheritance and gave them into your hand. You gave them no compassion; you made your yoke on the aged very heavy.

7 ¶ And you said, I shall be a mistress forever, until you did not set these things on your heart, and *you* did not remember its end.

8 And now, hear this, voluptuous *one*, who lives securely; who says in her heart, I *am*, and *there is* none besides; I shall not sit *as* a widow, and I shall not know the loss of children.

9 But these two *things* shall suddenly come to you in one day: loss of children, and widowhood; according to completeness

they come on you, for your many sorceries, for the multitude of your great spells.

10 For you trusted in your evil; you said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, it *is* turning you back; and you said in your heart, I *am* and *there is* none besides.

11 But evil shall come on you; you shall not know its origin. And mischief shall fall on you; you shall not be able to cover it. And ruin shall come on you suddenly, you shall not know.

12 Stand now among your spells, and with your many sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth. Perhaps you will be able to profit; perhaps you may cause quaking.

13 You are exhausted by your many counsels; let those dividing the heavens stand up now and save you, the seers into the stars, making known what is coming on you into the new moons.

14 Behold, they are as stubble; the fire burns them; they shall not save their soul from the flame's hand; there is no coal to warm them, not a flame to sit before it.

15 So they are to you *with* whom you have labored, your traders from your youth; *each* man wanders to his own side; no one saves you.

Isaiah 48

1 Jehovah, to convince the people of obstinacy, reveals His prophecies.

¶ Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come out from the waters of Judah, who swear by Jehovah's name and make mention by the God of Israel, not in truth or in righteousness.

2 For they are called of the holy city, and support themselves on the God of Israel; Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name.

3 I have declared the former things from then; and they went out of My mouth; and I made them hear; suddenly I acted, and they came about.

4 Because I knew that you *are* hard, and your neck *is* a sinew of iron, and your brow bronze.

5 And I declared to you from then; before it came about I made you hear, lest you

should say, My idol did them; and my image and my molten image commanded them.

6 You heard; see it all, and will you not declare? I made you hear new things from now, even hidden things, and you did not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from then; even before today, but you did not hear them; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, you did not hear; yea, you did not know; yea, from then your ear was not opened; for I know that betraying you will betray and transgressing from the womb; *it* was called to you.

9 ¶ For My name's sake I will put off My anger; and for My praise I will hold back for you, so as not to cut you off.

10 Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.

11 For My sake, for My sake, I will act; for how is it defiled? And I will not give My glory to another.

12 Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel My called: I *am* He; I *am* the First; surely I *am* the Last.

13 Surely, My hand founded earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; I called to them, they stood up together.

14 All of you gather and hear: Who among them has declared these *things*? Jehovah has loved him. He will do His pleasure on Babylon; yea, His arm *shall be* on the Chaldeans.

15 I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him, I brought him, and he causes his way to prosper.

16 ¶ Come near to Me; hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning. From its being, I *was* there; and now the Lord Jehovah, and His Spirit, has sent Me.

17 So says Jehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I *am* Jehovah your God, teaching you to profit, leading you in the way you should go.

18 Oh that you had listened to My commands, and your peace would have been like the river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea.

19 and your seed would have been like the sand, and your offspring of your bowels like its grain; his name would not have

been cut off and not destroyed his name from My presence.

20 Go out of Babylon; flee from the Chaldeans. Declare this with the voice of rejoicing; let this be heard, let it go out to the end of the earth; say, Jehovah has redeemed His servant Jacob.

21 And they did not thirst; He led them in the deserts; He made waters flow out of rock for them. And He cut open the rock and the water gushed out.

22 *There is no peace, says Jehovah, to the wicked*

Isaiah 49

I Christ, being sent to the Jews, complains against them. 5 He is sent to the nations with gracious promises. 13 Jehovah's love is perpetual to His people.

1 ¶ Hear Me, isles, and you peoples from afar, and prick up *your ear*, Jehovah called Me from the womb; He mentioned My name from My mother's belly.

2 And He made My mouth like a sharp sword; He hid Me in the shadow of His hand, and made Me a polished arrow; He hid Me in His quiver;

3 and said to Me, You *are* My servant, Israel, You in whom I shall be glorified.

4 And I said, I have labored in vain; I have spent My strength for nothing, and in vain; *yet* surely My judgment *is* with Jehovah, and My work with My God.

5 And now, says Jehovah the One forming Me from the womb *to be* His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him: Though Israel is not gathered, yet I am honored in the eye of Jehovah, and My God is My strength.

6 And He said, It is *but* trifling that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the *ones* preserved of Israel; I will also give You for a light of the nations, that *You may be* My salvation to the end of the earth.

7 ¶ So says Jehovah, the Redeemer of Israel, His Holy One, to the despised of soul, to the hated of the nation, the servant of rulers, Kings shall see and rise up; *and* rulers shall worship, because of Jehovah who is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel; and He elects You.

8 So says Jehovah: In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You. And I will preserve You, and give You for a covenant of the people; to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolated inheritances;

9 to say to the prisoners, Go out! To those who *are* in darkness, Be revealed. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all barren heights.

10 They shall not hunger and not thirst; and the heat and sun shall not strike them. For He who has mercy on them shall lead them; and He shall guide them by the springs of water.

11 And I will make all My mountains a way, and My highways shall be set on high.

12 Behold, these shall come from afar; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

13 ¶ Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; break out *into* singing, O mountains. For Jehovah has comforted His people and will have pity on His afflicted *ones*.

14 But Zion said, Jehovah forsook me, and, My Lord forgot.

15 Can a woman forget her suckling child, from pitying the son of her womb? Yes, these may forget, yet I will surely not forget you.

16 Behold, I have carved you on the palms of My hands; your walls *are* always before Me.

17 Your sons hurry; those destroying you and ruining you shall go out from you.

18 ¶ Lift up your eyes all around and see! They all gather *and* come to you. *As* I live, a statement of Jehovah, you shall surely wear all of them as an ornament, and bind them on as a bride.

19 For your wastes and *that* desolated of you, and land of your destructions, for now shall be too narrow to live *there*; and they who swallow you shall be far away.

20 The sons of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place *is* too narrow for me; come near for me so that I may live.

21 And you shall say in your heart, Who has borne these to me, for I am bereaved and barren, turned aside and an exile; who then has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone. These, *From* where *are* they?

22 So says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations, and will set up My banner to peoples. And they shall bring your sons in the bosom, and your daughters shall be lifted up on the shoulder.

23 And kings shall be supporting you, and their princesses *ones* nursing you. They shall bow to you, faces *down to* the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah, by whom they who wait for Me shall not be ashamed.

24 ¶ Shall the plunder be taken from a mighty *one*, and the captivity of the righteous *one* escape?

25 But so says Jehovah, Even the captives of a mighty *one* shall be taken, and the plunder of the terrifying *ones* shall be delivered. For I will contend with him who contends with you; and I will save your sons.

26 And I will make *them* eat their own flesh, those who oppress you; and they shall be drunk by their own blood, as with fresh wine. And all flesh shall know that I Jehovah *am* your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Isaiah 50

1 Christ shows that the dereliction of the Jews is not to be imputed to Him, by His ability to save, 7 and by His confidence in that assistance.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah, Where *is* the scroll of your mother's divorce whom I have put away? Or to which of My creditors that I have sold you to him? Behold, you were sold for your iniquities, and your mother was put away for your transgressions.

2 Who knows why I have come, and no one *is here*? I called, and not one answered. Cutting short, is My hand cut short from ransom? Or is there not power in Me to deliver? Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the sea; I make rivers a wilderness; their fish stink because of no water, and die in thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens *with* blackness, and make sackcloth their covering.

4 ¶ The Lord Jehovah has given to Me the tongue of learned *ones*, to know to help the weary *with* a word. He arouses in the morning; He wakens the ear to Me, to hear as the learned *ones*.

5 The Lord Jehovah has opened My ear and I did not rebel; I did not turn away backwards.

6 I gave My back to strikers, and My cheeks to pluckers; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

7 And the Lord Jehovah will help Me. On account of this I was not ashamed. On account of *tthis*, I set My face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He *is* near, My Justifier. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together. Who *is* master of My judgment? Let him come near to Me.

9 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will help Me; who *is* He who will condemn Me? Behold, like a garment they shall wear out; the moth shall eat them.

10 ¶ Who among you fears Jehovah, obeying the voice of His Servant, who walks *in* darkness, and no light is in Him? Let Him trust in the name of Jehovah, and lean on His God.

11 Behold, all of you who kindle fire, who are surrounded *by* sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks you are burning. This shall be to you from My hand; you shall lie down in pain.

Isaiah 51

1 An exhortation to trust in Christ, 3 by reason of His comfortable promises, 4 of His righteous salvation, 7 and man's mortality. 9 Christ by His sanctified arm defends His own from the fear of man. 17 the afflictions of Jerusalem.

1 ¶ Hear Me, pursuers of righteousness, seekers of Jehovah: Look to the rock *from which* you were cut, and to the hollow of the pit from which you were dug.

2 Look to your father Abraham, and to Sarah who bore you. For *he being but* one, I called him and blessed him and increased him.

3 For Jehovah comforts Zion. He comforts all her desolations, and He makes her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of singing praise.

4 ¶ Pay attention to Me, My people; yea, give ear to Me, My nation. For a law shall go out from Me, and I will make My judgment rest as light to peoples.

5 My righteousness *is* near; My salvation went out; and My arms shall judge peoples; isles shall wait on Me, and they shall hope on My arm.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look to the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, and the earth shall wear out like a garment; and those living *in it* shall die in like manner, but My salvation shall be forever, and My righteousness shall not be broken.

7 Hear Me, those knowing righteousness, the people of My Law in their heart; do not fear the reproach of man, and do not be bowed from their blasphemings.

8 For the moth shall eat them like a garment; yea, the moth worm shall eat them like wool. But My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation shall be *from* generation to generation.

9 ¶ Awake! Awake! Arm of Jehovah, put on strength. Awake, as in days of old, everlasting generations. Was it not You cutting in pieces Rahab, *and* piercing the sea monster?

10 Was it not You drying up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who set the depths of the sea *as* a way for the redeemed to pass?

11 Yea, the ransomed of Jehovah shall return and come *to* Zion with singing, and everlasting joy *shall be* on their head; gladness and joy shall overtake *them*; sorrow and sighing shall flee.

12 I, *even I am* He comforting you. Who *are* you, that you should fear from man? He shall die! And from the son of man? He is given as grass.

13 And you forget your Maker, Jehovah, who has stretched out the heavens and founded the earth. And you dread continually, every day, from the fury of the oppressor, since he was ready to destroy. And where is the fury of the one oppressing?

14 Bowed down, he hurries to be loosed, *that* he not die in the pit, and not that he *lack* his bread.

15 But I *am* Jehovah your God, stirring up the sea and *making* its waves roar; Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name.

16 And I have put My words in Your mouth, and covered you in the shade of

My hand, to plant the heavens and found the earth, and to say to Zion, You *are* My people.

17 ¶ Awake! Awake! Rise up, O Jerusalem, who drank the cup of His fury from the hand of Jehovah; you drank the bowl of the cup of reeling; you fully drained *it*.

18 No guide is for her among all the sons she has borne; and not *one* makes strong her hand of all the sons she made to grow.

19 Those two *things* came to you; who shall grieve for you? Ruin and shattering and famine and the sword, who *but* I shall comfort you?

20 Your sons have fainted; they lie at the head of all the outside places, like an antelope *in* a net, filled with the fury of Jehovah, the rebuke of your God.

21 So hear this now, afflicted *one*, and drunken, but not from wine:

22 So says your Lord Jehovah and your God, He strives *for* His people. Behold, I have taken the cup of reeling out of your hand, the bowl of the cup of My fury; you shall not yet again drink it.

23 But I will put it into the hand of those oppressing you, who have said to your soul, Bow down that we may cross, and, Put your back to the ground, and *be* as the street to those who cross.

Isaiah 52

I Christ persuades His people to believe His free redemption, 7 to receive the ministers, 11 and to free themselves from bondage.

1 ¶ Awake! Awake! Put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful robes, O Jerusalem, the holy city. For never again shall uncircumcised and unclean *ones* come to you.

2 Shake yourself from the dust; rise up! Sit, Jerusalem; free yourself from your neck bands, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For so says Jehovah: You *were* sold for nothing, and you will not be redeemed with silver.

4 For so says the Lord Jehovah: My people went down *to* Egypt at the first, to sojourn there, and without cause Assyria oppressed him.

5 And now what is to Me here, a statement of Jehovah? For My people is taken

for nothing; those ruling howl, a statement of Jehovah. And My name is continually despised, every day.

6 So My people shall know My name thus in that day; for I *am* He speaking. Behold Me!

7 ¶ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him bearing good news, making peace heard, bearing good news, making heard salvation, saying to Zion, Your God reigns.

8 The voice of your watchmen, they lift the voice together, they sing aloud. For they shall see eye to eye when Jehovah brings back Zion.

9 Break out, sing together, waste places of Jerusalem; for Jehovah comforts His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 Jehovah has bared His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Turn aside! Turn aside! Go out from there! Touch not the unclean *thing*! Go out of the middle of her, purify yourselves, *those* bearing the vessels of Jehovah.

12 For you shall not go out with haste, *and* not will you go by flight; for Jehovah is going before you, and the God of Israel gathers you.

13 ¶ Behold, My Servant shall rule wisely; He shall be exalted and lifted up and be very high.

14 Just as many were astonished over You, so *much* was the disfigurement from man, His appearance and His form from sons of mankind.

15 So He sprinkles many nations. At Him kings shall shut their mouths; for they will see that which was not told to them; yea, what they had not heard, they will understand.

Isaiah 53

1 *The prophet, complaining of unbelief, accuses them of ignoring the prophecy of the cross.*

4 *The pains Christ suffered for His own.*

12 *The prophecy of the lawless, 10 the good success.*

1 ¶ Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of Jehovah revealed?

2 For He comes up before Him as a shoot, and as a root out of dry ground. He *has* no

form and no majesty that we should see Him, and not an appearance that we should desire Him.

3 *He is* despised and abandoned of men, a Man of pains, and known of sickness, and as hiding *our* faces from Him, He being despised, and we did not value Him.

4 ¶ Surely He has borne our sicknesses, and our pains, He bore them; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced for our transgressions; *He was* crushed for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His wounds we ourselves are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have *each* man turned to his own way; and Jehovah made meet in Him the iniquity of all of us.

7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, but He did not open His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a ewe before her shearers is mute, and He opened not His mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall consider His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living; from the transgression of My people, the stroke *was* to Him.

9 And He made His grave with the wicked *ones*, and with a rich *man* in His death; though He had done no violence, and deceit *was* not in His mouth.

10 ¶ But Jehovah pleased to crush Him, to make Him sick, *so that* if He should put His soul as a guilt offering, He shall see *His* seed; He shall prolong *His* days; and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see *the fruit* of the travail of His soul; He shall be fully satisfied. By His knowledge the Righteous *One*, My Servant, shall justify many, and He shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide to Him with the great, and with the strong He shall divide the spoil; because He poured out His soul to death; and *He* was numbered with those transgressing; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for those transgressing.

Isaiah 54

1 The prophet, for the comfort of the nations, prophesies the fullness of their salvation, 6 their certain deliverance out of affliction, 15 and their sure preservation.

1 ¶ Sing out, barren *one who* never bore; break out a song and shout, *you who* never brought forth. For the sons of the desolate *one are* more than the sons of the married woman, says Jehovah.

2 Make the place of your tent larger, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. Do not spare, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

3 For you shall break forth *on* the right hand and on the left. And your seed shall possess nations, and ruined cities shall be lived *in*.

4 Do not fear, for you shall not be shamed, for you shall not be humiliated, for you shall not be put to shame. For you shall forget the shame of your youth, and you shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.

5 For your husband *is* your Maker, Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name; and your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of all the earth.

6 ¶ For Jehovah has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of young men when she is refused, says your God.

7 For a little moment I have left you, but I will gather you with great compassions.

8 In a flood of wrath I hid My face from you *for* a moment; but I will have pity on you with everlasting kindness, says Jehovah your Redeemer.

9 For this *is* the waters of Noah to Me; *for as* I swore *to refrain* from passing over the waters of Noah over the earth again, so I have sworn from being angry with you and rebuking you.

10 For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you; nor shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says Jehovah who has pity on you.

11 ¶ Afflicted *one*, storm tossed *and* not comforted! Behold, I am laying out your stones with antimony, and have founded you with sapphires.

12 And I will make your battlements of ruby, and your gates carbuncle stones, and all your border stones of delight;

13 and all your sons *will be* taught *ones* of Jehovah; and the peace of your sons *will be* great.

14 You shall be established in righteousness; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near to you.

15 Behold, gathering they shall gather, but not from Me. Who has gathered against you? By you he shall fall.

16 Behold, I have created the smith blowing coals in the fire, and who brings out an instrument for his work; and I have created the one corrupting to destroy.

17 Every weapon formed against you shall not prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This *is* the inheritance of the servants of Jehovah, and their righteousness *is* from Me, a statement of Jehovah.

Isaiah 55

1 The prophet, with the promises of Christ, calls to faith, 6 and to repentance. 8 The happiness of the ones that believe.

1 ¶ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the water; and he who *has* no silver, come buy grain and eat. Yes, come buy grain, wine and milk without silver and without price.

2 Why do you weigh out silver for *that which* is not bread, and your labor for *what* is not to satisfaction? Listening, listen to Me and eat the good; and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Stretch your ear and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will cut an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies of David.

4 Behold, I gave Him a Witness to peoples, a Leader and Commander of peoples.

5 Behold, You shall call a nation You do not know; yea, a nation not knowing You shall run to You, because of Jehovah Your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified You.

6 ¶ Seek Jehovah while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked *one* forsake his way and the man of iniquity his thoughts, and let him turn back to Jehovah, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will multiply to pardon.

8 For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, and My ways *are* not your ways, a statement of Jehovah.

9 For *as* the heavens are high from the earth, so My ways are high from your ways, and My thoughts from your thoughts.

10 For as the shower and the snow comes down from the heavens and do not return there, except it waters the earth and make it bring forth and bud, and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall My Word be, which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall do that which I please, and it shall prosper *in* that which I sent it *to do!*

12 For you shall go out with joy and be led out with peace. The mountains and the hills shall break out *into* song before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap the palm.

13 Instead of the thorn-bush, the fir tree shall come up; instead of the brier, the myrtle shall come up; and it shall be for a name to Jehovah, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 56

1 The prophet exhorts to sanctification. 3 He promises it shall be general. 9 His warning.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah: Keep judgment and do righteousness, for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; keeping sabbath, from defiling it; and keeping his hand from doing every evil.

3 ¶ And do not let the son of the alien speak, he who joins himself to Jehovah, saying, Separating Jehovah separates me from His people; and not do let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dried up tree.

4 For so says Jehovah to the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths and choose things I am pleased with, and take hold of My covenant:

5 I, *even* I will give to them in My house and in My walls a hand and a name better

than sons and than daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which shall not be cut off.

6 And the sons of the alien who join themselves on Jehovah to serve Him, and to love the name of Jehovah, to be His servants, every *one* who keeps from defiling the sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant,

7 and I will bring them to My holy mount and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* for acceptance on My altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples,

8 a statement of the Lord Jehovah, who gathers the outcasts of Israel; I will yet gather to him his gathered ones.

9 ¶ All beasts of the field come to eat, all beasts in the forest!

10 His watchmen *are* blind *ones*; they all do not know; they are all mute dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber;

11 and *they are* dogs strong of soul; they do not know satisfaction. And they *are* shepherds; they do not know to discern; they all look to their own way, *each* one for his own gain, from his own end, *saying*:

12 Come, and let me take wine, and let us gulp down fermented liquor; and tomorrow shall be as this day, great, exceedingly abundant.

Isaiah 57

1 The blessed death of the righteous. 3 Jehovah reproves the Jews for their idolatry. 13 He gives gospel promises to the ones who repent.

1 ¶ The righteous *one* perishes, and no man lays *it* on *his* heart; yea, merciful men *are* gathered, with no one discerning that the righteous *one* is gathered from the face of evil.

2 He shall go in peace; they shall rest on their couches, walking *in* his straightness.

3 ¶ But you, draw near here, sons of the sorceress, seed of *one* doing adultery and fornicating.

4 On whom are you making sport? On whom do you make a wide mouth and draw out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5 being inflamed with idols under every green tree, slaughtering the children in the torrent beds, under the clefts of the rocks?

6 In the torrent's smoothness *is* your portion; they, they *are* your lot; even to them you have poured a drink offering; you have offered a food offering. Should I be consoled over these?

7 You have set your couch on a lofty and high mountain; yea, you went up there to sacrifice a sacrifice.

8 And you have set up your memorial behind the door and the post. For you uncovered *yourself* from Me and went up; you enlarged your couch; and you cut *covenant* with them; you loved their couch; *at* a hand you looked.

9 And you went to the king with oil and multiplied your perfumes. And you sent your messengers far away, and lowered *yourself* to Sheol.

10 You were wearied in the length of your way; you did not say, Despair! You found the life of your hand, so you were not sick.

11 And whom have you dreaded and feared? You have lied and have not remembered Me, not setting *it* on your heart. Have I not been silent, even from forever, and you have not feared Me?

12 I will reveal your righteousness and your works, and they will not profit you.

13 ¶ When you cry, let your gatherings deliver you; but the wind shall lift up all of them; vanity takes them. But he who takes refuge in Me shall inherit the land and possess My holy mountain.

14 And he shall say, Raise up! Raise up! Clear the way! Make the stumbling block rise from the way of My people.

15 For so says the *One* being high and being lifted up, *He* who inhabits eternity, and Holy *is* His name: I dwell in the high and holy *place*, even with the contrite *one* and *the* humble of spirit, to make live the spirit of the humble *ones* and to make live the heart of the contrite *ones*.

16 For I will not contend forever, and I will not always be angry, for the spirit would faint before Me, even the breaths I have made.

17 ¶ For I was angry and struck him for the iniquity of his unjust gain; I hid My-

self and was angry; yet he went, turning back in his heart's way.

18 His ways I have seen, but I will heal him, and will lead him and complete comforts to him and to his mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips: peace, peace, to the ones far off and near, says Jehovah, and I will heal him.

20 But the wicked *ones are* like the driven sea, which not is able *to be* quiet, and its waves cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace to the wicked *ones*, says my God.

Isaiah 58

1 The prophet, being sent to reprove hypocrisy, 3 denounces hypocritical fasts. 8 He declares what promises are due to godliness.

1 ¶ Call out with the throat; do not spare. Lift up your voice like the rams' horn! And declare to My people their transgressions, and their sins to the house of Jacob.

2 Yet they seek Me *day by day*, and desire knowledge of My ways. As a nation that has done right, and not forsaking the judgment of their God, they ask of Me judgments of righteousness; they desire to draw near to God.

3 ¶ *They say*, Why have we fasted, and You did not see? We have afflicted our soul, and You did not know. Behold, on the day of your fast you find pleasure; and you drive all your laborers hard.

4 Behold! You fast for strife, and for debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness. Do not fast as today, to sound your voice in the heights.

5 Is the fast I choose, a day for a man to afflict his soul? To bow his head down like a bulrush, and he spreads sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast and a day of delight to Jehovah?

6 this is not the fast I have chosen: to open bands of wickedness, to undo thongs of the yoke, and to send out free the *ones* being oppressed, and that you pull off every yoke?

7 *Is it* not to break your bread to the hungry, that you should bring the wandering poor *ones* to *your* house? When will you see the naked *ones* and cover him, and you will not hide yourself from your flesh?

8 ¶ Then your light shall break as the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of Jehovah shall gather you.

9 Then you shall call, and Jehovah will answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Behold Me. If you put the yoke away from your midst, the sending out of the finger, and the speaking of iniquity;

10 and *if* you let out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the soul of the afflicted *one*; then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall be as the noonday.

11 And Jehovah shall always guide you, and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make strong your bones. And you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of waters which do not prove *to* be deceiving.

12 And *those who* come of you shall build the wastes of old; you shall rear the foundations of generations and generations; and you shall be called, *One* repairing the breach, *one* restoring paths to live in.

13 ¶ If you turn your foot away because of the sabbath, *from* doing your pleasure on My holy days, and call the sabbath a delight, to the holiness of Jehovah, glorifying, and glorify Him, to the holiness, *away* from doing your own ways, from finding your own pleasure or speaking *your* word;

14 then you shall delight yourself in Jehovah. And I will cause you to ride on the heights of the earth, and make you eat *with* the inheritance of your father Jacob. For the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

Isaiah 59

1 Thec ondemning nature of sin. 3 The sins of the Jews. 9 Calamity is for sin. 20 The covenant of the Redeemer.

1 ¶ Behold, the hand of Jehovah is not shortened from saving, and not is His ear heavy from hearing.

2 But your iniquities are coming between you and your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, from hearing.

3 For your palms are defiled by blood; yea, your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken falsehood; your tongue murmurs perverseness.

4 No one calls for righteousness, and no one judges with truth. Trusting in empti-

ness, and speaking vanity, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

5 They hatch adders' eggs, and weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies; and that which is crushed hatches out a viper.

6 Their webs shall not become clothing, and they shall not cover themselves with their works. Their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their palms.

7 Their feet run to evil, and they hurry to pour out innocent blood. Thoughts of iniquity *are* their thoughts; wasting and ruin are in their ways.

8 They do not know the way of peace; and no judgment *is* in their tracks. They have made crooked paths for themselves; everyone going in them does not know peace.

9 ¶ On account of this, judgment is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us. We wait for light, but, behold, darkness, for brightness, *but* we walk in gloominess.

10 We grope *for* the wall like the blind *ones*, and we grope as if we *had* no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the twilight, in desolate places like ones dying.

11 We all of us roar like bears, and moaning we moan like doves. We look for judgment, but *there is* none; for salvation, but it is far from us.

12 For our transgressions *are* multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us, and our iniquities, we know them;

13 transgressing and lying against Jehovah, and backsliding from after our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and murmuring words of falsehood from the heart.

14 And justice is driven back; and righteousness stands far off; for truth stumbles in the plaza, and straightness is not able to enter.

15 And the truth is lacking; and whoever turns from evil makes himself a prey. And Jehovah saw; and it was evil in His eyes, that *there was* no justice.

16 ¶ And He saw that *there was* no man, and He was astonished that *there was* no

intercessor. And His own arm saved for Him; and His righteousness, it sustained Him.

17 For He put on righteousness like body armor, and a helmet of salvation on His head. And He put on robes of vengeance as clothing; and He put on zeal like a mantle.

18 According to works, so He will repay; fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; He will complete recompense to the isles.

19 And they shall fear Jehovah's name from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the foe comes like a flood, the Spirit of Jehovah shall cause him to flee.

20 And the Redeemer comes to Zion, and to those in Jacob who turn back from their transgression, a statement of Jehovah.

21 As for Me, this *is* My covenant with them, says Jehovah: My Spirit who is on You, and My words which I have put in Your mouth, shall not depart out of Your mouth, or out of the mouth of Your seed, or out of the mouth of Your seed's seed, from now and till forever, says Jehovah.

Isaiah 60

1 The glory of God's people in the light of Christ's coming to the nations, 15 and the great blessings after a short affliction.

1 ¶ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Jehovah has risen on you!

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness *the* peoples. But Jehovah shall rise on you, and His glory shall be seen on you.

3 And nations shall walk to Your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

4 Lift up Your eyes all around and see; they are all gathering; they are coming to you. Your sons shall come from far away, and Your daughters shall be supported on the side.

5 Then you shall see and be bright; and your heart shall dread and enlarge. For the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you; the wealth of nations shall come to you.

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, young camels of Midian and Ephah. All of them shall come from Sheba, they shall

bear gold and incense; and they shall proclaim the praises of Jehovah.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; rams of Nebaioth shall serve you; they shall come up for acceptance on My altar; and I will glorify the house of My beauty.

8 Who *are* these *who* fly like a cloud, and with the doves to their windows?

9 ¶ For the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish at the first, to bring your sons from far away, their silver and their gold to them, to the name of Jehovah your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has beautified you.

10 And the sons of the foreigner shall build your walls; and their kings shall serve you. For I struck you in My wrath, but I pitied you in My favor.

11 And your gates shall be always open; they shall not be shut day or night, so that men may bring to you the force of nations, and that their kings may be led *captive*.

12 For the nations and the kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yea, destroying, the nations shall be destroyed.

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you: the juniper, the box tree, and the cypress together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; yea, I will glorify the place of My feet.

14 And the sons of *ones* afflicting you shall bow down to you. And all who despised you shall fall at the soles of your feet. And they shall call you, The City of Jehovah, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 ¶ Instead of your being forsaken and hated, so that no one passes through, I will set you for everlasting majesty, a joy of generations and generations.

16 You shall also suck the milk of nations, and you shall suck the breast of kings. And you shall know that I, Jehovah, *am* your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty *One* of Jacob.

17 Instead of bronze, I will bring gold; and instead of iron, I will bring silver. And instead of timber, bronze; and instead of stones, iron. And I will set your overseers peace, and those oppressing you righteousness.

18 Violence shall not still be heard in your land, or wasting and ruin within your bor-

ders; but you shall call your walls, Salvation, and your gates, Praise.

19 The sun shall not still be your light by day, or the brightness of the moon give you light; but Jehovah shall be for everlasting light to you, and your God for your beauty.

20 Your sun shall not go in any more, and your moon shall not be removed; for Jehovah will become your everlasting light; and the days of your mourning shall end.

21 And your people, all of them, *shall be* righteous *ones*; they shall possess the earth forever, a branch of My planting, a work of My hands, to beautify Myself.

22 A little *one* shall become a thousand and a small *one* a strong nation. I, Jehovah, will hasten it in its time.

Isaiah 61

1 The office of Christ. 4 The prophecy of restoration, 7 and blessings of the faithful.

1 ¶ The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah *is* on Me, because Jehovah has anointed Me to bear good news to the poor *one*. He has sent Me to bind up the broken of heart, to proclaim liberty to captives, and complete opening to the ones being bound;

2 to call out the acceptable year of Jehovah, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all those mourning;

3 to appoint to *the* mourning *ones* of Zion, to give them beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of the spirit of infirmity, so that *one* calls them trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, in order to beautify Himself.

4 ¶ And they shall build old ruins; they shall raise up old desolations of former *ones*; and they shall restore the waste cities, ruins of generations and generations.

5 And ones being strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of an alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But you shall be called, Priests of Jehovah; it will be said of you, Ministers of our God. You shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall be exchanged.

7 Instead of your shame and disgrace, double. They rejoice *in* their portion; for they shall dispossess in their land a second *time*; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 For I, Jehovah, love judgment, hating robbery *for* that which goes up *in burnt offering*. And I will give their work in faithfulness; and I will cut an everlasting covenant for them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *that* Jehovah has blessed.

10 ¶ Rejoicing I will rejoice in Jehovah. My soul shall be joyful in my God. For He clothed me *with* garments of salvation; He put on me the robe of righteousness, even as a bridegroom puts on *his* head-dress, and as a bride puts on her ornaments.

11 For as the earth comes out with her buds, and as a garden causes that which is sown to grow, so the Lord Jehovah will make righteousness and praise to grow before all the nations.

Isaiah 62

1 The desire of the prophet to confirm the promises of Jehovah to His people. 6 The office of the watchmen. 10 The gospel proclaimed.

1 ¶ For Zion's sake, I will not be silent; and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest; until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

2 And nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. And *one* calls you a new name which the mouth of Jehovah shall specify.

3 You also shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

4 Not shall be said to you any more, Forsaken; and not your land shall be said *to you* any more, Desolate. But you shall be called, My Delight *is* in Her; and your land, Married. For Jehovah delights in you, and your land is married.

5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin, *so* shall your sons marry you. And *as* a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *so* your God shall rejoice over you.

6 ¶ I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem. All the day and all the night they shall not be silent always; you who remember Jehovah, let there not be a rest to you.

7 And do not give a rest to Him until He sets up and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 Jehovah has sworn by His right hand, and by the might of His arm: Surely I will no longer give your grain *as* food for your enemies; and the sons of an alien shall not drink your new wine for which you have labored.

9 But those who have gathered it shall eat it and praise Jehovah. And they who have collected it shall drink it in My holy courts.

10 ¶ Pass! Pass through the gates; prepare the way of the people! Raise up! Raise up the highway; clear *it* from stones; lift up a banner over the peoples.

11 Behold, Jehovah has made *it* to be heard to the end of the earth; Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold! Your salvation comes! Behold! His reward *is* with Him, and His work before Him.

12 And they shall call them, The Holy People, the Redeemed of Jehovah. And to you it shall be called, Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Isaiah 63

1 Christ shows who He is, 2 His victory over His enemies, 7 and His mercy toward His people.

15 The elect in their prayer, 17 and complaint, profess their faith.

1 ¶ Who *is* this who comes from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One adorned in His clothing, bending in His great power? *It is I*, speaking in righteousness, greatness to save!

2 Who knows why *Your* clothing *is* red, and *Your* garments like one treading in the winepress?

3 I have trodden the winepress, I alone, and no man of the peoples *was* with Me. And I will tread them in My anger, and trample them in My fury; and their juice shall be spattered on My garments; and I will pollute all My clothes.

4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.

5 And I looked, and not *one* was helping. And I wondered that not *one* was uphold-

ing. Then My own arm saved for Me, and My fury upheld Me.

6 And I tread down peoples in My anger, and *I* made them drunk in My fury, and I brought down their juice to the earth.

7 ¶ I will mention the mercies of Jehovah, the praises of Jehovah, according to all that Jehovah has benefited us, and the great good to the house of Israel, *by* which He benefited them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindness.

8 For He said, Surely they *are* My people, sons that do not lie, and He became One being their Savior.

9 In all their affliction, He *was not* a foe; and the Angel of His Presence saved them. In His love and in His pity He redeemed them. And He bore them up, and *He* lifted them up all the days of old.

10 But they rebelled, and provoked His Holy Spirit, and He was turned *to be* their enemy; He fought against them.

11 And His people remembered the days past *of* Moses *and* His people, *saying*, Where *is* He who brought us up from the sea with the shepherd of His flock. Where *is* He who put His Holy Spirit within him,

12 leading them by Moses' right hand, with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make for Him an everlasting name?

13 *He led* them through the deeps; like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble.

14 As the cattle go down into the valley, *so* the Spirit of Jehovah caused him to rest; so You led Your people, to make a name of glory for Yourself.

15 ¶ Look down from Heaven and peer from the place of Your holiness and Your glory. Where *is* Your zeal and Your might? The roaring of Your bowels and Your mercies toward me, are they held back?

16 For You *are* our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not recognize us; You, Jehovah, *are* our Father, our Redeemer; Your name is from everlasting.

17 O Jehovah, why do You make us wander from Your ways? You harden our heart from Your fear. For Your servants' sake, return the tribes of Your inheritance.

18 For a little *while* Your holy people possessed *it*. Our adversaries have trampled Your sanctuary.

19 We are from of old; You never ruled over them. Your name was never called on them.

Isaiah 64

1 The people pray for the illustration of Jehovah's power. 5 Celebrating Jehovah's mercy, they make confession of their natural corruptions.

1 ¶ O that You would tear the heavens and come down; mountains *would* quake before You.

2 As the brushwood fire burns and fire causes water to boil, make known Your name to Your adversaries, *that* nations might quake before You.

3 When You did terrifying things *which* we did not expect, You came down; mountains quaked before You.

4 And from of old they have not heard; they did not give ear. Eye has not seen a God except You, who works for him who waits for Him.

5 You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness; they remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, for we sinned. In them *is* eternity, we shall be saved.

6 ¶ But we are all as the unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as a menstruation cloth. And we all fade as a leaf, and like the wind our iniquities lift us up.

7 And *there is* not one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You. For You have hidden Your face from us, and have melted us away into the hand of our iniquities.

8 But now, Jehovah, You *are* our Father. We *are* the clay, and You *are* our Former; yea, we all *are* the work of Your hand.

9 Be not angry, Jehovah, until exceeding, and do not remember iniquity forever. Behold! Look, we pray; all of us *are* Your people.

10 Your holy cities are a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness; Jerusalem *is* a desolation.

11 The house of our holiness and our glory where our fathers praised You has become a burning of fire, and all our pleasant things have become a ruin.

12 Will You restrain Yourself over these *things*, Jehovah? Will you be silent and exceedingly afflict us?

Isaiah 65

1 The calling of the nations. 2 The Jews, for their unbelief, idolatry, and hypocrisy, are rejected.

9 The elect shall inherit. 11 The judgments on the wicked ones, and blessings on the godly ones.

17 The new heavens and the new earth.

1 ¶ I have been sought, not by those who asked. I have been found, not by those who sought Me. To a nation not calling on My name, I said, Behold Me! Behold Me!

2 I have spread out My hands all the day long to a rebelling people who walk in the way not good, after their own thoughts;

3 a people who continually provoke Me to My face; who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on the bricks;

4 who sit among the graves and lodge in guarded *places*, who eat swine's flesh, and broth of unclean *things in* their pots;

5 who say, Draw near to yourself! Do not come near me, for I am holier than you! These *are* a smoke in My nose, a fire burning all the day.

6 Behold! *It is* written before Me: I will not be silent, except I repay; yea, I will return to their bosom,

7 your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together, says Jehovah; *they* that burned incense on the mountains, and have blasphemed Me on the hills. And I will measure their former work on their bosom.

8 ¶ So says Jehovah: As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* says, Do not destroy it, for a blessing *is* in it; so I will do for the sake of My servants, not to destroy the whole.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah one to inherit My mountains. And My elect shall inherit, and My servants shall live there.

10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks; and the valley of Achor a resting place of herds for My people who have sought Me.

11 ¶ But you *are* those who forsake Jehovah, who forget My holy mountain; who array a table for Fortune, and who fill mixed wine for Fate.

12 And I will number you to the sword; and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because I called and you did not answer. I spoke, and you did not hear; and you did the evil in My eyes; and you chose *that* in which I had no pleasure.

13 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry. Behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty. Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed.

14 Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry from pain of heart, and howl from breaking of spirit.

15 And you shall leave your name for a curse to My elect. And the Lord Jehovah shall cause you to die; and He shall call His servants by another name.

16 *He* who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth. And he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former distresses are forgotten; and because they are hidden from My eyes.

17 ¶ For, behold, I create new heavens and new earth. And the former things shall not be remembered, and *they* shall not go up on the heart.

18 But, be glad and rejoice till forever *in* what I create. For, behold, I create in Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people. And the voice of weeping and the voice of crying shall no longer be heard in her.

20 There shall not still be a suckling of days, or an old man that has not filled his days. For the boy shall die the son of a hundred years, but the sinner the son of a hundred years shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses and live *in them*; and they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build, and another live *in them*; they shall not plant, and another eat. For like the days of the tree *are* the days of My people; and My elect shall grow old to the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for terror. For they *are* the seed of the *ones* blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them.

24 And it will be, before they call, I will answer. While they are speaking, then I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed as one; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And dust *is* the food of the snake. They shall not do evil nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says Jehovah.

Isaiah 66

1 Jehovah will be served in humble sincerity. 5 He comforts the humble ones with the marvelous generation, 10 and with the gracious benefits of His people..

1 ¶ So says Jehovah: Heaven *is* My throne, and earth the footstool of My feet. Where then *is* the house that you build for Me? And where then *is* the place of My rest?

2 And My hand has made all these things, even all these things exist, a statement of Jehovah. But I will look toward this one, to the afflicted *one*, and *to* the contrite of spirit, even trembling at My Word.

3 He who slaughters an ox *is as if* he struck a man; he who sacrifices a lamb *is as if* he broke a dog's neck; he who offers a present *is as if it were* swine's blood; he making mention of incense *is as if* he blessed iniquity. Yea, they have chosen their way, and their soul delights in their detestable idols.

4 I also will choose their wanton dealings; and I will bring their fears to them; because I called, and not *one* answered; I spoke, and they did not hear. But they did the evil in My eyes, and chose *that* in which I had no pleasure.

5 Hear the Word of Jehovah, those who tremble at His Word. Your brothers who hate you, who drive you out for My name's sake, *have said*, Jehovah is glorified. But He shall appear in your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A sound of roaring from the city! A sound from the temple! *It is* the sound of Jehovah completing recompense to His enemies;

7 before she travailed, she gave birth; before pain came to her, she delivered a male.

8 Who has heard *a thing* like this? Who has seen *things* like these? Shall the earth be born *in* one day? Shall a nation be born in one step? For Zion travailed and also gave birth to her sons.

9 Shall I break out and not cause to give birth? Surely I cause to give birth, says Jehovah, and *I restrain the womb*, says your God..

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her. all who love her. Rejoice with her a rejoicing, all who mourn for her;

11 that you may nurse and be satisfied with the breast of her comforts, that you may suck out and delight yourselves with the fullness of her glory.

12 For thus says Jehovah: Behold, I stretch out peace to her like a river, and like an overflowing torrent, *the glory* of the nations. And you shall nurse; you shall be lifted on the side, and you shall be dandled on the knees.

13 As a man whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and in Jerusalem you shall be comforted

14 And you will see, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will flourish like the grass. And the hand of Jehovah shall be known toward His servants, and He shall be indignant with His enemies.

15¶ For, behold, Jehovah will come with fire and His chariots like the tempest, to return His wrath in fury, and His rebuke in flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by His sword Jehovah will judge with all flesh; and the slain of Jehovah shall be many.

17 Those who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves to the gardens, *each* one in the midst, eaters of swine's flesh, and the unclean thing, and the mouse, *these* are cut off together, a statement of Jehovah.

18 For I *know* their works and their thought; it comes to gather all the nations and the tongues; and they shall come and see My glory.

19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send from them refugees to the nations of Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, drawers of the bow; *to* Tubal and Javan, *to* the isles far away that have not heard My fame and not seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the nations.

20 And they shall bring all your brothers out of all nations, an offering to Jehovah, of horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says Jehovah; as the sons of Israel bring the offering in a clean vessel *to* the house of Jehovah.

21 And I will also take some of them for the priests, for the Levites, says Jehovah.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth which I make stand before Me, a statement of Jehovah, so your seed and your name shall stand.

23 And it will be, from new moon to its new moon, and from sabbath to its sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says Jehovah.

24 And they shall go out and see the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me; for their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be put out; and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.

The Book of **JEREMIAH**

Jeremiah 1

1 The time, 3 and the calling of Jeremiah. 14 His heavy message against Judah. 17 Jehovah encourages him.

1 ¶ The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, *one* of the priests who *resided* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

2 *to* whom the Word of Jehovah came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 And it happened in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to those gone into exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

4 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

5 I knew you before I formed you in the belly, even before you came out of the womb, I consecrated you. I gave you *to be* a prophet to the nations.

6 And I said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! Behold, I do not know *how* to speak. for I *am* a boy.

7 But Jehovah said to me, Do not say, I *am* a boy; for you shall go to all that I shall send you. And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8 Do not be afraid of their faces, for I *am* with you to deliver you, a statement of Jehovah.

9 And Jehovah put out His hand and touched my mouth. And Jehovah said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10 Behold, I have today appointed you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to tear down, and to destroy, and to cast down, to build, and to plant.

11 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see an almond rod.

12 And Jehovah said to me, You have seen well; for I will watch over My Word to perform it.

13 And the Word of Jehovah was to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a pot being blown; and its face *is* from the face of the north.

14 And Jehovah said to me, Out of the north, evil will be set loose on all those living in the land.

15 For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, a statement of Jehovah. And they shall come, and they will give to *each* man his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against its walls round about, and against the cities of Judah.

16 And I will speak My judgments against them on all their evil, *those* who have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, and have worshiped the works of their hands.

17 And you must gird up your loins, and rise up and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, that I not shatter you before them.

18 For, behold, today I have given you *as* a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against her rulers, against her priests, and to the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against you; but they shall not overcome you. For I *am* with you to deliver you, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 2

1 Jehovah shows His former kindness, and rebukes the Jews for their causeless revolt.

14 They are the causes of their own calamities.

1 ¶ And was the Word of Jehovah to me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, So says Jehovah, I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothals, your going after Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.

3 Israel *was* holy to Jehovah, the firstfruits of His increase. All that devour him become

guilty; evil shall come on them, a statement of Jehovah.

4 Hear the Word of Jehovah, O house of Jacob and all the families of the house of Israel.

5 So says Jehovah, What iniquity have your fathers found in Me, that they went far from Me and have walked after vanity, and have become vain?

6 And they did not say, Where *is* Jehovah who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and of pits, in a dry land and death shade, in a land that not a man has passed through, and not a man has lived there?

7 And I brought you into a garden land to eat its fruit and its goodness. But when you went in, you defiled My land and made My inheritance a disgusting thing.

8 The priests did not say, Where *is* Jehovah? And they who handle the Law did not know Me. And the shepherds transgressed against Me; and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after *things* not being profitable.

9 ¶ Therefore, I will contend with you, a statement of Jehovah, and I will contend with your sons' sons.

10 For go to the isles of Kittim and see, and send to Kedar, and carefully consider and see if there is any like this.

11 Has a nation changed its gods, and they were not gods? But My people have changed their Glory without it being profitable.

12 Be amazed at this, O heavens, and be horrified; be completely desolated, a statement of Jehovah.

13 For My people have done two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, to hew out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

14 ¶ *Is* Israel a servant? Or *is* he a servant of the house? Why has he become a prey?

15 The young lions roared against him; they gave their voice. And they laid waste his land; his cities are burned, without one living *in it*.

16 Also the sons of Noph and Tahpanhes have fed on your crown.

17 Have you not done this to yourself by your forsaking Jehovah your God when He led you by the way?

18 And now what *is* for you toward the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? Or what for you toward Assyria, to drink the waters of the *Euphrates* River?

19 Your own evil shall instruct you, and your apostasies shall reprove you. Therefore know and see that your forsaking Jehovah your God *is* evil and bitter; and My fear *is* not in you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah of Hosts.

20 ¶ For long ago you broke your yoke *and* tore up your bonds. And you said, I will not pass by, when on every high hill and under every green tree you lay down *like one* doing adultery.

21 Yet I planted you a choice vine, wholly a true seed. And how have you turned into shoots of an alien vine to Me?

22 Though you wash yourself with potash, and multiply soap for yourself, your iniquity is marked before Me, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

23 How can you say, I am not defiled; I have not gone after Baals? See your way in the valley; know what you have done! *You are* a swift camel criss-crossing her ways;

24 a wild ass used to the wilderness. In the passion of her desire she snuffs up the wind *in* her time. Who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not tire themselves; in her month they will find her.

25 Withhold your foot from *being* bare and your throat from thirst. But you said, It is hopeless! No! For I love strangers, and after them I will go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their rulers, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 saying to a tree, You are my father; and to a stone, You gave us birth. For they turned *their* back to Me, and not the face. But in the time of their evil, they will say, Arise, and save us!

28 But where *are* your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your evil; for *according to* the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah.

29 ¶ Why do you contend with Me? All of you, you have transgressed against Me, a statement of Jehovah.

30 In vain I have stricken your sons; they took no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

31 O generation, see the Word of Jehovah. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, or a land of darkness? Why do My people say, We roam; we will come no more to You.

32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, a bride her headband? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

33 What? Do you trim your ways to seek love? Therefore you have even taught the evil *ones* your ways.

34 Also on your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found them breaking in, but on all these.

35 Yet you say, Because I am free from guilt, surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will judge with you, because you say, I have not sinned.

36 Why do you go about so much to change your way? You also shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yes, you shall go out from this *place*, and your hands on your head. For Jehovah has rejected those in whom you trust, and you will not prosper by them.

Jeremiah 3

1 Jehovah's great mercy in Judah's blatant adultery. 6 Judah is worse than Israel. 12 The promises of the gospel to the ones who repent.

1 ¶ They say, If a man sends away his wife, and she goes from him and will be for another man, will he return to her again? Would not that land be greatly defiled? But you fornicate with many lovers; yet *would* you come back to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

2 Lift up your eyes on the bare heights and see. Where have you not been lain with? By the highways you have sat for them, like an Arab in the desert. And you have defiled the land with your fornications and with your evil.

3 And the showers are withheld, and there has been no latter rain. And the forehead of a woman, *one* doing adultery, was to you; you refused to be ashamed.

4 Have you not just now called to Me, saying, My father, *You are* the friend of my youth?

5 Will He keep *His anger* forever? Or will He guard it to the end? Behold, you have spoken, and you have done *all* the evil that you could.

6 ¶ And Jehovah said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen what the apostate Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every green tree, and has fornicated there.

7 And after she had done all these, I said, She will return to Me; but she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw.

8 And I watched when for all the causes *for* which the apostate Israel committed adultery, I sent her away and I gave the writ of her divorce to her. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she also went and fornicated.

9 And it happened, from the vileness of her fornication she defiled the land, and fornicated with stones and with trees.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but with falsehood, a statement of Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah said to me, The apostate Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 ¶ Go and cry these words toward the north, and say, Return, O apostate Israel, a statement of Jehovah. I will not cause My face to fall on you, for I *am* holy, a statement of Jehovah; I will not keep *anger* forever.

13 Only know your iniquity, that you have transgressed against Jehovah your God and have scattered your ways to strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, a statement of Jehovah.

14 Turn back, O apostate sons, a statement of Jehovah; for I am Lord over you. And I will take you, one from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

15 And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you *with* knowledge and understanding.

16 And it will be, when you multiply and increase in the land in those days, a statement of Jehovah, they will no longer say, The ark of the covenant of Jehovah! And it shall not come on the heart, and not shall

they remember it, and not they shall miss it, and it shall not be made any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah. And all nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem. And they shall not walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north, to the land that I have caused your fathers to inherit.

19 But I said, How *gladly* would I put you among the sons, and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful inheritance *among* the multitudes of nations! And I said, You shall call Me, My Father; and you shall not turn away from following Me.

20 ¶ Surely *as* a wife acts treacherously from her companion, so you have acted treacherously with Me, O house of Israel, a statement of Jehovah.

21 A voice was heard weeping on the bare heights, pleadings of the sons of Israel; for they have perverted their way; they have forgotten Jehovah their God.

22 Return, O apostate sons; I will heal your apostasies. Behold, we come to You, for You *are* Jehovah our God.

23 Truly, for delusion *comes* from the hills, a murmur *on* the mountains. Truly, in Jehovah our God is the salvation of Israel.

24 For the *things* of shame have eaten up the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us. For we have sinned against Jehovah our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. And we have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah our God.

Jeremiah 4

1 Jehovah calls Israel by His promise. 3 He exhorts Judah to repentance by fearful judgments.

1 ¶ If you will return, O Israel, a statement of Jehovah, return to Me. And if you will turn away from your detestable things out of My face and will not wander ,

2 and you will swear, *As* Jehovah lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness;

and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him they will glory.

3 ¶ For so says Jehovah to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow to the thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take away the foreskin of your heart, O men of Judah and those living *in* Jerusalem, lest My fury go forth like fire and burn, so that no one can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

5 ¶ Declare in Judah, and make *it* heard in Jerusalem, and say, Blow the rams' horn in the land. Cry, and say, It will be ended. Gather yourselves and go into the fortified cities.

6 Lift up a banner toward Zion. Flee, seek refuge, and do not stand. For I will bring evil from the north and a great shattering.

7 The lion has come up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to make your land a waste. Your cities will fall into ruins without *one* living *in them*.

8 Put on sackcloth for this, wail and howl. For the the anger of Jehovah has not turned back from us.

9 And it will be on that day, a statement of Jehovah, the heart of the king, and the heart of the rulers shall perish. And the priests shall be amazed; and the prophets shall be astounded.

10 Then I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Surely deceiving You have deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace, but the sword reaches to the soul.

11 At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind *from* the bare hills in the desert toward the daughter of My people, not to winnow and not to cleanse!

12 A wind more full than these shall come for Me. Now I also will speak judgments against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up like clouds, and his chariots like a windstorm. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we are plundered!

14 O Jerusalem, cleanse your heart from evil that you may be saved. Until when will your thoughts of iniquity lodge within you?

15 For a voice announces from Dan, and proclaims iniquity from Mount Ephraim.

16 Recall *it* to the nations: Behold, proclaim against Jerusalem, Besiegers are coming from a distant land and give forth their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 Like the men watching a field, they are against her round about because she has rebelled against Me, a statement of Jehovah.

18 Your way and your doings have done these *things* to you; *in* this you have done evil, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart.

19 ¶ My bowels! My bowels! I convulse in pain. O walls of my heart! My heart roars within me. I cannot be silent, for I have heard the sound of the rams' horn. O my soul, the alarm of war!

20 Ruin on ruin has been called; for the whole land is devastated. Suddenly my tents are devastated, my curtains *in* a moment.

21 Until when must I see the banner *and* hear the sound of the rams' horn?

22 For My people are foolish. They do not know Me. They are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They *are* wise to do evil, but they do not know to do good.

23 I looked on the earth, and, behold! *It was* formlessness and void; and to the heavens, and they *had* no light.

24 I looked on the mountains, and, behold! They quaked, and all the hills were shaken.

25 I looked, and, behold! There *was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

26 I looked, and, behold! The fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down before the face of Jehovah, before the anger of His nostrils.

27 For so Jehovah has said, The whole land shall be a desolation; but *it* will not be a full ending *that* I make.

28 The earth shall mourn for this, and the heavens above shall grow black, because I have seen, I have purposed and I will not repent, and I will not turn back from it.

29 Every city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and shooters of the bow. They shall go into thickets and go up in the rocks. Every city shall be forsaken, and not a man shall live in them.

30 And you, one being desolated, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself

with crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you make large your eyes with paint, you beautify yourself in vain. Lovers despise you; they will seek your life.

31 For I have heard a voice as of one weakened, the anguish as one bearing her first child, the voice of Zion's daughter gasping and spreading her palms, *saying*, Woe *is* to me now, for my soul faints because of murderers!

Jeremiah 5

1 The judgments of Jehovah on the Jews, for their perverseness, 7 for their adultery, 10 for their impiety, 25 and for their great corruption.

1 ¶ Roam around in Jerusalem's streets and see now, and know, and seek in her open places if you can find a man, if there is one who does justice who seeks truth; and I will pardon her.

2 And though they say, As Jehovah lives, surely they swear falsely.

3 O Jehovah, Your eyes, are *they* not for faithfulness? You struck them, but they felt no pain. You consumed them, *yet* they refused to take correction. They made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to turn back.

4 And I said, Surely they are poor *ones*; they are being foolish, for they do not know the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God.

5 I will go up for myself to the great men and will speak to them. For they have known the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God. Surely, together they have broken the yoke; they have torn off the bonds.

6 On account of this a lion out of the forest shall strike them; a wolf of the desert shall destroy them; a leopard is watching over their cities. Everyone who goes out from them shall be torn, because their transgressions are many; their apostasies are numerous.

7 Why should I pardon you for this? Your sons have forsaken Me and have sworn by No-gods. And I adjured them, and they committed adultery and gathered themselves by troops at a house of *one* doing adultery.

8 They were *like* well fed, lustful stallions in the morning, *each* man neighing to the wife of his neighbor.

9 Shall I not call to account for these *things*, a statement of Jehovah? And shall not My soul be avenged on a nation that *is* like this?

10 ¶ Go up on her vine rows and destroy, but do not make a full ending; turn aside her branches, for they *are* not Jehovah's.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have acted deceitfully with Me, a statement of Jehovah.

12 They have lied against Jehovah and said, *It is* not He; and, No evil shall come on us; and, We shall not see sword or famine.

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the Word *is* not in them; so it shall be done to them.

14 So Jehovah God of Hosts says this: Because you spoke this word, behold! I will make My words fire in your mouth, and these people wood; and it shall devour them.

15 Behold, I will bring a nation on you from far away, O house of Israel, a statement of Jehovah. *It is* an enduring nation; it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, and not do understand what they say.

16 Their quiver *is* as an open grave; they *are* all mighty *men*.

17 And they will eat up your harvest and your food, and they will eat up your sons and your daughters. They will eat up your flocks and your herds; they will eat up your vines and your fig trees. One shall beat down your fortified cities with the sword, those in which you trust.

18 Yet even in those days, a statement of Jehovah, I will not make you *to be* a full ending.

19 And it will be when you shall say, Why does Jehovah our God do all these *things* to us? And you shall say to them, Just as you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land not *belonging* to you.

20 ¶ Declare this in the house of Jacob and make it heard in Judah, saying,

21 Now hear this, O foolish people, and not *with* a heart, eyes are to them, but do not see, ears are to them, but they do not hear.

22 Do you not fear Me, a statement of Jehovah? Will you not tremble before My face, that I have placed the sand *as* the limit for the sea *by* an eternal decree, so that it cannot cross over it? And though they rise and fall, yet they cannot prevail; though its waves roar, yet they cannot cross over it.

23 But to this people there is a revolting and rebelling heart; they have turned and walked *away*.

24 And they do not say in their heart, Let us now fear Jehovah our God who gives both the former and the latter rain in its time. He keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 ¶ Your iniquities have turned aside these *things*, and your sins have withheld good from you.

26 For among My people are found wicked *ones*. They lie in wait, as the crouching of fowlers they set traps, they catch men.

27 Like a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of treachery. On account of this they have become great and grown rich.

28 They have become fat; they shine. Yea, they pass over the deeds of the evil *one*; they do not judge the cause of the orphan, that they may prosper. And they do not judge the right of the needy *ones*.

29 Shall I not call to account for these *things*, a statement of Jehovah? Or shall not My soul be avenged on a nation that *is* like this?

30 A horror and a dreadful thing has happened in the land,

31 the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their hands; and My people love *it* so, and what will they do at the end of it?

Jeremiah 6

1 The enemies sent against Judah 4 encourage themselves. 9 The prophet laments the judgments of Jehovah because of their sins.

1 ¶ O sons of Benjamin take refuge from the midst of Jerusalem. And blow the rams' horn in Tekoa; and set up a signal over Beth-haccerem. For evil looks down out of the north, and a great shattering.

2 I will destroy the daughter of Zion, the beautiful and delicate one.

3 Those feeding shall come to her with their flocks; they shall pitch tents on her all around. They shall *each* man feed *in* his hand.

4 Consecrate war against her. Rise up and let us go up at noon. Woe to us, for the day turns; for the shadows of the evening are stretched out!

5 Rise up and let us go up by night and destroy her fortresses.

6 For so Jehovah of Hosts has said, Cut down her trees and pour out a *siege*-mound against Jerusalem. She *is* the city to be called to account; in her midst *is* oppression, all of her.

7 As a cistern keeps fresh its waters, so she keeps fresh her evil. Violence and destruction are heard in her. Sickness and wounds *are* continually before My face.

8 O Jerusalem, be taught lest My soul be alienated from you; lest I make you a desolation, a land with not *one* living *in* it.

9 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, Gleaning they shall glean the remnant of Israel like a vine *and* turn back your hand as a grape gatherer over the tendrils.

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning and they may hear? Behold, their ears *are* not circumcised, and they are not able to pay attention-. Behold, the Word of Jehovah is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it.

11 And I am full of the fury of Jehovah; I am weary with holding in. Pour it out on the child in the street and on the circle of the young men together. For even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the elder with fullness of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned to others, fields and wives together. For I will stretch out My hand on those living *in* the land, a statement of Jehovah.

13 For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them cuts off a profit. And from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals a lie.

14 They have also healed the break of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they made a disgusting thing? Yea, they were not at all ashamed, nor did they know to blush. So they shall fall among those falling. At the time I call them to account, says Jehovah.

16 So says Jehovah, Stand by the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way *is*, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *in* it.

17 And I raised watchmen over you, *saying*, Attend to the sound of the rams' horn; but they said, We will not listen.

18 ¶ So hear, O nations, and know, O assembly, that which is *coming* on them.

19 Hear, O earth, behold, I will bring evil on this people, the fruit of their thoughts; for they have not paid attention to My words; and My Law, they also rejected it.

20 Why *is* this to Me; frankincense comes from Sheba, and the good cane from a land afar off? Your burnt offerings *are* not for acceptance, and your sacrifices *are* not sweet to Me.

21 So Jehovah says this, Behold! I am giving stumbling blocks to this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall stumble on them; a neighbor and his friend shall perish.

22 So says Jehovah, Behold! A people comes from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and javelin; they *are* cruel and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea; they ride on horses, arrayed like a man for the battle against you, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the report of it. Our hands have dropped down; anguish has seized us, pain like *one* giving birth.

25 Do not go out into the field or walk by the way, because of the sword of the enemy *and* terror from round about.

26 O daughter of My people, put on sackcloth and roll in ashes. Make mourning for yourself, *as for* an only son, most bitter mourning; for the *one* devastating shall suddenly come on us.

27 I have given you as an assayer, as a tester among My people, that you may know and examine their way.

28 All of them turn aside, they rebel, walking *in* slander. All of them *are as* bronze and iron; all of them *are* corrupters.

29 The bellows blow, the lead is consumed from the fire, the refiner refines in vain; for the evil is not separated.

30 Men will call them rejected silver, for Jehovah has rejected them.

Jeremiah 7

1 Jeremiah is sent to call for true repentance, to prevent the Jews' captivity. 17 He threatens them for their idolatry. 29 He exhorts to mourn for their abominations in Tophet.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the house of Jehovah and call out there this Word, and say, Hear the Word of Jehovah all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah.

3 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will let you dwell in this place.

4 Do not trust yourself to words of the lie, saying, The temple of Jehovah! The temple of Jehovah! This *is* the temple of Jehovah!

5 For if amending you amend your ways and your doings; if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor;

6 if you do not oppress the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow; and do not pour out innocent blood in this place, and do not go after other gods to your evil;

7 even I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from forever and to forever.

8 Behold, you trust for yourself on words of the lie without being of use.

9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear a lie, and burn incense to Baal, and go after other gods whom you do not know?

10 And *will you* come and stand before Me in this house on which My name is called, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations

11 Has this house on which My name is called become a den of breakers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen, a statement of Jehovah.

12 But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the evil of My people Israel.

13 And now, because you have done all these works, a statement of Jehovah, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speak-

ing, but you did not hear. Yea, I called you, but you did not answer.

14 Therefore I will do to the house on which My name is called, in which you are trusting, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out from My face as I cast out all your brothers, all the seed of Ephraim.

16 ¶ And you, do not pray for this people; do not lift up cry or prayer for them. Do not intercede with Me, for I do not hear you.

17 Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the open places of Jerusalem?

18 The sons gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me.

19 Do they provoke Me, a statement of Jehovah? *Is it* not themselves, to the shame of their own faces?

20 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place, on man and on animal, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground. And it will burn and will not be put out.

21 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat flesh.

22 For I did not speak to your fathers, and not command them in the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, concerning matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices.

23 But I commanded them this thing, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be to you for God, and you will be to Me for a people. Also, Walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it may be well with you.

24 But they did not listen, and did not stretch out their ear. But *they* walked in *their own* plans, in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants, the prophets, daily rising up early and sending.

26 Yet they did not listen to Me and did not stretch out their ear, but *they* stiffened their neck. They did more evil than their fathers.

27 And you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. And you will call to them, but they will not answer you.

28 But you shall say to them, This *is* the nation that does not obey the voice of Jehovah their God, and does not receive instruction. Truth has perished, and it is cut off from their mouth.

29 ¶ Cut off your crown and cast *it* away, and lift up a dirge on the heights. For Jehovah has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.

30 For the sons of Judah have done evil in My eyes, a statement of Jehovah. They have set their abominable *idols* in the house on which is called My name in order to defile it.

31 They have built the high places of Tophet in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and not did it come into My heart.

32 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, when it shall no more be called Tophet, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter. For they shall bury in Tophet from lack of a place.

33 And the bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one shall frighten *them* away.

34 Then I will cause the voice of gladness to cease from the streets of Jerusalem, even the voice of joy, and the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. For the land shall become a waste.

Jeremiah 8

1 The calamity of the Jews, both dead and alive.

4 He upbraids their foolish and shameless impenitence. 13 He shows their judgment.

1 ¶ At that time, a statement of Jehovah, they will bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its rulers, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of those living in Jerusalem, out of their graves.

2 And they shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens that they have loved, and that they have served, and after whom they have walked, and to which they have sought, and to which they have bowed themselves. They shall not be gathered or buried; they shall be dung on the face of the ground.

3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the remnant of those who remain of this evil family, those who remain there in all the places there where I have driven them away, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

4 ¶ And you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, Shall they fall and not rise up? Or shall one turn back and not return?

5 Why has this people, Jerusalem, turned back *to* a perpetual apostasy? They hold fast to deceit. They refuse to turn back.

6 I listened and heard. They did not speak so. No man repented because of this evil *way*, saying, What have I done? Everyone turned in their own courses, as a horse rushes into the battle.

7 Also the stork in the heavens knows her seasons, and the turtledove and the swallow and the thrush observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of Jehovah.

8 How do you say, We *are* wise *ones*, and the Law of Jehovah *is* with us? Behold, certainly the scribes have practiced deceit, the pen of the lie.

9 The wise *ones* are put to shame; they are terrified and are captured. Behold, they have rejected the Word of Jehovah, and what wisdom *is* theirs?

10 So I will give their wives to others, their fields to those who possess them. For everyone from the least even to the greatest cuts off a profit; from the prophet and to the priest, everyone deals a lie.

11 For they have healed the breaking of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace! And *there is* no peace.

12 Were they ashamed when they had made an abomination? They were not even at all ashamed, and they did not know how to blush. So they shall fall among those who fall. In the time *that* they rebel they will wither, says Jehovah.

13 ¶ Gathering I will gather them, a statement of Jehovah. No grapes will be on the vine, or figs on the fig tree; and the leaf withers. And I will give to them those who pass over them.

14 Why do we sit still? Gather yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there. For Jehovah our God has made us silent there, and *He* has made us drink water of poison because we have sinned against Jehovah.

15 We waited for peace, but no good *came*; for a time of healing, but, behold, terror!

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; all the land quakes at the sound of the neighing of his stallions. For they come and devour the land and its fullness, the city and those who live *in it*.

17 For behold, I, *even* I will send serpents among you, vipers *for* which there is no charm; and they will bite you, a statement of Jehovah.

18 From my smiling *I suffer* beyond grief; my heart *is* sick within me.

19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land! *Is* not Jehovah in Zion? Or *is* not her king in her? Why have they provoked Me with their graven images, with foreign vanities?

20 Harvest has passed; the summer has ended, and we are not delivered.

21 For the breaking of the daughter of my people, I am broken. I mourn; horror has taken hold on me.

22 *Is there* no balm in Gilead? *Is there* no *one* to heal there? Why then has the healing of the daughter of My people not come?

Jeremiah 9

1 Jeremiah weeps for the Jews for their many sins, 9 and for their judgment. 17 He exhorts to mourn for their destruction, 23 and to trust not in themselves, but in Jehovah.

1 ¶ Oh, that my head were waters and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

2 Oh, that I had a lodging place for my journeying in the wilderness, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they all *are* committing adultery, an assembly of ones acting deceitfully.

3 And they bend their tongues, their bow *is* a lie. And they are not mighty for the truth on the earth, for they go from evil to evil; And they do not know Me, a statement of Jehovah.

4 Let *every* man be on guard against his neighbor, and do not trust any brother. For supplanting every brother will supplant, and every neighbor will go about as one slandering.

5 And everyone will deceive his neighbor, and they will not speak the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies. They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Your dwelling *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me, a statement of Jehovah.

7 Therefore, so says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold, I will refine them and test them. For what *else* can I do because of the daughter of My people?

8 Their tongue *is* a slaughtering arrow; it speaks deceit. *One* speaks peace with his neighbor with his mouth, but in his inner part he sets his ambush.

9 Shall I not call them to account for these *things*? a statement of Jehovah. Or shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 I will take up a weeping and a wailing for the mountains and a dirge for the pastures of the wilderness. For they are burned up, without a man passing through. Yea, they do not hear the voice of cattle. From the fowl of the heavens and to the beast, they have fled; they are gone.

11 And I will give Jerusalem *to be* a heap of ruins, a den of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, not [one] living *in it*.

12 ¶ Who *is* the wise man that can understand this? And he to whom the mouth of Jehovah has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish? It is burned up like the wilderness, so that no one passes through.

13 And Jehovah says, Because they have forsaken My Law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, and have not walked in it;

14 but *they* have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them;

15 Therefore thus says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will make this people eat wormwood, and make them drink waters of poison.

16 I will also scatter them among the nations which they have not known, and not their fathers. And I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.

17 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Consider and call for the wailers, that they may come. And send for the wise *women*, that they may come.

18 And let them make haste and take up a lament over us, so that our eyes may run down with tears, and waters flow *from* our eyelids.

19 For the voice of lament is heard from Zion. How we are devastated! We are greatly ashamed because we have forsaken the land; because they have thrown down our dwellings.

20 Yet hear the Word of Jehovah, women. And let your ear receive the Word of His mouth, and teach your daughters a lament, and *each* woman her neighbor a dirge.

21 For death has come into our windows, entering into our fortresses, to cut off the children from the outside, *the* young men from the broad spaces.

22 So speak, a statement of Jehovah, Even the bodies of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the swath after the reaper, and no one shall gather *them*.

23 ¶ So says Jehovah, Do not let the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, and do not let the mighty *one* glory in his might. Do not let the rich *man* glory in his riches.

24 But let him who glories glory in this, *that he* understands and knows Me, that I *am* Jehovah, doing kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for I delight in these, a statement of Jehovah.

25 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will call to account all the circumcised with foreskin:

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon, and Moab, and all those trimmed on the edges *of their beards*, who dwell in the wilderness. For all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel, those uncircumcised of heart.

Jeremiah 10

1 *The unequal comparison of Jehovah and idols.*

17 *The prophet exhorts to flee from the calamity to come.* 20 *He laments the spoil of the tabernacle.*

1 ¶ Hear the Word which Jehovah speaks to you, O house of Israel.

2 So says Jehovah, You shall not be taught by the way of the nations; and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens; for the nations are terrified at them.

3 For the statutes of the people *are* vanity. For one cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the craftsman.

4 They beautify it with silver and with gold; they make them strong with nails and hammers, *so that* it will not wobble.

5 They *are* like a rounded palm tree, and they cannot speak; lifting they must be lifted, because they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil and not good; it is not with them.

6 There is none like You, O Jehovah; You *are* great, and Your name *is* great in might.

7 Who would not fear You, O King of nations? For it is fitting to You, because there is none like You among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms.

8 But they are at once being foolish and being stupid; their tree *is* an instruction of vanities.

9 Silver beaten into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the craftsman and the hands of the goldsmith. Violet and purple *is* their clothing; they *are* all the works of skillful *ones*.

10 But Jehovah *is* the true God, He *is* the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth shall quake, and the nations shall not be able to stand His indignation.

11 So you shall say to them, The gods who have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.

12 *It is* He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and who stretched out the heavens by His understanding.

13 At the sound of His giving a roar of waters in the heavens, He causes the mists to go up from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind out of His storehouses.

14 Every man is being stupid from *lack of* knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by the carved image. For his molten image is a lie and no breath *is* in them.

15 They *are* vanity, the work of delusion. In the time of their visitation they will perish.

16 The Portion of Jacob *is* not like these. For He *is* the Former of all things; and Israel *is* the tribe of His inheritance; Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name.

17 ¶ Gather up your bundle from the ground, you who live under the siege.

18 For so says Jehovah, Behold, I will sling out those living *in* the land at this time, and I will distress them so that they may be found out.

19 Woe *to* me for my breaking! My wound is grievous. But I said, Truly this *is* a sickness, and I must bear it.

20 My tabernacle is devastated, and all my cords are broken. My sons have gone out from me and they are not. *There is* no stretching out my tent any more, or setting up my curtains.

21 For the shepherds have been stupid, and they have not sought Jehovah. Therefore, they shall not act wisely, and all their flock shall be scattered.

22 Behold, the sound of report! It comes, and a great commotion from the land of the north, to set out the cities of Judah a desolation, a den of jackals.

23 O Jehovah, I know that his way does not *belong* to man; *it is* not in man who walks to direct his steps.

24 O Jehovah, correct me, only with judgment, not in Your anger, that You do not bring me to nothing.

25 Pour out Your fury on the nations who do not know You, and on the families who do not call on Your name. For they have eaten up Jacob. Yea, they ate him up and have finished him, and *they* have made his dwelling place desolate.

Jeremiah 11

1 Jeremiah proclaims Jehovah's covenant, 8 rebukes the Jews' disobeying, 11 prophesies evils to come upon them, 18 and upon the men of Anathoth, for conspiring to kill Jeremiah.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to those living *in* Jerusalem,

3 and say to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Cursed *is* the man who does not obey the words of this covenant,

4 which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Hear My voice and do them according to all that I command you, so that you shall be for a people to Me, and I will be to you for God;

5 in order to cause to rise the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. And I answered and said, Amen, O Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah said to me, Cry out all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

7 For admonishing I admonished your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, to this day rising early and admonishing, saying, Hear My voice.

8 They did not hear and did not stretch out their ear, but *each* man walked in the stubbornness of *his* evil heart. And I will bring on them all the words of this covenant which I commanded *them* to do, but they did not do.

9 And Jehovah said to me, A plot is found among the men of Judah, and among those living *in* Jerusalem.

10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My Word. And they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I cut with their fathers.

11 ¶ Therefore Jehovah says this: Behold, I will bring evil on them from which they shall not be able to go forth from it. And *though* they cry to Me, I will not hear them.

12 And the cities of Judah and those living in Jerusalem shall go and cry to the gods to whom they burned incense, to them. But they are not at all able to save them in the time of their evil.

13 For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; yea, according to the number of the outside places of Jerusalem you have set up altars to the thing of shame, altars to burn incense to Baal.

14 And you, do not pray for this people; and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them. For I will not hear in the time they cry to Me for their evil.

15 What is to My beloved in My house, since she has done her many evils? And has the holy flesh caused your evil way to pass from you? Then do you exult?

16 Jehovah called your name, a green olive tree, fair, with fine fruit. With the sound of a great roaring, He has set fire to it, and its branches are bad.

17 And Jehovah of Hosts, who planted you, has spoken evil against you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah which they have done to themselves, to provoke Me to anger by burning incense to Baal.

18 ¶ And Jehovah made me know, and I knew. And You made me see their doings.

19 And I was like a docile lamb being brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had plotted schemes against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; and let us cut him off from the land of the living so that his name may be remembered no more.

20 But, O Jehovah of Hosts who judges with righteousness, who tries the kidneys and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them. For to You I have revealed my cause.

21 Therefore, so says Jehovah concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, Do not prophesy in the name of Jehovah, that you do not die by our hand.

22 So Jehovah of Hosts says this: Behold, I will call them to account. The young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine.

23 And there shall be no survivor of them, for I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.

Jeremiah 12

1 Jeremiah, complaining of the wicked's prosperity sees their ruin. 5 Jehovah warns him of the treachery of his brothers. 14 He promises to the penitent a return from captivity.

1 ¶ Righteous are You, O Jehovah, when I might contend with You, yet let me speak with You of Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked ones prosper? Why are all at ease, those who act deceitfully, with deceit.

2 You planted them; yea, they take root, they go on, they even make fruit. You are near in their mouth, and far from their kidneys.

3 But You know me, O Jehovah. You have seen me and tried my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and consecrate them to the day of slaughter.

4 Until when shall the land mourn, and the plant of every field wither from the evil of those who dwell in it? The beasts and the birds are swept away, because they said, He will not see our last end.

5 If you have run with footmen, and they wore you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if you trusted in the land of peace, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?

6 For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have acted deceitfully with you; even they have fully called after you. Do not believe them, though they speak good things to you.

7 ¶ I have forsaken My house; I have left My inheritance. I have given the beloved of My soul into the palm of her enemies.

8 My inheritance has become as a lion in the forest to Me; she gave out her voice against Me; On account of this I hated her.

9 My inheritance is like a speckled bird to Me; the birds round about are against her. Go gather all the beasts of the field, bring them for food.

10 Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard; they have trodden My portion under foot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 One has made it desolate; it mourns to Me. The whole land is a desolation, but no man sets it on his heart.

12 These devastating have come on all barren heights through the wilderness, for the sword of Jehovah devours from *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land. There is no peace for any flesh.

13 They have sown wheat, but they have reaped thorns. They are exhausted, *but* they do not profit. And they shall be ashamed of your harvests, because of the anger of the anger of the face of Jehovah.

14 ¶ So says Jehovah against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and I will pluck the house of Judah from their midst.

15 And it shall be after I have plucked them up I will return and have pity on them, and I will bring them again, *each* man to Me, a statement of Jehovah, to be to his inheritance and *each* man to his land.

Jeremiah 13

I By the type of a linen girdle hidden at Euphrates Jehovah prefigures the destruction of His people.

12 Under the parable of the bottles filled with wine He foretells their future in misery.

1 So says Jehovah to me: Go and buy for yourself a linen girdle and put it on your loins, and do not put it in water.

2 And I bought the girdle according to the Word of Jehovah and put it on my loins.

3 And the Word of Jehovah was to me a second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that you bought, which is on your loins, and rise up. Go to Euphrates and hide it there in the cleft of the rock.

5 And I went and hid it by Euphrates, as Jehovah commanded me.

6 And it happened at the end of many days Jehovah said to me, Rise up, go to Euphrates and take the girdle from there, which I commanded you to hide there.

7 And I went to Euphrates and dug, and I took the girdle from the place, there where I had hidden it. And behold, the girdle was rotted. It was not useful for anything.

8 And was the Word of Jehovah to me, saying:

9 So says Jehovah, So I will spoil the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them and to bow down to them, shall even be like this girdle which is not useful for anything.

11 For as this girdle holds fast to the loins of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me for a people, and for a name, and for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.

12 ¶ So you will speak to them this Word: So says Jehovah, God of Israel, Every skin shall be filled with wine. And they shall say to you, Knowing, do we not know that every skin shall be filled with wine?

13 Then you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all those living in this land, even the kings that sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all those living in Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them a man against his brother, even the fathers and the sons together, a statement of Jehovah. I will not pity and not spare and not have compassion to keep them from their destruction.

15 Hear and give ear; do not be proud, for Jehovah has spoken.

16 Give glory to Jehovah your God before He brings darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains. Yea, while you wait for light, He puts it into death shade, setting up deep gloom.

17 But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride. And my eye shall bitterly weep and run down with tears, because the flock of Jehovah was captured.

18 Say to the king and to the queen mother, Humble yourselves, sit down. For the crown of your glory will come down from your head places.

19 The cities of the south have been shut up, and none are opening. Judah has been exiled; all of it has been peacefully exiled.

20 Lift up your eyes and see those who come from the north. Where is the flock that was given to you, your beautiful flock?

21 What will you say when He calls you to account? For you taught them to be

chiefs over you for a head. Will not birth pangs seize you like a woman bearing?

22 ¶ And if you say in your heart, Why do these things meet me? *It is because* of the greatness of your iniquity. Your skirts are bared; your heels suffer violence.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? *Then* you also may do good who have learned to do evil.

24 And I will scatter them as the stubble that passes away to the wilderness wind.

25 This *is* your lot, the share of your measure from Me, a statement of Jehovah, because you have forgotten Me and have trusted in falsehood.

26 And I also have made bare your skirts over your face, that your shame may be seen.

27 I have seen your adulteries and your neighings, the plot of your adultery, your abominable idols on the hills, in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you not be made clean? Until when *will it be* again?

Jeremiah 14

1 The grievous famine 7 causes Jeremiah to pray.

10 Jehovah will not be entreated for the people.

13 Lying prophets are no excuse for them.

1 ¶ That which was the Word of Jehovah to Jeremiah concerning the matter of droughts.

2 Judah mourns, and her gates droop. They put on mourning for the land, and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters. They came to the cisterns; they found no waters. They returned *with* their vessels empty. They were ashamed and blushed and covered their head.

4 Because the ground was shattered, for there was no rain in the land; the plowmen were ashamed; they covered their head.

5 For even the doe gave birth in the field and forsook *it* because *there was* no grass.

6 And the wild asses stood in the high places; they snuffed up the wind like jackals; their eyes failed because *there was* no grass.

7 O Jehovah, though our iniquities testify against us, act for Your name's sake; for our apostasies are many; we have sinned against You.

8 O Hope of Israel, its Savior in time of trouble, why should You be as an alien in

the land, and as a traveler *who* turns aside to lodge?

9 Why should You be as a man who is stunned, as a mighty *one* who cannot save? Yet You, O Jehovah, *are* in our midst, and Your name is called on us. Do not leave us.

10 ¶ So says Jehovah to this people: So they have loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet; even Jehovah will not be pleased with them. He will now recall their iniquity and call their sins to account.

11 And Jehovah said to me, Do not pray for good for this people.

12 I will not hear their cry when they fast; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering I will not be pleased with them. But I will consume them by the sword, and by famine, and by the plague.

13 Then I said, Ah, O Lord Jehovah! Behold, the prophets are saying to them, You shall not see the sword, and famine shall not be to you, but I will give you true peace in this place.

14 And Jehovah said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I did not send them and I have not commanded them, and not did I speak to them. They are prophesying to you *concerning* a false vision, and a worthless divination, and the deceit of their heart.

15 So Jehovah says this over the prophets who prophesy in My name, and I did not send them; yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword. And none will bury them, *either* them, their wives, or their sons, or their daughters. For I will pour evil on them.

17 ¶ And you shall speak this Word to them: Let my eyes run down *with* tears night and day, and do not let them cease. For the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great break, *with* a very grievous blow.

18 If I go out into the field, then I see those pierced with the sword. And if I enter into the city, then, behold, diseases of famine! Yes, both the prophet and the priest

have gone around into a land that they do not know.

19 Rejecting have You rejected Judah? Or has Your soul loathed Zion? Why have You stricken us and no healing *is* for us? *We* looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for a healing time, but, behold, terror!

20 We know our wickedness, O Jehovah, the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You.

21 For Your name's sake, do not spurn *us*; do not dishonor the throne of Your glory. Remember, *and* do not break Your covenant with us.

22 Among the vanities of the nations are there *any* who make rain fall? Or can the heavens give showers? *Is* it not You, O Jehovah our God? Therefore we will wait for You; for You do all these.

Jeremiah 15

1 The utter rejection and manifold judgments of the Jews. 10 Jeremiah, complaining of their spite, receives a promise for himself,

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My soul *is* not toward this people. Send them from My face; yea, let them go out.

2 And it will be, when they say to you, Where shall we go? Even you will tell them, So says Jehovah, who *are* for death, to death; and *those* who *are* for the sword, to the sword; and *those* who *are* for the famine, to the famine; and *those* who *are* for captivity, to captivity.

3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, says Jehovah: the sword to kill, and the dogs to drag off, and the birds of the heaven and the beast of the earth to devour and destroy.

4 And I will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah; for what he did in Jerusalem.

5 For who shall have pity on you, O Jerusalem? Or who shall grieve over you? Or who shall turn aside to ask your welfare?

6 You have forsaken Me, says Jehovah. You have gone backward, and I will stretch out My hand against you and ruin you; I am weary of repenting.

7 And I will sift them with a fork in the gates of the land; I will bereave; I will make My people perish, *for* they do not turn back from their ways.

8 Their widows are more numerous about Me than the sand of the seas. I have brought for them *one* devastating at noonday against the mother of a young man; I caused anguish and terror to fall on her suddenly.

9 She who bore seven languishes; she has breathed out her life; her sun has gone while *it was* yet day. She has been ashamed and humiliated, and I will give the remnant of them to the sword before their enemies, says Jehovah.

10 ¶ Woe to me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of strife, and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not loaned, and not have they loaned to me; *yet* everyone curses me.

11 Jehovah said, Truly did I not free you for good? Did I not cause the enemy to entreat you in a time of evil and the enemy in a time of distress?

12 Can one break iron, iron and bronze from the north?

13 Your wealth and your treasures I will give for prey, not for price, but for all your sins, even in all your borders.

14 And I will make *you* pass with your enemies into a land you do not know. For a fire has been kindled in My anger; it shall burn against you.

15 ¶ O Jehovah, You know. Remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. Do not take me away in the long of Your anger; know that I bear reproach for You.

16 Your words were found and I ate them; and Your Word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart. For I am called by Your name, O Jehovah, God of Hosts.

17 I did not sit in the circle of ones who laugh in derision, and did not exult. I sat alone because of Your hand; for You have filled me with indignation.

18 Why has my pain been continual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? You surely are to me as a deceitful *stream*, its waters cannot be trusted.

19 So Jehovah says this: If you turn back, even I will bring you back; you shall stand

before Me. And if you take the precious from the worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They may turn back to you, but do not turn back to them.

20 And I will make you a fortified wall of bronze to this people. And they shall fight against you, but they shall not overcome you; for I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you, says Jehovah.

21 And I will deliver you out of the hand of the evil *ones*, and I will redeem you out of the palm of the terrifying *ones*.

Jeremiah 16

1 The prophet, under the types of abstaining from marriage, from houses of mourning and feasting, foretells the utter ruin of the Jews. 14 Their return from captivity shall be strange.

1 ¶ And was the Word of Jehovah to me, saying,

2 You shall not take a wife for yourself, and not will be to you sons or daughters in this place.

3 For so says Jehovah concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who fathered them in this land:

4 They shall die of deaths of diseases; they shall not be mourned and not shall they be buried; they shall be as dung on the face of the earth. And they will end by the sword and by famine, and their bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For so says Jehovah, Do not enter into the house of mourning and do not go to lament and not do moan for them. For I have removed My peace with loving-kindness and compassions from this people, a statement of Jehovah.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried, and not they will mourn for them, and not cut himself, and not make himself bald for them.

7 And not shall they break for them in mourning, to comfort him for ones who died. And not shall *they* give them the cup of consolation to drink for one's father or one's mother.

8 And you shall not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and drink.

9 For so says Jehovah of Hosts the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease from this place for your eyes, and in your days, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

10 ¶ And it shall be, when you declare to this people all these words, they will say to you, Why has Jehovah spoken all this great evil against us? And what *is* our iniquity, or what our sin that we have sinned against Jehovah our God?

11 And you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken Me, a statement of Jehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have bowed down to them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My Law.

12 And you have done more evil than your fathers. For, behold, you *each* man walk after the stubbornness of his evil heart, without hearing Me.

13 And I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, you and not your fathers. And there you shall serve other gods day and night, where I will not grant you favor.

14 ¶ So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that it shall no more be said, As Jehovah lives who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

15 But rather, As Jehovah lives who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands, there where He had driven them. And I will bring them back into their land that I gave to their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishermen, a statement of Jehovah. And they shall fish them. And after this I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them, from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

17 For My eyes *are* on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face; their iniquity is not concealed from My eyes.

18 And first I will repay double *for* their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land with the bodies of their detestable *idols*. Yea, their disgusting things have filled My inheritance.

19 O Jehovah, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, Our fathers have inherited only lies, vanity, and there is no profit in them.

20 Can a man make gods to himself? But they *are* not gods!

21 Therefore, behold, I will make them know; this time I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name *is* Jehovah.

Jeremiah 17

1 The captivity of Judah for her sin. 5 Trust in man is cursed, 7 in Jehovah is blessed.

12 Jehovah is the Fountain of living waters.

1 ¶ The sin of Judah *is* engraved with an iron pen. *It is* carved on the tablet of their heart with the point of a diamond, and on the horns of your altars,

2 *even* while their sons remember their altars and their Asherahs by the green tree on the high hills.

3 O My mountain in the field! I will give your wealth, all your treasures, for prey, your high places for sin throughout all your borders.

4 And you, even through yourself, will let drop from your inheritance which I gave you. And I will cause you to serve your enemies in a land which you do not know. For you have kindled a fire in My anger; it will burn until the age.

5 ¶ So says Jehovah, Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man, and who makes flesh his arm, and who turns aside his heart from Jehovah.

6 For he shall be like a juniper in the desert, and shall not see when good comes. But he shall live in the dry places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land that is not inhabited.

7 Blessed *is* the man who trusts in Jehovah, and Jehovah is his refuge.

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters. *It* sends out its roots by the stream, and *it* will not fear when the heat comes; but its foliage will be green; and it is not anxious in the year of drought, and not will it cease from producing fruit.

9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and it is incurable; who can know it?

10 I, Jehovah, search the heart *I* try the kidneys, even to give to *each* man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As a partridge broods and does not hatch, *so is* he who makes riches, and not with justice; it will leave him in the midst of his days, and at his end he will be a foolish *one*.

12 ¶ A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary.

13 The Hope of Israel *is* Jehovah; all who forsake You shall be ashamed. Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Jehovah, the Fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O Jehovah, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved; for You *are* my praise.

15 Behold, they say to me, Where *is* the Word of Jehovah? Let it come now.

16 And I have not hurried away from *being* a shepherd after You; I have not desired the woeful day. You know *that* the going forth of my lips was before Your face.

17 Do not be a terror to me; You *are* my refuge in the day of evil.

18 Let those who persecute me be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed. Let them be terrified, but do not let me be terrified. Bring on them the day of evil, and break them *with* double breaking.

19 ¶ So Jehovah said to me, Go and stand in the gate of the sons of the people, *that* by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem.

20 And say to them, Hear the Word of Jehovah, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all those living *in* Jerusalem who go in by these gates.

21 So says Jehovah, Take heed for the sake of your lives, and do not lift up a burden on the sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem.

22 And do not carry a burden from your houses on the sabbath day, nor do any work, but keep the sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they did not obey nor stretch out their ear, but they made their neck stiff, not to hear, and not to take instruction.

24 And it shall be, if listening you listen to Me, a statement of Jehovah, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but keep the sabbath day holy, to do no work in it,

25 even kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city, riding on chariots and on horses, they and their rulers, the men of Judah, and those living *in* Jerusalem. And this city will be inhabited to the ages.

26 And they will come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the hill-country, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and food offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of Jehovah.

27 But if you will not listen to Me to keep the sabbath day holy, even to not lift up a burden and enter at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in her gates. And it shall devour the fortresses of Jerusalem, and shall not be put out.

Jeremiah 18

1 Under the type of a potter is shown Jehovah's absolute power in disposing of nations. 11 Judgments threatened to Judah for her revolt.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Rise up and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.

3 And I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was working a work on the wheel.

4 And the vessel that he made in clay was ruined in the hand of the potter and turning back he made it another vessel, as it seemed good in the potter's eyes to make *it*.

5 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, am I not able to do to you as this potter? a statement of Jehovah. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, *so are* you in My hand, O house of Israel.

7 The instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, or to break down, and to cause *it* to perish,

8 if that nation against whom I have spoken will turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to it.

9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;

10 if it does evil in My eye, not to obey My voice, then I will repent of the good which I had said to do good to it.

11 ¶ And now please speak to the men of Judah and to those living *in* Jerusalem, saying, So says Jehovah, Behold, I am forming evil against you, and devising a plan against you. Now *each* man turn back from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 But they say, It is hopeless. For we will walk after our own thoughts, and we will *each* man do *according to* the stubbornness of his evil heart.

13 So Jehovah says this: Ask now among the nations, Who has heard *things* like these? The virgin of Israel has done a dreadful thing.

14 Does the snow of Lebanon cease from the rock of the field? Or are the cold flowing waters *from* a foreign *place* plucked up?

15 But My people have forgotten Me. They have burned incense to vain idols; and they have caused them to stumble in their ways, *from* the old paths, to walk *in* paths of a way not raised up;

16 to make their land a desolation, a hissing forever. Everyone who passes by will be stunned and will shake his head.

17 I will scatter them like an east wind before the enemy; I will make them see *My* back, and not *My* face in the day of their calamity.

18 ¶ Then they said, Come and let us plot schemes against Jeremiah. For the Law shall not perish from the priest, and *not* counsel from the wise, and *not* word from the prophet. Come and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not attend to any of his words.

19 O Jehovah, attend to me, and attend to the voice of my contenders.

20 Should evil be repaid for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember, I stood before You to speak good concerning them, to turn Your wrath from them.

21 Therefore, give their sons to the famine, and make them run onto the hand of the sword. And let their wives be bereaved, and *be* widows, and let their men *be* the slain of death, their young men *be* those struck by the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses when You suddenly bring a raiding band on them. For they have dug a pit to capture me, and have hidden snares for my feet.

23 Yet, O Jehovah, You know all their counsel to death against me. Do not atone for their iniquity, not do blot out their sin from Your face, but let them be those made to stumble before You; deal with them in the time of Your anger.

Jeremiah 19

1 ¶ So says Jehovah, Go and buy a potter's earthen jar, and *gather* from the elders of the people, and from the elders of the priests.

2 And go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom by the entry of Potsherd Gate. And there proclaim the words that I will speak to you.

3 And say, Hear the Word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and those living *in* Jerusalem. So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring evil on this place *by* which every one who hear, his ears will tingle.

4 Because they have forsaken Me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it to other gods whom they and their fathers have not known, and not the kings of Judah, and *they* have filled this place with the blood of innocent *ones*,

5 They have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command and did not speak, and it did not come into My heart.

6 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that this place shall be no more called Tophet, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but Valley of Slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place. And I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of those who seek their lives. And I will give their corpses for food to the birds of the heavens, and for the animals of the earth.

8 And I will make this city a waste and a hissing. Everyone who passes by shall be stunned and shall hiss because of all its plagues.

9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters. And a man will eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and distress *with* which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall distress them.

10 ¶ And you shall break the jar before the eyes of the men who go with you,

11 and shall say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, So I will break this people and this city, as one breaks the potter's vessel that cannot be healed again. And they shall bury in Tophet, there being no place to bury.

12 I will do this to this place, a statement of Jehovah, and to those living *in* it, and give this place *to be* as Tophet.

13 And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the roofs of the houses on which they have burned incense to all the host of the heavens, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

14 And Jeremiah came from Tophet, where Jehovah had sent him there to prophesy. And he stood in the court of the house of Jehovah, and *he* said to all the people,

15 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring to this city, and on all its towns, all the evil that I have spoken against it, because they have stiffened their necks in order not to hear My words.

Jeremiah 20

1 Pashur smites Jeremiah and receives a new name, and a fearful doom. 7 Jeremiah complains of contempt, 10 of treachery, 14 and of his birth.

1 ¶ When Pashur the son of Immer, the priest, (he also was chief officer in the house of Jehovah), heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

2 then Pashur struck Jeremiah the prophet and put him in the stocks in the upper Benjamin Gate, which *was* by the house of Jehovah.

3 And it was on the next day that Pashur made Jeremiah go out from the stocks. And Jeremiah said to him, Jehovah has not called

your name Pashur, but Terror From All Around.

4 For so says Jehovah, Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. And they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall exile them into Babylon and strike them with the sword.

5 And I will give all the wealth of this city, and all its produce, and all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah, *even* I will give *them* into the hand of their enemies who will plunder them and take them, and bring them to Babylon.

6 And you, Pashur, and all who live in your house, shall go into captivity. And you shall enter Babylon; and you shall die there. And you shall be buried there, you and all loving you, to whom you have prophesied lies to them.

7 ¶ O Jehovah, You have deceived me; yea, I was deceived. You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed. I am a derision all the day; everyone mocks me.

8 For whenever I speak, I cry out, I proclaim violence and ruin; for the Word of Jehovah has been to me a reproach and being mocked all the day.

9 And I said, I will not mention Him or speak any more in His name. But *His Word* was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary of holding *in*, and I was not able.

10 For I heard the slanders of many, Terror is all around! Expose! Yea, let us expose him! Every man of my peace watched for my fall, *saying*, Perhaps he will be lured away, and we shall prevail against him; and we shall take revenge on him.

11 But Jehovah *is* with me like a mighty, awesome *one*. On account of this those persecuting me shall stumble and will not prevail. And they shall be greatly ashamed. For they have not acted wisely; they are an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

12 But, O Jehovah of Hosts, who tries the righteous *one*, *who* sees the kidneys and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them; for I have revealed my cause to You.

13 Sing to Jehovah. Praise Jehovah. For He has delivered the soul of the poor *one* from the hand of evildoers.

14 ¶ Cursed *is* the day in which I was born; let not the day in which my mother bore me be blessed.

15 Cursed *is* the man who brought news to my father, saying, A son, a male, is born to you, making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew and did not repent. And let him hear a cry in the morning and the shouting at noontime;

17 because he did not cause me to die from the womb; and that my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great *with me*.

18 Why did I come forth from the womb to see toil and sorrow, and my days consumed in shame?

Jeremiah 21

1 Zedekiah sends to Jeremiah to inquire about Nebuchadnezzar's war. 3 Jeremiah pretells a hard siege and miserable captivity.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, when King Zedekiah sent Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to him, saying, 2 Inquire now of Jehovah for us. For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us. Perhaps Jehovah will do with us according to all His wonderful works, that he may go up from us.

3 And Jeremiah said to them, You shall say this to Zedekiah,

4 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war in your hand, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the wall. And I will gather them together in the midst of the city.

5 And I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched arm and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

6 And I will strike those living *in* this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great plague.

7 And afterward, a statement of Jehovah, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those

who remain in this city from the plague, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their lives. And he shall strike them with the mouth of the sword; he shall not spare them, and not have pity, and not have compassion.

8 ¶ And you shall say to this people, So says Jehovah, Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.

9 He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes out and falls to the Chaldeans who are besieging you, he shall live, and his life shall be for a prize to him.

10 For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, a statement of Jehovah. It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And concerning the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear the Word of Jehovah,

12 O house of David, so says Jehovah: Judge justice for the morning, and deliver the *one* plundered out of the hand of the *one* oppressing, that My fury not go out like fire and burn so that none can put it out, because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I *am* against you, one dwelling *in* the valley, rock of the plain, a statement of Jehovah, those who say, Who can come down against us? Or, Who can enter our dwellings?

14 But I will call you to account according to the fruit of your doings, a statement of Jehovah. And I will kindle a fire in its forest, and it shall devour all things around it.

Jeremiah 22

1 He exhorts to repentance, with promises and threats. 10 The judgment of Shallum, 13 of Jehoiakim, 20 and of Coniah.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah, Go down to the house of the king of Judah and speak this Word there,

2 and say, Hear the Word of Jehovah, O king of Judah who sits on the throne of David, you and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates.

3 So says Jehovah, Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the *one* plundered

from the hand of the oppressing *one*. And do not oppress the alien, the widow, or the orphan, and do not do violence and not shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if you indeed do this thing, then there shall enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he and his servants and his people.

5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, a statement of Jehovah, that this house shall become a ruin.

6 For so says Jehovah concerning the king of Judah's house, You *are* Gilead to Me, the head of Lebanon; if not I will make you a wilderness, cities not lived *in*.

7 And I will set apart the destroyers against you, *each* man with his weapons; and they will cut down the best of your cedars and make *them* fall into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall *each* man say to his companion, Why has Jehovah done this to this great city?

9 Then they will answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah their God and bowed to other gods and served them.

10 ¶ Weep not for the ones who died and do not lament for him; weep bitterly for him who goes away, for he shall return no more, nor see the land of his birth.

11 For so says Jehovah concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned in his father Josiah's place, who went forth from this place: he shall not return there any more.

12 But he shall die there in the place where they have exiled him, and he will see this land no more.

13 Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness, and his upper rooms without justice, his neighbor serves for nothing, and he does not give him *for* his work;

14 who says, I will build myself a wide house and large upper rooms. And *he* cuts out windows for it and covers with cedar, and paints with vermilion!

15 Do you reign because you lust to excel in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then *it* was well for him.

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy *one*, then *it was* well. Was this not to know Me, a statement of Jehovah?

17 But your eyes and your heart *lust for* nothing but your unjust gain, and to shed innocent blood, and injury, and to do oppression.

18 So Jehovah says this concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, my brother! Or, Ah, sister! They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, lord! Or, Ah, his glory!

19 He shall be buried *with* the burial of an ass, drawn beyond the gates of Jerusalem and thrown out.

20 ¶ Go up to Lebanon and cry. And lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry out from Abarim; for all those loving you are broken.

21 I spoke to you in your prosperity, *but* you said, I will not hear. This *has been* your way from your youth, for you have not obeyed My voice.

22 Those feeding you shall feed the wind, and those loving you shall go into captivity. Surely then you will be ashamed and will blush for all your evil.

23 One dwelling *in* Lebanon, nested in the cedars, How gracious will you be when pangs come to you, the pain as *one* giving birth!

24 As I live, says Jehovah, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah were the signet on My right hand, yet I would tear you away!

25 And I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand *of* those of whom you are fearful before them, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And I will cast you and your mother who bore you into another country, there where you were not born; and there you shall die.

27 But concerning the land which they lift up with their soul, to return there, they shall not return there.

28 *Is* this man Coniah a despised shattered jar, or a vessel in which is no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they do not know?

29 O earth, earth, earth! Hear the Word of Jehovah!

30 So says Jehovah, Write this man childless, a man who will not prosper in his days, for not one from his seed will prosper, a man sitting on the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.

Jeremiah 23

1 He prophesies a restoration of the scattered flock.

5 Christ shall rule and save them. 9 Against false prophets, 33 and mockers of true prophets.

1 ¶ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, says Jehovah!

2 Therefore, so says Jehovah the God of Israel against the shepherds who are feeding My people: You have scattered My flock, and have driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings, says Jehovah.

3 And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them there, and *I* will bring them back to their fold. And they shall be fruitful and multiply.

4 And I will raise up shepherds over them who will feed them. And they will fear no more, and not be terrified; and not will they be missing *anything*, a statement of Jehovah.

5 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and act wisely, and *He* shall do judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely. And this is His name *by* which He shall be called, Jehovah Our Righteousness.

7 Behold, so the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that they shall no more say, As Jehovah lives who brought the sons of Israel up out of the land of Egypt;

8 but, As Jehovah lives who brought up and led the seed of the house of Israel out of the land of the north, and from all the lands where I have driven them there. And they shall dwell on their own land.

9 ¶ My heart within me is broken concerning the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man

passed *out* by wine, because of Jehovah, and because of the words of His holiness.

10 For the land is full of those doing adultery. For the land mourns because of a curse. The pastures of the wilderness are dried up. And their course is evil, and their might is not right.

11 For both prophet and priest are being defiled; yea, I have found their evil in My house, a statement of Jehovah.

12 So their way shall be to them as slippery *places* in the darkness; they shall be driven out and fall by it. For I will bring evil on them, the year of their calling to account, a statement of Jehovah.

13 And I have seen frivolity among the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal and led astray My people Israel.

14 And I have seen a horrible thing among the prophets of Jerusalem; they commit adultery and walk in falsehood. And they make the hands of evildoers strong, so that not a man turns back from his evil. They are all of them like Sodom to Me, and those living *in her* like Gomorrah.

15 So Jehovah of Hosts says this concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them wormwood, and make them drink poisonous water, for ungodliness has gone forth from the prophets of Jerusalem into all the land.

16 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they make you vain; they speak a vision of their heart, not out of the mouth of Jehovah.

17 Saying they say to those who spurn Me, Jehovah has said, You shall have peace. And they say to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, Evil *things* shall not come on you.

18 For who has stood in the counsel of Jehovah, and has seen and heard His Word? Who has paid attention to His Word and heard?

19 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah has gone forth *in* wrath, even a whirling tempest; it will whirl on the head of the wicked *ones*.

20 The anger of Jehovah shall not turn back until He has executed, and until He has raised up the purposes of His heart. In

latter days understanding you shall understand it.

21 I have not sent the prophets, and they ran; I have not spoken to them, and they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in My counsel and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 *Am* I a God near by, a statement of Jehovah, and not a God from afar?

24 Or can a man hide himself in secret places so that I do not see him, says Jehovah? Do I not fill the heavens and the earth, a statement of Jehovah?

25 I have heard what the prophets said, *those* who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long is *this* there in the heart of the prophets, the prophets of lies; yea, the prophets of the deceit of their heart?

27 *They are* plotting to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they relate, *each* man to his neighbor, even as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal.

28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream. And he who has My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully. What *has* the straw to *do* with the grain, a statement of Jehovah?

29 *Is* not My Word thus like fire, says Jehovah, and like a hammer which shatters rock?

30 Therefore, a statement of Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against the prophets who steal My words, *each* man from his neighbor

31 Behold I *am* against those who take their tongues and say, a statement of Jehovah.

32 Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams, and speak them, and cause My people to go astray by their lies, and by their frivolity, and I did not send them, and I did not command them, a statement of Jehovah.

33 ¶ And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What *is* the burden of Jehovah? Even you shall say to them, What burden? I will even forsake you, a statement of Jehovah.

34 And the prophet, and the priest, and the people who shall say, The burden of

Jehovah, I will even call that man and his house to account.

35 And you shall say *each* man to his his companion and *each* man to his brother, What has Jehovah answered? And what has Jehovah spoken?

36 And you shall not mention the burden of Jehovah again, for *each* man's word shall be his burden. But you have perverted the words of the living God, of Jehovah of Hosts, our God.

37 So you shall say to the prophet, What has Jehovah answered you? And what has Jehovah spoken?

38 But if you say, The burden of Jehovah, therefore so says Jehovah: Because you say this word, the burden of Jehovah; and I have sent to you saying, You shall not say, The burden of Jehovah;

39 therefore, behold! I, even I will utterly forget you and deceive *you* and cast off you and the city that I gave to you and your fathers, away from My face.

40 And I will put on you everlasting reproach and everlasting shame on you, which shall not be forgotten.

Jeremiah 24

1 Under the type of good and bad figs, 4 he fore-shows the restoration of them that were in captivity, 8 and the desolation of Zedekiah.

1 ¶ Jehovah made me see, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Jehovah, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had exiled Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the rulers of Judah, and the craftsmen, and the smiths from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket *had* very good figs, like first ripe figs. And the other basket *had* very bad figs which could not be eaten from *their* badness.

3 And Jehovah said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs. The good figs are very good, and the bad are very bad, so that they cannot be eaten from *their* badness.

4 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

5 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Like these good figs, so I will recognize the ex-

iles of Judah whom I have sent out of this place *into* the land of the Chaldeans for good.

6 For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land. And I will build them and not tear *them* down; and I will plant them, and will not pluck *them* up.

7 And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* Jehovah. And they will be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God. For they shall turn back to Me with their whole heart.

8 And like the bad figs which cannot be eaten from badness, so says Jehovah: So I shall make Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his rulers, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt;

9 I will even make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth for evil, for a reproach, and a proverb, a gibe, and a curse, there in all places where I will drive them.

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the plague among them until they are consumed from *being* upon the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

Jeremiah 25

1 Jeremiah reproves the Jews' disobedience to the prophets, 8 foretells the seventy years captivity, 12 and the destruction of Babylon. 15 he foretells the destruction of all nations.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah. It *was* the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,

2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all those living *in* Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, this twenty-three years, the Word of Jehovah was to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened.

4 And Jehovah has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending, but you have not listened and not stretched out your ear to hear,

5 saying, Now turn *each* man from his evil way and from the evil of your doings,

and live on the land which Jehovah has given to you and to your fathers from forever even to forever.

6 And do not go after other gods to serve them and to bow down to them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no harm.

7 And you have not listened to Me, a statement of Jehovah, so that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands, for evil to you.

8 ¶ So Jehovah of Hosts says this: Because you have not obeyed My words,

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says Jehovah, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and I will bring them against this land, and against those living *in it*, and against all these nations round about. And I will completely destroy them, and make them a horror, and a hissing, and everlasting ruins.

10 And I will cause to perish from them the voice of rejoicing, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp.

11 And this whole land shall be a waste and a horror; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall be, when seventy years are fulfilled, I will call to account the king of Babylon and that nation, and the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, a statement of Jehovah; and I will make it everlasting ruins.

13 And I will bring on that land all My words which I have spoken against it, all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings will lay service on them, even they. And I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their own hands.

15 ¶ For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to me. Take the wine cup of this wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I shall send you to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and act madly, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17 And I took the cup from Jehovah's hand and made all the nations drink, *those* to whom Jehovah had sent me to them:

18 Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and their kings, and their rulers, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing, and a curse, as *it is* this day;

19 Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and his servants, and his rulers, and all his people;

20 and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

21 Edom, and Moab, and the sons of Ammon,

22 and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isles beyond the sea,

23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all who cut the corners *of their beards*,

24 and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the desert,

25 and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of Media,

26 and all the kings of the north, far and near, *each* man to his brother, and all the kingdoms of the earth which *are* on the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

27 So you shall say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and do not rise up, because of the sword which I will send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, Drinking you shall drink.

29 For, behold, I begin to bring evil on the city on which is called My name, and shall you be found clearly free from guilt? You shall not be free from guilt. For I will call for a sword on all those living *in* the earth, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

30 ¶ And now you prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Jehovah shall roar from on high and give forth His voice from His holy habitation; He shall mightily roar over His dwelling place. He answers with a shout, like those who tread

out *the grapes*, against all those living *in* the earth.

31 A roaring will go to the ends of the earth, for Jehovah has a quarrel with the nations. He will enter into judgment with all flesh; He will give the wicked *ones* to the sword, a statement of Jehovah.

32 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold, evil is going from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be stirred up from the corners of the earth.

33 And the slain of Jehovah shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth and to the *other* end of the earth. They shall not be mourned, and not gathered, and not buried; they shall be *as* dung on the face of the earth.

34 Howl, shepherds, and cry, and roll yourselves *in ashes*, O leaders of the flock! For the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are fulfilled, and you shall fall like a desirable vessel.

35 And refuge has perished from those feeding and escape from the leaders of the shepherds of the flock.

36 The sound of the cry of the shepherds, and the howling from the leaders of the flock *will be heard*. For Jehovah is devastating their pasture.

37 And the peaceful pastures are devastated, because of the anger of the face of Jehovah.

38 Like the young lion, He has left His den; for their land is a waste because of the anger of oppressing *ones*, and because of the anger of His face.

Jeremiah 26

1 Jeremiah, by promises and threats, exhorts to repentance. 8 He is seized and arraigned.

12 His apology. 16 The example of Micah, 20 and of Urijah, 24 and by the care of Ahikam.

1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this Word was from Jehovah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, Stand in the court of the house of Jehovah and speak to all the cities of Judah which have come to bow down in the house of Jehovah, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word.

3 Perhaps they will listen, and *each* man turn from his evil way, and I may repent of

the evil which I plan to do to them because of the evil of their doings.

4 And you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My Law which I have set before you,

5 to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I have given to you, even rising up early and sending, but you have not listened,

6 even I will give this house *to be* like Shiloh, and will make this city *to be* a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7 ¶ And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah.

8 And it happened when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that Jehovah had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, Dying you shall die.

9 Why have you prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolated, without *one* living *in it*? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.

10 When the rulers of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house *to* the house of Jehovah and set up in the entrance of the New Gate of Jehovah.

11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the rulers, and to all the people, saying, *Let* a sentence of death *be* for this man, for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

12 And Jeremiah spoke to all the rulers and to all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

13 And now make good your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Jehovah your God, and Jehovah will repent toward the evil that He has spoken against you.

14 As for me, behold, I *am* in your hands; do with me as *seems* good and right to you.

15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you shall surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on those living *in it*. For truly Jehovah

has sent me to you, to speak all these words in your ears.

16 ¶ And the rulers, and all the people, said to the priests and to the prophets, There *is* not a sentence of death for this man, for he has spoken to us in the name of Jehovah our God.

17 And some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah. And he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts: Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house like the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah, king of Judah and all Judah indeed cause him to die? Did he not fear Jehovah and entreat the face of Jehovah? *And did* not Jehovah repent of the evil which He had spoken against them? Even we are doing great evil against our souls.

20 And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of Jehovah, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to the words of Jeremiah.

21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty *men*, and all the rulers, heard his words, even the king tried to cause him to die. But Urijah heard, and he was afraid, and fled, and went to Egypt.

22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men to Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and men with him into Egypt.

23 And they brought Urijah out of Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who struck him with the sword, and threw his dead body into the graves of the sons of the people.

24 But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to cause him to die.

Jeremiah 27

1 He prophesies the subduing of the neighbor kings to Nebuchadnezzar. 8 He exhorts them to yield. 19 the rest of the vessels will to go Babylon.

1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah,

this Word came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah to me, Make bonds and yokes for yourself, and put them on your neck.

3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the sons of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who came to Jerusalem to Zedekiah, king of Judah.

4 And command them to *go* to their masters, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Thus you shall say to your masters,

5 I have made the earth, the man, and the animals on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm; and I have given it to whom it seemed right in My eyes.

6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant. And I have also given him the beast of the field to serve him.

7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land comes; also it, and many nations and great kings shall serve him.

8 And it shall be, the nation and kingdom which will not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put its neck in the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will call to account that nation, a statement of Jehovah, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the plague, until I have destroyed them by his hand.

9 As for you, do not listen to your prophets, or to those divining to you, or to your dreamers, or to ones conjuring to you, or to your sorcerers, those who *are* speaking to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon.

10 For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, that I should banish you, and you should perish.

11 But the nation that will bring its neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, says Jehovah, I will leave it on its own land, and *it* may work it and live in it.

12 ¶ I also spoke to Zedekiah, king of Judah according to all these words, saying,

Bring your necks into the king of Babylon's yoke, and serve him and his people, and live.

13 Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, as Jehovah has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon, for they prophesy a lie to you.

15 For I have not sent them, says Jehovah. Yea, they prophesy a lie in My name, so that I might banish you, and that you might perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.

16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, So says Jehovah, Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the house of Jehovah shall now be quickly brought again from Babylon, for they prophesy a lie to you.

17 Do not listen to them. Serve the king of Babylon and live. Why should this city be a waste?

18 But if they *are* prophets, and if the Word of Jehovah is with them, let them now intercede with Jehovah of Hosts that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, may not go to Babylon.

19 For so says Jehovah of Hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels which remain in this city,

20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he took into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

21 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of Jehovah, and the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem:

22 They shall be brought to Babylon, and they shall be there until the day I visit them, says Jehovah. Then I will bring them up and give them back to this place.

Jeremiah 28

1 Hananiah prophesies the return of the vessels, 5 Jeremiah shows that the event will declare who are true prophets. 12 He tells of an iron yoke.

1 ¶ And it happened in that year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of Jehovah, for the eyes of the priests and all the people, saying,

2 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within two years I will bring back into this place all the vessels of the house of Jehovah which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and brought them to Babylon.

4 And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the exiles of Judah who went into Babylon, says Jehovah. For I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 And the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of Jehovah,

6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen! May Jehovah do so; may Jehovah confirm your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the house of Jehovah, and all the exiles, from Babylon into this place.

7 But hear now this word that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people:

8 The prophets who have been before me and before you from antiquity prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of plague.

9 *As for* the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, the prophet shall be known as one whom Jehovah has truly sent him.

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it.

11 And Hananiah spoke for the eyes of the people saying, So says Jehovah, Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king

of Babylon from the neck of all nations within two years of days. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 And the Word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go and say to Hananiah, saying, So says Jehovah, You have broken yokes of wood, but you shall make instead of them yokes of iron.

14 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And they shall serve him. And I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 And the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah, Jehovah has not sent you, but you have made this people trust in a lie.

16 So Jehovah says this, Behold, I send you away from the face of the earth. You shall die this year, because you have spoken apostasy against Jehovah.

17 And Hananiah died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah 29

1 Jeremiah sends a letter to the captives in Babylon not to believe the dreams of their prophets, 10 also they shall return after seventy years.

20 The fearful end of Ahab and Zedekiah. .

1 ¶ And these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon

2 after Jeconiah the king, and the queen mother, and the eunuchs, the rulers of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, had gone out from Jerusalem.

3 He sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah, king of Judah, sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,

4 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have caused to be exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 Build houses and live, and plant gardens, and eat their fruit.

6 Take wives, and father sons and daughters. And take wives for your sons; and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters, and multiply there, and do not become few.

7 And seek the peace of the city, there where I have caused you to be exiled. And pray to Jehovah for it; for in its peace you shall have peace.

8 ¶ For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets who *are* in your midst deceive you, and *ones* divining to you. And do not listen to their dreams which you dream.

9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name. I have not sent them, says Jehovah.

10 For so says Jehovah, When according to My mouth seventy years have been fulfilled for Babylon, I will visit you and confirm My good Word to you, to bring you back to this place.

11 For I know the purposes which I am planning for you, a statement of Jehovah; purposes of peace, and not for evil; to give you a latter *time* and a hope.

12 Then you shall call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13 And you shall seek and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found by you, a statement of Jehovah. And I will turn back your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have banished you, a statement of Jehovah. And I will bring you back into the place from which I sent you into exile, from there.

15 ¶ Because you have said, Jehovah has raised up for us prophets in Babylon,

16 for so says Jehovah to the king who sits on the throne of David, and to all the people who live in this city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into exile,

17 so says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold, I am sending among them the sword, the famine, and the plague. And have given them up *as* figs that are vile, which cannot be eaten from badness.

18 And I will pursue them with the sword, with the famine, and with the plague. And I

will give them *to be* a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and a waste, and a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations, there where I have banished them.

19 For they have not listened to My words, a statement of Jehovah, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending; but you would not hear, a statement of Jehovah.

20 And now you hear the Word of Jehovah, all you exiles whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in My name: Behold, I will give them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall strike them before your eyes.

22 And a curse shall be taken up from them for all the exiles of Judah who *are* in Babylon, saying, May Jehovah set you out like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire,

23 because they have committed disgraceful folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbor's wives, and have spoken a lying word in My name, which I have not commanded them. For I *am* He who knows, and a witness, a statement of Jehovah.

24 ¶ You shall also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,

25 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people in Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 Jehovah has given you *to be* priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to be overseers *in* the house of Jehovah, over every man being mad who prophesies, that you should put him into the stocks and into the *torture* collar.

27 And now why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who prophesies to you?

28 For on account of this he sent to us *in* Babylon, saying, This *exile* is long; build houses and live; and plant gardens and eat their fruit.

29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all the exiles, saying, So says Jehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him; and he caused you to trust in a lie;

32 therefore so says Jehovah, Behold, I will watch over Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his seed. There shall not be to him a man living among this people; and he shall not behold the good which I shall do for My people, a statement of Jehovah, because he has uttered rebellion against Jehovah.

Jeremiah 30

1 Jehovah shows Jeremiah the return of the Jews.

10 He comforts Jacob. 18 Their return shall be gracious. 20 Wrath shall fall on the wicked.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, God of Israel, saying, Write for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.

3 For, behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will turn back the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, says Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these *are* the words that Jehovah spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:

5 For so says Jehovah, We have heard a sound of trembling, of dread, and not of peace.

6 Ask now and see whether a male is giving birth? Why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins, like *one* giving birth, and have turned all faces to paleness.

7 Alas! For that day *is* great, for none *is* like it. And a time of trouble it is for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

8 For it shall be in that day, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, I will break his yoke from your neck, and I will burst your bonds. And strangers will not again make him serve;

9 but they shall serve Jehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.

10 ¶ And you, O My servant Jacob, do not fear, a statement of Jehovah. Do not be terrified, O Israel. For, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And *I will* bring back Jacob and have quiet and be untroubled, and no one will make *him* afraid.

11 For I *am* with you, a statement of Jehovah, to save you. Though I make a full end among all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end with you. But I will correct you with judgment, and I will not leave you free *from guilt*.

12 For so says Jehovah, Your break cannot be cured; your wound *is* grievous.

13 *There is* no one to judge your cause; for *your* ulcer there are *no* healing medicines for you.

14 All those loving you have forgotten you; they do not seek you. For I have struck you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastening of a cruel *one*, because of the greatness of your iniquity. Your sins are many.

15 Why do you cry out over your crushing? Your pain *is* incurable, for the greatness of your iniquity; your sins are many, so I have done these things to you.

16 Therefore, all those who devour you shall be devoured. And all the *ones* pressing you, every one of them, shall go into captivity. And those plundering you I will give up to plunder, and all preying on you I will give up for prey.

17 For I will bring up healing for you, and from your wounds I will heal you, a statement of Jehovah, because they called you Outcast; *saying*, This *is* Zion; no one is seeking for her.

18 ¶ So says Jehovah, Behold I will turn back the captivity of Jacob's tents and will have mercy on his dwelling places. And the city shall be built on her ruin heap; and the fortress shall remain on its own ordinance.

19 And out of them shall go forth thanksgiving and the voice of those who are merry. And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few. I also will honor them, and they shall not be small.

20 And his sons shall be as before, and his assembly shall be established before Me; and I will call to account all oppressing him.

21 And his leader shall be from him, and his ruler shall come forth from his midst. And I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me. For who is he who gives his heart in pledge to come near to Me, a statement of Jehovah?

22 And you shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to you for God.

23 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah: fury goes forth, a sweeping tempest; it shall whirl on the head of the wicked *ones*.

24 The glow of Jehovah's anger will not turn back until He has executed, and until He has established the purposes of His heart. In latter days you will understand it.

Jeremiah 31

1 The restoration of Israel. 10 The publication of it. 15 Rachel mourning, is not comforted.

18 Ephraim repenting is brought home again. .

1 ¶ At that time, a statement of Jehovah, I will be for God to all the families of Israel, and they shall be to Me for a people.

2 So says Jehovah, Israel, the people, the survivors of the sword, have found grace in the wilderness, I will go to give rest to him.

3 Jehovah has appeared to me from far away, *saying*, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love! Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built again, O virgin of Israel. You will again put on your tambourines and go forth in the dance of those making merry.

5 You shall yet plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria, the planters shall plant and shall treat *them* as undefiled.

6 For there shall be a day *when* the watchmen on Ephraim's hills shall call out, Rise up and let us go up to Zion, to Jehovah our God.

7 For so says Jehovah, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O Jehovah, save Your people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold! I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the recesses of the earth. Among them the blind *one*, and the lame *one*, the one being pregnant, and the *one* giving birth, together a great *company*, shall return here.

9 They shall come with weeping, and I will lead them with supplications. I will cause them to walk by torrents of waters, in a right way; they will not stumble in it. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My first-born.

10 ¶ Hear the Word of Jehovah, O nations, and declare in the isles from far away, and say, *He who* scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd *feeding* his flock.

11 For Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of the *one* stronger than he.

12 And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and beam over the goodness of Jehovah, for grain, and for new wine, and for oil, and for the sons of the flock and the herd. And their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not add to languish any more.

13 Then the virgin shall rejoice in the dance, both young men and elders together. For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14 And I will fill the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, a statement of Jehovah.

15 So says Jehovah, A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing, bitter weeping: Rachel weeping over her sons; she refuses to be comforted for her sons, for they *are* not.

16 So says Jehovah, Hold back your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears. For there will be a reward for your work, a statement of Jehovah, and they shall return from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope for your latter *time*, a statement of Jehovah, that *your* sons will return to their *own* territory.

18 ¶ Hearing I have heard Ephraim moaning over himself, *saying*, You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bull calf not trained. Turn me back, and I shall be turned; for You *are* Jehovah my God.

19 For after I had turned away, I repented; and after I knew, I slapped on *my* thigh. I was ashamed; yea, I also *was* shamed, because I lifted up the reproach of my youth.

20 *Is* Ephraim My dear son? Or *is he* a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, remembering I remember him still. So My bowels *are* stirred for him; pitying I will have pity on him, a statement of Jehovah.

21 Set up road marks for yourself; make sign posts for yourself. Set your heart toward the highway, even the way you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel; turn back to these cities of yours.

22 Until when will you turn to and fro, O faithless daughter? For Jehovah has created a new thing in the land: a woman shall encompass a man.

23 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Again they will speak this Word in the land of Judah, and in its cities, when I turn back their captivity, *saying*, Jehovah bless you, O home of righteousness, O holy mountain!

24 And Judah and all its cities shall live in it together, the tenant-farmers and those who travel with flocks.

25 For I fully satisfy the weary soul, and I fill every soul that languishes.

26 On this I awakened and looked up, and my sleep was sweet to me.

27 ¶ Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, even I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and the seed of beast.

28 And it shall be, as I have watched over them to pluck up, and to break down, and to destroy, and to bring calamity; so I will watch over them to build and to plant, a statement of Jehovah.

29 In those days they shall not any more say, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the sons are dull.

30 But *every* man will die in his iniquity. Every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be dull.

31 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

32 not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, a statement of Jehovah.

33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, a statement of Jehovah, I will put My Law in their inward parts, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be to them for God, and they shall be to Me for a people.

34 And they shall no longer *each* man teach his companion, and *each* man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah. For they shall all know Me, from the least of them even to the greatest of them, a statement of Jehovah. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.

35 ¶ So says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, the laws of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar, Jehovah of Hosts is His name.

36 If these ordinances depart from before Me, a statement of Jehovah, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever.

37 So says Jehovah, If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be searched out, I will also reject all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, a statement of Jehovah.

38 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that the city will be built to Jehovah, from the Tower of Hananeel to the Corner Gate.

39 And the measuring line shall yet go out to the hill Gareb, and shall go around to Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the corpses and the ashes and all the fields to the torrent Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate east, shall be holy to Jehovah. It shall not be torn up, and not torn down any more, forever.

Jeremiah 32

1 *Jeremiah imprisoned by Zedekiah, 6 buys Hanameel's field. 13 Baruch preserves the evidences. 26 Jehovah confirms the captivity for their sins, 36 and promises a gracious return.*

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 For then the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem. And Jeremiah the

prophet was shut in the court of the guard, which *was in* the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah, king of Judah, had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy and say, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it?

4 And Zedekiah, king of Judah, shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but giving shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will speak with him mouth to mouth, and will see his eyes with his eyes.

5 And he shall lead Zedekiah into Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him, says Jehovah. Though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed.

6 And Jeremiah said, The Word of Jehovah was to me saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum, your uncle, shall come to you, saying, Buy my field in Anathoth for yourself, for the right to redeem *is* yours, to buy *it*.

8 And Hanameel, my uncle's son, came to me in the court of the guard, according to the Word of Jehovah, and said to me, Please buy my field which *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the land of Benjamin; for the right of possession *is* yours, and the right of redemption *is* yours. Buy *it* for yourself. And I knew that this *was* the Word of Jehovah.

9 And I bought the field which *was* in Anathoth from my uncle's son, Hanameel, and weighed him the silver, seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I wrote it in the document, and sealed *it*, and called witnesses, and weighed the silver on the scales.

11 And I took the document of the purchase, that which was sealed *according* to the law and the statutes, and the open copy.

12 And I gave the purchase document to Baruch the son of Neriah the son of Maaseiah, before the eyes of my uncle's son, Hanameel, and before the eyes of the witnesses who wrote in the purchase document before the eyes of all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard.

13 And I commanded Baruch before their eyes, saying,

14 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Take these books, the purchase

document, the one sealed, and the open book, and put them in an earthen vessel so that they may stand many days.

15 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.

16 ¶ And after I gave the document of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to Jehovah, saying,

17 Ah, Lord Jehovah! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and Your outstretched arm; not any thing is too difficult for You,

18 who exercises with loving-kindness to thousands, and repays the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them. The great, the mighty God, Jehovah of Hosts, *is* His name.

19 *He is* great in counsel and mighty in work. For Your eyes *are* open on all the ways of the sons of men, to give to *each* man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

20 For You have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt until this day, and in Israel, and among men; and You have made a name for Yourself, as at this day.

21 And You have brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror.

22 And You have given them this land which You swore to their fathers to give to them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

23 And they came in and possessed it, but they did not obey Your voice nor did they walk in Your Law. They have not done all that You commanded them to do, so You have caused all this evil to meet them.

24 Behold, the siege mounds have come to the city, to capture it. And the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and the famine, and the plague. And what You have spoken has happened. And, behold, You see *it*.

25 And You have said to me, O Lord Jehovah, Buy for yourself the field with silver, and call witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I *am* Jehovah, the God of all flesh. Is anything too difficult for Me?

28 So Jehovah says this: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

29 And the Chaldeans who fight against this city shall enter and kindle this city with fire, and burn it, with the houses where they offered incense on their roofs to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger.

30 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have only done evil in My eyes from their youth. For the sons of Israel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, a statement of Jehovah.

31 For this city has been to Me a cause of My anger and My wrath from the day that they built it even to this day, that I should remove it from My face;

32 because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and of the sons of Judah which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their rulers, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and those living *in* Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned the back to Me, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.

34 But they set their abominable idols in the house on which My name has been called, to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Molech, which I did not command them, and not did it come into My heart, that they should do this disgusting thing, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And therefore now so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning this city, of which you say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague;

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands, there where I have driven them in My anger, and in My fury, and in great indignation.

And I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to live in safety.

38 And they shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God.

39 And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me all the days, for good to them and to their sons after them.

40 And I will cut an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do good to them. But I will put My fear in their heart, that they shall not depart from Me.

41 And I will rejoice over them, to do good to them; and I will truly plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.

42 For so says Jehovah: As I have brought this great evil on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I am speaking to them.

43 And fields will be bought in this land, of which you say, It is a desolation, not with man or beast; it has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for silver, and write in a document, and seal it, and call witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the Negeb. For I will turn back their captivity, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 33

1 Jehovah promises to the captives a gracious return, 12 a settled government, 15 Christ the Branch of Righteousness, 17 a continuance of kingdom and priesthood, 20 of a blessed seed.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

2 So says Jehovah his Maker, Jehovah, who formed it in order to establish it; Jehovah is His name:

3 Call to Me, and I will answer you; and I will tell you great and inaccessible things; you do not know them.

4 For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to defend against the siege mounds, and against the sword,

5 they come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the corpses of men

whom I have struck in My anger and in My wrath, and for whom I have hidden My face from this city, because of all their evil.

6 Behold, I will bring health and healing to it, and I will heal them and will show them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will bring back the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities that they have sinned against Me, and which they have transgressed against Me.

9 And it shall be a name of joy to Me, a praise and a glory to all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do for them. And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the peace that I do for it.

10 ¶ So says Jehovah, Again there shall be heard in this place, which you say *shall be waste*, not with man, and not with beast, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate not with man, not with *one living in it*, and not with beast,

11 the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of those saying, Praise Jehovah of Hosts, for Jehovah is good, for His mercy endures forever; those who shall bring the sacrifice of thanksgiving into the house of Jehovah. For I will bring back the captivity of the land, as at the first, says Jehovah.

12 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Again in this place *which is a waste*, not with man and also beast, and in all its cities *shall be* a home of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the Negeb, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places round about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall pass again under the hands of him who tallies, says Jehovah.

14 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will cause to rise the good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 In those days, and at that time, I will

cause a Branch of Righteousness to grow up to David. And He shall do judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety. And this *is the name* with which one shall call on her: JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

17 ¶ For so says Jehovah, Not a man sitting on the throne of the house of Israel will be cut off to David.

18 And for the Levitical priests, they shall not have a man cut off before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle food offerings, and to do sacrifice all the days.

19 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

20 So says Jehovah, If you can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and there should not be day and night in their time,

21 My covenant with My servant David may also be broken, that he should not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers.

22 As the host of the heavens cannot be numbered, and not the sand of the sea measured, so I will multiply the seed of My servant David, and the Levites who minister to Me.

23 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Have you not seen what these people have spoken, saying, The two families that Jehovah has chosen, He has also rejected them? And they spurn My people, no more to be a nation before them.

25 So says Jehovah, If My covenant *is* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of the heavens and earth,

26 then I also will reject the seed of Jacob, and My servant David, not to take of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will bring back their captivity and have compassion on them.

Jeremiah 34

1 Jeremiah prophesies the captivity of Zedekiah and the city. 8 The rulers and the people freed their slaves, but contrary to the covenant of Jehovah, took them again. 12 Jeremiah, for this, gives them into the enemies' hands.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah when Nebuchadnezzar king of

Babylon and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth (because his hand rules), and all the peoples fought against Jerusalem, and against all its cities, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zedekiah, king of Judah, and say to him, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire.

3 And you shall not escape out of his hand, but seizing shall be seized and delivered into his hand. And your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak, his mouth with your mouth; and you shall go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the Word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah, king of Judah: So says Jehovah concerning you, You shall not die by the sword.

5 You shall die in peace. And as the burnings of *spices for* your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they shall burn spices for you, *saying*, Ah, lord! They will wail for you. For I have spoken the Word, a statement of Jehovah.

6 And Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah, king of Judah, in Jerusalem,

7 when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that remained; against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these fortified cities remained among the cities of Judah.

8 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah after King Zedekiah had cut a covenant with all the people who *were* in Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them,

9 that *each* man should let go his male slave, and *each* man his female slave, *if* a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, to go free, that not *any* should enslave a Jew, a man, his brother among them.

10 And all the rulers obeyed, and all the people who had entered into the covenant to let go free *each* man his male slave, and *each* man his female slave; so that not one should enslave among them again; and they obeyed and let *them* go.

11 But afterward they turned and caused to return the male slaves and the female slaves whom they sent away free. And they subjected them for male slaves and for female slaves.

12 Therefore the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

13 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: I cut a covenant with your fathers in the day I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying,

14 At the end of seven years *each* man should let go his brother *who is* a Hebrew, who has been sold to him. When he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you. But your fathers did not listen to Me and did not stretch out their ear.

15 And you turned today, and you did right in My eyes, to call for liberty, *each* man to his neighbor. And you cut a covenant before Me in the house *on* which is called My name.

16 But you turned and profaned My name, and *each* man caused his male slave, and *each* man his female slave, to return whom you had sent away according to their desire. And you subjected them to be slaves and female slaves to you.

17 So Jehovah says this: You have not listened to Me, to call for liberty, *each* man to his brother, and *each* man to his neighbor. Behold, I call for freedom to you, a statement of Jehovah: to the sword, to the plague, and to the famine. And I will give you *to be* a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not stood on the words of the covenant which they have cut with Me *when they* cut the calf in two, and passed between its pieces,

19 the rulers of Judah and the rulers of Jerusalem, the eunuchs and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the pieces of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. And their corpses shall be for food to the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And I will give Zedekiah, king of Judah, and his rulers, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life, even into the hand of the king of Babylon's army that has gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will command and cause them to return to this city, a statement of Jehovah. And they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire. And I will make the cities of Judah *to be* a desolation, without *one* to live in it.

Jeremiah 35

1 By the obedience of the Rechabites, 12 Jeremiah condemns the disobedience of the Jews. 18 Jehovah blesses the Rechabites for their obedience.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them, and bring them to the house of Jehovah, into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah, the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites.

4 And I brought them into the house of Jehovah, into the room of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was near the room of the rulers, above the room of Maaseiah, the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold.

5 And I set bowls and cups full of wine before the sons of the house of the Rechabites. And I said to them, Drink wine.

6 But they said, We will not drink wine, for Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, commanded us, saying, You shall not drink wine, you and your sons forever.

7 And you shall not build a house, and not sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, and not shall there be *anything* to you; but all your days you shall live in tents, so that you may live many days on the face of the land there where you are sojourning.

8 And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, to all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters,

9 and not be to us houses for our dwelling, and not to us *is* a vineyard, and to us field, and seed.

10 And we live in tents, and *we* have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it was when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, and we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem, because of the army of the Chaldeans and because of the army of Syria. And we live in Jerusalem.

12 ¶ Then the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

13 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Go and tell the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction, to listen to My words? a statement of Jehovah.

14 The words of Jonadab, the son of Rechab are done, in which he commanded his sons not to drink wine. And to this day they do not drink, but obey their father's command. But I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, and you did not listen to Me.

15 I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending, saying, *Each man now turn back from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you shall live in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers. But you have not stretched out your ear, and not listened to Me.*

16 Because the sons of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, have stood on the command of their father which he gave them, but this people has not listened to Me,

17 therefore Jehovah, God of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this, Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the people of Jerusalem all the evil that I have spoken against them because I have spoken to them, but they did not listen. Yea, I have called to them, but they did not answer.

18 And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed your father Jonadab's command, and have kept all his commands, and have done according to all that he has commanded you,

19 so Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Jonadab, the son of Rechab, shall not have a man cut off from standing before Me all the days.

Jeremiah 36

1 Jeremiah causes Baruch to write his prophecy, 5 and publicly to read it. 11 The rulers send Jehudi to bring the roll. 20 King Jehoiakim, hears part of it, and burns the roll.

1 ¶ And it was in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this Word was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Take to yourself a roll of a book and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day.

3 Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I plan to do to them, that they may *each* man turn from his evil way, and I will forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 And Jeremiah called Baruch, the son of Neriah. And Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah that He had spoken to him, on a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, *I am* shut up; I cannot go to the house of Jehovah.

6 And you go and read in the roll the words of Jehovah that you have written from my mouth, *in* the house of Jehovah, in the ears of the people on the fasting day. And also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out from their cities.

7 Perhaps their supplication will fall before Jehovah, and *each* man will turn from his evil way. For great *is* the anger and the wrath that Jehovah has spoken against this people.

8 And Baruch, the son of Neriah, did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah *in* the house of Jehovah.

9 ¶ And it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, they called a fast before Jehovah, to all the people of Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

10 And Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah *in* the house of Jehovah, in the

room of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entrance to the Gate of the house of Jehovah, in the ears of all the people.

11 And Micaiah, the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of Jehovah out of the book,

12 and he went down into the king's house over the scribe's room. And, behold, all the rulers were sitting there, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah, the son of Hananiah, and all the rulers.

13 And Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 And all the rulers sent Jehudi, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take the roll in your hand, in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. And Baruch, the son of Neriah, took the roll in his hand and came to them.

15 And they said to him, Sit down now and read *it* in our ears. And Baruch read in their ears.

16 And it happened, when they had heard all the words, they turned *each* man to his companion in fear. And *they* said to Baruch, Reporting we will report all these words to the king.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, how did you write all these words? From his mouth?

18 And Baruch said to them, He spoke all these words to me from his mouth, and I wrote with ink on the book.

19 And the rulers said to Baruch, Go hide, you and Jeremiah, and do not let any man know where you *are*.

20 ¶ And they went in to the king, into the court. But they deposited the roll in the room of Elishama the scribe. And *they* declared all the words in the ear of the king.

21 And the king sent Jehudi to take the roll. And he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the king's ears, and in the ears of all the rulers who stood beside the king.

22 And the king was sitting *in* the winter house in the ninth month, and with the burning fire-pot before him.

23 And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the scribe's knife and threw *it* into the fire in the fire-pot, until all the roll was burned up in the fire that *was* in the fire-pot.

24 And the king and all his servants who heard these words were not afraid, *nor* did they tear their garments.

25 But Elnathan, and Delaiah, and Gemariah had entreated the king that he should not burn the roll, but he would not listen to them.

26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel, the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah, the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah, the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. But Jehovah hid them.

27 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the roll and the words which Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take for yourself another roll, and write on it all the former words that were in the former roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

29 And you shall say to Jehoiakim the king of Judah, So says Jehovah, You have burned this roll, saying, Why have you written on it, saying, Coming the king of Babylon shall come and destroy this land, and shall cause man and beast to cease from there?

30 Therefore, so says Jehovah of Jehoiakim, king of Judah: There shall not be *one* to him to sit on the throne of David, and his corpse shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will call him to account, and his seed and his servants *for* their iniquity. And I will bring on them, and on the people of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have spoken against them. But they did not listen.

32 And Jeremiah took another roll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote in it from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of the book which Jehoiakim, king of Judah, had burned in the fire. And besides many words like them were added to them.

Jeremiah 37

1 *The Egyptians having raised the siege of the Chaldeans, King Zedekiah asks Jeremiah to pray for the people. 6 Jeremiah prophesies the Chaldeans' certain return and victory. 11 He is taken for a fugitive, beaten, and put in prison.*

1 ¶ And King Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made king in the land of Judah.

2 But not he, and not his servants, and not the people of the land, listened to the words of Jehovah which He spoke by Jeremiah the prophet.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal, the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah, the son of Maaseiah the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Intercede now for us to Jehovah our God.

4 And Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, for they had not put him into a house of imprisonment.

5 And Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt. And when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they went up from Jerusalem.

6 And the Word of Jehovah was to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, You shall say this to the king of Judah who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come out to help you, shall turn back into his own land of Egypt.

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again and fight against this city, and *they will* take it and burn it with fire.

9 So says Jehovah, Do not deceive yourselves, saying, Going the Chaldeans will go from us, for they shall not go.

10 For though you had stricken the entire army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and *only* wounded men remained among them, yet they would rise up, *each* man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ And it was when the army of the Chaldeans went up from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army,

12 even Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem, to go into the land of Benjamin to receive a portion from there in the midst of the people.

13 And it happened, he *being* in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there, and his name was Irijah the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah, and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are falling to the Chaldeans.

14 And Jeremiah said, A lie! I am not falling to the Chaldeans. But he did not listen to him. And Irijah took Jeremiah and brought him to the rulers.

15 And the rulers were angry with Jeremiah and struck him, and *they* put him in the house of binding, *in* the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made it into a house of imprisonment.

16 When Jeremiah had gone into the house of the pit, and into the cells, then Jeremiah remained there many days.

17 And Zedekiah the king sent and took him out. And the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there Word from Jehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is. For He said, You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 And Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, What have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me into a house imprisonment?

19 Where now *are* your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, or against this land?

20 And now hear, please, O my lord the king, please let my plea fall before you, so that you do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, that I not die there.

21 And Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him a piece of bread out of the baker's street daily, until all the bread of the city was gone. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until the day Jerusalem was taken, and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

Jeremiah 38

1 *Jeremiah is put into a pit of mud by the rulers.*

7 *Ebed-melech, after secret conference advises the king to save his life. 24 By the king's instructions he hides this from the rulers.*

1 ¶ And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jehucal,

the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur, the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; and his life shall be a prize, and he shall live.

3 So says Jehovah, Giving this city shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, and he shall take it.

4 Therefore the rulers said to the king, Please cause this man to die. For in this way he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking these words to them. For this man does not seek the peace of this people, but the evil.

5 And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand. For the king is not able to do a thing against you.

6 And they took Jeremiah and threw him into the pit of Malchiah, the king's son, which *was* in the court of the prison. And they let Jeremiah down with ropes. But no water *was* in the pit, only mud. And Jeremiah sank into the mud.

7 And Ebed-melech, the Cushite man, who is of the eunuchs in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the pit (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin).

8 Ebed-melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have thrown into the pit. And he *may* die in his place because of the famine, for there is no more bread in the city.

10 And the king commanded Ebed-melech the Cushite, saying, Take in your hand thirty men from here and bring up Jeremiah the prophet out of the pit before he dies.

11 And Ebed-melech took the men in his hand and went into the king's house, to under the treasury. And he took worn out clothes and worn out rags from there. And *he* let them down by ropes into the pit to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, Now put *these* worn out clothes and rags under the armpits of your hands, under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

13 And they drew up Jeremiah with ropes and brought him up out of the pit. And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the prison.

14 ¶ And Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to him, into the third entrance in the house of Jehovah. And the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing; do not hide a thing from me.

15 And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare *it* to you, will you not cause me dying to die? And if I counsel you, you will not listen to me.

16 And Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, *As* Jehovah lives, who made us this soul, I will not cause you to die, and I will not give you into the hand of these men who seek your soul.

17 And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, So says Jehovah, the God of Hosts, the God of Israel: If going out you will go out to the rulers of the king of Babylon, even your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire. And you and your house shall live.

18 But if you will not go out to the rulers of the king of Babylon, even this city shall be given into the hands of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire. And you shall not escape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they give me into their hand and they abuse me.

20 And Jeremiah said, They will not give. Please obey the voice of Jehovah for whom I am speaking to you, and it will be well with you and your soul will live.

21 But if you refuse to go out, this *is* the Word Jehovah has made me see:

22 Even, behold, all the women who are left in the house of the king of Judah *shall be* brought out to the rulers of the king of Babylon. And they will say, The men of your peace have lured you and have prevailed against you; your feet have sunk in the mire, and they turned back.

23 And they shall bring out all your wives and your sons to the Chaldeans. And you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon. And this city shall be burned with fire.

24 And Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let not a man know of these words, and you shall not die.

25 But if the rulers hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, Now declare to us what you said to the king; do not hide *it* from us and we will not cause you to die; also, What did the king say to you?

26 And you shall say to them, I was causing my plea to fall before the king, that he should not return me to the house of Jonathan, to die there.

27 And all the rulers came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he declared to them according to all these words that the king had ordered. And they were quiet with him, for the matter was not heard.

28 And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the prison until the day Jerusalem was taken And he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

Jeremiah 39

1 Jerusalem is taken. 7 Zedekiah's eyes are blinded, and he is sent to Babylon.

11 Nebuchadnezzar commands good for Jeremiah.

1 ¶ In the ninth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth of the month, the city was breached.

3 And all the rulers of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the middle gate: Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, chief of the eunuchs, Nergal-sharezer, chief magician, and all the rest of the rulers of the king of Babylon.

4 And it happened when Zedekiah, king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, they fled and went out from the city by night, the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went by the way of the Arabah.

5 But the Chaldean army pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the Arabah of Jericho. And they took him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of

Hamath, where he spoke judgment on him.

6 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes at Riblah. And the king of Babylon slaughtered all the rulers of Judah.

7 And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in bronze fetters, to make him go to Babylon.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 And the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to him, even the rest of the people who remained, Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, exiled to Babylon.

10 But Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, left *some* of the poor people, who had not a thing to themselves, in the land of Judah. And *he* gave to them vineyards and fields on that day.

11 ¶ And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded concerning Jeremiah by the hand of Nebuzaradan the chief of the executioners, saying:

12 Take him and set your eyes on him. But do not do anything evil to him, but do with him even as he shall say to you.

13 And Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, and Nebushasban the chief of the eunuchs, and Nergal-sharezer, chief magician, and all the rulers of the king of Babylon, sent,

14 even they sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison. And they gave him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, to cause him to go out to the house; and he lived among the people.

15 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Cushite, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing My words on this city for an evil *thing*, and not for a good *thing*. And they shall be before you in that day.

17 But I will deliver you in that day, a statement of Jehovah, and you shall not be given into the hand of the men, of those whom you fear.

18 For delivering I will deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but your life shall be a prize to you, because you have trusted in Me, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 40

1 Jeremiah, being set free by Nebuzaradan, goes to Gedaliah. 7 The dispersed Jews go to him.

13 Johanan reveals Ishmael's conspiracy.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, after Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, had sent him from Ramah, when he had taken him and he was bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah being exiled to Babylon.

2 And the chief of the executioners took Jeremiah and said to him, Jehovah your God has spoken this evil *thing* against this place.

3 And Jehovah has brought *it* and has done according as He has spoken, because you have sinned and have not obeyed His voice, and this thing has come upon you.

4 And now, behold! I loose you today from the chains which *were* on your hand. If *it is a good thing* in your eyes to come with me into Babylon, come. And I will set my eye on you. But if *it is an evil thing* in your eyes to come with me into Babylon, stay. Behold, all the land *is* before you, to go to the good *way* and to the upright *way* in your eyes, go there .

5 Even while he had not yet returned, *he said*, Or go back to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has appointed over the cities of Judah, and live with him among the people, or to all *that is* right in your eyes to go, go. And the chief of the executioners gave him ration and a reward, and sent him away.

6 And Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam at Mizpah, and *he* lived with him among the people remaining in the land.

7 ¶ And when all the heads of the armies who *were* in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, over the land, and had appointed with him men, and women, and children, and of the poor

of the land, of those who *were* not exiled to Babylon,

8 And they came to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, even Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan, the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai of Netopha, and Jezaniah the son of the Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not fear to serve the Chaldeans. Live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 *As for* me, behold, I will live at Mizpah to stand before the Chaldeans who have come to us. But you, *go* gather wine, and the summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken.

11 And when all the Jews in Moab, and among the sons of Ammon, and in Edom, and who *were* in all the lands, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,

12 and all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits *in* great abundance.

13 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the heads of the army that *were* in the field, came to Gedaliah, to Mizpah.

14 And they said to him, Knowing you know that Baalis, the king of the sons of Ammon, has sent Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, to strike your soul. But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, did not believe them.

15 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Please let me go, and I will strike Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and a man shall not know. Why should he strike your soul, and all the Jews who are gathered to you be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?

16 But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, said to Johanan, the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing, for you speak a lie concerning Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41

1 Ishmael treacherously kills Gedaliah and flees to the Ammonites with captives. 11 Johanan recovers the captives, and they flee toward Egypt.

1 ¶ And it was in the seventh month, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and of the chief ones of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah. And they ate bread together there in Mizpah.

2 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men with him rose up and struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword. And they killed him whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

3 And Ishmael struck all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4 And it happened, the second day after he had killed Gedaliah; and no one knew,

5 men from Shechem came from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men, *having their beards shaved, and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, and with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring to the house of Jehovah.*

6 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, went out from Mizpah to meet them, walking as he walked and weeping. And it happened, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam.

7 And when they came into the middle of the city, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, slaughtered them, he and the men with him, throwing them into the middle of the pit.

8 But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, Do not make us die, for there is to us treasures in the field, of wheat, and barley, and oil, and honey. And he held back and not did make them die with their brothers.

9 And the pit there *in* which Ishmael had thrown all the corpses of the men, whom he had struck because of Gedaliah, *was* the one which Asa the king had made from the face of Baasha, king of Israel. Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.

10 And Ishmael took captive all the rest of the people who *were* in Mizpah, the king's daughters, and all the people who were left over in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, had entrusted to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, took captive and went to go over to the sons of Ammon.

11 ¶ But when Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had done,

12 and they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah. And they found him by the *many* waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 And it happened when all the people with Ishmael saw Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads with him, then they were glad.

14 And all the people that Ishmael had taken captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan, the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the sons of Ammon.

16 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads with him, took all the remnant of the people whom he had taken from Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah after he had struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon.

17 And they came and lived in the inn of Chimham, which *is* by Bethlehem, to go to enter Egypt,

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had appointed in the land.

Jeremiah 42

1 Johanan asks Jeremiah to pray to Jehovah, promising to obey His will. 7 Jehovah tells them to stay in Judea. 16 their destruction in Egypt.

1 ¶ And all the army heads, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah, the son of

Hoshaiah, and all the people, from the least and to the greatest, came near.

2 And they said to Jeremiah the prophet, Please let our plea fall before you; and pray for us to Jehovah your God, for all this remnant, (for we are left over, *but* a few of many, as your eyes see us),

3 and Jehovah your God may make known to us the way in which we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4 And Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard. Behold, I will pray to Jehovah your God according to your words; and it shall be, all the Word which Jehovah shall answer, I will declare to you. I will not keep back a thing from you.

5 And they said to Jeremiah, Let Jehovah be a true and faithful witness between us if not according to all things Jehovah your God shall send you to us, so we will do,

6 whether *it is a good thing*, or whether *an evil thing*, we will obey the voice of Jehovah our God, to whom we send you; so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of Jehovah our God.

7 ¶ And it happened at the end of ten days, the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah.

8 And he called Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads that *were* with him, and all the people, from the least even to the greatest.

9 And he said to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to Him, *to* whom you sent me to cause to fall your petition before Him,

10 If you will still remain in this land even I will build you up, and will not tear you down. And I will plant you, and will not pluck you up. For I repent as to the evil that I have done to you.

11 Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not be afraid of his face, a statement of Jehovah, for I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And I will give mercies to you, so that he may have pity on you, and cause you to turn back to your own land.

13 But if you say, We will not live in this land or obey the voice of Jehovah your God,

14 saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war

or hear the sound of the rams' horn. And we will not hunger for bread, and there we will live.

15 And now therefore hear the Word of Jehovah, remnant of Judah, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: If setting you set your faces to go into Egypt, and go to sojourn there,

16 even it shall be, the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt. And the famine which you were anxious about shall cling to you there *in* Egypt, and you shall die there.

17 And *it* shall be to all the men who have set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there, they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.

18 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, As My anger and My fury has poured out upon the people of Jerusalem, so shall My fury pour out on you when you enter Egypt. And you shall be a curse, and a horror, and a shame, and a reproach, and you shall not see this place again.

19 Jehovah has spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah. Do not go into Egypt. Knowing, know that I have testified against you today.

20 For you used deceit against your souls when you sent me to Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us to Jehovah our God. And according to all that Jehovah our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do *it*.

21 And I have declared *it* to you this day, but you have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah your God, or anything for which He has sent me to you.

22 And therefore knowing, *you* now know that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague in the place where you desire to go to sojourn

Jeremiah 43

1 Johanan, ignoring Jeremiah's prophecy, takes Jeremiah and others into Egypt. 8 Jeremiah prophesies the fall of Egypt to the Babylonians.

1 ¶ And it was when Jeremiah had finished speaking to all the people all the words of Jehovah their God, *for* which

Jehovah their God had sent him to them, all these words,

2 Azariah, the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, then spoke, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely. Jehovah our God has not sent you to say, Do not go to Egypt, to sojourn there.

3 But Baruch, the son of Neriah, *is* inciting you against us, to give us into the hand of the Chaldeans, to cause us to die, and to exile us to Babylon.

4 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads, and all the people, did not obey the voice of Jehovah, to live in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads, took all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah:

6 men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch, the son of Neriah.

7 And they came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of Jehovah. And they came to Tahpanhes.

8 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones to your hand and hide them in the mortar in the brickwork which *is* at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah.

10 And say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, Behold I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, My servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden. And he shall stretch his pavilion over them.

11 And when he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt. And who ever *is* for death shall go to death; and whoever *is* for captivity shall go into captivity; and whoever *is* for the sword, to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt. And he shall burn them and seize them. And he shall adorn himself with the land of Egypt, as a shep-

herd covers himself with his robe. And he shall go forth from there in peace.

13 And He shall break the obelisks of The House of the Sun which *is* in the land of Egypt; and he shall burn the houses of the gods of the Egyptians with fire.

Jeremiah 44

1 Jeremiah relates what Jehovah says to Judah for their idolatry. 11 Their destruction in Egypt.

15 The Jews will not listen; Jeremiah threatens them. 29 He prophesies the destruction of Egypt.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who were living in the land of Egypt, those living at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the land of Pathros, saying,

2 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah. And, behold! This day *they are* a ruin, and no one lives in them,

3 because of the evil which they have done, by provoking Me to anger, by going to burn incense, by serving other gods that they did not know, they, you, and not your fathers.

4 And, I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending, saying, Do not now do this disgusting thing which I hate!

5 But they did not listen and not did stretch their ear, to turn from their evil *ways*, not to burn incense to other gods.

6 And My fury and My anger poured out and burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem. And they are for a waste *and* for a desolation *as* at this day.

7 And now so says Jehovah, the God of Hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you do *this* great evil *thing* against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, not leaving to yourselves a remnant,

8 to provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, there where you have gone to sojourn, that I might cut you off, and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 Have you forgotten the evilness of your fathers, and the evilness of the kings of Judah, and the evilness of his wives, and

your own evilness, and the evilness of your wives, which they have done in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 They are not made contrite to this day, and they have not feared, and not they have walked in My Law, and not in My statutes which I gave before you and before your fathers.

11 So Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel says this: Behold, I will set My face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt, to sojourn there; and they shall all be consumed *and* fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the sword, and by the famine. They shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword, and by the famine, and they shall be a curse, a horror, and a shame, and a reproach.

13 For I will call to account those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have called to account Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague,

14 so that none of the remnant of Judah which has gone into the land of Egypt, to sojourn there, will be a fugitive, or a survivor, and turn back to the land of Judah *to* which they are lifting up their soul to turn back to live there, for none shall return, except the ones who escape.

15 ¶ And all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah saying,

16 *As for* the Word that you have spoken to us in the name of Jehovah, we will not listen to you.

17 But doing we will do whatever thing goes out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings, and our rulers, in the cities of Judah and in the outside *places* of Jerusalem. And we were satisfied with food, and were well, and saw *no* evil *thing*.

18 But when we stopped burning incense to the queen of the heavens, and pouring

out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all *things*, and have been devoured by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to form *her image*, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our men?

20 ¶ And Jeremiah said to all the people; to the men, and to the women, and to all the people who *were* answering,

21 The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your rulers, and the people of the land, did not Jehovah remember them? Yea, it came into His heart.

22 And Jehovah could not still bear *it* because of the evil of your doings, because of the abominations you have done. And your land became a waste, and a horror, and a curse, without *one* living *in it*, as this day.

23 Before which *time* you have burned incense, and *in* which you have sinned against Jehovah, and have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, in His Law, or in His statutes; and *in* which you did not walk in His testimonies, therefore this evil *thing* has happened to you, as at this day.

24 And Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the Word of Jehovah, all Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt.

25 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying: You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, Performing we will perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink offerings to her. Lifting up you lift up your vows and performing *you* perform your vows.

26 So hear the Word of Jehovah, all Judah who sojourn in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by My great name, says Jehovah, *that* My name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord Jehovah lives.

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt

shall be consumed by the sword, and by the famine, until they are consumed.

28 And he who escapes the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, *a few* in number. And all the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt, to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, theirs or Mine.

29 And this *shall be* the sign to you, says Jehovah, that I will call you to account in this place, so that you may know that My words rising shall rise against you for *your evil doing*:

30 So says Jehovah, Behold, I am giving Pharaoh-hophra, king of Egypt, into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his soul, even as I gave Zedekiah, king of Judah, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, his enemy that sought his soul.

Jeremiah 45

1 Baruch is dismayed, 4 and Jeremiah instructs and comforts him.

1 ¶ The Word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch, the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a writing from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

3 You said, Woe is me now, for Jehovah has added grief to my pain; I fainted in my groaning, and I find no rest.

4 So you shall say to him, Jehovah says this: Behold, I am tearing down what I have built; and I am pulling up that which I have planted, even all the land itself to Me.

5 And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*. For, behold, I will bring an evil *thing* on all flesh, a statement of Jehovah. But I will give your soul to you for a prize, there on all the places where you go.

Jeremiah 46

1 Jeremiah prophesies the overthrow of Pharaoh's army, 13 and the conquest of Egypt by Nebuchadnezzar. 27 He comforts Jacob.

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah which was to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations:

2 against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho, king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 Set in order the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses, and go up, O horsemen. Yea, stand with helmets, polish the spears, put on coats of mail.

5 Why have I seen *that they are afraid and turned backward*? And their mighty *ones* are crushed, and have fled *for* refuge, and do not look back. Terror *is* all around, a statement of Jehovah.

6 Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty *man* escape. They stumbled and fell to the north, by the side of the river Euphrates.

7 Who *is* this rising up like the Nile, whose waters surge about like the rivers?

8 Egypt rises up like the Nile, and *his* waters surge about like the rivers. And he says, I will go up *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and *those* living *in* it.

9 Come up, horses; and rage, chariots! And let the mighty *men* come forth, the Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the shield, and the Lydians who handle *and* tread the bow.

10 For that day *is* to the Lord Jehovah of Hosts, a day of vengeance to avenge Himself of His foes. And the sword shall devour, and be sated, and made drunk with their blood, for a sacrifice *is* to the Lord Jehovah of Hosts in the north country by the river Euphrates.

11 Go up into Gilead and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt. In vain you shall use many remedies; healing *is* not for you.

12 ¶ The nations have heard *of* your shame, and your cry has filled the land, for the mighty *man* has stumbled against the mighty *man*; they have fallen together, both of them.

13 The Word that Jehovah spoke to Jeremiah the prophet of the coming of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, to strike the land of Egypt.

14 Declare *it* in Egypt, and make *it* heard in Migdol, and make *it* heard in Noph and in Tahpanhes; say, Stand fast and prepare

yourself, for the sword shall devour all around you.

15 Why is your mighty *one* swept away? He did not stand because Jehovah thrust him down.

16 He made many stumble; yea, one fell on his fellow. And they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, before the oppressing sword.

17 They cried there, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, *is* an *empty* roar; he has passed the appointed time.

18 *As* I live, a statement of the King whose name *is* Jehovah of Hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel *is* by the sea, he shall come.

19 O daughter dwelling in Egypt, prepare for yourself vessels of exile. For Noph shall be a waste, and burned, without one living *in it*.

20 Egypt *is* a beautiful heifer, but a stinger coming out of the north comes.

21 Also her mercenaries *are* in the midst of her like calves of the stall; for they also have turned back, fleeing together. They stood not because the day of their calamity had come on them, the time of their calling to account.

22 Its sound *is* like the going of a snake, for they shall go in force and come against her with axes, like those cutting wood.

23 They have cut down her forest, a statement of Jehovah, though it cannot be searched, because they are more than the locusts, and there is no number to them.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed. She shall be given into the hand of the people of the north.

25 Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says, Behold, I am calling to account the multitudes of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him.

26 And I will give them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants. And afterward it will be inhabited, as in the days of old, a statement of Jehovah.

27 But you, do not fear, O My servant Jacob; and do not dread, O Israel. For, behold, I am saving you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their exile. And Jacob shall return and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make afraid.

28 You shall not fear, O Jacob My servant, a statement of Jehovah, for I *am* with you. For I will make a full end of all the nations there where I have banished you. But I will not make a full end of you, but I will correct you in judgment, and not acquit *you* and not leave you free of *guilt*.

Jeremiah 47

The destruction of the Philistines.

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah that was to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck Gaza.

2 So says Jehovah, Behold, waters rise up out of the north and shall become an overflowing torrent. And *it* shall overflow the land and all its fullness; the city, and those living *in it*. And the men shall cry, and all the people of the land shall wail.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hooves of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, the rumbling of his wheels; the fathers shall not look back to their sons, because of sinking of hands;

4 because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every survivor who helps. For Jehovah is devastating the Philistines, the remnant of the coast of Caphtor.

5 Baldness has come on Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off. O remnant of their valley, until when will you cut off yourself?

6 O sword of Jehovah, until when will you not *be* quiet? Put yourself into your sheath; rest, and be still.

7 How can you be quiet, since Jehovah has commanded it? He has set it there against Ashkelon, and against the seashore.

Jeremiah 48

1 The judgment of Moab, 7 for their pride, 14 for their carnal confidence, 26 and for their contempt of Jehovah and His people. 47 The restoration of Moab.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, against Moab: Woe to Nebo, for it is devastated! Kiriathaim *is* put to shame

and captured. The fortress is put to shame and shattered.

2 Moab shall not still be praised. In Heshbon they have plotted evil against it, saying, Come and let us cut it off as a nation. And you shall be silenced, O madmen; a sword will go after you,

3 a voice of crying from Horonaim, plundering and great ruin!

4 Moab is broken up; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the ascent to Luhith, they shall go up with great weeping. For in the descent to Horonaim, the enemies have heard a cry of ruin.

6 Flee! Save your lives, and be like a naked thing in the wilderness.

7 For because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you shall also be captured. And Chemosh shall go into exile; his priests and his rulers together.

8 And a plunderer shall come on every city, and no city shall escape. And the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as Jehovah has spoken.

9 Give wings to Moab, for it will fly, going forth; and its cities shall be a waste without one living in them.

10 Cursed is he who does the work of Jehovah deceitfully, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

11 Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel. He has not gone into exile. On account of this his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will send ones tipping to him who will tip him over, and shall empty his vessels, and break their jars in pieces.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of their confidence in Bethel.

14 ¶ How do you say, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15 Moab is devastated, and her cities have gone up; and the choice of his young men have gone down to the slaughter, a statement of the King whose name is Jehovah of Hosts.

16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his evil doom hurries fast.

17 All who are around him mourn for him, and all who know his name, say, How the strong staff is broken, the beautiful rod!

18 Come down from glory and sit in thirst, one living in it, daughter in Dibon. For shall come upon you one ruining Moab; he has ruined your strongholds.

19 Stand by the way and watch, one living in Aroer. Ask him who flees and her who escapes; say, What has happened?

20 Moab is put to shame, for it is shattered. Wail and cry! Declare it in Arnon that Moab is ruined.

21 And judgment has come to the plain country, on Holon, and on Jahazah, and on Mephaath,

22 and on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Beth-diblathaim,

23 and on Kiriathaim, and on Beth-gamul, and on Beth-meon,

24 and on Kerioth, and on Bozrah, and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.

25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, a statement of Jehovah.

26 Make Him drunk, for he magnified himself against Jehovah. Moab also shall fall with a splash in his vomit, and he shall be a mockery, even he.

27 For was not Israel a mockery to you? Was he found among thieves? For ever since you spoke of him, you shook yourself.

28 Leave the cities and dwell in the rock, ones living in Moab, and be like the dove who makes her nest in the sides of the mouth of the pit.

29 We have heard the pride of Moab, he is exceeding proud; his haughtiness, and his pride, and his arrogance, and his elevated heart.

30 I have known, a statement of Jehovah, his wrath, and it is not so; his empty talking, they have not done so.

31 Therefore I will wail for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab, and he shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you more than the weeping of Jazer. Your tendrils have crossed the sea; they reach to

the sea of Jazer. One devastating has fallen on your harvest, and on your grape crop.

33 And joy and gladness is taken from the fruitful field, and from the land of Moab, and I have caused wine to cease from the wine-presses. None shall tread *the grapes* with shouting; *their shouting shall be* no shouting.

34 From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh, to Jahaz, they have given their voice, from Zoar to Horonaim, *like* a heifer three years old. For the waters of Nimrim also shall be desolate.

35 Also I will cause him who offers in the high places to cease in Moab, a statement of Jehovah, and he who burns incense to his gods.

36 Therefore, My heart shall mourn for Moab like flutes; and My heart shall sound like flutes for the men of Kir-heres, because the riches that he has gotten have perished.

37 For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped. On all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and sackcloth on the loins.

38 On all Moab's housetops, and in its streets *is* wailing for all. For I have broken Moab like a vessel; no pleasure is in it, a statement of Jehovah.

39 They shall howl, *saying*, How it is broken down! How has Moab turned *his* back in shame! And Moab shall be a mockery, and a terror to all those around him.

40 For so says Jehovah: Behold, he shall fly like an eagle, and shall spread his wings toward Moab.

41 Kerioth is captured, and the strongholds are seized. And the mighty men's hearts in Moab shall be at that day like the heart of a woman being distressed.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he has magnified *himself* against Jehovah.

43 Dread, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* on you, O *one* living in Moab, a statement of Jehovah.

44 He who flees from the dread shall fall into the pit. And he who goes up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For I will bring it on Moab, the year of their calling to account, a statement of Jehovah.

45 Those who fled stood powerless in the shadow of Heshbon, for a fire shall go out

of Heshbon, and a flame out of the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the sons of tumult.

46 Woe to you, Moab! The people of Chemosh have perished. For your sons are taken away into exile, and your daughters into exile.

47 But I will restore the prisoners of Moab in the end of the days, a statement of Jehovah. So far *is* the judgment of Moab.

Jeremiah 49

1 The judgment of the Ammonites. 6 Their restoration. 7 The judgment of Edom, 23 of Damascus, 28 of Kedar, 30 of Hazor, 34 and of Elam.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah to the sons of Ammon: Has Israel no sons? Or has he no heir? Why does their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in its cities?

2 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will cause a shout of war to be heard in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. And it shall be a heap, a ruin, and her daughter-villages shall be burned with fire; and Israel shall inherit his inheritance, says Jehovah.

3 Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is devastated! Cry, daughters of Rabbah, gird yourselves with sackcloth; mourn, and run to and fro in the walls. For their king shall go into exile, his priests and his rulers together.

4 Why do you glory in your valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? She trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come to me?

5 Behold, I will bring a dread on you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah of Hosts, from all those who are around you. And you shall be driven out, *each* man before him. And there *is* none to gather up the runaways.

6 And after this I will bring again the prisoners of the sons of Ammon, a statement of Jehovah.

7 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts concerning Edom: *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee, turn back, go deep to dwell, *one* living in Dedan. For I will bring

the calamity of Esau on him *in* the time I will call him to account.

9 If the grape gatherers come to you, would they not leave gleanings? If thieves *come* by night, will they destroy their sufficiency?

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself. His seed is devastated, also his brothers and his neighbors, and he is not.

11 Leave your orphans, I will keep *them* alive. And let your widows trust in Me.

12 For so says Jehovah: Behold, those whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup, drinking they drank. And freeing are you to be free *from guilt*? You shall not be free *from guilt*, but drinking you shall drink.

13 For I have sworn by Myself, a statement of Jehovah, that Bozrah shall become a ruin, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be wastes forever.

14 I have heard a message from Jehovah, and a herald is sent to the nations: Gather together and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, behold, I have made you small among the nations, despised among men.

16 Your dreadfulness has deceived you, the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill; though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, a statement of Jehovah.

17 And Edom shall be a ruin, everyone who goes by it shall be amazed and shall hiss at all its plagues.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and its neighbor, says Jehovah a man shall not dwell there, a son of man shall not sojourn in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of Jordan against the home of the strong. But I will suddenly made him run away from it, and who *is the* chosen *one* I shall appoint over it? For who *is* like Me? And who will summon Me? And who then *is* that shepherd who will stand before Me?

20 Therefore, hear the counsel of Jehovah which He has planned against Edom,

and His purposes which He has purposed against those living *in* Teman: Surely they shall drag them, the least of the flock. Surely He shall make their dwellings desolate over them.

21 The earth is shaken at the noise of their fall. When they cried, the noise of it was heard in the Sea of Reeds.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly like the eagle and spread his wings over Bozrah. And at that day the heart of the mighty *men* of Edom shall be like the heart of a woman being distressed.

23 ¶ Concerning Damascus: Hamath and Arpad are put to shame, for they have heard bad news, they are melted; anxiety is in the sea, it is not able to be quiet.

24 Damascus has become feeble; she has turned to flee, and trembling has seized *her*; anguish and pangs have taken her like *one* giving birth.

25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy!

26 So her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be silenced in that day, says Jehovah of Hosts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus; and it shall burn up the fortresses of Ben-hadad.

28 ¶ So says Jehovah concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor which Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, struck: Rise up, go up to Kedar, and devastate the sons of the east.

29 They shall take their tents and their flocks. They shall take their curtains, and all their vessels, and they shall lift up their camels, to themselves. And they shall cry to them, Terror *is* round about!

30 Flee, go far away, go deep to dwell one living in Hazor, a statement of Jehovah. For Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has taken counsel against you, and has plotted a scheme against you.

31 Rise up, go up to the nation at ease, who dwells securely, a statement of Jehovah; neither gates and not bars *are* on it, and they dwell alone.

32 And their camels shall be a prize, and the multitude of their cattle a prey. And I will scatter them to all winds, those who cut the corners. And I will bring

their calamity from all sides of it, a statement of Jehovah.

33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, a ruin forever. No man shall live there, and not any son of man sojourn in it.

34 ¶ The Word of Jehovah that was to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, saying,

35 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold I am breaking the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

36 And I will bring the four winds from the four ends of the heavens on Elam, and will scatter them toward all those winds. And there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 And I will cause Elam to be terrified before their enemies and before those seeking their life. And I will bring an evil *thing* on them, the burning of My anger, a statement of Jehovah. And I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.

38 And I will set My throne in Elam, and I will destroy the king and the rulers from there, a statement of Jehovah.

39 But it shall happen in the latter days; I will turn back the captivity of Elam, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 50

1, 9, 21, 35 The judgment of Babylon.

4, 17, 33 The redemption of Israel.

1 ¶ The Word that Jehovah spoke against Babylon, against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet:

2 Declare among the nations, and make them hear, and lift up a banner. Make *them* hear, do not hide it; say, Babylon is captured, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is broken in pieces, her images are put to shame, her idols are broken in pieces.

3 For a nation comes up against her from the north, which shall make her land a horror. Yea, no one shall dwell in it. They shall flee, they shall go up, both man and animal.

4 In these days, and at that time, the sons of Israel shall come, a statement of Jehovah, they and the sons of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go and seek Jehovah their God.

5 They shall ask the way there *to* Zion, with their faces *pointing* there, *saying*, Come and let us join ourselves to Jehovah *in* an everlasting covenant never *to be* forgotten.

6 My people are lost sheep, their shepherd has led them astray; they turned them back *on* the mountains, they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place.

7 All who have found them have devoured them. And their oppressing *ones* said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jehovah, the habitation of righteousness, and the hope of their fathers, Jehovah.

8 Flee from the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks.

9 ¶ For, behold, I am stirring up and making go up a company of great nations from a northern land against Babylon. And they shall array themselves against her. She shall be captured there; their arrows *shall be* as *those* of a mighty, skillful man; they shall not return empty.

10 And Chaldea shall be a prize; all who plunder her shall be satisfied, a statement of Jehovah.

11 Because you rejoice, because you exult, O plunderers of My inheritance, because you are fat like the heifer *in* grass, and neigh like strong *ones*,

12 your mother shall be greatly ashamed, she who bore you shall turn pale. Behold, the last of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah, it shall not be lived *in*, but all of it shall be a waste. Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be amazed and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Array yourselves against Babylon round about. All you who tread a bow, shoot at her. Do not spare arrows, for she has sinned against Jehovah.

15 Shout against her round about. She has given her hand, her foundations have fallen, her walls have been thrown down, for it *is* Jehovah's vengeance. Take vengeance on her. As she has done, do to her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and the one taking hold of the sickle in the time of harvest. They shall turn from a sword of the oppressing *one, each* man to his people. And they shall flee, *each* man to his own land.

17 Israel *is* a scattered sheep, driven away by lions. First, the king of Assyria devoured him. And last, this King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon broke *his* bones.

18 So Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Behold, I am calling to account the king of Babylon and his land as I have called to account the king of Assyria.

19 And I will bring back Israel to his home, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those days, and at that time, a statement of Jehovah, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and it is not; and the sins of Judah, and they will not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.

21 ¶ Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it and against *those* living *in* Pekod. Waste and destroy after them, says Jehovah, and do according to all that I have commanded you.

22 A sound of battle *is* in the land and of great ruin.

23 How the hammer of all the earth is cut off and broken! How Babylon has become a horror among the nations!

24 I have laid a trap for you, and you also are captured, Babylon, and you did not know. You were found and also caught, because you stirred up yourself against Jehovah.

25 Jehovah has opened His armory and has brought out the weapons of His fury. For this *is* a work of Jehovah, God of Hosts, in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the end, open her granaries, pile her up as heaps and utterly destroy her. Let not a remnant be to her.

27 Put the sword to all her bulls, let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them! For their day has come, the time of their being called to account.

28 The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon to de-

clare in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah our God, the vengeance of His temple.

29 Make the archers hear against Babylon. All you who tread a bow camp against it round about. Let not *one* of them escape. Repay her according to her work, according to all that she has done, do to her. For she has been proud against Jehovah, against the Holy One of Israel.

30 So her young men shall fall in the broad *places*, and all her men of war shall be silenced in that day, a statement of Jehovah.

31 Behold, I *am* against you, O proud one, a statement of the Lord Jehovah of Hosts, for your day has come, the time I will call you to account

32 And the proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up. And I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall burn up everything round about him.

33 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, Those oppressing the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah together; yea, all who captured them *and* held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer *is* strong, Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name. Striving He shall strive *in* their strife, so that He may give rest to the land, and make to tremble *those* living *in* Babylon.

35 A sword *is* on the Chaldeans, a statement of Jehovah, and on *those* living *in* Babylon, and on her rulers, and on her wise *men*.

36 A sword *is* on the liars, and they shall become fools; a sword *is* on her mighty *men*, and they shall be broken.

37 A sword *is* on his horses and his chariots, and to all the mixed people in her midst. And they shall become as women. A sword *is* to her treasures, and they shall be plundered.

38 A drought *is* on her waters, and they shall be dried up. For it is the land of idols, and they boast themselves in idols.

39 So the beasts of the desert shall dwell there with jackals. And the daughters of the ostrich shall dwell in her again. And it shall not be lived *in* again forever; not be lived *in* until generation and generation.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors, a statement

of Jehovah, so no man shall live there, nor shall a son of man sojourn in it.

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth.

42 They lay hold of a bow and a javelin, they *shall be* cruel and will show no mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea, and arrayed like a man for the battle, they shall ride on horses against you, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon has heard their report, and his hands sank; anguish seized him, pangs like *one* giving birth.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of Jordan against the perpetual abode. But I will make them suddenly run away from it. And who *is* a chosen *one* I will appoint over it? For who *is* like Me? And who will summon Me? And who is this shepherd who will stand before Me?

45 So hear the counsel of Jehovah that He has planned against Babylon, and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely *they* shall not drag them, the little *ones* of the flock. Surely He will not make *their* dwelling desolate over them.

46 At the sound of Babylon's capture, the earth shall tremble, and a cry is heard among the nations.

Jeremiah 51

1 The severe judgment of Jehovah against Babylon in revenge of Israel. 59 Jeremiah delivers the book of this prophecy to Seraiah, to be cast into Euphrates, in token of the perpetual sinking of Babylon.

1 Behold, I am stirring up a destroying wind against Babylon and against those living in the heart of those who rose against Me.

2 And I will send aliens to Babylon who will sift her and shall empty her land. For in the day of evil they shall be against her all around.

3 Treading the one treading does not tread his bow, and not himself go up in his armor. And do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her hosts.

4 So the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, yea, pierced through in her streets.

5 For Israel and Judah have not become widowed *ones* by his God, by Jehovah of Hosts, though their land was filled with guilt against the Holy One of Israel.

6 Flee from the midst of Babylon; yea, *each* man deliver his soul. Do not be silenced in her iniquity. For it *is* the time of the vengeance of Jehovah. He will complete a recompense to her.

7 Babylon *was* a golden cup in the hand of Jehovah, making all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine, therefore the nations act madly.

8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen, and it is broken. Wail for her, take balm for her pain, if perhaps she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go, *each* man into his own country. For her judgment reaches to the heavens and is lifted up to the clouds.

10 Jehovah has brought forth our righteousness; come and let us declare in Zion the work of Jehovah our God.

11 Polish the arrows, fill the shields; Jehovah has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan *is* against Babylon, to destroy *it*, because it *is* the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance of His temple.

12 Lift up the banner to Babylon's walls, make the watch strong; set up the watches, prepare the ambushes. For Jehovah has both planned and has done that which He spoke against those sojourning in Babylon.

13 O you residing upon many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your unjust gain.

14 Jehovah of Hosts has sworn by Himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill you with men as with locusts, and they shall lift up a shout against you.

15 He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heavens by His understanding.

16 When He gives *His* voice, a multitude of waters is in the heavens, and He causes the mists to go up from the end of the earth.

He makes lightnings for rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasuries.

17 Every man is brutish in knowledge, every refiner is put to shame by idols. For his molten image *is* a lie, and no breath *is* in them.

18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors; in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them, for He *is* the Former of all things, and He *is* the rod of His inheritance, Jehovah of Hosts is His name.

20 You *are* My war club *and* weapons of war, for with you I will shatter nations and with you I will destroy kingdoms.

21 And with you I will shatter the horse and his rider, and with you I will shatter the chariot and his charioteer.

22 And I will shatter man and woman with you, and with you I will shatter old and young, and with you I will shatter the young man and the virgin.

23 And I will shatter the shepherd and his flock with you. And I will shatter the farmer and his team with you, and with you I will shatter heads and rulers.

24 And I will give to Babylon, and to all *those* living in Chaldea all the evil that they have done in Zion, before your eyes, a statement of Jehovah.

25 Behold, I *am* against you, O destroying mountain, a statement of Jehovah, who destroys all the earth. And I will stretch out My hand on you, and will roll you down from the rocks, and I will make you a burned mountain;

26 and they shall not take a stone from you for a corner, or a stone for foundations, but you shall be a waste forever, a statement of Jehovah.

27 Lift up a banner in the land. Blow a rams' horn among the nations; consecrate nations against her. Make hear the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz together against her, set an official against her. Cause the horses to come up like rough locusts.

28 Consecrate nations against her, with the kings of the Medes, her governors and all her rulers, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the land trembles and writhes *in pain*. For every purpose of Jehovah shall rise

against Babylon, to set up the land of Babylon a waste without *one* living *in it*.

30 The mighty *men* of Babylon have stopped fighting. They have dwelt in strongholds; their might has withered; they became women; they have burned their houses, her bars are broken.

31 A runner shall run to meet a runner, and a herald to meet a herald, to announce to the king of Babylon that his city is captured from end *to end*,

32 and that the fords are captured. And they have burned the reeds with fire, and the men of war are terrified.

33 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshing-floor, *it is* time to tread her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest will come.

34 Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has devoured us. He has crushed us. He has set us up as an empty vessel. He has swallowed us like a jackal. He has filled his belly with delicacies. He has cast me out.

35 The violence done to me and to my flesh *is* on Babylon, the *one* living *in* Zion shall say. And Jerusalem shall say, My blood shall be on *those* living *in* Chaldea.

36 So Jehovah says this: Behold, I will contend for your cause and avenge for your vengeance, and I will dry up her sea and make her well dry.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a home for jackals, a horror and a hissing, without one living *in it*.

38 They shall roar together like lions, they shall growl like lions' cubs.

39 In their heat, I will set their feasts, and I will make them drunk so that they exult and sleep a never-ending sleep and never awaken, a statement of Jehovah.

40 I shall bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.

41 How Sheshach is captured! And how the praise of all the earth is seized! How Babylon has become a ruin among the nations!

42 The sea has come up over Babylon, she is covered with the multitude of its waves.

43 Her cities have become a ruin, a dry land and a wilderness, a land in which no

man dwells, and not does a son of man pass by it.

44 And I will visit Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth *that which* he has swallowed up. And the nations shall not flow together any more to him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go out of her midst, and *each* man deliver his soul from the burning anger of Jehovah.

46 And lest your heart faint, and you fear the report that shall be heard in the land, the report shall come in a year. And after that the report *shall come in another* year, and *there shall be* violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 So behold, the days come that I will visit on the idols of Babylon. And all her land shall be shamed, and all pierced in her shall fall in her midst.

48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that *is* in them, shall shout for Babylon. For the plunderers shall come to her from the north, a statement of Jehovah.

49 As Babylon is to fall for the pierced of Israel, so for Babylon the pierced of all the earth shall fall.

50 You who have escaped the sword, go away. Do not stand still. Remember Jehovah afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your heart.

51 *We are* ashamed, for we have heard reproach, dishonor has covered our faces. For aliens have come into the holy places of the house of Jehovah.

52 So, behold, the days are coming, a statement of Jehovah, that I will visit on *her* idols, and through all her land the pierced shall groan.

53 Though Babylon should go up to the heavens, and though she should fortify her strong heights, *ones* devastating shall come from Me to her, a statement of Jehovah.

54 A sound of a cry from Babylon, and great ruin from the land of Chaldeans!

55 For Jehovah is devastating Babylon, and the great voice will perish out of her. And her waves will roar like many waters, the noise of their voice is given.

56 Because *ones* devastating has come on her, on Babylon, and is capturing her mighty *men*, their bows are shattered; for

Jehovah the God of recompenses repaying shall repay.

57 And I will make her rulers drunk, also her wise *ones*, her governors, and her prefects, and her mighty *men*; and they shall sleep a never-ending sleep, and not awaken, a statement of the King whose name *is* Jehovah of Hosts.

58 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Baring, the broad walls of Babylon shall be laid bare, and her high gates shall be burned with fire. And the peoples shall labor as for vanity, and a people as for fire; and they shall be weary.

59 ¶ The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah, the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah, the king of Judah, *to* Babylon in the fourth year of his reign; and Seraiah, a leader of quietness.

60 And Jeremiah wrote in one book all the evil that should come on Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon and shall see and shall cry all these words,

62 then you shall say, O Jehovah, You have spoken against this place to cut it off so that not *one* living shall be in it, from man to animal, but it shall be a ruin forever.

63 And it shall be, when you have finished crying out this book, you shall tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates.

64 And you shall say, In this way Babylon shall sink and shall not rise from the evil that I am bringing on it, and they shall be weary. So far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 52

1 Zedekiah rebels. 4 Jerusalem is besieged and taken. 8 Zedekiah's sons killed, and his eyes put out. 12 Nebuzaradan turns and plunders the city.

1 ¶ Zedekiah *was* a son of twenty-one years when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 For it was because of the anger of Jehovah in Jerusalem and Judah that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon, until *Jehovah* had cast them out from His face.

4 And it was in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came, he and all his army against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built a siege wall against it all around.

5 And the city came under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no food for the people of the land.

7 And the city was breached, and all the men of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden. And the Chaldeans *lay* all around the city. And they went by the way of the Arabah.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the Arabah of Jericho. And all his army was scattered from him.

9 And they seized the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgments against him.

10 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. He also slaughtered all the rulers of Judah in Riblah.

11 And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon. And he put him in prison until the day of his death.

12 ¶ And in the fifth month, in the tenth of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, who stood before the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem.

13 And he burned the house of Jehovah

and the king's house. And he burned all the houses of Jerusalem with fire, and all the houses of the great *ones*.

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans who *were* with the chief of the executioners broke down all the walls of Jerusalem roundabout.

15 Then Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, exiled *some* of the poor of the people, and the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, left *some* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for farmers.

17 Also the Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze that *were* in the house of Jehovah, and the bases, and the bronze sea that *were* in the house of Jehovah, and lifted up all the bronze from them to Babylon.

18 They also took away the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they served.

19 And the chief of the executioners took away the basins, and the fire-pans, and the bowls, and the pots, the lampstands, and the spoons, and the cups; what *was* gold, *in* gold, and what *was* silver, *in* silver,

20 And the two pillars, one sea, and twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which King Solomon had made in the house of Jehovah. The weight of the bronze of all these vessels was not *known*.

21 And *as to* the pillars: the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and a line of twelve cubits went around it, and its thickness *was* four fingers; *it was* hollow.

22 And a capital of bronze *was* on it; and the height of one capital *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capital round about, all of bronze. And like these *was* the second pillar, and the pomegranates.

23 And ninety-six pomegranates were on a side; all the pomegranates on the network *were* a hundred round about.

24 ¶ And the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the head priest, and

Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers.

25 He also took out of the city one eunuch who was in charge of the men of war, and seven men who saw the king's face, who were found in the city, and the commander of the army's scribe who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the middle of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, took them and led them to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon struck them and caused them to die in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah was exiled from off his land.

28 This is the people who Nebuchadnezzar exiled: In the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews;

29 and in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, eight hundred thirty-two souls from Jerusalem;

30 and in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, the chief of

the executioners, exiled seven hundred forty-five souls of the Jews. All the souls were four thousand and six hundred.

31 ¶ And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth of the month, Evil-merodach, king of Babylon, in the year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, and brought him from the house of imprisonment.

32 And he spoke good to him and gave his throne to be above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

33 And he changed his prison garments, and he ate bread before his face continually the day of his death, all the days of his life.

34 And his allowance, a continual allowance was given to him from the king of Babylon, the matter of a day in its day until the day of his death all the days of his life.

The LAMENTATIONS of Jeremiah

Lamentations 1

The miserable state of Jerusalem by reason of sin.

1 ¶ How alone sits the city *that was* full of people! She has become like a widow, *one* great among the nations; a noblewoman among the provinces has become a payer of tribute.

2 She bitterly weeps in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks. She has no *one* out of all the ones loving her. All her friends dealt deceitfully with her; they became enemies to her.

3 Judah went captive from affliction, and from great slavery. She dwells among the nations; she finds no rest. All her pursuers have overtaken her between the straits.

4 The roads of Zion *are* in mourning without *any* going to the appointed *feasts*. All her gates are laid desolate; her priests *are* groaning, her virgins *are* afflicted; and she *is in* bitterness.

5 Her oppressive *ones* have become as chief; her enemies are at ease. For Jehovah has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions. Her children have gone, captive before *the* oppressive *ones*.

6 And from the daughter of Zion all her splendor has gone out. Her rulers have become like bucks; they find no pasture; and they have gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 *In the* days of her affliction and her wanderings, Jerusalem remembers all her desirable things from previous days in the falling of her people into the hand of the oppressive *one*, and there is no ally for her. The oppressive *ones* saw her; they laughed at her annihilation.

8 Sinning Jerusalem has sinned; on account of this *she* has become *as one* impure. All *the* ones knowing her despise her, for they saw her nakedness. Also, she groans and turns backward.

9 Her uncleanness *is* in her skirts. She did not remember her end and has gone

down wonderfully. She had no comforter. O Jehovah, see my affliction, for the enemy has magnified *himself*.

10 The oppressive *one* has spread out his hand on all her desirable things. Indeed, she has seen the nations enter into her holy place, whom You commanded *that* they not enter into Your assembly.

11 All her people sigh from seeking bread. They gave their desirable things for food to bring back the soul. See, O Jehovah, and look on *me*, for I have become vile.

12 ¶ *Is it* nothing to you, all who pass by? Behold, and see if there is *any* sorrow like my sorrow which is done to me, with which Jehovah has afflicted *me* in the day of His burning anger.

13 From on high He has sent fire into my bones and subdued them. He spread a net for my feet; He has turned me back; He gave me desolation; all the days *I* faint.

14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by His hand, they intertwine, they rise on my neck. He caused my strength to stumble. The Lord gave me into *their* hands. I am not able to rise up.

15 The Lord has trampled all my mighty *ones* in my midst. He called a gathering against me to crush my young men. *As* a winepress, the Lord trod the virgin daughter of Judah.

16 On account of these I weep; my eye, my eye brings down water, because *one* comforting *who could be* bringing back my soul is far from me. My sons are desolated because the enemy prevails.

17 Zion spreads forth her hands; there is not *one* comforting to her; Jehovah has commanded concerning Jacob *that* his oppressive *one should be* round about him. Jerusalem has become as an impurity among them.

18 Jehovah *is* righteous, for I rebelled against His mouth. All peoples, I pray, hear and see my sorrow. My virgins and my young men went into exile.

19 I called to *ones* loving me; they deceived me. My priests and my elders expired in the city, while they sought food for them to bring back their soul.

20 See, O Jehovah, for distress *is* to me. My bowels ferment; my heart is turned over within me; for rebelling I have rebelled. On the outside the sword be-reaves; in the house *it is* as death.

21 They hear that I groan; *there is no one* comforting for me. All my enemies have heard my evil; they rejoice that You have done *it*. You will bring the day *that* You have called, and they shall be like me.

22 Let all their evil come before You; and do to them as You have done to me for all my transgressions. For my groans *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.

Lamentations 2

1 Jeremiah laments the misery of Jerusalem.

20 He complains to Jehovah.

1 ¶ How the Lord has clouded over the daughter of Zion in His anger! He cast the beauty of Israel down from the heavens to the earth, and did not remember His footstool in the day of His wrath.

2 The Lord swallowed up all of Jacob's dwelling-places, *and* did not pity. In His wrath He has broken down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah. He made *them* touch to the earth. He has defiled the kingdom and its rulers.

3 He cut off all the horn of Israel in *the* heat of His anger. He has turned back His right hand from the face of the enemy, and He burned in Jacob as a flaming fire; it consumes round about.

4 He trod His bow like an enemy, *and* set His right hand like an oppressive *one*; and killed all *who were* desirable to the eye in the tent of the daughter of Zion. He poured out His fury like fire.

5 The Lord was like an enemy; He swallowed up Israel; He swallowed up all his fortresses *and* destroyed his strongholds; and He increased mourning and weeping in the daughter of Judah.

6 And He violated his pavilion like a garden *and* destroyed his appointed meeting-places. Jehovah made appointed meeting-places and sabbaths *to be* forgotten in Zion,

and He rejected king and priest in the fury of His anger.

7 The Lord has cast off His altar; He rejected the holy place. He has delivered the walls of her fortresses into the hand of the enemy. They gave a noise in Jehovah's house, as a day of meeting.

8 Jehovah devised to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; He has stretched out a line. He has not turned back His hand from swallowing; and He made rampart and wall lament; they languish together.

9 Her gates have sunk in the earth, He made perish and shattered her bars. Her kings and her rulers *are* among the nations. The Law is not. Also her prophets have not found a vision from Jehovah.

10 ¶ They sit on the ground; the elders of Zion's daughters *are* silent. They made dust go up on their heads, they gird on sack-cloths. The virgins of Jerusalem let their heads go down to the ground.

11 And my eyes *are* at an end with tears, my bowels ferment; my liver is poured on the ground for the ruin of the daughter of my people, in the fainting of children and sucklings in the broad *places* of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, Where *are* grain and wine? In their fainting, *they are* like the wounded in the plazas of the city, in their pouring out their lives to their mothers' bosom.

13 What can I testify for you? *To* what will I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? *To* what shall I liken you that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your breaking *is* great like the sea! Who can heal you?

14 Your prophets have visioned vanity and foolishness for you; and they have not revealed your iniquity in order to turn back your captivity. Yea, they visioned for you burdens of vanity and seductions.

15 All who pass by clap *their* palms at you. They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*, *Is* this the city which they called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth?

16 All your enemies have opened their mouth against you; they hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We have swallowed up.

Surely this *is* the day for which we waited; we have found; we have seen.

17 Jehovah has done *that* which He purposed; He fulfilled His Word which He commanded from days of earliest time. He has dashed and not pitied. And He made the enemy to rejoice over you; He raised the horn of your oppressive *ones*.

18 Their heart cried to the Lord. O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears go down like a torrent by day and by night; do not give relief to yourself; let not the daughter of your eye rest.

19 Rise up, cry out in the night at the head of the watches; pour out your heart like waters before the face of the Lord. Lift up your palms to Him for the life of your children *who are* faint with hunger at the head of every outside place.

20 See, O Jehovah, and look! To whom have you done thus? Should women eat their fruit, children of tender care? Should priest and prophet be killed in the holy place of the Lord?

21 Young and old lie on the ground of the outside places. My virgins and my young men have fallen by the sword. You have killed in the day of Your anger. You have killed, You have not pitied.

22 You have called my terrors round about, as in a day of appointed meeting; and there was not a fugitive or a survivor in the day of the anger of Jehovah. *Those* whom I have nursed and multiplied, my enemy has consumed.

Lamentations 3

1 The faithful bewail their calamities. 22 By the mercies of Jehovah they nourish their hope.

55 They pray for deliverance.

1 ¶ I, the man, have seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

2 He led me and made *me* go in darkness and not light.

3 Surely He turned against me; He turns His hand all the day.

4 He has wasted my flesh and my skin. He has shattered my bones.

5 He built against me and has put around *me* bitterness and hardship.

6 He has made me live in dark places like the dead of old.

7 He walled around me and I cannot go out; He has made heavy my bronze *chain*.

8 Also, when I cry out and shout for help, He shuts out my prayer.

9 He walled up my ways with cut stone; my paths are crooked.

10 He *was* a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in secret places.

11 He has turned aside my ways and torn me to pieces; He made me desolate.

12 He has trod His bow and set me up as a mark for the arrow.

13 He caused the sons of His quiver to enter into my kidneys.

14 I was a mockery to all my people, their song all the day.

15 He has filled me with bitterness *and* made me drunk *with* wormwood.

16 And He broke my teeth with gravel; He has covered me in the ashes.

17 And You cast off my soul from peace; I have forgotten goodness.

18 And I said, My strength and my hope have perished from Jehovah.

19 Remember my affliction and my straying, *as* wormwood and bitterness.

20 Remembering, my soul remembers and bows down on me.

21 I return this to my heart; therefore I hope.

22 *It is by* the kindnesses of Jehovah that we are not consumed, for His mercies are not ended.

23 *They are* new by mornings; great *is* Your faithfulness.

24 Jehovah *is* my portion, says my soul., therefore I shall hope to Him.

25 Jehovah *is* good to those waiting on Him, to the soul seeking Him.

26 *It is* good that he hopes for the salvation of Jehovah, even *in* silence.

27 *It is* good for a man that he bear a yoke in his youth.

28 He sits alone and is silent, for He laid *it* on him.

29 He puts his mouth in the dust, if perhaps there is hope.

30 He gives *his* cheek to the *One* smiting him; he is filled with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off forever.

32 For if He causes grief, He will have pity according to His many kindnesses.

33 For He does not afflict from His heart,
and grieves the sons of man,

34 to crush all the prisoners of earth under His feet,

35 to turn aside the judgment of a man before the face of the Most High,

36 to subvert a man in his cause. *This*, the Lord does not see.

37 ¶ Who *is* this who speaks, and it occurs, *though* the Lord does not command it?

38 *Both* the evil and the good do not go out from the mouth of the Most High.

39 What? Should mankind complain, living man, because of his sins?

40 Let us search and examine our ways, and turn back to Jehovah.

41 Let us lift up our heart *and* palms to God in Heaven.

42 ¶ We have transgressed and rebelled; You, You have not forgiven.

43 You have wrapped Yourself with anger and pursued us; You have slain; You have not pitied.

44 You have covered Yourself with a cloud, from *any* prayer passing through.

45 You have set us *as* sweepings and garbage in the midst of the peoples.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

47 Dread and a pit is ours, devastation and ruin.

48 Streams of water go down from my eye for the ruin of the daughter of my people.

49 My eye flows out and does not cease, from there not being *any* ceasing,

50 until Jehovah shall look down and see from Heaven.

51 My tear thrusts *down* to my soul, from all the daughters of my city.

52 Hunting the hunter has hunted me without cause like a bird.

53 They have cut off my life in the pit, and *they* threw a stone at me.

54 Waters flowed over on my head; I said, I am cut off.

55 ¶ I called on Your name, O Jehovah, from the lowest pit.

56 You have heard my voice; do not hide Your ear at my relief, at my cry for help.

57 You came near in the day I called You; You said, Do not fear!

58 O Lord, You contended for the causes of my soul; You redeemed my life.

59 You have seen my subversion, O Jehovah; judge my cause.

60 You have seen all their vengeance, all their plots against me.

61 You have heard their reproach, O Jehovah, all their plots against me,

62 the lips of those rising up against me, and their scheming against me all the day.

63 Look at their sitting and their rising up. I *am* their song.

64 You will give back a recompense to them, O Jehovah, according to the work of their hands.

65 You will give them a covering up of heart *as* Your curse to them.

66 Pursue and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of Jehovah.

Lamentations 4

I Zion bewails her pitiful estate. 13 She confesses her sins. 21 Edom is threatened.

1 ¶ How the gold dims, the good pure gold is changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of all the outside places.

2 The precious sons of Zion are weighed against pure gold. How they are counted as earthen vessels, the work of a potter's hand!

3 Even the jackals draw out the breast; they suckle their young. *But* the daughter of my people *is* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the nursling cleaves to his palate in thirst. The young children ask bread, but there is no breaking for them.

5 Those who ate delicacies are desolate in the outside places; those reared on scarlet embrace dunghills.

6 And the iniquity of the daughter of my people is heaped more than the sin of Sodom, *which was* overthrown *as in* a moment, and no hands were whirled on her.

7 Her Nazarites *were* purer than snow, whiter than milk; they *were* redder *of* bone than corals; their cuttings *as azure-blue*, as lapis lazuli.

8 Their appearance *is* darker than soot; they are not recognized in the outside places. Their skin has shriveled on their bones; it is dried up, it has become like wood.

9 Better *are* the wounded *ones* by the sword than the ones slain by famine, those who flow *away*, pierced because the produce of my fields *failed*.

10 The hands of the compassionate women have boiled their own children; they became food to them in the ruin of the daughter of my people.

11 Jehovah has fulfilled His fury; He has poured out the anger of His nostril and has kindled a fire in Zion; and it has devoured its foundations.

12 The kings of the earth and all those living *in* the world would not have believed that the oppressive *one* and the enemy would go into the gates of Jerusalem,

13 ¶ because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, pouring out the blood of the righteous *ones* in her midst,

14 they reeled blind in the outside places. They are defiled with blood, so that not *any* are able to touch their garments.

15 They cried out to them, Turn aside! Unclean! Turn aside, turn aside! Touch not! Indeed they fled and reeled. They said among the nations, They will not continue to live there.

16 The face of Jehovah has divided them out; He will not continue to look on them. They did not lift up the face of the priests, they did not favor the elders.

17 While we exist, our eyes fail for our vain help. In our watching, we have watched for a nation; it does not save.

18 They hunted our steps from going in our outside places. Our end came near, our days were fulfilled, for our end had come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens; they hotly pursued us on the mountains; they lay in wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed *of* Jehovah, was captured in their pits; *of* whom we said, In His shadow we will live among the nations.

21 ¶ Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, living in the land of Uz. The cup also shall pass through to you; you shall be drunken and make yourself naked.

22 Your perversity *is* complete, daughter of Zion; He will not add to exile you. He

will visit your perversity, daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins.

Lamentations 5

A pitiful complaint of Zion in prayer unto Jehovah.

1 ¶ O Jehovah, remember what has happened to us; look upon and see our reproach.

2 Our inheritance has been turned to aliens, our houses to foreigners.

3 We are orphans. *There is* no father; our mothers *are* like widows.

4 We have drunk our water for silver; our wood comes for a price.

5 On our necks we *are* pursued; we grow weary; rest is not given to us.

6 We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, to the Assyrian, in order to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and *are* not; we have borne their perversities.

8 Slaves rule over us; *there is* no rescuer from their hand.

9 We bring in our bread with our souls, from the face of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin *is* burned black like an oven, because of the fever heat of famine.

11 They raped the women in Zion, virgins in the cities of Judah.

12 Rulers were hanged by their hands; the faces of the elders were not honored.

13 They lifted the young men *to* the hand mill, and the youths stumbled at the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.

15 The joy of our heart has ceased; our dance has turned to mourning.

16 The crown has fallen *from* our head. Woe now to us, for we have sinned!

17 ¶ For this our heart is faint; our eyes are dim for these *things*.

18 Zion *is* laid waste on the mountain; foxes walk about on it.

19 O Jehovah, You remain forever; Your throne to generation and generation.

20 Why do You forget us forever, forsake us the length of days?

21 Return us to You, O Jehovah, and we shall return. Renew our days as of old,

22 for rejecting You have rejected us; You are exceedingly angry against us.

The Book of **EZEKIEL**

Ezekiel 1

1 The time of Ezekiel's prophecy at Chebar. 4 His vision of four cherubs, 26 and of the glory of Jehovah.

1 ¶ And it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 On the fifth of the month, the fifth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin the king,

3 coming the Word of Jehovah became *known* to Ezekiel, the son of Buzi, the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river Chebar. And there the hand of Jehovah was on him.

4 ¶ And I looked, and behold, a wind-storm came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire flashing itself, and a brightness to it round about. And out of its midst, like the color of polished metal it came, out of the midst of the fire.

5 And from its midst was the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* how they looked: the likeness of a man was to them,

6 and four faces *were* to each, and four wings to each of them,

7 and their feet *were* feet of straightness, and the sole of their feet like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like the color of burnished copper.

8 And the hands of a man *extended* from under their wings on their four sides. And their faces and their wings *were* to the four of them,

9 joining each *one* to the other *by* their wings. They did not turn in their going, each *one* went toward the front of their face.

10 And the likeness of their faces: the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right *side* to the four of them; and the face of an ox on the left to the four of them, and the face of an eagle to the four of them.

11 So their faces *were*. And their wings *were* spread upward, to *each* one the two wings were joined, and two wings of each covering their bodies.

12 And *each one* went toward the front of their faces. To where the spirit was to go, there they went; they did not turn in their going.

13 And the likeness of the living creatures: they continually going among the living creatures. And the fire *was* bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 And the living creatures kept running and returning, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15 ¶ And I looked at the living creatures, and, behold, one wheel *was* on the earth beside the living creatures, with the four of its faces.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship *was* like the color of beryl; and the one likeness *was* to the four of them. And their appearance and their workmanship *was* like the wheel in the middle of the wheel.

17 They went on the four of their sides in their going, they did not turn in their going.

18 And also their rims *were* high to them, even awesome to them. And their rims *were* full of eyes round about the four of them.

19 And in the going of the living creatures the wheels went beside them. And in the lifting up of the living creatures from on the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 There where the spirit was to go, there they went; there their spirit *was* to go, and the wheels were lifted up along with them. For the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

21 In their going, *these* went; and in their standing still, these stood still. And in their being lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up along with them. For the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

22 And a likeness *was* over the heads of the living creature, an expanse like the color of awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads from above.

23 And under the expanse their wings *were* straight, the one toward the other, to each *one*, two wings covering on this *side*, and to each *one* two covering on that *side* of their bodies.

24 And I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty. In their going *was* the sound of tumult, like the sound of an army. In their standing still, they let down their wings.

25 And there was a voice from the expanse that *was* over their heads. In their standing still, they let down their wings.

26 ¶ And from above the expanse that *was* over their heads *was* an appearance like a stone of lapis lazuli, *azure blue*, the likeness of a throne. And on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness in appearance like a man on it from above.

27 And I saw *Him*, like the color of polished metal, looking like fire within it round about. From the appearance of His loins and upward, and from the appearance of His loins and downward, I saw *Him* looking like fire; and brightness to it round about.

28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of the rain, so appeared the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And I saw, and I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of *One* speaking.

Ezekiel 2

1 Ezekiel's commission. 6 His instruction.

1 ¶ And He said to me, Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.

2 And the Spirit entered into me as He spoke to me, and He made me stand on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.

3 And He said to me, Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to the nations, the ones rebelling who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this day.

4 And the sons *are* stiff of face and hard of heart. I am sending you to them. And you shall say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah.

5 And they, whether they will hear or whether they will stop; for they are a rebellious house; yea, they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

6 ¶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them and of their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns *are* with you, and *though* you are living among scorpions. Do not be afraid of their words, and do not be frightened by their faces, though they *are* a house of rebellion.

7 And you shall speak My words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will stop, for they *are* rebellious.

8 But you, son of man, hear what I am saying to you. Do not be like that rebellious house of rebellion. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving to you.

9 And I looked, and behold, a hand *was* extended to me. And behold, a roll of a book *was* in it.

10 And He spread it before me, and it *was* written on the face and the back. And written on it *were* weepings, and mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel 3

1 Ezekiel eats the roll. 15 Jehovah shows him the rule of prophecy. 22 Jehovah shuts and opens the prophet's mouth.

1 ¶ And He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find. Eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel.

2 So I opened my mouth, and He made me eat that roll.

3 And He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your bowels with the roll, this that I give to you. And I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey for sweetness.

4 And He said to me, Son of man, Go! Come to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

5 For you *are* not sent to a people of deep lip and difficult of language, *but* to the house of Israel;

6 not to many peoples of deep lip and of a difficult language, whose words you cannot hear. If I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

7 But the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to

listen to Me, for all the house of Israel *are* strong of forehead; and they *are* hard of heart.

8 Behold, I have given your face *to be* strong over against their faces, and your forehead strong over against their foreheads.

9 I have given your forehead *to be* as an adamant harder than flint. Do not fear them, and do not be frightened by their faces, though they are a house of rebellion.

10 And He said to me, Son of man, all My words which I speak to you, receive into your heart, and hear with your ears.

11 And go! Come to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah, whether they will hear, or whether they will stop.

12 And the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a sound of a great quaking. *He said*, Blessed *be* the glory of Jehovah from His place!

13 And *there was* the sound of the wings of the living creatures kissing each one to the other, and the sound of the wheels along with them, and the sound of a great quaking.

14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took me, and I went bitterly in the heat of my spirit, and the hand of Jehovah was strong upon me.

15 And I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, those dwelling by the river Chebar. And I sat there *where* they were dwelling. I also dwelt there seven days, being stunned among them.

16 ¶ And it happened at the end of the seven days, even it happened *that* the Word of Jehovah *came* to me, saying,

17 Son of man, I have given you *to be* a watchman for the house of Israel. And hear the Word of My mouth, and warn them from Me.

18 In My saying to the wicked *one*, Dying you shall die; and you do not warn him, and you do not speak to warn the wicked *one* from his wicked way, to *save* his life, he, the wicked *one*, shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at your hand.

19 And you, because you have warned the wicked *one*, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his way, he, the wicked *one*, shall die in his iniquity. But you have delivered your soul.

20 And when the righteous *one* turns from his righteousness and does injustice, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die. Since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered, but I will require his blood at your hand.

21 But you, because you warned him, the righteous *one*, so that the righteous *one*, should not sin, and he does not sin, living he shall live because he is warned. And you have delivered your soul.

22 ¶ And the hand of Jehovah was on me there. And He said to me, Rise up, go forth into the plain, and I will speak with you there.

23 And I rose up and went forth into the plain. And, behold, there the glory of Jehovah was standing, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar, and I fell on my face.

24 And the Spirit entered into me and stood me on my feet and spoke with me. And He said to me, Come, shut yourself within your house.

25 But you, son of man, behold, they shall put on you cords and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them.

26 And I will make your tongue cling to your palate, and you shall be mute. And there shall not be to them a reproving man; for they *are* a rebellious house.

27 But in My speaking with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah. He who hears, let him hear; and he who stops, let him stop. For they *are* a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 4

Under the type of a siege is shown the time from the defection of Jerusalem to the captivity.

1 ¶ And you, son of man, take a brick to yourself, and put it before you, and engrave on it a city, Jerusalem.

2 And set a siege on it, and build a fort on it, and pour out a ramp on it. And place a camp on it, and set *battering* rams round about on it.

3 And you, take a griddle of iron to yourself, and place it *as* a wall of iron between you and the city. And place your face against it, and it shall be under siege, and thrust upon it. It is a sign to the house of Israel.

4 And you, lie down on your left side, and set the iniquity of the house of Israel on it. The number of the days that you shall lie down on it, you shall bear their iniquity.

5 For I have given *to be* on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of days: three hundred and ninety days. And you shall bear the house of Israel's iniquity.

6 And when you complete them, even lie on your right side, the second. And you shall bear the house of Judah's iniquity forty days; a day for a year. I have given it for you, a day for a year.

7 And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm bared; and you shall prophesy over it.

8 And, behold, I will give cords *to be* on you, and you cannot turn from your side to your *other* side until you have completed the days of your siege.

9 ¶ And you, take to yourself wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and place them in a single vessel; and make them for yourself into bread, to the number of days that you are lying on your side. You shall eat it three hundred and ninety days.

10 And your food which you shall eat *shall be* by weight: twenty shekels a day. From time to time you shall eat it.

11 And you shall drink water by measure: the sixth part of a hin. From time to time you shall drink.

12 And you shall eat cakes of barley, and you shall bake it with dung of the dung of man, in their sight.

13 And Jehovah said, Even so the sons of Israel shall eat their defiled bread among the nations there where I will drive them.

14 And I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Behold, my soul has not been defiled. I have not even eaten a carcass or a torn animal, from my youth, and until now, And unclean flesh has not come into my mouth.

15 And He said to me, See, I have given to you the dung of cattle in place of the dung of man. And you shall make bread over it.

16 And He said to me, Son of man, behold, I am breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem. And they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety. And they shall drink water by measure, and in horror,

17 because they will lack bread and water, and each *one* be stunned with his brother. And *they* will waste away in their iniquity.

Ezekiel 5

1 Under the type of hair 5 is shown the judgment of Jerusalem for their rebellion 12 by famine, sword, and dispersion.

1 ¶ And you, son of man, take to yourself a sharp sword, the razor of a barber. Take it to yourself and make it pass over your head and over your beard. And take to yourself scales to weigh, and to divide them out.

2 You shall burn a third part in the fire, in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled. And you shall take the third part *and* beat with a sword round about it. And you shall scatter the third part into the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.

3 Also you shall take from there a few in number and bind them in your skirts.

4 And take from them again, and throw them into the middle of the fire and burn them in the fire. From it shall come forth a fire into all the house of Israel.

5 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: This *is* Jerusalem. I have set her in the midst of the nations, and round about her *are* the lands.

6 And she has changed My judgments for wickedness more than the nations, and My laws more than the lands that *are* round about her. For they have rejected My judgments and My statutes; they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore, so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you multiplied more than the nations that *are* round about you, not having walked in My statutes, and not having done My judgments, and you have not done according to the judgments of the nations round about you;

8 therefore, so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold! I, even I *am* against you, and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations.

9 And I will do in you that which I have not done, and which I will not do the like again, for all your disgusting things.

10 Therefore, the fathers shall eat the sons in your midst, and the sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments

against you, and I will scatter the whole remnant of you into every wind.

11 Therefore, *as* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, If not because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your disgusting things, even I also will withdraw. And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity.

12 A third part of you shall die by the plague and shall be consumed by the famine in your midst. And a third part shall fall by the sword round about you. And a third part I will scatter into every wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 And My anger shall be spent, and I will make My fury rest on them, and I will be eased. And they shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken in My zeal, in My completing My fury among them.

14 And I will give you *to be* a waste and a reproach among the nations that *are* round about you, in the eyes of all who pass by.

15 And it shall be a reproach and a taunt, a chastening and a horror, to the nations which *are* round about you, when I shall execute against you judgments in anger and in fury and in chastisements *among* them. I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

16 When I shall send the arrows of evil famine among them, which shall be for ruin, for which I will send them to destroy you, even I will add the famine on you and break the staff of bread to you.

17 Yea, I will send famine and evil beasts on you, and you will be bereaved. And pestilence and blood shall pass among you, and I shall bring a sword on you. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

Ezekiel 6

1 The judgment of Israel for their idolatry. 8 A remnant shall be blessed.

1 ¶ And it happened, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face towards the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them.

3 And say, Mountains of Israel, hear the Word of the Lord Jehovah: So says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys, Be-

hold, I, *even* I will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 And your altars shall be ruined, and your pillars shall be broken. And I will cast down your slain before your idols.

5 And I will put the corpses of the sons of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be deserted, so that your altars may be laid waste and become guilty, and *that* your idols may be broken and brought to an end, and your pillars may be cut down, and your works wiped out.

7 And the slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

8 ¶ Yet I will leave a remainder, so that may be *left* to you refugees of the sword among the nations, in your scattering among the lands.

9 And the refugees shall remember Me among the nations where they will be exiled, because I was broken *by* their fornicating heart which has turned away from Me, and by their fornicating eyes which go after their idols. And they shall loathe against their faces for the evils which they have done in all their disgusting things.

10 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah; not in vain have I said to do this evil to them.

11 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas, for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague.

12 He who is far off shall die by the plague, and he who is near shall fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine; so I will complete My fury on them.

13 And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when their slain shall be in the midst of their idols round about their altars, on every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every leafy oak, the place where they gave there a soothing aroma to all their idols.

14 And I will stretch out My hand on them and give the land a *to be* a desolation even more desolate than the desert toward

Diblath, in all their dwelling places. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 7

1 The final desolation of Israel. 16 The mournful repentance of them that escape. 20 The enemies defile the sanctuary.

1 ¶ And it happened, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, so says the Lord Jehovah to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come on the four corners of the land.

3 The end *is* now on you, and I will send My anger on you and will judge you according to your ways and will put on you all your disgusting things.

4 And My eye shall not spare you, and I will not have pity. But I will put your ways on you, and your disgusting things shall be in your midst, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

5 So says the Lord Jehovah: An evil! An only evil! Behold, it has come!

6 An end has come, the end has come! It has awakened against you, behold, it has come!

7 The crown has come to you, *you* living in the land. The time has come, the day of tumult *is* near, and not a shout of the hills.

8 Now I will soon pour out My fury on you and fulfill My anger on you. And I will judge you according to your ways and will put on you all your disgusting things.

9 And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity; I will put on you according to your ways and your disgusting things that are in your midst. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah who strikes.

10 Behold the day! Behold, it has come, the crown has gone out, the rod has blossomed, and pride has budded.

11 Violence has risen for a rod of wickedness. None of them *shall remain*, even none of their crowds, and none of their *possessions*, and none of distinction among them.

12 The time has come, the day has arrived. Do not let the buyer rejoice, and do not let the seller mourn, for wrath *is* on all her multitude.

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they still are among the living (for the vision is to all her multi-

tude, and it shall not return); and a man shall not hold his life strong in his iniquity.

14 They have blown the trumpet, and to make all ready, but no one goes to the battle, for My wrath is on all her crowds.

15 The sword *is* outside, and the plague, and the famine *are* inside. He who *is* in the field shall die with the sword. And he who *is* in the city, famine and plague shall devour him.

16 ¶ But *if* their fugitives shall escape, then they shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, *each* man for his iniquity.

17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall go *as* water.

18 They shall also gird *on* sackcloth, and trembling shall cover them. And shame *shall be* on all faces, and baldness on all heads.

19 They shall throw their silver in the broad places, and their gold shall be an impure thing. Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of Jehovah. They shall not satisfy their soul, and they shall not fill their bowels, for their iniquity has become a stumbling block for *them*.

20 And the beauty of His ornament, He set it in majesty. But they made it the images of their disgusting things, *and* of their detestable idols. Therefore, I have given it to them as an impurity.

21 And I will give it into the hand of the aliens for a prize, and to the wicked *one* of the earth for a prey. And they shall defile it.

22 I also will turn My face from them, and they shall defile My hiding *place*. And breakers shall enter into it and defile it.

23 ¶ Make the chain, for the land is full of bloody judgments, and the city is full of violence.

24 And I will make come the most evil of the nations, and they shall possess their houses. And I will make cease the pomp of the strong *ones*, and their holy places shall be defiled.

25 Anguish comes! And they shall seek peace, but none *shall be*.

26 Disaster on disaster shall come, and rumor to rumor shall be. And they shall seek a vision from the prophet, but the Law

shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.

27 The king shall mourn, and the ruler shall be clothed with despair. And the hands of the people of the land shall be anxious. According to their way, I will do to them, and according to their judgments, I will judge them. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 8

1 Ezekiel, in a vision at Jerusalem, 5 is shown the image of jealousy, 7 the chambers of imagery, 15 the worshipers towards the sun.

1 ¶ And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, on the fifth of the month, I was sitting in my house. And the elders of Judah were sitting before me. And the hand of the Lord Jehovah fell on me there.

2 And I looked, and behold, a likeness as the look of fire, from the appearance of His loins and downward, *like* fire, and from His loins and upward, as the look of brightness, like the color of polished metal.

3 And He put forth the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens and brought me to Jerusalem, in the visions of God, to the opening of the inner gate facing north, where there *was* a seat of the image of jealousy, which causes jealousy.

4 And, behold! The glory of the God of Israel *was* there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

5 And He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now northward. And I lifted up my eyes the way of the north, and, behold, from the north, at the gate of the altar, *was* this image of jealousy at the entrance.

6 And He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But you turn back *and* you shall see greater abominations.

7 ¶ And He brought me to the opening of the court. And I looked, and, behold, a single hole in the wall.

8 And He said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall. And I dug in the wall; and, behold, an opening!

9 And He said to me, Go in and see the evil abominations that they are doing here.

10 And I went in and looked. And, behold, every form of creeping thing, and detested beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel were carved on the wall round *and* round.

11 And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah, the son of Shaphan, *were* standing among them. *These* were standing among them, and *each* man with his firepan in his hand, and the odor of the cloud of incense going up.

12 And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, *each* man in the rooms of his image? For they are saying, Jehovah does not see us, Jehovah has forsaken the earth.

13 ¶ And He said to me, Yet you turn back, you shall yet see greater abominations which they are doing.

14 And He brought me to the opening of the gate of the house of Jehovah on the north. And, behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

15 And He said to me, Have you seen, son of man? Yet you turn back *and* you shall see greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the house of Jehovah. And, behold, at the opening of the temple of Jehovah, between the porch and the altar, *were* about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of Jehovah, and their faces eastward. And they bowed themselves eastward to the sun.

17 And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah from doing the disgusting things which they do here? For they have filled the land *with* violence and have returned to provoke Me to anger. And, behold, they are putting the branch to their nose!

18 And I also will deal with fury. My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity. And though they cry in My ears *with* a loud voice, even I will not hear them.

Ezekiel 9

1 A vision, whereby is shown the preservation of some, 5 and destruction of the rest.

1 ¶ And He cried in my ears *with* a loud voice, saying, Let the overseers of the city draw near, and *each* man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men were coming from the way of the Upper Gate, which faces north. And each had his shattering weapon in his hand. And one man among them was clothed in linen, and an ink horn of a scribe at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel had gone on, from on the cherub where it was on it, to the threshold of the house. And He called to the man clothed in linen *with* the ink horn of a scribe at his loins.

4 And Jehovah said to him, Pass through in the midst of the city, in the midst of Jerusalem, and mark a mark on the foreheads of the men who are groaning and are mourning over all the disgusting things that are done in her midst.

5 ¶ And He said to those in my hearing, Pass over in the city after him and strike. Do not let your eye spare, and do not have pity.

6 Slay *the aged men, the young man, and the virgin, even children, and women, all to destruction.* But to every man who *has* the mark on him, do not come near. And begin from My sanctuary. And they began with the aged men who *were* before the house.

7 And He said to them, Defile the house and fill the courts with the wounded. Go forth! And they went out and struck in the city.

8 And it happened as they struck, and I remained, *even* I. And I fell on my face and I cried out and said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in Your pouring out of Your fury on Jerusalem?

9 And He said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and of Judah is very, very great, and the land is filled *with* blood, and the city is full of perversity. For they say, Jehovah has forsaken the land; and, Jehovah does not see.

10 And even I, My eye does not spare, and I will not have pity. I will put their way on their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, *with* the ink horn at his loins, reported the matter, saying, I have done as You commanded me.

Ezekiel 10

1 The vision of the coals of fire, to be scattered over the city. 8 The vision of the cherubs.

1 ¶ And I looked. And, behold, in the expanse over the head of the cherubs was seen the appearance of the form of a throne above them, like a stone of lapis lazuli, *azure blue*.

2 And He spoke to the man clothed *with* linen, and said, Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubs, and sprinkle on the city. And he went in before me.

3 And the cherubs were standing on the right side of the house when he, the man, went in. And the cloud filled the inner court.

4 And the glory of Jehovah lifted up from the cherub, over the threshold of the house. And the house was filled with the cloud. And the court was filled with the radiance of the glory of Jehovah.

5 And the sound of the wings of cherubs was heard over the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when He speaks.

6 And it happened, when He had commanded the man clothed *with* linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubs; and he went and stood beside the wheels.

7 And *one* cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubs, to the fire between the cherubs. And he lifted and put *it* into the hands of the one clothed with linen. And he took *it* and went out.

8 ¶ And the form of a man's hand was seen under the wings of the cherubs.

9 And I looked, and, behold, the four wheels *were* beside the cherubs: one wheel beside one cherub, one wheel beside one cherub. And the appearance of the wheels *was* like the color of a stone of Tarshish.

10 And their appearance was as one, the four of them, as if the wheel were in the midst of the wheel.

11 In their going on their four sides, they went. They did not turn in their going. For to the place where the head faces, after it they went. They did not turn in their going.

12 And all their flesh, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even* their wheels which the four of them had.

13 As for the wheels, it was cried to them in my ear, Whirling wheel!

14 And four faces were to each *one*. The first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubs rose up. This *is* the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar.

16 And in the going of the cherubs, the wheels went beside them. And when the cherubs lifted their wings to soar from the earth, the wheels did not turn from beside them, *even* they.

17 When they stood still, *these* stood still. And when they rose up, *these* lifted up; for the spirit of the living creature *was* in them.

18 And the glory of Jehovah went from the threshold of the house and stood over the cherubs.

19 And the cherubs lifted their wings and rose up from the earth flowing out. When they went out, the wheels also *were* with them. And he stood at the door of the gate of the house of Jehovah, the eastern *gate*. And the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them from above.

20 This *is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar, and I knew that they *were* cherubs.

21 Four, *even* four faces *are* to each *one*, and four wings to each *one*. And the form of a man's hands *was* under their wings.

22 And the form of their faces, they *are* the faces that I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances, *even* theirs. They each *one* went straight forward.

Ezekiel 11

1 The presumption of the leaders. 13 Ezekiel complains and Jehovah shows him his purpose in saving a remnant.

1 ¶ And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of the house of Je-

hovah, the *gate* which faces eastward. And, behold, at the opening of the gate *were* twenty-five men. And I saw among them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah, the son of Benaiah, leaders of the people.

2 And He said to me, Son of man, these *are* the men who plot evil and advise wicked advice in this city,

3 who say, *It is* not near, let us build houses; she *is* the pot, and we *are* the flesh.

4 So prophesy against them, prophesy, son of man!

5 And the Spirit of Jehovah fell on me and said to me, Speak, So says Jehovah: So you have said, house of Israel, and what comes up in your spirit I know it.

6 You have multiplied your wounded *ones* in this city, and you have filled her broad places with wounded *ones*.

7 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Your wounded *ones* whom you have set in her midst, they *are* the flesh, and she *is* the pot. But I will bring you forth out of her midst.

8 You have feared the sword, but I will bring a sword on you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

9 And I will bring you out of her midst and will give you into the hand of strangers. And I will execute judgments against you.

10 You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you to the border of Israel, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

11 This *city* shall not be for a pot to you, and you shall not be in its midst for flesh; but I will judge you in the border of Israel,

12 and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah in whose statutes you have not walked, and My judgments you have not done; yea, as the judgments of the nations who are round about you, you have done.

13 And it happened when I prophesied, Pelatiah, the son of Benaiah, died. Then I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice and said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

14 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

15 Son of man, your brothers, your brothers, the men of your kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of them *who* have said *to* those living *in* Jerusalem, Go far away

from Jehovah, this land is given to us for a possession.

16 Therefore, say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Though I have sent them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the lands, yet I was to them as a little sanctuary in the countries there where they had gone.

17 So the Lord Jehovah says this: I shall gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the lands, in those where you were scattered, and I shall give to you the land of Israel.

18 And they will come there, and they will remove all its abominable things and all its disgusting things from it.

19 And I shall give to them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and I will give them a heart of flesh,

20 so that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments, and do them. And they shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God.

21 And *as to those whose* heart is going *after* their abominable things, and going *after* their disgusting *idols*, I will give their way on their heads, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

22 ¶ The cherubs lifted up their wings, and the wheels *were* beside them. And the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them from above.

23 And the glory of Jehovah went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain which *is* on the east of the city.

24 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into Chaldea, to the exiles, in a vision by the Spirit of God. And the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 And I spoke to the exiles all the things which Jehovah had made me see.

Ezekiel 12

1 The type of Ezekiel's exile. 8 It shows the captivity of Zedekiah. 17 Ezekiel's trembling shows the Jews' desolation.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house. *They* have eyes to see, but they do not see; ears *are* to them to

hear, but they do not hear; for they *are* a rebellious house.

3 And you, son of man, make for yourself vessels for exile, and go into exile by day before their eyes. And you shall be exiled from your place to another place before their eyes. Perhaps they will see that they *are* a rebellious house.

4 And you shall bring forth your vessels as vessels for exile by day before their eyes. And you shall go forth at evening before their eyes, as those going into exile.

5 Before their eyes dig for yourself through the wall, and bear out through it.

6 Before their eyes you shall bear on the shoulder, in the dark bear out. You shall cover your face so that you do not see the ground, for I have set you as a wonder to the house of Israel.

7 And I did so, as I was commanded. By day I brought forth my vessels as vessels for exile. And in the evening I dug by hand for myself through the wall. I brought *it* out in the dark, *and* I bore on *my* shoulder before their eyes.

8 And in the morning the Word of Jehovah *was* to me, saying,

9 Son of man, has not the house of Israel, that rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing?

10 Say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: This burden *is* to the prince in Jerusalem, and to all the house of Israel who *are* among them.

11 Say, I *am* your wonder. As I have done, so it shall be done to them. They shall go into exile, into captivity.

12 And the prince who *is* among them shall bear on *his* shoulder in the dark and go forth through the wall. They shall dig to bring out by it. He shall cover his face so that he does not look with the eye *on* the earth.

13 And I will spread My net on him, and he shall be taken in My snare. And I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, and he will not see it, and he shall die there.

14 And all who *are* around him, his help and all his bands, I will scatter to every wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.

15 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I shall scatter them among the nations and disperse them in the lands.

16 But of them I will leave a number of mankind from the sword, from the famine, and from the plague, so that they may declare all their disgusting things among the nations, there where they go. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

17 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with anxiety.

19 And say to the people of the land, So says the Lord Jehovah to those living *in* Jerusalem, to the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with horror, so that her land may be desolated of her fullness, because of the violence of all those who live in her.

20 And the cities that have people shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

21 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

22 Son of man, what *is* this proverb to you on the land of Israel, saying, The days are long, and every vision shall perish?

23 Therefore, say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: I will make this proverb cease, and they shall not use it again in Israel. However, say to them, The days draw near, and the matter of every vision.

24 For there shall not again be every vain vision and slippery divination within the house of Israel.

25 For I, Jehovah, will speak. The Word which I shall speak shall be done, it shall not be drawn out again. For in your days, O house of rebellion, I will say the Word and will do it, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

26 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, the house of Israel *is* saying, The vision that he *is* seeing *is* for many days, and he prophesies for times far off.

28 Therefore say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Not any of My words will be drawn out any longer. What I have spo-

ken, that Word shall be done, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 13

1 The reproof of lying prophets.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy. And say to those who prophesy out of their own heart; hear the Word of Jehovah:

3 So says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the foolish prophets who walk after their own spirit and have seen nothing!

4 O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts.

5 You have not gone up into the breaks, and wall up a wall around the house of Israel, that it might stand in the battle, in the day of Jehovah.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, a statement of Jehovah! And Jehovah has not sent them, but they hoped to lift *their* word.

7 Did you not see a vain vision and speak a lying divination? Yet *you* say, A statement of Jehovah, though I have not spoken.

8 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have spoken vanity and have seen a lie, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

9 And My hand shall be against the prophets who see vanity, and who divine a lie. They shall not be in the assembly of My people, and they shall not be written in the writing of the house of Israel, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

10 ¶ Because, even because they made My people go astray, saying, Peace! and *there was* no peace. And he builds a wall, and, behold, *others* daubed it *with* lime.

11 Say to those daubing *with* lime, Yea, it will fall. There will be a flooding rain; and you, O stones of hail, shall fall, and a tempestuous wind shall break.

12 And, behold, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where *is* the daubing with which you have daubed?

13 So the Lord Jehovah says this: I will even break in My fury *with* a tempestuous wind. And there shall be an overflowing

rain in My anger, and stones of hail in My fury, to consume it.

14 And I will break down the wall that you have daubed *with* lime and strike it down to the ground; yea, I will bare its base, and it shall fall, and you will be consumed in its midst. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

15 And I will complete My wrath in the wall, and in those who daubed it *with* lime. And I will say to you, The wall *is* not; and, Those who daubed *are* not.

16 The prophets of Israel who are prophesying concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

17 ¶ And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who prophesy out of their heart, and prophesy against them,

18 and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Woe to those sewing amulets to all joints of my hands, and make long veils for the head of every *man of* stature, to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and will you save alive the souls for yourselves?

19 And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley, and for bits of bread, to cause to die the souls that should not die, and to save alive the souls that should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?

20 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I *am* against your amulets with which you are hunting the souls there, to make *them* fly. And I will tear them from your arms, and will send out the souls, souls which you are hunting, to make *them* fly.

21 And I will tear your long veils and deliver My people out of your hand. And they shall not again be in your hand to be hunted. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

22 Because you have saddened the heart of the righteous *one* with lies, and I have not pained him, and *you* have made the hands of the wicked *one* strong, so that he should not turn from his evil way, to keep him alive.

23 Therefore you shall not see vanity, and you shall not divine any divination. And I will deliver My people out of your hand. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 14

1 Jehovah answers idolaters. 12 His irrevocable sentence of famine, 19 and of pestilence.

1 ¶ And the men of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.

2 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have *made* go up their idols in their hearts, and have set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I at all be sought by them?

4 Therefore, speak to them and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: *Every* man, *the* man of the house of Israel who *causes* idols to go up in his heart, and *who* sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and goes in to the prophet, I, Jehovah, will answer him in it by the host of his idols,

5 so that I may capture the house of Israel in their own heart, who are estranged from Me by their idols, all of them.

6 Therefore, say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: turn back, and be turned from your idols, and from all your abominations turn back your faces.

7 For *every* man, *the* man of the house of Israel, or of the alien who sojourns in Israel, who is separated from after Me and *causes* his idols to go up in his heart, and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and goes in to the prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I, Jehovah, will answer him Myself.

8 And I will put My face against that man, and I will make him desolate for a sign and for proverbs. And I will cut him off from the midst of My people. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

9 And the prophet, if he is deceived, and he speaks a word, I, Jehovah, have deceived that prophet. And I will stretch out My hand on him and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel.

10 And they shall bear their iniquity. As the iniquity of the inquirer, so the iniquity of the prophet shall be.

11 So that the house of Israel may not stray any more from after Me, and not be defiled again with all their transgressions; but they are to Me for a people, and I will

be to them for God, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

12 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

13 Son of man, when a land sins against Me, by doing an unfaithful act, then I will stretch out My hand on it, and I will shatter the staff of bread to it, and I will send famine on it. And I will cut off from it man and beast.

14 And *though* these three men were in its midst, Noah, Daniel, and Job, by their righteousness they should deliver *only* their souls, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

15 If I make evil beasts pass through the land, and they bereave it, and it is desolate, so that no one would pass through because of the beasts,

16 *though* these three men *were* in its midst, *as* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; they would only deliver themselves, but the land would be desolate.

17 Or *if* I bring a sword on that land and say, Let a sword go through the land, and I will cut off man and beast from it,

18 *though* these three men *were* in its midst, *as* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, they should not deliver sons or daughters, but they only would deliver themselves.

19 Or *if* I send a plague into the land and pour out My fury on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast;

20 and *though* Noah, Daniel, and Job *were* in its midst, *as* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they by their righteousness would deliver *only* their souls.

21 For so says the Lord Jehovah, How much more when the four of My evil judgments: sword, and famine, and evil beast, and plague I send on Jerusalem, to cut off from it man and beast!

22 Yet, behold, there shall be left in it an escape, *a remnant* that shall be brought out, sons and daughters. Behold, they shall come to you, and you shall see their way and their doings. And you will be comforted for the evil which I have brought against Jerusalem, *for* all which I have brought upon it.

23 And they will comfort you when you see their way and their doings. And you will know that not in vain I have done all that I did in it, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 15

1 By the unfitness of the vine branch for any work 6 is shown the rejection of Jerusalem.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, how is the vine tree more than any *other* tree, *or than* a branch that is among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken from it to do work? Or will *men* take from it *for* a peg to hang every vessel on it?

4 Behold, it is put in the fire for fuel. The fire devours both its ends, and its middle is charred. Will it prosper for work?

5 Behold, when it was whole it was not made for work. How much less when the fire has devoured it, and it is charred! Shall it yet be made to work?

6 Therefore, so says the Lord Jehovah: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, it which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give those living *in* Jerusalem.

7 And I will put My face against them. They shall go out from the fire, and the fire shall devour them. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I set My face against them.

8 And I will give the land *to be* desolate because they have acted unfaithfully an unfaithful act, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 16

1 Under the similitude of a wretched infant is shown the natural state of Jerusalem. 6 Jehovah's love towards her. 44 Her sin calls for judgments.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; and say, So says the Lord Jehovah to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth *is* of the land of Canaan. Your father *was* an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

4 *As for* your birth, in the day you were born, your navel was not cut, and you were not washed with water to cleanse *you*. And

you were not salted, and you *were* not at all swaddled.

5 An eye did not have pity on you to do to you one of these, to have compassion on you. But you were thrown into the face of the field, with loathing of your soul in the day you were born.

6 ¶ And *when* I passed by you and saw you *ready to be* trodden down in your blood, I said to you in your blood, Live! Yea, I said to you in your blood, Live!

7 As a myriad, as a field shoot, I have given you, and you are grown and are great. And you come *in* the ornament of ornaments. *Your* breasts are formed, and *your* hair is grown, yet you *were* naked and bare.

8 And I passed by you, and I looked on you, and, behold, your time *was* the time of love. And I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. And I swore to you and entered into a covenant with you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah. And you became Mine.

9 And I washed you with water; I washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil.

10 And I dressed you *with* embroidered work, and I shod you *with* dugong *sandals*. And I wrapped you *in* fine linen, and I covered you *with* silk.

11 And I adorned you *with* ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands and a chain on your neck.

12 And I put a ring on your nose and earrings on your ears and a crown of beauty on your head.

13 And you were adorned with gold and silver. And your clothing *was* fine linen and silk and embroidered work. Fine flour and honey and oil you ate. And you were very, very beautiful. And you advanced to regal estate.

14 And your name went out among the nations, because of your beauty, for it *was* perfect by My splendor which I had set on you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

15 ¶ But you trusted in your beauty, and you prostituted *yourself* because of your name, and poured out your fornications on all who passed by; it was to him!

16 And you took from your clothes and made for you high places of various col-

ors, and prostituted on them, *such as* have not come, and not shall be.

17 And you have taken beautiful things of My gold and of My silver, which I had given to you, and *you* made images of males, and fornicated with them.

18 And *you* took your embroidered clothes and covered them. And My oil and My incense you have given to their face.

19 Also My food which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey *which* I fed you, you have given it to their face for a soothing aroma. And it happened, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

20 And you have taken your sons and your daughters whom you have borne to Me, and you sacrificed these to them for food. *Are* your fornications small?

21 You have slaughtered My sons, and *you* gave them to cause these to pass through *the fire* for them.

22 And in all your abominations and your fornications you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were trodden down in your blood.

23 And it happened after all your evil, Woe, woe to you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah!

24 *Woe to you* that you have also built yourself a mound, and you have made yourself a high place in every open place!

25 At the head of every highway you have built your high place, and have made your beauty despised. And you have parted your feet to all who passed by, and have multiplied your fornications.

26 And you have fornicated with the sons of Egypt, your neighbors, great of flesh. And *you* have multiplied your fornications to provoke Me to anger.

27 And behold, I have stretched out My hand over you, and I drew back your portion. And I gave you to the will of those hating you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your wicked way.

28 You have fornicated with the sons of Assyria without being satisfied. Yea, you fornicated and yet you were not satisfied.

29 And you have fornicated your fornication in the land of Canaan *to the* Chaldean, and yet you were not satisfied with this.

30 How weak is your heart, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, since you do all these, the work of a domineering, prostituting woman.

31 in that you have built your mound in the head of every highway, and you have made your high place in every open place; yet you have not been as one prostituting, *even* scorning hire.

32 *Like* the adulterous wife, instead of her husband, she takes strangers.

33 They give a gift to all prostitutes, but you give your gifts to all *the ones* loving you, and bribe them to come to you from all around for your fornication.

34 And in you was the opposite from *those* women in your fornications, since no one fornicates after you, and in your giving hire, and hire is not given to you; *in* this you are opposite.

35 ¶ Therefore, one fornicating, hear the Word of Jehovah,

36 So says the Lord Jehovah: Because your lewdness was poured out, and your nakedness was bared in your fornications with those loving you and with the idols of your abominations, and by the blood of your sons whom you gave to them;

37 therefore, behold, I will gather all those loving you with whom you have been pleased, even all whom you have loved, with all whom you have hated, And I will gather them against you from round about, and will uncover your nakedness to them. Yea, they will see all your nakedness.

38 And I will judge you with judgments of adulteresses, and with *those* who spill blood. And I will give you blood of fury and jealousy.

39 And I will give you into their hand, and they will tear down your mound, and will demolish your high places. And they shall strip you of your clothes and shall take your beautiful things, and leave you naked and bare.

40 And *they* will make go up an assembly against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and cut you with their swords.

41 And they shall burn your houses with fire and make judgments against you in the sight of many women. And I will make you stop fornicating; and, also, you shall not give hire again.

42 And I will make My fury to rest against you, and My jealousy shall turn aside from you. And I will be quiet, and *I* will not still be angry.

43 Because *that* which you have not remembered, the days of your youth, but have troubled Me in all these, so, behold, even I will give your way *back* on *your* head, a statement of the Lord Jehovah. And you shall not commit the evil purposes above all your disgusting things.

44 ¶ Behold, all who use proverbs shall use *this* proverb against you, saying, As the mother, *so* is the daughter.

45 You *are* your mother's daughter who despises her husband and her sons. And you *are* the sister of your sisters who despise their husbands and their sons. Your mother *was* a Hittite and your father *was* an Amorite.

46 And your older sister *is* Samaria, she and her daughters who are dwelling on your left. And your younger sister from you who dwells on the right *is* Sodom and her daughters.

47 Yet you have not walked in their ways and not have done according to their disgusting things. As *if it were* only a little *thing*, you were even more corrupted than they in all your ways.

48 As I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, your sister Sodom, she and her daughters, have not done as you and your daughters have done.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and her daughters. Also, she did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy *ones*.

50 And they were haughty and did disgusting things before My face, so I turned them away as I saw *fit*.

51 And Samaria has not sinned as *much as* half your sins, but you have multiplied your disgusting things more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your disgusting things which you have done.

52 And you who have mediated for your sisters *must* bear your shame by your sins which you abominably did more than they; they are more righteous than you. And also you be ashamed and lift up your shame, in that you have judged your sisters.

53 When I shall return their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, even *also* the captivity of your captivity in their midst;

54 so that you may bear your shame and be disgraced from all that you have done, since you are a comfort to them.

55 When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former state, then you and your daughters shall return to your former state.

56 For your sister Sodom was not to be heard from your mouth in the day of your pride,

57 before your evil was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of Syria's daughters and all the ones around her, the daughters of the Philistines who hated you from round about,

58 you are bearing your evil purposes and your disgusting things, a statement of Jehovah.

59 For so says the Lord Jehovah: I will even do with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 ¶ But I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will raise up to you an everlasting covenant.

61 And you shall remember your ways and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, the older than you to the younger than you, and I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant.

62 And I, *even* I, will raise up My covenant with you. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah,

63 so that you may remember and be ashamed. And *you* will not any more open *your* mouth, because of your shame, when I *am* propitiated for you for all that you have done, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 17

I Under the parable of two eagles and a vine 11 is shown Jehovah's judgment upon Jerusalem for revolting from Babylon to Egypt.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel.

3 And say, So says the Lord Jehovah: A great eagle came to Lebanon, *one with* great wings, long of pinion, full of feathers, having different colors to him. And *he* took the top of the cedar.

4 He plucked off the top of its young twigs and brought it into a land of traders; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He also took of the seed of the land and planted it in a field of seed. He took *it* by great waters; he set it *as* a willow.

6 And it sprouted and became a spreading low vine, *and it* turned its branches to face toward him, and its roots were under him. And it became a vine and made branches, and sent out boughs.

7 Also there was another great eagle *with* great wings and many feathers. And, behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, and sent out its branches to him, to water it, away from the beds of its planting.

8 It was planted in a good field by great waters to make branches and to bear fruit, to be a splendid vine.

9 Say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit and wither it? All the leaves of its sprouting shall wither, and not with great arm, and not by many people, raise it by its roots.

10 And behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? Withering shall it not wither when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the beds *where* it sprouted.

11 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

12 Say now to the rebellious house, Do you not know what these *mean*? *But* speak, Behold, the king of Babylon has come to Jerusalem, and has taken its king and its rulers, and has brought them to himself at Babylon.

13 And he took of the royal seed, and *he* has cut with him a covenant and has made him enter into an oath. And he took the mighty of the land,

14 that the kingdom might be low, that it might not lift itself up to keep its covenant, that it might stand.

15 But he rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, to give horses and

many people to him. Shall he prosper? Shall he who does these *things* escape? Or shall he break the covenant and be delivered?

16 As I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, Does he not in the place of the king who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, there he shall die with him in the midst of Babylon.

17 And Pharaoh shall not work for him with a great army or a great company in the war by pouring out mounds and building siege walls to cut off many souls.

18 And he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant. And, behold, he had given his hand, and he has done all these things, he shall not escape.

19 So the Lord Jehovah says this: As I live, not My oath that he has despised, and My covenant that he has broken, I will even give it on his head.

20 And I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare. And I will bring him to Babylon. And I will judge him there with his acting unfaithfully which against Me he did an unfaithful act.

21 And all his fugitives shall fall by the sword, with all his bands. And those who remain shall be scattered to every wind. And you shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken.

22 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: And I will take, *even* I, of the top of the highest cedar and I will give *it*; and I will crop off a tender one from the top of its young twigs, and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

23 I will plant it in a high mountain of Israel. And it will bear boughs and produce fruit and will become a majestic cedar. And every bird of every wing shall dwell under it; they shall dwell in the shadow of its branches.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I, Jehovah, have brought down the high tree, *and* have exalted the low tree, *and* have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree flourish. I, Jehovah, have spoken and acted.

Ezekiel 18

1 Jehovah reproves the unjust parable of sour grapes. 30 He exhorts to repentance.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 What is *it* to you that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the teeth of the sons *are* dull?

3 As I live, there is not any longer *occasion* to you to use this proverb in Israel, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

4 Behold, they *are* all My souls. As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son; they *are* Mine. The soul that sins, it shall die.

5 But a man that is a righteous *one* and does that which is just and right,

6 *who* has not eaten on the mountains, and his eyes have not lifted up to the idols of the house of Israel, and has not defiled his neighbor's wife, and has not come near to a menstruating woman,

7 and has not oppressed a man. he returns his pledge to the debtor *and* has not robbed by robbery; *he* has given his bread to the hungry, and he has covered the naked *one with* clothing.

8 He has not given on interest, and he has not taken increase; he has turned his hand from injustice, having done true judgment between man and man.

9 He has walked in My statutes and has kept My judgments to act truly; he *is* a righteous *man*, living he shall live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

10 ¶ And if he fathers a son, a breaker, who spills blood and does to a brother *any* of these;

11 and *if* he does not do any of these *himself*; yet even *the son* has eaten on the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife;

12 he has oppressed the poor and needy *ones*; plundering he plundered; *he* has not returned the pledge, and has lifted up his eyes to the idols; he has done abominations;

13 *he* has given on interest and has taken increase; shall he also live? He shall not live. He has done all these abominations; dying he shall die; his blood shall be on him.

14 And, behold! *If* he fathers a son who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and sees, and does not do like them;

15 *he* has not eaten on the mountains, and has not lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel; *he* has not defiled his neighbor's wife,

16 and has not oppressed a man, has not withheld the pledge, and plundering he has not plundered; he has given his bread to the hungry, and he has covered the naked *ones with* clothing,

17 has held back his hand off the poor, and has not received interest and increase. He has done My judgments, has walked in My statutes. He shall not die for the iniquity of his father, living he shall live.

18 His father, because he did extortion, plundering *his* brother by plunder, and did not do the good *thing* among his people, behold, even he shall die in his iniquity.

19 Yet you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done judgment and righteousness, he has kept all My statutes and has done them, living he shall live.

20 The soul that sins, it shall die. A son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, and a father shall not bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous *one* shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked *one* shall be on him.

21 ¶ But the wicked *one*, if he will turn from all his sins which he has done, and keep all My statutes, and do justice and righteousness, living he shall live; he shall not die.

22 All his transgressions that he has done, they shall not be recalled to him in his righteousness which he has done; he shall live.

23 Delighting, do I delight in the death of the wicked *one*? a statement of the Lord Jehovah. Is it not that he should turn from his ways and live?

24 But when the righteous *one* turns from his righteousness and does injustice, according to all the disgusting things that the wicked *one* has done, he does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered in his acting unfaithfully that he has done in his unfaithful act, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die.

25 Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not made even. Hear now, O house of Israel. Is My way not made even? Are your ways *the ones* not made even?

26 When a righteous *one* turns back from his righteousness and does injustice and dies

in them, he shall die for his injustice which he has done.

27 And when the wicked *one* turns back from his wickedness that he has done and does justice and righteousness, he shall keep his soul alive.

28 Because he sees and turns back from all his transgressions that he has done, living he shall live; he shall not die.

29 But the house of Israel says, The way of the Lord is not made even. Are My ways not made even, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not made even?

30 ¶ I will judge you, *each* man by his ways, O house of Israel, a statement of the Lord Jehovah. Turn and be made to turn back from all your transgressions, and iniquity shall not be a stumbling-block to you.

31 Cast away all your transgressions from you by which you have transgressed in them, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

32 For I do not have delight in the death of him who dies, a statement of the Lord Jehovah: even turn and live.

Ezekiel 19

1 A lamentation for the rulers of Israel, under the parable of lions' cubs taken in a pit, 10 and for Jerusalem, under the parable of a wasted vine.

1 ¶ And you lift up a lament for the rulers of Israel,

2 and say, What *is* your mother? A lioness, she lay down among lions, among young lions she multiplied her cubs.

3 And she brought up one of her cubs; he became a young lion and learned to tear the prey; he ate men.

4 And the nations heard of him. He was taken in their pit, and they brought him in chains to the land of Egypt.

5 And when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope had been lost, even she took another of her cubs and made him a young lion.

6 And he went about among the lions. He became a young lion and learned to tear the prey; he ate men.

7 And he knew his widows, and he laid their cities waste, and the land and its

fullness were desolated from the sound of his roaring.

8 Then *He* gave the nations *to be* against him on every side from the provinces, and *they* spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit.

9 And they put him in a cage in chains and brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him into hunting nets so that his voice should not any longer be heard on the mountains of Israel.

10 ¶ Your mother *is* like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters. She was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters.

11 And there *were* rods to her, strong for the scepters of rulers, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches. And it was seen in her height, with the multitude of her branches.

12 But she was plucked in fury. She was thrown to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit. Her strong rods were torn away and withered; the fire burned it.

13 And now she *is* planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

14 And fire has gone out from a rod of her branches, it consumed her fruit, and there is not a strong rod in her to be a scepter to rule. It is a lament, and has become a lament.

Ezekiel 20

1 Jehovah refuses to listen to the elders of Israel.

5 Their rebellions in Egypt 27 and in the land.

33 He promises to gather them by the gospel.

1 ¶ And it was in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth of the month, men came from the elders of Israel to inquire of Jehovah, and sat before me.

2 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Have you come to inquire *of Me*? As I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you.

4 Will you judge *them*, will you judge, son of man? Cause them to know the disgusting things of their fathers.

5 ¶ And say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day I chose Israel and lifted

My hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and I *was* made known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I *am* Jehovah your God.

6 In that day I lifted up My hand to them to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land flowing *with* milk and honey that I had searched out for them, the glory *of it is* to all lands.

7 And I said to them, Let *each* man cast away the abominable idols of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I *am* Jehovah your God.

8 But they rebelled against Me and would not listen to Me. They did not *each* man cast away the abominable idols of their eyes, and they did not forsake the idols of Egypt. And I said, I will pour out My fury against them, to complete My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations of whom they *were* among them, of whom I made Myself known to them in their eyes, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ I caused them to go out from the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

11 And I gave them My statutes, and I made them know My judgments, which *if* a man does them, even he will live by them.

12 And I also gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that *they* might know that I *am* Jehovah who sets them apart.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which *if* a man does them even he will live by them. And they greatly profaned My sabbaths. And I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to finish them.

14 But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, of whom I brought them out, in their eyes.

15 And I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing *with* milk and honey; *it is* the glory to all the lands,

16 because they despised My judgments, and they did not walk in My statutes, and they profaned My sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols.

17 And My eye spared them, from destroying them, and I did not make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said to their sons in the wilderness, Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers and do not keep their judgments, and do not defile yourselves with their idols.

19 I *am* Jehovah your God, walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them.

20 And keep My sabbaths holy, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that *you* may know that I *am* Jehovah your God.

21 But the sons rebelled against Me. They did not walk in My statutes, and they did not keep My judgments, to do them, which *if* a man does them, he shall live by them. They profaned My sabbaths. And I said I would pour out My fury on them, to complete My anger against them in the wilderness.

22 But I turned back My hand and worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, from whom I brought them out in their eyes.

23 And I lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, to disperse them among the nations and sow them among the lands,

24 because they had not done My judgments and had despised My statutes and had profaned My sabbaths. And their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 And I also gave them statutes *that were* not good, and judgments by *which* they could not live.

26 And I defiled them by their own gifts, by making all the first-born to pass through *the fire*, so that I might waste them, to the end that they might know that I *am* Jehovah.

27 ¶ So speak to the house of Israel, son of man, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Yet in this your fathers have acted unfaithfully against Me by an unfaithful act.

28 When I had brought them into the land *for* which I lifted up My hand, to give it to them, even they saw every high hill and every leafy tree; and they offered their sacrifices there. And they have their provoking offering there. They also made their

soothing aroma there and poured out their drink offerings there.

29 And I said to them, What *is* the high place there to which you go? And its name is called High Place to this day.

30 Therefore say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Are you being defiled in the way of your fathers? And do you go fornicating after their abominable idols?

31 For in your lifting up your gifts, in your making your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to *this* day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you.

32 And what comes upon your spirit shall surely not be, that you say, We will be like the nations, like the families of the lands, to serve wood and stone.

33 ¶ *As* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, Surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, I will reign over you.

34 And I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands in which you are scattered among them with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will be judging face to face with you.

36 Just as I was judging your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will be judging you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

38 And I will purge from among you the *ones* rebelling and the *ones* transgressing against Me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, and they shall not come into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

39 And you, O house of Israel, so says the Lord Jehovah: Go, *every* man serve his idols, even hereafter, if you will not listen to Me. But you will not still profane My holy name with your gifts and with your idols.

40 For in My holy mountain in the mountain height of Israel, a statement of the Lord

Jehovah, all the house of Israel shall serve Me there, all of them in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will seek your heave offerings and the firstfruits of your offerings, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with a soothing aroma when I bring you from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you have been scattered in them. And I will be sanctified among you in the eyes of the nations.

42 And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I bring you into the land of Israel, to the land *for* which I lifted up My hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And you shall remember there your ways and all your doings by which you have been defiled in them. And you will hate yourselves to your faces for all your evils which you have done.

44 And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I have worked with you for My name's sake, *and* not by your evil ways and by your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

45 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

46 Son of man, set your face the way of the south, and drop a *word* toward the Negeb, and prophesy against the forest of the field of the Negeb.

47 And say to the forest of the Negeb, Hear the Word of Jehovah. So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it will eat up every moist tree and every dry tree among you. The glowing of the flame shall not be put out, and by it shall be scorched all the faces from the Negeb to the north.

48 And all flesh shall see that I, Jehovah, have kindled it; it shall not be put out.

49 And I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! They are saying of me, Does he not speak in parables?

Ezekiel 21

Ezekiel prophesies against Jerusalem with a sign of sighing.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against Jerusalem and drop a *word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel.

3 And say to the land of Israel, So says Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you and My sword will be made to go out from its sheath, and I will cut off from you the righteous *one* and the wicked *one*.

4 Because I will cut off the righteous *one* and the wicked *one* from you, therefore, My sword shall go out from its sheath against all flesh, from the Negeb to the north.

5 And all flesh shall know that I, Jehovah, have made go out My sword from its sheath; it shall not return any more.

6 And you, son of man, groan with the breaking of *your* loins, and groan with bitterness before their eyes.

7 And it will be, when they say to you, For what do you groan? And you shall say, Because of the news *that* is coming. And every heart will melt, and all hands will become feeble. And every spirit will faint and all knees will go down *as* water. Behold, it comes, and it shall be, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

8 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

9 Son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord: Say, A sword! A sword is sharpened and also is polished!

10 It is sharpened in order to slaughter a slaughter. It is polished so that there may be a flash to it. Or shall we rejoice? You are despising the rod of My son, *as if it were* every tree.

11 And He has given it to be polished, to be taken by the palm. The sword, it is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry out and howl, son of man. For it *shall be* on My people. It *shall be* on all the rulers of Israel; they are thrown to the sword with My people, so slap your thigh,

13 because *it is* a test. And what if even the despising rod shall not be? a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

14 And you, son of man, prophesy and strike palm to palm. And let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the wounded. It *is* the sword of the wounded, the great one that surrounds them,

15 so that *their* heart may melt and many stumble at all *their* gates. I have given the

sword of slaughter. Ah! It is made like lightning; it is wrapped for a slaughter.

16 Sharpen yourself on the right! Set yourself on the left, wherever your face is appointed.

17 And also I, I will strike My palm to My palm, and I will cause My fury to rest. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

18 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

19 And you, son of man, set for yourself two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come. Both of them shall come out from one land. And create a hand at the head of the way to the city; create it.

20 You shall set a way that the sword may enter *into* Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and *into* Judah, into fortified Jerusalem.

21 For the king of Babylon shall stand at the mother of the way, at the head of the two ways to practice divination. He shall shake arrows, he shall ask household idols; he shall look at the liver.

22 At his right shall be the divination *for* Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to pour out a mound, and to build a siege-wall.

23 And it shall be to them an empty divining before their eyes, those who have sworn oaths to them. But he will remember iniquity, that they may be taken.

24 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you remembered your iniquity, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that your sins are seen in all your doings, because you have remembered, you shall be taken with the palm.

25 And you, O wounded, wicked prince of Israel, of whom has come his day in the time of iniquity of the end,

26 so says the Lord Jehovah: Remove the diadem and lift off the crown. This *shall not be as this was*. Lift up the low one, and make the high one low.

27 Ruin, ruin, ruin! I will appoint it! Also this shall not be until the coming of Him to whom is the right, and I will give it.

28 ¶ And you, son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah concerning the sons of Ammon, and as to their reproach,

even say, The sword, the sword *is* loosened. *It is* polished for slaughter to make an end, so that *it may be* like lightning.

29 While they see vain visions for you, while they divine a lie to you, to put you on the necks of the wounded, of the wicked whom their day has come, in the time of iniquity *it shall have* an end.

30 Return it to its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your origin, I will judge you.

31 And I will pour out on you My disgust; with the fire of My wrath I will blow against you and give you into the hand of burning men, skilled in destruction.

32 You shall be to the fire for food. Your blood shall be in the midst of the land. You shall not be remembered, for I, Jehovah, have spoken.

Ezekiel 22

1 A catalog of sins in Jerusalem. 23 The corruption of prophets, priests, rulers, and people.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her disgusting things.

3 And you shall say, So says the Lord Jehovah: The city pours out blood in her midst, that her time may come. And *she* makes idols against herself, to defile *herself*.

4 By your blood which you have poured out, you are guilty; and by your idols which you have made, you are defiled. And your days *are* brought near, and *you* have come to your years. Therefore, I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the lands.

5 Those who are near and *those* far from you shall mock against you, O defiled of name, abounding in tumult.

6 Behold, the rulers of Israel, *each* man by his might, have been in you in order to pour out blood.

7 In you they have despised father and mother. In your midst they have dealt with the alien by oppression. In you they oppressed the widow and the orphan.

8 You have despised My holy things and have profaned My sabbaths.

9 In you are men of slander in order to pour out blood, and in you they eat on the mountains. In your midst they do unchaste acts.

10 In you he has uncovered the nakedness of the father; in you they humbled the defiled *by her* impurity.

11 And a man has done an abomination with his neighbor's wife, and a man has defiled his daughter-in-law in unchaste acts. And in you a man has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

12 In you they have taken bribes in order to pour out blood. You have taken interest and increase, and you have gained by extortion of your neighbor. And you have forgotten Me, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

13 And behold! I have struck My palm against your unjust gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in your midst.

14 Can your heart stand, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall work with you? I, Jehovah, have spoken, and I will work.

15 And I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you in the lands. And I will destroy your uncleanness out of you.

16 And you will be profaned in you in the eyes of the nations. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

17 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me. All of them *are* bronze and tin, and iron and lead, in the middle of the furnace; they are the dross of silver.

19 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you, all *of you*, have become for dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 *As they* gather silver, and bronze, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it to melt *it*; so I will gather *you* in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave *you there* and melt you.

21 And I will collect you and blow on you in the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so you shall be melted in its midst.

And you shall know that I, Jehovah, have poured out My fury on you.

23 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

24 Son of man, speak to her: You *are* a land, she *is* not being cleansed, you are not rained on in the day of disgust.

25 A plot *by* her prophets *is* in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing prey. They have devoured souls and they have taken the riches and gems. They multiplied her widows in her midst.

26 Her priests have violated My Law and have profaned My holy things. They have not separated between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and clean they have not taught. And they have hidden their eyes from the sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her rulers in her midst *are* like wolves tearing prey, to pour out blood, to destroy souls, in order to gain unjust gain.

28 And her prophets have daubed themselves *with* lime, a seer of empty *visions*, and divining lies to them, saying, So says the Lord Jehovah, when Jehovah has not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression and practiced robbery. And they troubled the afflicted *one* and the needy *one*; and *they* have oppressed the alien without justice.

30 And I sought among them a man to wall up a wall and stand in the breach before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

31 And I have poured out on them My disgust. With the fire of My wrath I consumed them. I have given their way on their heads, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 23

The whoredoms of Oholah and Oholibah.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother.

3 And they fornicated in Egypt; in their youth they fornicated. Their breasts were handled, and there their virgin nipples were worked.

4 And their names *were* Oholah, the oldest, and Oholibah, her sister. And they were

Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And their names: Samaria *is* Oholah, and Jerusalem *is* Oholibah.

5 And Oholah fornicated under Me. And she lusted on *ones* loving her, to Assyria nearby,

6 clothed with purple, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding horses.

7 And she gave her fornications on them, the choice sons of Assyria, *with* all of them, and with all after whom she lusted. She defiled herself with all their idols.

8 And she did not leave her fornications from Egypt. For they lay with her in her youth, and they worked her virgin nipples and poured their fornications on her.

9 So I have given her into the hand of *ones* loving her, into the hand of the sons of Assyria, *on* whom she lusted, on them.

10 They uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters. And they killed her with the sword. And she was notorious among women, and they executed judgments on her.

11 ¶ And her sister Oholibah saw. And she was more corrupt in her lustfulness than she, and her fornications *were* greater than her sister's.

12 She lusted to the sons of Assyria nearby, governors and rulers clothed most perfectly, horsemen riding horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, one way *was* to both of them.

14 And she added to her fornications. And she saw men carved on the wall, images of the Chaldeans engraved with vermilion color,

15 girded with girdles on their loins, with overflowing turbans on their heads, the look of rulers, all of them, like the sons of Babylon *in* Chaldea, the land of their birth.

16 And she lusted after them, to the look of her eyes, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea.

17 And the sons of Babylon came to her, to the bed of loves. And they defiled her with their fornications. And she was defiled with them, and her soul was alienated from them.

18 And she uncovered her fornications and uncovered her nakedness. And My soul was alienated from her just as My soul was alienated from her sister.

19 And she multiplied her fornications to recall the days of her youth, in which she had fornicated in the land of Egypt.

20 And she lusted on their paramours of whom the flesh of asses *resembles* their flesh, and *as* the issue of horses *was* their issue.

21 And you longed for the wickedness of your youth, when from Egypt *they* worked your nipples, for the sake of the breasts of your youth.

22 ¶ Therefore, O Oholibah, the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will arouse *ones* loving you against you, from whom your soul is alienated. And I will bring them against you from round about,

23 Babylon's sons and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, all the sons of Assyria with them, desirable young men, governors and rulers, all of them, third *heads* and *ones* called, all of them riding horses.

24 And they shall come against you *with* weapon, chariot, and wheel, and with an assembly of peoples; buckler and shield and helmet shall set against you round about. And I will give before them judgment, and they will judge you by their judgments.

25 And I will give My jealousy against you, and they will deal with you in fury. Your nose and your ears they will take, and the rest of you shall fall by the sword. They will take your sons and your daughters, and the rest of you shall be devoured by the fire.

26 And they will strip you *of* your clothes, and take the articles of your beauty.

27 And I will cause your wickedness to cease from you, and your fornication from the land of Egypt. And you shall not lift up your eyes to them, and Egypt shall not be remembered by you any more.

28 For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will give you into the hand *of those* whom you hate, into the hand of whom your soul was alienated from them.

29 And they shall work with you in hatred and take all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare. And the nudity of your adulteries will be bared, even your lewdness and your fornications.

30 These will be done to you because you have fornicated after the nations, because you are defiled with their idols.

31 You have walked in the way of your sister, and I will give her cup into your hand.

32 So says the Lord Jehovah: You shall drink your sister's cup deep and wide; you shall be laughed at and mocked, for it holds much.

33 *With* drunkenness and sorrow you are filled, the cup of horror and ruin, the cup of your sister Samaria.

34 And you shall drink it and drain it. And you shall break its fragments and tear off your breasts. For I have spoken, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

35 Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah, Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, so also you bear your wickedness and your adulteries.

36 ¶ And Jehovah said to me, Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah and declare to them their disgusting things?

37 For they have done adultery, and blood *is* on their hands. Yea, they have done adultery with their idols, and even their sons whom they bore to Me, they cause to pass to them to be devoured.

38 Again they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary in that day, and have profaned My sabbaths.

39 And when they had slaughtered their sons to their idols, then they came into My sanctuary in that day to profane it. And, Behold, this they have done in the midst of My house.

40 Also they have sent for men to come from a distance, of whom a messenger *was* sent to them. And behold, they came, for whom you washed, painted your eyes, and *were* adorned *with* gems.

41 And you *sat* on a glorious bed, and a table *was* arranged before it, and My incense and My oil you set on it.

42 And the sound of a crowd at ease *was* with her, and Sabeans from the wilderness *were* brought with the men of the host of mankind. And they put bracelets on their hands and crowns of beauty on their heads.

43 And I said about the one worn *in* adulteries, Will they now fornicate with her, and she *with* them?

44 And they went in to her. As they go in to a woman *that* does adultery, so they

went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the wicked women.

45 And *as* righteous men, they shall judge them *with* the judgment of adulteresses, and the judgment of women who pour out blood, because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands.

46 For so says the Lord Jehovah: Bring up on them an assembly, and give them to horror and plunder.

47 And the assembly shall stone them *with* stones and cut them down with their swords. They shall slay their sons and their daughters, and they shall burn their houses with fire.

48 And I will cause to cease wickedness out of the land, that all the women may be taught, even not to do according to your wickedness.

49 And they shall put your wickedness on you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols. And you shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 24

1 Under the parable of a boiling pot 6 is shown the irrevocable destruction of Jerusalem.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth of the month, saying,

2 Son of man, write for yourself the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon has leaned toward Jerusalem in this very day.

3 And parable a parable to the house of rebellion, and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Set on the pot! Set *it* on, and also pour water in it.

4 Gather its pieces into it, every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder. Fill *it* *with* choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock and also pile the bones under it. Boiling make it boil. Also let them seethe its bones in it.

6 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose rust *is* in it, and its rust has not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece. Let not a lot fall on it.

7 For her blood is in her midst, she set it on a shining rock. She did not pour it on the ground, to cover it *with* dust.

8 In order to cause fury to come up to take vengeance, I have put her blood on a shining rock, that it should not be covered.

9 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Woe to the bloody city! I also shall make great the pile,

10 and heap on the wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and mix in the spice, and let the bones be burned.

11 And make it stand on its coals empty, so that it may be hot and its bronze may burn, and its defilement be melted in its midst, *that* its scum may be consumed.

12 She is wearied with toil, and the increase of her scum did not go out, her rust *will be* in the fire.

13 In your defilement *is* wickedness. Because I have cleansed you, yet you are not cleansed; you shall not be cleansed from your defilement any more until I have caused My fury to cease on you.

14 I, Jehovah, have spoken; it shall come, and I will do *it*. I will not let go, and I will not spare, I will not pity. By your ways and by your doings they shall judge you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

15 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I am taking from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke. Yet you shall not wail nor weep, and your tears shall not come.

17 Groan *quietly*, be silent; do not make a mourning for *her who* died. Bind your turban on you, and put your sandals on your feet, and do not cover the mustache and do not eat the bread of men.

18 And I spoke to the people in the morning. And my wife died in the evening; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 And the people said to me, Will you not declare to us what *are* these to us, the things you are doing?

20 And I said to them, The Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

21 Speak to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, the pride of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities. And your sons and your daughters whom you have forsaken shall fall by the sword.

22 And you shall do as I have done. You shall not cover over the mustache, and you shall not eat the bread of men.

23 And your turbans *shall be* on your heads and your sandals on your feet. You shall not wail nor weep, but you shall rot away in your iniquities, and *each* man groan to his brother.

24 And Ezekiel is for a sign to you. As all that he has done, you shall do. And when it comes, even you shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

25 And you, son of man, *will it not be* on the day *when* I take from them their strength, the joy of their beauty, the desire of their eyes, and the lifting up of their soul, their sons and their daughters?

26 He, the fugitive, will come in that day, to cause *you* to hear *with your ears*.

27 In that day your mouth shall be opened to the fugitive, and you shall speak and not be mute any longer. And you shall be to them a sign, and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 25

Jehovah's vengeance on the Ammonites, Moab, Seir, Edom, and on the Philistines.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against the sons of Ammon and prophesy against them.

3 And say to the sons of Ammon, Hear the Word of the Lord Jehovah. So says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have said, Aha! against My sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was ruined, and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity;

4 therefore, behold, I will give you to the sons of the east for a possession. And they shall set their camp sites among you, and put among you their dwellings. They shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk.

5 And I will give Rabbah for a pasture *for* camels, and the sons of Ammon for a resting place *for* flocks. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

6 For so says the Lord Jehovah: Because you have clapped the hand, and you stamped the foot, and rejoiced with all your spite in *your* soul against the land of Israel;

7 so, behold, I will stretch out My hand on you and will give you as a prize to the nations. And I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will make you perish from the lands; I will destroy you, and you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

8 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like all the nations.

9 So behold! I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities, from his borders, the glory of the land: Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,

10 to the sons of the east, with the sons of Ammon, even I will give it for a possession so that the sons of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgments on Moab. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

12 Thus says the Lord Jehovah: Because Edom has acted by taking vengeance against the house of Judah, and they are very guilty and are avenged on them,

13 so the Lord Jehovah says this: I will stretch My hand on Edom and will cut off from it man and beast, and I will lay it waste. From Teman even to Dedan they shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will put My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. And they shall do in Edom as *is* My anger and as *is* My fury. And they shall know My vengeance, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

15 So says the Lord Jehovah: Because the Philistines have acted in vengeance and have taken vengeance with spite in *their* soul, to destroy *with* perpetual enmity;

16 so the Lord Jehovah says this, Behold, I will stretch My hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and will destroy the rest of the coast of the sea.

17 And I will execute on them great vengeance with rebukes of fury. And when I put My vengeance on them, they will know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 26

Tyre, for enmity against Jerusalem, is threatened.

1 ¶ And it was in the eleventh year, in the first of the month, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha! She is shattered, the doors of the peoples; she has turned to me, I shall be filled, she is laid waste.

3 So the Lord Jehovah says this, Behold, I *am* against you, O Tyre. And I will cause many nations to go up against you, *as* the sea causes its waves to go up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers. I will also scrape her dust from her and give her *to be* like a shining rock.

5 It shall be a spreading place for nets in the middle of the sea. For I have spoken, a statement of the Lord Jehovah. And she shall be a prize to the nations.

6 And her daughters who *are* in the field shall be killed by the sword. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

7 For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring on Tyre from the north, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, a king of kings, with horses and with chariot and with a company of horsemen, even many people.

8 He shall kill your daughters in the field with the sword. And he shall set siege walls against you and pour out a mound against you, and raise a buckler against you.

9 And he will set the stroke of his ram against your walls, and he will break down your towers with his axes.

10 From the multitude of his horses their dust shall cover you. From the sound of the horsemen, and the wheel, and the chariot, your walls shall shake when he goes into your gates, as *they* enter a city that is breached.

11 With the hoofs of the horses, he will trample all your open places. He shall kill your people by the sword, and the pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground.

12 And they shall draw out your wealth and plunder your merchandise. And they shall tear down your walls and destroy your desirable houses. And they shall set your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water.

13 And I will make cease the noise of your songs. And the sound of your harps shall not be heard any more.

14 And I will make you like a shining rock. You shall be a spreading place for

nets, you shall not be built any more. For I, Jehovah, have spoken, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

15 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at the sound of your fall, when the pierced *ones* groan, in the slaying of the slaughter in your midst?

16 And all the rulers of the sea shall come down from their thrones and lay aside their robes and strip off their embroidered garments. They shall be clothed *with* tremblings. They shall sit on the ground and shall tremble at *every* moment and be appalled at you.

17 And *they* shall lift up a lament for you and say to you, How you are perished, who lived by the seas, the city well praised, which was strong in the sea, she and *those* living *in* her, who put their terrors on all the *ones* living *in* her!

18 Now the isles shall tremble *in* the day of your fall. Yea, the isles by the sea shall be troubled at your going down.

19 For so says the Lord Jehovah: When I shall give you *to be* a ruined city, like the cities that do not have *ones* living *in* them, when I shall bring up on you the deep, and great waters shall cover you.

20 And I will bring you down with those going down into the Pit, with the people in *days* of old, and I shall set you in the earth's lowest parts, in places ruined from days of old, with *ones* going down to the Pit, so that you have none living *in* you. But I gave glory in the land of the living.

21 I will give you terrors, and you will not be. Though you are sought, yet you shall not be found any more forever, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 27

The great and unrecoverable fall of Tyre.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, lift up a lament in Tyre.

3 And say to Tyre, Oh you who dwell at the entrances of the sea, a merchant of the peoples for many isles, so says the Lord Jehovah: O Tyre, you have said, I *am* perfect of beauty.

4 In the heart of the seas *are* your borders, your builders have perfected your beauty.

5 They have made for you all your planks of fir trees of Senir. They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

6 They have made your oars of the oaks of Bashan. They made your deck *with* ivory from the coasts of Kittim, daughter of Assyria.

7 Of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was the thing *you* spread out, an ensign for you, violet and purple from the coasts, of Elishah was your covering.

8 The *ones* living in Sidon and Arvad were rowers to you. Your wise *ones*, O Tyre, they *were* your sailors.

9 The elders of Gebal and her wise *ones* were in you making strong your seams. All the ships of the sea and their seamen were with you, to exchange your merchandise.

10 Persia and Lud and Lydia were in your army, men of war to you; they hung the shield and the helmet in you. They gave *to you* your splendor.

11 The sons of Arvad and your army *were* on your walls all around, and warriors were in your towers. They hung their weapons on your walls all around, they have perfected your beauty.

12 Tarshish *was* your trader from the multitude of *your* wealth. With silver, iron, tin, and lead, they gave for your wares.

13 Javan, Tubal and Meshech, they *were* your merchants, they gave the souls of men and vessels of bronze for your goods.

14 From the house of Togarmah they gave horses and war horses and mules for your wares.

15 The sons of Dedan *were* your merchants, many isles *were* the traffic of your hand. Tusks of ivory and ebony they brought as your gift.

16 Syria *was* your trader from the multitude of your works; with jewels, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies they gave for your wares.

17 Judah and the land of Israel *were* your merchants; with wheat *from* Minnith and Pannag, and honey and oil and balm they gave for your goods.

18 Damascus *was* your trader in the multitude of your works, from the multitude of all *your* wealth, in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

19 And Dan and Javan going about gave for your wares; smooth iron, cassia, and cane were among your goods.

20 Dedan *was* your merchant in loose cloths for riding.

21 Arabia and all the rulers of Kedar, they *were* traders of your land in lambs and rams and goats, in these *were* your trade.

22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah *were* your merchants; with the chief of all the spices, and with every precious stone and gold, they gave for your wares.

23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Assyria, Chilmad *were* your merchants.

24 They *were* your merchants in perfect things, in violet cloth and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors, with tightly bound cords, and cedars among your merchandise.

25 The ships of Tarshish *were* the travelers of your goods. And you were filled and made very glorious in the heart of the seas.

26 ¶ Your rowers made you come into great waters, the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas.

27 Your wealth and your wares *and* your goods, your seamen and your sailors making strong your seams, and the traders of your goods, and all your men of war who *are* in you, and all your assembly in your midst, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of your ruin.

28 At the sound of the cry of your sailors the pasture lands will shake.

29 And all who handle the oar shall come down from their ships, the seamen, all the sailors of the sea. They shall stand on the land,

30 and will make heard their voice against you, and will cry bitterly, and will cause dust to go up on their heads; they will wallow in the ashes.

31 And they shall be made bald for you and gird with sackcloth; and they shall weep for you with bitterness of soul, a bitter wailing.

32 And in their wailing they shall lift up a lamentation *and* lament over you, *saying*,

Who *is* like Tyre, as one silenced in the midst of the sea?

33 When your wares went out from the seas, you satisfied many peoples. With the multitude of your wealth and your goods, you enriched the kings of the earth.

34 At this time you are broken from the seas. By the depths of the waters your goods and all your company have fallen in your midst.

35 All those living *in* the isles are appalled at you, and their kings *are* shivering horribly in the tempest; *their* faces tremble.

36 The traders among the peoples hiss over you; you have become terrors. And until forever you *shall* not *be*.

Ezekiel 28

1 Jehovah's judgment on the ruler of Tyre for his pride. 24 The restoration of Israel.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, So says the Lord Jehovah, Because your heart *is* lifted up, and you have said, I *am* a god, I sit *in* the seat of gods, in the heart of the seas; yet you *are* a man, and not God, though you give your heart as the heart of gods.

3 Behold, you *are* wiser than Daniel. Every *one* of the secret *things* are not hidden to you.

4 With your wisdom and with your understanding you have made wealth for yourself, and have worked gold and silver into your treasures.

5 By your great wisdom, by your trade you have multiplied your wealth, and your heart is lifted up because of your wealth.

6 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you have given your heart as the heart of gods,

7 behold, so I will bring on you awesome strangers *of* the nations. And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom and will defile your splendor.

8 They will cause you to go down to the Pit, and you shall die the deaths of the pierced *ones* in the heart of the seas.

9 Saying, do you say, I *am of the* gods before him who kills you? But you *are* a man, and not God, in the hands of him piercing you.

10 You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised, by the hand of strangers. For I have spoken, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

11 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

12 Son of man, lift up a lament over the king of Tyre, and say to him, So says the Lord Jehovah: You seal the measure, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You have been in Eden the garden of God. Every precious stone *was* your covering; the ruby, the topaz, and the carbuncle, the emerald, the sapphire, and the diamond, the jacinth, the agate, and the amethyst, and gold; the workmanship of your tambourines and of your flutes in you. In the day you were created, they were prepared.

14 You *were* the anointed cherub that covers, and I had put you in the holy heights of God, *where* you were. You walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 You *were* without blemish in your ways from the day you were created, until iniquity was found in you.

16 By the multitude of your trade, they filled your midst *with* violence, and you sinned. So I cast you defiled from the height of God, and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from among the stones of fire.

17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. I have cast you to the ground. I will put you before kings, that they may see you.

18 By the host of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trade, you have defiled your holy places. So I brought a fire from your midst *and* it shall devour you, and I will give you for ashes on the earth in the sight of all who see you.

19 All who know you among the peoples shall be appalled at you. You shall be terrors, and you will not be forever.

20 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

21 Son of man, set your face against Sidon and prophesy against her,

22 and say, So says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against you, O Sidon, and I will be glorified in your midst. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I have

done judgments in her and shall be sanctified by her.

23 And I will send a plague into her, and blood into her streets. And the pierced *ones* will fall in her midst by the sword, on her from round about. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

24 And there will not be a pricking brier or a painful thorn to the house of Israel any more from all who surround them, *those* who hate them. And they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

25 So says the Lord Jehovah: When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among *whom* they are dispersed, and have been sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then they shall dwell on their land which I have given to My servant Jacob.

26 And they shall dwell in it securely and shall build houses and plant vineyards. Yes, they shall dwell securely, when I have done judgments on all those who hate them round about them. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God.

Ezekiel 29

1 The judgment of Pharaoh for his treachery to Israel. 8 The desolation of Egypt.

1 ¶ In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth of the month, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against Egypt, all of it.

3 Speak and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, My river *is* mine, and I have made it.

4 But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales. And I will bring you up from the midst of your rivers, and all the fish of your rivers shall stick to your scales.

5 And I will leave you *to* the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You shall fall on the face of the field, you shall not be removed or gathered. I have given you to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the heavens for food.

6 And all those living *in* Egypt shall know that I *am* Jehovah, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7 When they took hold of you by your palm, you crushed and tore off all their shoulder. And when they leaned on you, you shattered and made all their loins stand.

8 ¶ Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring on you a sword and cut off from you man and beast.

9 And the land of Egypt shall become for a desolation and a waste, and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, because he has said, The River *is* mine, and I have made *it*.

10 So, behold, I *am* against you and against your rivers, and I will give the land of Egypt for a waste laid waste, a desolation, from Migdol *to* Syene, even to the border of Ethiopia.

11 The foot of man shall not pass through it, and the foot of beast shall not pass through it, and you shall not dwell forty years.

12 And I will give the land of Egypt *to be* a desolation in the midst of the lands that are desolate, and her cities shall be desolate among the wasted cities forty years. And I will scatter Egypt among the nations and scatter them among the lands.

13 For so says the Lord Jehovah: At the end of forty years, I will gather Egypt from the peoples there where they are dispersed.

14 And I will return the captivity of Egypt and will make them return *to* the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin. And they shall be a lowly kingdom there.

15 It shall be the lowest of the kingdoms, and *it* shall not lift itself any more above the nations. And I will diminish them so that they will not rule over the nations.

16 And it shall not be any more as confidence for the house of Israel, recalling the iniquity of their turning after them. And they shall know that I *am* the Lord Jehovah.

17 ¶ And it happened in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, in the first of the month, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army to serve a great service against Tyre. Every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* rubbed bare. Yet there was no hire to him or to his army

from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it.

19 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, I will give to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon the land of Egypt. And he shall lift up her host and plunder her plunder, and spoil her spoil. And it shall be hire for his army.

20 *For* his labor which he served against it, I have given him the land of Egypt, because they worked for Me, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

21 In that day I will make spring up a horn to the house of Israel, and I will give to you the opening of the mouth in their midst. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 30

The desolation of Egypt and her helpers.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Howl, Alas for the day!

3 For the day *is* near, even the day of Jehovah *is* near, a day of clouds; it shall be the time of the nations.

4 And the sword shall come on Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the pierced *ones* shall fall in Egypt. And they shall take her host, and her foundations shall be torn down.

5 Ethiopia, and Lydia, and Lud, and all the mixed people, and Chub, and the sons of the land of the covenant with them, shall fall by the sword.

6 So says Jehovah: And those leaning on Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall go down. From Migdol to Syene they shall fall with her by the sword, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

7 And they will be ruined amidst the lands being wasted. And her cities shall be in the midst of the cities being desolated.

8 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I set a fire in Egypt, and all *those* helping her shall be crushed.

9 In that day messengers shall go out from before Me in ships, to terrify the confident Ethiopia, and anguish shall be on them as on the day of Egypt. For behold it is coming.

10 So says the Lord Jehovah: I will make the multitude of Egypt cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, awesome of the nations, shall be brought to ruin the land. And they shall draw their swords against Egypt and fill the lands *with* the pierced *ones*.

12 And I will make the rivers dry and sell the land into the hand of evil *ones*. And I will waste the land and her fullness by the hand of aliens. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

13 So says the Lord Jehovah: And I will destroy the idols, and I will make vanities cease from Noph. And there shall not any longer be a ruler of the land of Egypt. And I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and I will set a fire in Zoan, and I will do judgments in Thebes.

15 And I will pour my fury on Sin, the strength of Egypt. And I will cut off the multitude of Thebes.

16 And I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin agonizing shall agonize, and Thebes shall be broken open, and Noph *shall have* daily woes.

17 The young men of Aven and Pibeseth shall fall by the sword, and they shall go into captivity.

18 At Tehaphnehes, the day will be dark when I shatter there the yokes of Egypt. And the pride of her strength shall cease in her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

19 And I will do judgments in Egypt. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

20 ¶ And it happened in the eleventh year, in the first *month* in the seventh of the month, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

21 Son of man, I have shattered the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And behold, it shall not be bound up to give healing, to set a bandage to bind it, to make it strong to handle the sword.

22 Therefore so says the Lord Jehovah. Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and I will break his arms, the strong one, and the *one* broken. And I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and will disperse them through the lands.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand. And I will shatter the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan with the groanings of the pierced *ones* before him.

25 But I will make the arms of the king of Babylon stronger, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I put My sword into the king of Babylon's hand. And he will stretch it against the land of Egypt.

26 And I will disperse Egypt among the nations and scatter them among the lands. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 31

1 The glory of Assyria, 10 and her fall for pride.

1 ¶ And it happened in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, on the first of the month, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his host: To whom are you like in your greatness?

3 Behold, Assyria *was* a cedar in Lebanon *with* fair branches and forest shade and exalted in height, and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters made him great *and* the deep made him high with her rivers, going all around her planting, and she sent out her channels to all the trees of the field.

5 On account of this, his height was lifted up above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long in his sending, because of the many waters.

6 All the birds of the heavens nested in his boughs, and under his branches all the beasts of the field gave birth, and in his shadow dwelt all great nations.

7 And he was fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches. For his root was to many waters.

8 The cedars did not overshadow him in the garden of God. The fir trees were not like his boughs, and the plane trees were not like his branches. Every tree in the garden of God was not like him in its beauty.

9 I have made him beautiful by his many branches, and all the trees of Eden that *were* in the garden of God envied him.

10 ¶ So the Lord Jehovah says this: Because you were exalted in height, and he has set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height,

11 so I have given him into the mighty hand of the nations. Dealing He shall deal with him; I have expelled him for his wickedness.

12 And aliens have cut him off, the fearful of the nations, and have left him. His branches have fallen on the mountains and in all the valleys, and his boughs have been broken in all the ravines of the land. And all the people of the land have gone from his shadow and have left him.

13 All the birds of the heavens shall dwell on his ruin, and on his branches shall be all the beasts of the field,

14 in order that all the trees *by* the waters may not be exalted in their height, and do not give their top among the thick boughs, and do not stand up in their mighty exaltation, all drinking waters. For all of them are given to death to the earth's lowest parts, in the midst of the sons of men, with those going down *into* the Pit.

15 So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day he went down to Sheol, I caused a mourning. I covered the deep over him, and I held back her rivers, and many waters were confined. And I darkened Lebanon on him, and all the trees of the field wilted away because of him.

16 I made the nations shake at the sound of his fall when I made him go down to Sheol with those going down *into* the Pit. And all the trees of Eden shall be cheered in the earth's lowest parts, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink waters.

17 They also went down with him into Sheol, to the pierced *ones* of the sword, even his arm, who dwelt in his shadow in the midst of the nations.

18 To whom are you like in glory and greatness among Eden's trees? Yet you shall go down with the trees of Eden to the earth's lowest parts. You shall lie amidst the uncircumcised with the pierced *ones* of the sword. He is Pharaoh and all *his* host, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 32

A lamentation for the fearful fall of Egypt.

1 ¶ And it happened in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, lift up a lament over Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and say to him, You were like a young lion of the nations, and you *were* like the monster in the seas. And you burst forth in your rivers and stirred up the waters with your feet and fouled their rivers.

3 So says the Lord Jehovah: And I will spread out My net over you with an assembly of many peoples, and they will make you go up in My net.

4 And I will leave you on the land; I will hurl you on the face of the field and will make all the birds of the heavens to dwell on you. And I will fill the beasts of all the earth from you.

5 And I will put your flesh on the mountains and fill the valleys with your heap.

6 And I will water the land covered from your blood to the mountains, and the ravines shall be full of you.

7 And I will cover the heavens when I quench you, and I will darken their stars. I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not shine its light.

8 I will darken all the luminaries of light in the heavens over you and will give darkness on your land, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

9 I will also provoke to anger the heart of many peoples when I bring your breaking among the nations, to the lands which you have not known.

10 And I will make many people appalled at you, and their kings will be horribly afraid at you, when I make My sword fly before their faces. And they shall tremble at *every* moment, *each* man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

11 For so says the Lord Jehovah: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on you.

12 By the swords of the mighty I will make your host fall, *by* the fearful of the nations, all of them. And they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all its host shall be destroyed.

13 I will also destroy all her beasts from on the great waters, and the foot of man shall not stir them any longer, and the hoofs of beasts shall not stir them up.

14 Then I will make their waters sink and cause their rivers to go down like oil, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

15 When I shall give the land of Egypt *to be* a desolation, and the land shall be wasted of its fullness when I shall strike all those who dwell in it; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

16 This *is* a lamentation, and they shall lament her; the daughters of the nations shall lament her. Over Egypt and over all her multitude, they shall lament her, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

17 ¶ And it happened in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth of the month, the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail over the host of Egypt, and bring it down, her and the daughters of the majestic nations, to the earth's lowest parts, with those going down *to* the Pit.

19 Than whom are you more lovely? Go down and be laid with the uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of the pierced *ones* of the sword. She is given to the sword; they draw her and all her multitudes.

21 The strong of the mighty *ones* shall speak to him from the midst of Sheol, they went with his helpers; they, the uncircumcised, lie pierced by the sword.

22 There *is* Assyria and all her assembly. All around him *are* his graves, all of them are pierced *ones* fallen by the sword;

23 of whom are given her graves in the recesses of the Pit, and her assembly is round about her grave, all of them pierced *ones*, fallen by the sword, because they gave terror in the land of the living.

24 There *is* Elam and all her multitude around her grave, all of them pierced *ones*, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised into the earth's lowest parts, who gave their terror in the land of the living. Yet they bore their shame with those going down *to* the Pit.

25 In the midst of the pierced *ones* they have put a bed for her, with all her multitude. Her graves *are* round about him, all of

them uncircumcised, pierced *ones* by the sword. Though their terror was given in the land of the living, yet they have borne their shame with those going down *to* the Pit; he is put in the midst of the pierced *ones*.

26 There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude; round about him *are* her graves, all of them uncircumcised, pierced *ones* by the sword, though they gave their terror in the land of the living.

27 And they shall not lie with the mighty *ones* of the uncircumcised who are fallen, who have gone down *to* Sheol with their weapons of war. And they have put their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be on their bones, though the terror of the mighty *ones* was in the land of the living.

28 And you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised and shall lie with the pierced *ones* by the sword.

29 There *is* Edom, her kings, and all her rulers, who in their might *are* given *to be* with the pierced *ones* by the sword. They shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with those going down *to* the Pit.

30 These *are* the rulers of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the pierced *ones* in their terror. They are ashamed of their might. And they lie uncircumcised with the pierced *ones* by the sword, and bear their shame with those going down *to* the Pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them and be consoled over all his multitude, the pierced *ones* by the sword, Pharaoh and all the army, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

32 For I had put his terror in the land of the living, but he will be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with the pierced *ones* by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude, a statement of Jehovah.

Ezekiel 33

Ezekiel is admonished of his duty.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them: When I bring the sword on it, on a land, and take one man from the people of the land, their borders, and set him for a watchman to them,

3 and *when* he sees the sword coming on the land, and he blows the rams' horn and warns the people,

4 and hearing *he* hears the sound of the rams' horn, and does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him; his blood shall be on his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the rams' horn and took no warning; his blood shall be on himself. But he who took warning, he shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the rams' horn, and the people did not take warning, and the sword comes and takes a soul from them, he is taken in his iniquity. And I will require his blood from the watchman's hand.

7 And you, son of man, I set you *as* a watchman to the house of Israel. And you shall hear the Word from My mouth and warn them from My mouth.

8 When I say to the wicked *one*, O wicked *one*, dying you shall die! And you do not speak to warn the wicked *one* from his way, that wicked *one* shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood from your hand.

9 But you, if you warn the wicked *one* from his way, to turn back from it, and he does not turn back from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

10 ¶ And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, This you have spoken, saying, Surely our transgressions and our sins *are* on us, and we are rotting in them; and then shall we live?

11 Say to them, *As* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, I do not have delight in the death of the wicked *one*, except in the evil *one* turning from his way, and *so to* live. Turn back! Turn back from your evil ways! For why will you die, O house of Israel?

12 And you, son of man, say to the sons of your people, The righteousness of the righteous *one* shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression. And the evil of the evil *one*, in the day he turns from his wickedness, he shall not fall by it. And the righteous *one* shall not be able to live by it in the day he sins.

13 Though I say to the righteous *one*, Living he shall live, yet he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, all his

righteousness shall not be remembered, but he shall die for his iniquity which he has done.

14 And though I say to the wicked *one*, Dying you shall die; if he turns from his sin and does judgment and righteousness,

15 *if* the wicked *one* returns the pledge, he repays the thing stolen, he walks in the statutes of life, not doing iniquity, living he shall live; he shall not die.

16 All his sins which he has sinned shall not be remembered to him; he has done justice and righteousness, living he shall live.

17 Yet the sons of your people say, The way of the Lord is not made even. But they, *even* their way is not made even.

18 When the righteous *one* turns from his righteousness and does iniquity, he shall even die by it.

19 But if the wicked *one* turns from his wickedness, and does judgment and righteousness, he shall live by them.

20 Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not made even. I shall judge you, *each* man by his ways, O house of Israel.

21 ¶ And it happened in the twelfth year, in the tenth *month*, on the fifth of the month of our exile, a fugitive out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city has been stricken.

22 And the hand of Jehovah was on me in the evening before the fugitive came. And He opened my mouth until that one came in the morning. And my mouth was opened, and I was not still mute.

23 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

24 Son of man, those living *in* the ruins are speaking, these *on* the land of Israel, saying, Abraham was one, and he possessed the land; but we *are* many, the land is given to us for a possession.

25 Therefore say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: You eat of the blood, and you lift your eyes up to your idols, and you shed blood, and shall you possess the land?

26 You stand on your sword, and you *each* man do disgusting things, defiling his neighbor's wife, and shall you possess the land?

27 Thus say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: *As I live*, do not the *ones* in the ruins fall by the sword? And he who *is* on the face of the field I will give to the beasts to be eaten, and those in the forts and in the caves shall die by the plague.

28 For I shall make the land desolate and a waste, and the pride of her strength shall cease. And the heights of Israel shall be a waste that none will go through.

29 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have made the land desolate and a waste because of all their disgusting things which they have done.

30 ¶ And you, son of man, the sons of your people are speaking about you beside the walls, and in the doors of the houses. And one speaks to another, *each* man with his brother, saying, Come now and hear what the Word coming from Jehovah is.

31 And they come to you *as* peoples come, and they sit before you *as* My people. And they hear your words, but they do not do them. For they produce much love with their mouth, *but* their heart goes after their unjust gain.

32 And, behold, you *are* to them as a singer of love songs *with* a beautiful voice, and playing well *on* an instrument. For they hear your words, but they are not doing them.

33 So when it comes, behold, it is coming!, then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst.

Ezekiel 34

1 A reproof of the shepherds. 11 Jehovah's providence for his flock. 20 The kingdom of Christ.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds Israel. Prophesy and say to them, to the shepherds, So says the Lord Jehovah: Woe to those feeding Israel, who are feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?

3 You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you sacrifice the fat ones, *and* you do not feed the flock.

4 You have not made the weak strong; and you have not healed the sick, and you have not bound up the broken. And the banished have not been brought back, and you have

not sought the lost, but you rule them with force and with harshness.

5 And they were scattered for lack of a shepherd. And they became food to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

6 My sheep strayed through all the mountains and on every high hill. And My sheep were scattered on all the face of the earth, and none searched, and none sought *for them*.

7 ¶ Therefore, shepherds, hear the Word of Jehovah:

8 *As I live*, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, if not because My sheep became a prey, and My sheep became food for all the beasts of the field, from having no shepherds and *because* My shepherds did not search *for* My sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed the flock,

9 therefore, shepherds, hear the Word of Jehovah:

10 So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against the shepherds, and I will require My sheep from their hand and cause them to cease from shepherding. the sheep. And the shepherds shall no longer feed themselves, for I will deliver My sheep from their mouth, and they will not be food for eating.

11 For so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep, and seek them out.

12 As the shepherd seeks his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out My sheep and will deliver them from all the places where they were scattered in a day of cloud, and thick cloud.

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the lands, and I will bring them to their land and feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the dwelling places of the land.

14 I, *even* I, will feed them in a good pasture, and on the high mountains of Israel their fold shall be. They shall lie there in a good fold, and they shall feed *in a* fat pasture *on* all the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed My sheep, and I will make them lie down, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

16 I will seek the lost, and I will return the banished. And I will bind up the broken, and I will make the weak strong. But I will destroy the fat and the strong, I will feed them with judgment.

17 ¶ And you, My flock, so says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I judge between lamb and lamb, *between* rams and he-goats.

18 Is it a small thing to you to have fed on the good pasture, but you must trample the rest of your pastures with your feet? And have you drunk of the clear waters, but the rest you must foul with your feet?

19 And My sheep, *what* your feet have trampled, they must feed on, and they drink *what* your feet have fouled.

20 So the Lord Jehovah says this to them: Behold, I, *even* I, will even judge between the fat lamb and the lean lamb.

21 Because you have thrust with side and with shoulder, and have pushed all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them to the outside.

22 I also will save My flock, and they shall no longer be for a prey. And I will judge between lamb and lamb.

23 And I will raise up over them one Shepherd, and He shall feed them. My servant David, He shall feed them, and He shall be to them for a Shepherd.

24 And I, Jehovah, will be to them for God, and My servant David shall be a ruler among them. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

25 And I will cut a covenant of peace with them and give evil beasts to cease out of the land. And they shall live in the wilderness securely and sleep in the forests.

26 And I will give them and the places around My hill *to be* a blessing. And I will bring down the shower in its season, there shall be showers of blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall give its fruit, and the earth shall give its increase. And they shall be securely on their land. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I have broken the staffs of their yoke, and have rescued them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28 And they shall not any more be a prey to the nations, and the beast of the land shall not eat them. But they shall live securely, and no one shall terrify *them*.

29 And I will raise up for them a planting place of name, and they shall not any more *be of* those gathered *by* famine in the land. And *they* shall not any more bear the shame of the nations.

30 And they shall know that I, Jehovah their God, *am* with them, and they *are* My people, the house of Israel, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

31 And you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you *are* men. I *am* your God, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 35

Mount Seir's judgment for their hatred of Israel.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it.

3 And say to it, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out My hand against you, and I will give you *to be* a ruin and a waste.

4 I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be a ruin. And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

5 Because there was to you never-ending enmity, and you poured out the sons of Israel onto the hands of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end.

6 Therefore, *As* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, Surely for blood I appoint you, and blood shall pursue you. Since you have not hated blood, so blood shall pursue you.

7 And I will give Mount Seir *to be* a ruin and a waste, and cut off from it the one passing through, and the one returning.

8 And I will fill his mountains *with* his pierced *ones*. *In* your hills and *in* your valleys, and *in* all your torrents, the pierced *ones* by the sword shall fall in them.

9 I will give your ruins *to be* forever, and your cities shall not be inhabited. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

10 ¶ Because you have said, These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we shall possess it. And Jehovah was there,

11 so, *As* I live, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, I will work by your anger, and by *your* envy which you have done out of your

hating against them, and I will be known among them when I have judged you.

12 And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah. I have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, Desolation! They are given to us for food!

13 And you magnified with your mouth against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard.

14 So says the Lord Jehovah: As all the earth rejoices, I will make you a ruin.

15 As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel because of it *being a* ruin, so I will do to you. You shall be a ruin, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it! And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 36

1 The land of Israel is comforted, both by destruction of the nations, 8 and by the promised blessings of Jehovah.

1 ¶ And you, son of man, prophesy to Israel's mountains and say, O mountains of Israel, hear the Word of Jehovah.

2 So says the Lord Jehovah: Because the enemy has spoken against you, *saying*, Aha! Everlasting high places have become a possession to us.

3 So prophesy and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Because, even because of the wasting and crushing of you from round about, that you might become a possession to the rest of the nations, and you are made to go up on the tip of the tongue and the whispering of the people.

4 Therefore, mountains of Israel, hear the Word of the Lord Jehovah: So says the Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the wastes of desolation, and to the forsaken cities which became a prey and a mocking to the rest of the nations that *are* round about.

5 So says the Lord Jehovah: Surely I have spoken in the fire of My jealousy against the rest of the nations, and against Edom, all those of her who have given My land to themselves for a possession with all joy of heart, with scorning of soul, in order to *make it* open land for a prey.

6 So prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations.

7 So thus says the Lord Jehovah: I have lifted up My hand, surely the nations that *are* round about you, they shall bear their shame.

8 But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall put out your branches and your fruit, you shall bear for My people Israel. For they are drawing near to come;

9 for behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.

10 And I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it. And the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built.

11 And I will multiply on you man and beast, and they will increase and be fruitful. And I will make you dwell as you formerly *were*, and I will do better than at your beginnings. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

12 And I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you will be an inheritance to them and will not any more add to their bereavement.

13 So says the Lord Jehovah: Because they said to you, You *are* a devourer of men, and you have bereaved your nations;

14 so you shall no longer devour men, and you shall not make your nations fall any more, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

15 And I will not let you bear the shame of the nations any longer, and you shall not bear the disgrace of the peoples any more, and you shall not cause your nations to fall any more, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

16 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, *saying*,

17 Son of man, *when* the house of Israel dwelt on their land, and they defiled it by their ways and by their doings; as the uncleanness of impurity their way was before Me.

18 So I poured out My fury on them, because of the blood that they had poured

out on the land, and for their idols *by which* they defiled it.

19 And I scattered them among the nations, and they were sown among the lands; I judged them by their way and by their doings.

20 And *when* they went into the nations, there where they went, they even profaned My holy name, by saying to them, These *are* the people of Jehovah, and they are gone out of His land.

21 But I had pity for My holy name which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, there *to* which they had gone in.

22 Therefore, say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but only for My holy name which you profaned among the nations, there *to* which you had gone in.

23 And I will sanctify My great name which was profaned among the nations, which you profaned in their midst, and the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I am sanctified in you in their eyes; a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

24 And I will take you from the nations and gather you out of all the lands and bring you into your land.

25 ¶ And I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your uncleannesses and from all your idols.

26 And I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give to you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put My Spirit within you, and I have done that which *is* in My statutes *for you to walk in them*, and you shall keep My judgments and do *them*.

28 And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to you for God.

29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call for grain and increase it, and I will not put a famine on you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, in order that you will not any more receive the disgrace of famine among the nations.

31 And you will remember your evil ways and your doings that *were* not good, and you will despise yourselves in your own eyes for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Let it be known to you that I am not doing *this* for your sake, a statement of the Lord Jehovah; be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

33 So says the Lord Jehovah: In the day I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities *to be* inhabited, and the wastes shall be built.

34 And the desolated land shall be cultivated, rather than being a ruin in the eyes of all passing by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolated has become like the garden of Eden. And the wasted and desolated and torn down cities *are* fortified *and* inhabited.

36 And the nations left all around you shall know that I, Jehovah, built the torn down places *and* planted that which was desolated. I, Jehovah, have spoken it and will do *it*.

37 So says the Lord Jehovah: Yet *for* this I will be sought by the house of Israel, to work for them. I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 37

1 By the resurrection of dry bones 11 the dead hope of Israel is revived.

1 ¶ The hand of Jehovah was on me. And *He* brought me by the Spirit of Jehovah and made me rest in the midst of a valley, and it *was* full of bones.

2 And He made me pass among them round about. And, behold, very many *were* on the face of the valley. And, behold, *they were* very dry.

3 And He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I said, O Lord Jehovah You know.

4 And He said to me, Prophecy to these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of Jehovah:

5 So says the Lord Jehovah to these bones, Behold, I will cause breath to go into you, and you shall live,

6 and I will put on you sinews and will bring flesh on you and spread skin over you and put breath in you, and you shall live. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And, behold, a shaking! And the bones drew near, a bone to its bone.

8 And I saw. And, behold! The sinews and the flesh came up on them, and the skin spread over them from above, but there *was* no breath in them.

9 And He said to me, Prophecy to the Spirit. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the Spirit, So says the Lord Jehovah, Come from the four winds, O Spirit, and breathe on ones *that were* slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the Spirit came into them. And they lived and stood on their feet, a very, very great army.

11 And He said to me, Son of man, these bones *are* all the house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is perished; we are cut off to ourselves.

12 So prophecy and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to go up out of your graves, O My people, and I will bring you to the land of Israel.

13 And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah when I have opened your graves and have brought you up out of your graves, O My people.

14 And I shall make My Spirit rest within you, and you shall live; and I will make you rest on your own land. And you shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and have done it, a statement of Jehovah.

15 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me,

16 saying, And you, son of man, take one stick to yourself and write on it, For Judah, and for his companions, the sons of Israel. And take one stick and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.

17 And draw them one to one for yourself, into one stick. And they shall become for one in your hand.

18 And when the sons of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not declare to us what these *mean* to you?

19 Say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions. And I will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and I will make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.

20 And the sticks shall be in your hand, the ones *on* which you write before their eyes.

21 And say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from the midst of the nations, there where they have gone, and will gather them from round about, and will bring them into their own land.

22 And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one King shall be for a king to all of them. And they shall not be two nations still. And they will not be divided into two kingdoms any more.

23 And they will not still be defiled with their idols, even with their abominable idols, and with all of their transgressions. But I will save them out of all their dwelling places where they have sinned in them, and I will cleanse them. So they shall be for a people to Me and I will be for God to them.

24 And My Servant, David, *shall be* King over them. And there shall be one Shepherd to all of them. And they shall walk in My judgments and keep My statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell on the land that I have given to my servant, to Jacob, *there* where your fathers dwelt in it. And they shall dwell on it, they and their sons, and the sons of their sons, forever. And My Servant David *shall be* a ruler to them forever.

26 And I will cut a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant it shall be with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and I will put My sanctuary in their midst forever.

27 And My tabernacle shall be with them, and I will be to them for God, and they shall be to Me for a people.

28 And when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forever, the nations shall know that I, Jehovah, sanctify Israel.

Ezekiel 38

1 The army of Gog. 14 Jehovah's judgment against him.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him.

3 And say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

4 And I will turn you back and put hooks into your jaws. And I will bring you and all your army out: horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most perfectly; a great assembly *with* buckler and shield, all of them handlers of swords.

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya *are* with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet;

6 Gomer and all its bands; the house of Togarmah *from* the recesses of the north, and all its bands; many peoples with you.

7 Be prepared; yea, prepare for yourself, you and all your assembly that are assembled to you, and be a guard to them.

8 After many days you shall be visited. In the after years you shall come into the land turned back from the sword, gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel which have been for a continual waste. But he has been brought out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them.

9 And you shall go up, you shall come like a storm; you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your bands, and many peoples with you.

10 So says the Lord Jehovah: And it shall be in that day, words shall come up into your heart, and you shall devise an evil plan.

11 And you shall say, I will go up to the land of open spaces. I will go *to* those at ease, who live securely, all of them living with no walls, and there are no bars and gates to them,

12 in order to plunder a plunder, and to steal a prize, to turn your hand on the inhabited waste places, and on the people gathered out of the nations, producing livestock and goods, who dwell in the center of the earth.

13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, and all its young lions, shall say to you, Have you come to plunder a plunder? Have you gathered your assembly to steal a prize, to lift up silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to plunder a great plunder?

14 ¶ So prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, So says the Lord Jehovah: Shall you not know in that day when My people Israel dwells securely?

15 And you shall come from your place out of the recesses of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.

16 And you shall come up on My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It shall be in the after days, and I will bring you against My land so that the nations may know Me, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes, Gog.

17 So says the Lord Jehovah: *Are* you he of whom I have spoken in former days by the hand of My servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days *many* years, to bring you against them?

18 And it shall be on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, My fury shall come up in My face.

19 And in My jealousy, in the fire of My wrath, I have spoken, if not in that day there shall be a great quaking in the land of Israel,

20 and the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men on the face of the earth, shall quake at My face, and the mountains shall be cast down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground,

21 and I shall call on all My mountains a sword, *each* man's sword shall be against his brother, a statement of the Lord Jehovah

22 And I will judge him with a plague and with blood, and an overflowing rain, and hailstones. I will rain fire and brimstone on him, and on his bands, and on the many peoples who *are* with him.

23 And I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will be known in the eyes of the many nations, and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

Ezekiel 39

1 Jehovah's judgment on Gog. 8 Israel's victory.

1 ¶ And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

2 And I will turn you back and lead you on. And I will bring you up from the recesses of the north, and will bring you on the mountains of Israel.

3 And I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and I will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand.

4 You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your bands, and the people with you. I will give you for food to the birds of prey, a bird of every wing, and to the beasts of the field.

5 You shall fall on the face of the field, for I have spoken, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and on those living securely *in* the isles. And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

7 And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel. And I will not let My holy name be profaned any more. And the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel.

8 ¶ Behold! It has come, and it has happened, a statement of the Lord Jehovah. That *is* the day of which I have spoken.

9 And those living in the cities of Israel shall go out and shall set afire and burn the weapons, even the shield and the buckler, the bow and the arrows, and the hand staff, and the spears. And they shall burn them *with* fire seven years.

10 And they shall not take wood out of the field and shall not cut down out of the forests. For they shall burn the weapons with fire. And they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

11 And it will be on that day, I will give to Gog a place there, a grave in Israel, the valley of those who pass by, east of the sea. And it shall stop those who pass by. And they shall bury Gog and all his multitude there, and *they* shall call *it* The Valley of the Multitude of Gog.

12 And the house of Israel shall bury them, in order to cleanse the land, seven months.

13 And the people of the land shall bury. And it shall be for a name to them, the day when I am glorified, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

14 And they shall separate men who continually pass through the land, burying those who passed through, who remain on the face of the earth, to cleanse it. At the end of seven months, they shall make a search.

15 And *as* they pass, those who pass through the land, and *any* sees a bone of a man, then he shall build a post beside it until the ones burying have buried it in The Valley of the Multitude of Gog.

16 And also the name of the city *is* The Multitude. And they shall cleanse the land.

17 And you, son of man, So says the Lord Jehovah: Say to the bird of every wing, and to every beast of the field: Gather yourselves and come, gather yourselves from round about to My sacrifice which I sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the rulers of the earth, of rams, lambs, goats, *and* bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 And you shall eat fat until satiated, and drink blood until drunkenness, of My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 And you shall be sated at My table *with* horses and chariots, and mighty men, all the men of war, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

21 And I will put My glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgments which I have done, and My hand that I have laid on them.

22 And the house of Israel shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God, from that day and onward.

23 ¶ And the nations shall know that the house of Israel was exiled for their iniquity, because they acted unfaithfully toward Me, so I hid My face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies; and they fell by the sword, all of them.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions, I have done to them, and have hidden My face from them.

25 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Now I will return the captivity of Jacob and will have mercy on all the house of Israel. And I will be jealous for My holy name.

26 And they have borne their shame, and all their acts of unfaithfulness which they have done against Me, when they dwell on their land securely, and no one terrifies;

27 when I have returned them from the peoples, and gathered them out of the hand of their enemies, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations,

28 then they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God who exiled them among the nations. But I have gathered them to their own land and have not left any of them there.

29 And I will not any more hide My face from them, for I have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 40

The time, manner, and end of the vision.

1 ¶ In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck, on that same day the hand of Jehovah was on me, and *He* brought me there.

2 In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel and made me rest on a very high mountain; and it *was* as the structure of a city on the south.

3 And He brought me there; and, behold, a man whose appearance *was* as the appearance of bronze, and a line of linen and a measuring reed in his hand. And he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said to me, Son of man, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall make you see. For in order to make you see you are brought here. Declare to the house of Israel all that you see.

5 ¶ And, behold, a wall on the outside of the house round about. And a measuring reed *was* in the man's hand, six cubits, with a cubit and a span. And he measured the

breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 And he came to the gate which faced eastward, and *he* went up its steps and measured the threshold of the gate, one reed wide, even the one threshold, one reed wide.

7 And a room, one reed long and one reed wide, and between the rooms *were* five cubits. And the threshold of the gate from beside the porch of the gate, from the house, *was* one reed.

8 And he measured the porch of the gate from the house, one reed.

9 And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its pillars, two cubits and the porch of the gate from the house;

10 and the gate rooms eastward *were* three from here, and three from there, one measure to the three of them; and one measure *was* to the pillars, from here and from there.

11 And he measured the breadth of the gate opening, ten cubits; the length of the gate *was* thirteen cubits.

12 And the border in front of the rooms *was* one cubit; and the border from here, one cubit. And the room *was* six cubits from here, and six cubits from there.

13 And he measured the gate of the room from roof to roof, twenty-five cubits wide, door to door.

14 And he made the pillars, sixty cubits, even to the court pillar, *from* the gate round about *and* round about.

15 And on the face of the gate of the entrance, to the face of the porch of the inner gate, *was* fifty cubits;

16 and latticed windows *were* to the rooms and to their pillars inside the gate round *and* round; and so for the porches; and windows *were* round about *and* round about inside; and to a pillar *were* palm trees.

17 And he brought me into the outer court. And, behold, rooms, and a pavement made for the court round about *and* round about; thirty rooms *were* on the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates to equal the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement.

19 And he measured the breadth from the face of the lower gate to the face of the inner court, on the outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 And the gate which faces the way of the north of the outer court, he measured its length and its breadth.

21 And its rooms *were* three from here, and three from there. And its pillars and its porches *were* as the first measure: its length *was* fifty cubits and its breadth twenty-five cubits.

22 And its windows, and its porches, and its palm trees *were* as the measure of the gate that faces eastward. And they went up to it by seven steps, and its porches *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *was* across from the gate toward the north and toward the east. And he measured from gate to gate, a hundred cubits.

24 And he led me southward. And behold, a gate southward! And he measured its pillars and its porches according to these measures.

25 And windows *were* in it, and its porches round about *and* round about like these windows. Fifty cubits *were* the length, and twenty-five cubits the breadth.

26 And seven steps *were* going up to it, and its porches *were* before them. And palm trees *were* to it, one from here and one from there, to its pillars.

27 ¶ And a gate *was* to the inner court the way of the south. And he measured from gate to gate, the way of the south, a hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. And he measured the south gate by these measures.

29 And its rooms, and its pillars, and its porches *were* as three measures. And windows *were* to it, and its porches round about *and* round about. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 And the porches round about *were* twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

31 And its porches *were* toward the outer court, and palm trees on its pillars; and its stairway *had* eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court eastward. And he measured the gate by these measures.

33 And its rooms, and its pillars, and its porches *were* as these measures. And windows *were* to it and to its porches round

about *and* round about. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 And its porches *were* toward the outer court. And palm trees *were* on its pillars from here and from there, and its stairway *had* eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate and measured by these measures,

36 its rooms, its posts, and its porches. And windows *were* to it round about *and* round about. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

37 And its pillars *were* toward the outer court; and palm trees *were* on its pillars from here and from there; and its stairway *had* eight steps.

38 And the room and its door *was* by the pillars of the gates; they washed the burnt offering there.

39 ¶ And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables from here, and two tables from there, to slaughter the burnt offering on them, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

40 And to the side outside, as one goes up to the door of the gate northward *were* two tables. And on the other side at the porch of the gate *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* from here, and four tables from there, by the side of the gate, eight tables; they slaughter on them.

42 And the four tables for burnt offering *were* cut stone, one cubit and a half long, and one cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high. They also rested on them the instruments with which they slaughtered *using* them *for* the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And the double hooks, one span, *were* fastened in the house all around; and on the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 And from the outside to the inner court *were* the singers' rooms in the inner court beside the north gate; and their face *was* southward, the one beside the east gate looked the way of the north.

45 And he said to me, This room facing southward *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the room facing northward *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar. They are the sons of Zadok who come

near to Jehovah, of the sons of Levi, to minister to Him.

47 And he measured the court: a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide, a square; and the altar *was* before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house and measured *each* pillar of the porch, five cubits from here, and five cubits from there. And the gate *was* three cubits wide from here, and three cubits from there.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits and eleven cubits wide, even with the steps by which they went up to it. And columns *were* by the pillars, one from here, and one from there.

Ezekiel 41

The parts, chambers, and ornaments of the temple.

1 ¶ And he brought me to the temple and measured the pillars, six cubits wide from here, and six cubits wide from there, the width of the tent.

2 And the door *was* ten cubits wide. And the sides of the door *were* five cubits from here and five cubits from there. And he measured its length, forty cubits, and twenty cubits wide.

3 And he went inside and measured the pillars of the door, two cubits. And the door *was* six cubits, and the width of the door, seven cubits.

4 And he measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, to the face of the temple. And he said to me, This *is* the Holy of Holies.

5 And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits, and the width of each side room *was* four cubits round about *and* round about the house.

6 And the side rooms *were* a side room over a side room, three stories, and thirty times. And *they* entered the wall of the house for the side rooms round about *and* round about, that they may be fastened. But they were not fastened in the wall of the house.

7 And *there was* a widening and a winding upwards *and* upwards for the side rooms, for the winding around of the house went upward *and* upward, round about *and* round about the house. On account of this the width of the house went up, and so from

the lowest it went up to the highest by the middle *story*.

8 And I saw the height of the house round about *and* round about, the foundations of the side rooms *were* a full reed, six cubits by joining.

9 The width of the wall which *was* for the side room to the outside *was* five cubits, and that which *was* left between the side rooms that *were* of the house.

10 And between the rooms *was* the width of twenty cubits circling the house round about *and* round about.

11 And the door of the side room *was* toward the open space, one door the way of the north and one door toward the south. And the width of the place of the open space *was* five cubits round about *and* round about.

12 ¶ And the building that *was* before the separate area at the end of the way of the west *was* seventy cubits wide. And the wall of the building *was* five cubits wide round about *and* round about, its length, ninety cubits.

13 And he measured the house, a hundred cubits long. And the separate area and the building and its wall *were* a hundred cubits long.

14 And the width of the face of the house, and the separate area toward the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building to the face of the separate area which *was* on its rear; and its gallery from here and from there *was* a hundred cubits, and the inner temple, and the porches of the court,

16 the thresholds, and the latticed windows, and the galleries round about, their three stories opposite the threshold, were paneled with wood round about *and* round about, and *from* the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered

17 to that above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and to all the wall round about *and* round about inside and outside by measure.

18 And it *was* made with cherubs and palm trees, and a palm tree *was* between cherub and cherub; and two faces *were* to a cherub,

19 the face of a man toward the palm tree from here, and a young lion's face toward

the palm tree from there. It *was* made to all the house round about *and* round about.

20 From the ground to above the door, cherubs and palm trees *were* made, and *on* the wall of the temple.

21 The temple doorposts *were* squared, and the face of the sanctuary, the appearance as *its* appearance.

22 The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and its length two cubits. And its corners, and its length, and its walls *were* wood. And he said to me, This is the table that is before Jehovah.

23 And two doors *were* to the temple and the sanctuary.

24 And two doors *were* to *each* of the doors, two turning doors, two for the one door, and two for the other door.

25 And cherubs and palm trees *were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, like those made on the walls; and thick wood *was* on the face of the porch outside.

26 And latticed windows and palm trees *were* from here and from there on the sides of the porch, and the side rooms of the house, and projected roof.

Ezekiel 42

1 The rooms for the priests. 13 Their use.

1 ¶ And he brought me out into the outer court northward. And he brought me into the room that *was* across from the separate area, which *was* in front of the building to the way of the north.

2 To the face of its length *was* a hundred cubits, toward the north door, and fifty cubits wide.

3 Across from the twenty cubits which *were* to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which *was* to the outer court, *was* gallery on the face of gallery, in three *stories*.

4 And before the rooms *was* a walk ten cubits wide, to the inside, a way of one cubit. And their doors *were* toward the north.

5 And the upper rooms *were* shorter, for the galleries used up more space than the lower and middle ones in the building.

6 For they *were* in three *stories*, and there *were* no columns to them like the columns of the courts. So *the third* was made narrower than the lower and middle stories from the ground.

7 And the wall that *was* outside near the rooms the way of the outer court, on the face of the rooms, its length *was* fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the rooms that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits. And, behold, in the face of the temple *was* a hundred cubits.

9 And under these rooms *was* the entrance on the east side as one goes into them from the outer court.

10 In the width of the wall of the court the way of the east, to the face of the separate area, and to the face of the building *were* rooms.

11 And the way before them looked like the rooms which *were* the way of the north, as their length so their width. And all their exits *were* as their patterns and as their doors.

12 And as the doors of the rooms that *were* the way of the south *was* a door in the head of the way, the way directly in the face of the wall, the way of the east, as one enters them.

13 And he said to me, The north rooms, the south rooms which are to the face of the separate area, they *are* holy rooms, there where the priests shall eat, who approach to Jehovah, the holiest of the holy *things*. There they shall lay the holiest of the holy *things*, even the food offering and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place *is* holy.

14 In the going in of priests, and they shall not go out of the sanctuary into the court *of the* court, but they shall lay their clothes there by which they minister by them, for they are holy. They shall put on other clothes and shall approach to that *which is* for the people.

15 ¶ And he finished measuring the inner house. And he brought me forth the way of the gate whose face is the way of the east, and measured round about *and* round about.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed, round about *and* round about.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed, round about.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

19 He turned to the west side, measuring five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 By the four sides he measured it. It had a wall round about *and* round about, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred wide, to separate between the holy and the common.

Ezekiel 43

1 The returning of the glory of Jehovah to the temple. 10 The prophet exhorts Israel to repentance.

1 ¶ And he made me go to the gate, the gate that faces the way of the east.

2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. And His voice *was* like the voice of many waters; and the earth shone from His glory.

3 And the appearance of the vision which I saw *was* as the appearance which I saw when I came to destroy the city, and as the appearance that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

4 And the glory of Jehovah came into the house, the way of the gate of which the face *is* the way of the east.

5 And the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court. And, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house!

6 And I heard *One* speaking to me from the house, and a Man was standing beside me.

7 ¶ And He said to me, Son of man, the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, there where I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel forever, even the house of Israel shall not defile My holy name any more, they and their kings, by their fornication, and by the corpses of their kings in their high places.

8 In their putting of their threshold *by* My threshold, and their door post beside My door post, and the wall between Me and them, even they have defiled My holy name by their disgusting things that they have done. And I consumed them in My anger.

9 Now *let* them put away their fornications and the corpses of their kings from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

10 You, son of man, declare *to* the house of Israel the *temple* house, and they will

blush from their iniquities. And let them measure *its* size.

11 And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, the form of the house, and its arrangement, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its statutes, and all its forms, and all its laws, make *them* known to them. And write *it* in their sight, so that they may observe all its form, and all its statutes, and do them.

12 This *is* the law of the house: On the top of the mountain *is* all its border, round about *and* round about, *being* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

13 ¶ And these *are* the measures of the altar by the cubit: the cubit *is* a cubit and a span, even the base *shall be* a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border on its lip round about *shall be* one span; and this *is* the high *part* of the altar.

14 And from the base *on* the ground to the lower ledge *shall be* two cubits, and the width one cubit. And from the smaller ledge to the greater ledge *shall be* four cubits, and the width a cubit.

15 And the altar hearth *shall be* four cubits, and from the altar hearth and upward *shall be* four horns.

16 And the altar hearth *shall be* twelve cubits long, and twelve wide, square in its four sides.

17 And the ledge *shall be* fourteen long, fourteen wide, in its four sides. And the border around it *shall be* a half cubit, and the base for it a cubit round about. And its steps shall face the east.

18 And He said to me, Son of man, so says the Lord Jehovah: These *are* the statutes of the altar in the day of its being made to offer on it burnt offerings, and to sprinkle on it blood.

19 And you shall give to the priests of the Levites (they who *are* from the seed of Zadok, who approach to Me) a statement of the Lord Jehovah, to minister to Me, a bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering.

20 And you shall take of its blood and put *it* on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border round about. And you shall cleanse it and atone for it.

21 And you shall take the bull of the sin offering, and he shall burn *it* at the

appointed place of the house outside the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day you shall bring a buck of the goats without blemish for a sin offering. And they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.

23 When you have finished cleansing, you shall bring a bull without blemish, a son of the herd, and a ram without blemish out of the flock.

24 And you shall bring them before Jehovah, and the priests shall throw salt on them, and they shall offer them *for* a burnt offering to Jehovah.

25 *For* seven days you shall daily prepare a he-goat *for* a sin offering. And they shall prepare a bull, a son of the herd, and a ram out of the flock, *ones* without blemish.

26 They shall atone seven days *for* the altar, and cleanse it, and consecrate *it*.

27 And when the days are completed, it shall be on the eighth day and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, on the altar. And I will accept you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 44

1 *The east gate assigned only to the prince.*

9 *Idolaters not capable of the priest's office.*

1 ¶ And he brought me back the way of the gate of the outer sanctuary, facing east. And it *was* shut.

2 And Jehovah said to me, This gate shall be shut; it will not be opened. And a man shall not go in by it, because Jehovah, the God of Israel, has gone in by it; so it shall be shut.

3 *As for* the prince, as prince he shall sit in it to eat bread before Jehovah. He shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and by its way shall go out.

4 ¶ And he brought me by the way of the north gate, to the face of the house. And I looked, and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house of the Lord! And I fell on my face.

5 And Jehovah said to me, Son of man, set your heart and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you of all the statutes of the house of Jehovah, and of all its laws. And set your heart to

the entrance of the house, with all the exits of the sanctuary.

6 And you shall say to the rebellious *ones*, to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: Enough to you, of all your disgusting things, O house of Israel,

7 when you brought in the sons of aliens, uncircumcised of heart and uncircumcised of flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to defile it, *even* My house, when you bring near My bread, the fat and the blood. And they have broken My covenant by all your disgusting things.

8 And you have not kept the charge of My holy things, but you have set *them* as keepers of My charge in My sanctuary, for themselves.

9 So says the Lord Jehovah: No son of an alien, uncircumcised of heart and uncircumcised of flesh, shall go into My sanctuary, or any son of an alien who *is* in the midst of the sons of Israel.

10 But the Levites who have gone far from Me in the wandering of Israel, who wandered from Me, *going* after their idols, even they shall bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, overseers at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house. They shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them, to minister to them.

12 Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have lifted up My hand against them, a statement of the Lord Jehovah. And they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near to Me to serve as priest to Me, and not come near to any of My holy things, to the holiest of the holy things, but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have done.

14 But I will give them *to be* keepers of the charge of the house for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it.

15 But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary in the wandering of the sons of Israel away from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister to Me. And they shall stand

before Me to bring near to Me the fat and the blood, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

16 They shall go in to My sanctuary, and they shall come near to My table, to minister to Me. And they shall keep My charge.

17 ¶ And it shall be in their going in the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments. And wool shall not come upon them while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and in the house.

18 Turbans of bleached *linen* shall be on their heads, and bleached *linen* undergarments shall be on their loins. They shall not gird with sweat.

19 And when they go out into the outer court, to the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments by which they ministered and lay them in the holy rooms. And they shall put on other garments, and they shall not sanctify the people with their own garments.

20 And they shall not shave their heads, and they shall not send forth long hair; trimming they shall trim their heads.

21 And every priest shall not drink wine when they go into the inner court.

22 And they shall not take a widow or a divorcee for wives for themselves, but they shall only take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.

23 And they shall teach My people between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, to make them known.

24 And in a dispute, they shall stand to judge, they shall judge it by My judgments. And they shall observe My laws and My statutes in My appointed *feasts*, and they shall sanctify My sabbaths.

25 And he shall not come to a man who died to defile *himself*; but for father, or for mother, or for a son, or for a daughter, for a brother, or for a sister who has not had a husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall count seven days for him.

27 And in the day he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall bring his sin offering, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

28 And it shall be to them for an inheritance; I *am* their inheritance; and you shall not give them possession in Israel; I *am* their possession.

29 They shall eat the food offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering. And every devoted thing in Israel shall be to them.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all, and every *one of the* heave offerings of all, of all your heave offerings, shall be for the priests. And you shall give to the priest the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house.

31 The priests shall not eat of every corpse and torn thing, of birds, or of beasts.

Ezekiel 45

The portion of land for the sanctuary, and the city.

1 ¶ And when you shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance, you shall offer a heave offering to Jehovah, a holy *portion* of the land. The length *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and the width ten thousand. It *shall be* holy in all its borders round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred by five hundred *cubits*, square round about, and fifty cubits of open space shall be round about.

3 And from this measure you shall measure the length, twenty-five thousand *cubits*, and the width, ten thousand. And in it shall be the sanctuary, the holiest of the holy.

4 It *is* the holy *portion* of the land for the priests, it shall be for those ministering in the sanctuary who come near to minister to Jehovah. And it shall be for them a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length, and ten thousand in width shall be for the Levites, those ministering to the house, for them for a possession, twenty chambers.

6 And you shall give the possession of the city, five thousand *cubits* wide and twenty-five thousand long, beside the heave offering of the holy *lot*. It shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 And a *portion shall be* for the prince from here, and from there, for *the* heave offering of the holy *place* and of the possession of the city, to the face of the heave

offering of the holy place, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward. And the length *shall be* alongside one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

8 It shall be for a land to him, for a possession in Israel, and My rulers shall not oppress My people any more. And they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: Enough for you, O rulers of Israel! Turn away violence and oppression, and do judgment and righteousness. Lift away your acts of violence from My people, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

10 Just balances and a just ephah, and a just bath, let there be to you.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth of the homer, and the tenth of the homer the ephah. Its measure shall be to the homer.

12 And the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs: Twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels shall be a maneh to you.

13 ¶ This *is* the heave offering that you shall offer: the sixth of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and the sixth of an ephah of a homer of barley.

14 And the statute of oil, the bath of oil, the tenth of the bath out of the cor; (ten baths, a homer, for ten baths *are* a homer);

15 and one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the watered *land* of Israel for a food offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to atone for them, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

16 All the people of the land shall be at this heave offering for the prince in Israel.

17 And *responsibility for* burnt offerings shall be on the prince, and a food offering, and drink offerings, in the feasts and on the new moons and on the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel. He shall make the sin offering, and the food offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to atone for the house of Israel.

18 So says the Lord Jehovah: On the first *month*, on the one of the month, you shall take a bull without blemish, a son of the herd, and cleanse the sanctuary.

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering and put *it* on the door posts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the inner court.

20 And so you shall do on the seventh of the month for *each* man who goes astray, and for the one of simplicity. And you shall atone for the house.

21 In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, the Passover shall be to you, a feast of seven days; unleavened *bread* is eaten.

22 And the prince shall prepare on that day for himself and for the people of the land, a bull *for* a sin offering.

23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to Jehovah, seven bulls and seven rams, without blemish, daily *for* the seven days, and *for* a sin offering a kid of the he-goats daily.

24 And a food offering of an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, he shall prepare; also of oil, a hin for an ephah.

25 In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall prepare like these seven days as the sin offering, as the burnt offering, as the food offering, and as the oil.

Ezekiel 46

1 Ordinances for the prince in his worship, 9 and for the people. 19 The courts for boiling and baking.

1 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: The gate of the inner court that faces the east shall be shut the six days of work. But on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and shall stand by the gatepost. And the priests have prepared his burnt offering and his peace offerings. And he shall worship at the threshold of the gate. And he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 And the people of the land shall worship *at* the door of that gate on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, before Jehovah.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall bring near to Jehovah on the sabbath

day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the food offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and a food offering for the lambs, a gift of his hand; and a hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon: a bull without blemish, a son of the herd, and six lambs, and a ram, they shall be without blemish,

7 and an ephah for a bull and an ephah for a ram he shall prepare as a food offering; and for the lambs as his hand can reach; and a hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall come in, he comes in by way of the porch of the gate, and by its way he shall go out.

9 But when the people of the land come before Jehovah at the appointed feasts, he who comes in by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And he who comes in by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. He shall not go out by way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out opposite it.

10 And the prince in their midst in their going in, in their going in shall go in, and he shall go out in their going out.

11 And in the feasts, and in the appointed feasts, the food offering shall be an ephah to a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and to the lambs a gift of his hand; and a hin of oil to an ephah.

12 And when the prince makes a free offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a free offering to Jehovah, then *one* shall open to him the gate facing east. And he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the sabbath day. And he shall go out, and the gate is shut after he goes out.

13 And you shall prepare a burnt offering daily to Jehovah, a lamb without blemish, a son of a year; from dawn to dawn you shall prepare it.

14 And you shall prepare a food offering for it from dawn to dawn, a sixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to wet the fine flour, a food offering to Jehovah, perfect statutes forever.

15 So they shall prepare the lamb, and the food offering, and the oil, from dawn to dawn as a burnt offering continually.

16 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: If the prince gives a gift to a man, to a son of his inheritance, it shall be to his sons; it *is* their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he gives it *as* a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his until the year of liberty, then it shall return to the prince. His inheritance is only his sons'; it shall be theirs.

18 And the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, oppressing them from their possession. He shall bequeath to his sons from his possession, so that My people shall not be dispersed, *each* man from his possession.

19 ¶ And He brought me through the entry which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy rooms for the priests, facing north. And, behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward.

20 And He said to me, This *is* the place, there where the priests shall boil the guilt offering, and the sin offering, where they shall bake the food offering, so as not to bring *them* out to the outer court to sanctify the people.

21 And He made me go out to the outer court. And He made me go out by the four corners of the court. And, behold, a court in *each* corner of the court, a court in *each* corner of the court.

22 In the four corners of the court *were* enclosed courts forty *cubits* long and thirty wide, one measure to the four of them, being made in corners.

23 And a row *was* round about in them, round about the four of them, and boiling places *were* made under the rows round about.

24 And He said to me, These *are* the houses of those who boil, there where *those* ministering to the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

Ezekiel 47

1 The vision of the holy waters. 6 The virtue of them.

1 ¶ And He made me turn back to the opening of the house. And, behold, water came out from under the threshold of the house

eastward. For the face of the house *is* east, and the water came down from under the right side of the house, at the south from the altar.

2 And He made me go out by way of the north gate, and by the way outside to the outer gate, by the way facing east. And, behold, water *was* dropping out of the right side.

3 When the man went out eastward, and the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits. And he passed me through the water, water *to* the ankles.

4 And he measured a thousand and passed me through the water, water *to* the knees. And he measured a thousand, and passed me through water *to* the loins.

5 And he measured a thousand, *and there was* a torrent which I *was* not able to pass, for the water had risen, water to swim *in*, a torrent that could not be passed.

6 And he said to me, Have you seen, son of man? And he made me walk and made me return to the lip of the torrent.

7 When I returned, then, behold, on the lip of the torrent *were* very many trees on this side and on that *side*.

8 And he said to me, These waters go out toward the eastern circuit, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea. They are brought out into the sea, and the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall be, every soul that lives, which swarms in every *place*, there where the two torrents go, *that soul* shall live. And there shall be very many fish, because these waters shall come there. And they shall be healed. And all shall live there where the torrent goes.

10 And it will be, the fishermen shall stand on it; from En-ge-di even to En-eglaim, a spreading place for nets shall be there; their fish shall be by its kind, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many.

11 Its swamps and its marshes shall not even be healed, they shall be given to salt.

12 And all trees *for* food shall go up by the torrent, on its lip on this *side* and on that *side*. Its leaf shall not fade, and its fruit shall not fail; it will bear by its months, because its waters come out from the sanc-

tuary. And its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for healing.

13 ¶ So says the Lord Jehovah: This *shall be* the border by which you shall inherit the land, by the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph *shall have two* portions.

14 And you shall inherit it, *each* man like his brother, that I lifted up My hand to give it to your fathers, even this land shall fall to you for an inheritance.

15 And this *is* the border of the land to the north side, from the Great Sea, the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Zedad:

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which *is* by the border of Hauran.

17 And the border shall be from the sea to Hazar-enan, at the border of Damascus; and the north northward, even the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.

18 And you shall measure the east side from between Hauran, and Damascus, and Gilead, and the land of Israel; *shall be* the Jordan, from the border to the Eastern Sea, and *this is* the east side.

19 And the south side southward from Tamar to the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, the torrent to the Great Sea. And *this is* the south side to the Negeb.

20 And the west side *is* the Great Sea from the border until beside the entrance of Hamath; *this is* the west side.

21 And you shall divide this land for yourselves by the tribes of Israel.

22 And it will be, you shall make fall by lot for an inheritance to yourselves, and to the aliens who sojourn among you, who shall father sons among you. And they shall be to you as native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall make fall an inheritance among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall be, in the tribe in which the alien sojourns, there you shall give his inheritance, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel 48

Portions of the twelve tribes, and of the sanctuary.

1 ¶ And these *are* the names of the tribes: From the north end, at the hand of the way of Hethlon, *to* the entrance of Hamath,

Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, at the hand of Hamath; and there shall be to it an east side and a west: To Dan, one *part*.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one *part*.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, Naphtali, one *part*.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side even to the west side, Manasseh, one *part*.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one *part*.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, Reuben, one *part*.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side even to the west side, Judah, one *part*.

8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the heave offering which you shall offer, twenty-five thousand *cubits* wide and long, as one of the *parts*, from the east side to the west side. And the sanctuary shall be in its midst.

9 The heave offering that you shall offer to Jehovah *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand *cubits* wide.

10 And for these shall be the holy heave offering for the priests: northward, twenty-five thousand; and westward, ten thousand *cubits* wide; and eastward, ten thousand wide; and southward, twenty-five thousand *cubits* long. And the sanctuary of Jehovah *shall be* in its midst,

11 for the priests who are sanctified, of the sons of Zadok, who have kept My charge, who did not wander when the sons of Israel wandered, as the Levites wandered.

12 And the heave offering shall be theirs, from the heave offering of the land, the holiest of the holy places, by the border of the Levites.

13 And the Levites *shall have* alongside the border of the priests twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand wide. All the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the width ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell any of it, and shall not trade, and shall not cause to pass

away the firstfruits of the land. For *it is* holy to Jehovah.

15 And the five thousand being left in the width in front of the twenty-five thousand, *it is* common for the city, for dwelling and for open land. And the city shall be in its midst.

16 And these *shall be* its measures: the north side, four thousand and five hundred; and the south side, four thousand and five hundred *cubits*; and the east side, four thousand and five hundred; and the west side, four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the open land shall be of the city northward, two hundred and fifty *cubits*; and southward, two hundred and fifty; and eastward, two hundred and fifty; and westward, two hundred and fifty *cubits*.

18 And the remainder in length alongside the heave offering of the holy *parts shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward. And it shall be alongside the heave offering of the holy *part*. And its produce shall be for bread to those who serve the city.

19 And he who serves the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the heave offering *shall be* twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand *cubits*, foursquare. You shall offer the holy heave offering to the possession of the city.

21 And the remainder *is* for the prince, on this *side* and on that of the holy heave offering, and of the possession of the city in the front of the twenty-five thousand of the heave offering to the east border, and westward in the front of the twenty five thousand to the west border; alongside the *parts* of the prince. And it shall be a holy heave offering, and the sanctuary of the house in its midst.

22 And to the prince shall be from the possession of the Levites, and from the city's possession, in the midst *of that* which is for the prince between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin.

23 And the rest of the tribes: From the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one *part*.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one *part*.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one *part*.

26 And the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one *part*.

27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one *part*.

28 And by the border of Gad to the south side southward, from Tamar to the waters of Strife *in* Kadesh, to the torrent to the great Sea.

29 This *is* the land which you shall make fall by lot for an inheritance to the tribes of Israel, and these their *parts*, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

30 And these *are* the exits of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 ¶ And the gates of the city *shall be* by the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward, the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

32 And at the east side four thousand five hundred, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

33 And the south side, four thousand and five hundred measures, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

34 The west side, four thousand and five hundred, their gates three: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

35 Round about *it shall be* eighteen thousand *cubits*. And the name of the city from *that day shall be* JEHOVAH IS THERE.

The Book of DANIEL

Daniel 1

1 Jehoiakim's captivity. 3 Ashpenaz takes Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim, king of Judah, into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God, which he bore into the land of Shinar to the house of his god. And he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 And the king spoke to Ashpenaz, the chief of his eunuchs that he should bring some of the sons of Israel, and of the royal seed, and of the nobles,

4 young men in whom was no blemish, but who were of good appearance and having understanding in all wisdom, having knowledge and understanding learning, even those with strength in them to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the writing and the language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king set to them the portion of a day in its day, from the king's food, and the wine of his drinking, even to rear them three years, so that at their end they may stand before the king.

6 And there were among them of the sons of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

7 to whom the chief of the eunuchs gave names. For he called Daniel, Beltshazzar; and Hananiah, Shadrach; and Mishael, Meshach; and Azariah, Abed-nego.

8 ¶ And Daniel set on his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine of his drinking, and he sought of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 And God had given Daniel kindness and compassion before the chief of the eunuchs.

10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has chosen your food and your drink. For why should he see your faces worse looking than the boys who are in your circle? And you would endanger my head to the king.

11 And Daniel said to the guardian, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Please, test your servants ten days. And let some of the vegetables be given to us that we may eat, and water that we may drink.

13 And let our face be seen before you, our look and the appearance of the boys who eat of the king's food. And as you see, do so with your servants.

14 And he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days he saw their appearance to be better and fatter of flesh than all the boys who were eating the king's food.

16 And it happened the guardian took away their food and the wine that they were to drink, and he gave them vegetables.

17 ¶ As for these four boys, God gave them knowledge and skill in all writing and wisdom. And Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 And at the end of the days that the king had said to bring them in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king talked with them. And among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; and they stood before the king.

20 And in any matter of wisdom and understanding that the king asked from them, he found them ten hands better than all the magicians and the conjurers who were in all his kingdom.

21 And Daniel continued to the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 2

1 Nebuchadnezzar, forgetting his dream, demands an explanation of it from the wise men. 10 They, could not reveal the dream, and are all judged to die. 19 The dream is revealed to Daniel.

36 The interpretation. 46 Daniel's advancement.

1 ¶ And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar was dreaming dreams, and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep was finished from upon him.

2 And the king said to call to the magicians, and to the conjurers, and to the sorcerers and to the Chaldeans, to declare to the king his dreams. And they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was disturbed to know the dream.

4 And the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will reveal the meaning.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The word is gone from me. If you will not make known the dream and its meaning to me, you will be made into mere members and your houses shall be made an outhouse.

6 But if you make known the dream, you shall receive gifts and a present and great honor from before me. Therefore, reveal the dream and its meaning to me.

7 They again answered and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will reveal its meaning.

8 The king answered and said, For I know surely that you buy time, that on account of all, you see the thing is certainly gone from me.

9 But if you will not reveal the dream to me it is your edict; for you have agreed upon lying and corrupting words to speak before me until the time has changed. Therefore, tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can reveal the meaning to me.

10 The Chaldeans replied before the king and said, There is not a man on the earth who can reveal the king's matter, because not any king, lord, or ruler has asked such

a thing from any magician, or conjurer, or Chaldean.

11 And the thing that the king asks is rare. And there is no other who may reveal it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 Accordingly all this was exceedingly enraging and angering to the king. And he commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 And the decree went out that the wise men should be killed. And they sought Daniel and his companions, to be killed.

14 ¶ Then Daniel answered with counsel and insight to Arioch the king's chief of the executioners, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.

15 He answered and said to Arioch, the king's ruling officer, Why is the decree so hasty from before the king? And Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 And Daniel went in and asked of the king that he would give him time, and he would show the king the meaning.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and declared the thing to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

18 that they might pray for the mercies of God in Heaven about this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed the God of Heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever, even until ever, for wisdom and might are His.

21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He causes kings to pass away, and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise men, and knowledge to those who know understanding.

22 He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells in Him.

23 I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and has made me know what we ask of You. For You have made known to us the king's matter.

24 ¶ All on account of this Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had chosen to

destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went and said this to him, Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will interpret the meaning to the king.

25 Then Arioch hurried to bring in Daniel before the king and thus he spoke to him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make the meaning known to the king.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its meaning?

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, The secret which the king has asked the wise *men*, the conjurers, the magicians, or those determining, not are able to interpret to the king.

28 But there is a God in Heaven who reveals secrets, and makes known to King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, are these:

29 As for you, O king, your thoughts came up *on you* on your bed, what should happen after this. And He who reveals secrets makes known to you what shall come to pass.

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living man, but so that the meaning might be made known to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.

31 ¶ You, O king, were seeing. And, behold, a certain great image! This great image stood before you with a brilliant brightness, and its form *was* terrible.

32 The head of this image *was* of fine gold, its breast and its arms *were* of silver, its belly and its thighs *were* of bronze,

33 its legs *were* of iron, its feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 You continued seeing until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and shattered them.

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were together shattered, and *they* became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors. And the wind bore

them away so that not any place was found for them. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

36 This *is* the dream, and we will tell the meaning of it before the king.

37 You O king *are* the king of kings. For the God of Heaven has given you the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the honor.

38 And wherever the sons of men, the animals of the field, and the fowl of the heavens dwell, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.

39 And in your place shall arise another kingdom lower than yours, and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule in all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be *as* strong as iron. Inasmuch as iron crushes and smashes all things, and as the iron that shatters all these, it will crush and shatter.

41 And as to that you saw, the feet and the toes *were* partly of potters' clay and partly of iron, *the* kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of iron, because you saw the iron mixed with clay of the potter.

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

43 And as you saw the iron mixed with the clay of the clay, they shall be mixed with the seed of men. But they shall not cleave to one another, even as iron does not meld with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings, the God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom shall not be left to another people. It shall crush and destroy all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 Because you saw that *the* stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold in pieces. The great God has made known to the king what shall occur after this, and the dream *is* true, and the meaning of it is trustworthy.

46 ¶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did homage to Daniel. And he

commanded an offering, even to offer incense to him.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, Of truth your God *is* a God of gods and a Lord of kings, and One revealing secrets, since you were able to reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel great and gave many great gifts to him. And he made him ruler over all the province of Babylon, and chief of the prefects over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 And Daniel asked of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego *to be* over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

Daniel 3

1 Nebuchadnezzar dedicates a golden image in Dura. 8 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego are accused. 26 The Son joins them and delivers them out of the fiery furnace.

1 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold whose height was sixty cubits; its breadth, six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges and the magistrates. And all the officials of the provinces were ordered to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 And were gathered the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 And the herald shouted with strength: To you it is commanded O peoples, nations, and languages,

5 at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you shall fall down and do homage to the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

6 And whoever does not fall down and do homage, at that moment they will be

thrown into the midst of a furnace of burning fire.

7 All accordingly *did* this, at that time when all the people heard the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down, doing homage to the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 ¶ All accordingly at that time men, Chaldeans, came near and ate the piece of the Jews.

9 They answered and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, live forever!

10 You, O king, have made a decree that every man who shall hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and the bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and do homage to the golden image.

11 And whoever does not fall down and do homage, he should be thrown into the middle of a furnace of burning fire.

12 There are men, Jewish *men*, whom you have set over the business of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. These men do not fix attention on you, O king, *on your* decree They do not serve your gods, not doing homage to the golden image which you have set up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in anger and wrath commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego *that* you are not serving my gods, *and* not doing homage to the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if you are ready, at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, the lyre, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, fall down and do homage to the image which I have made. But if you do not do homage, in that moment you shall be thrown into the middle of a burning furnace of fire. And who is that god who shall deliver you out of my hand?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, O

Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to return a word to you on this matter.

17 If it is *that* our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning, fiery furnace, even He will deliver out of your hand, O king.

18 And if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or do homage to the golden image which you have set up.

19 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and the form of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. He spoke and commanded to heat the furnace seven times more than it was customary to heat it.

20 And he commanded mighty men of strength in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to throw *them* into the furnace of burning fire.

21 Then these men were bound in their slippers, their tunics, and their mantles, and their *other* clothes, and were thrown into the midst of the furnace of burning fire.

22 All accordingly *did* this, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace was heated exceedingly, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23 But those men, the three of them, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the furnace of burning fire.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was amazed. And he rose up in haste; he spoke and said to his royal officials, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They replied and said to the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Behold! I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and there is no injury among them. and the form of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods.

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar drew near to the door of the furnace of burning fire. He answered and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, servants of the Most High God, come out and come *here*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came out of the midst of the fire.

27 And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's officials gathered.

And *they* saw these men *on whose* bodies the fire had no power, and the hair of their head was not singed, and their slippers were not changed, and the smell of fire did not cling on them.

28 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who has sent His Angel and has delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and have changed the king's words, and have given their bodies that they might not serve and not do homage to any god except their own God.

29 And a decree is set out by me, that every people, nation, and language who speak anything amiss about the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, he will be made into members, and his house shall be made an outhouse. Because there is no other God who is able to deliver like this.

30 Then the king made Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego prosper in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 4

1 Nebuchadnezzar confesses Jehovah's kingdom,

4 relates his dream. 8 Daniel hears the dream.

19 He interprets it.

1 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, the nations, and the tongues that dwell in all the earth: Your peace be great.

2 It seemed good before me to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done with me.

3 How great *are* His signs! And how mighty *are* His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His rule *is* from generation and generation.

4 ¶ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house, and flourishing in my palace.

5 I saw a dream, and it terrified me, and *the* thoughts on my bed and visions of my head troubled me.

6 And I made a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the meaning of the dream.

7 Then the magicians, the conjurers, the Chaldeans, and *those* determining came in. And I told the dream before them, but they did not make its meaning known to me.

8 But at last Daniel came in before me, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods. And I spoke the dream before him, *saying*,

9 O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you, and no secret constrains you, speak *to me* the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its meaning.

10 As to the visions of my head on my bed, I was looking, and, behold, a tree *was* in the midst of the earth. And its height *was* great.

11 The tree became great and strong, and its height reached to the heaven, and its appearance to the end of all the earth.

12 Its leaves *were* beautiful, and its fruit plentiful, and food for all *was* in it. The beast of the field sought shade under it, and the birds of the heaven dwelt in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.

13 I was looking in the visions of my head on my bed. And, behold, a watcher, even a holy one, came down from the heaven.

14 He cried with might and thus he said, Cut down the tree and cut off its branches. Shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beast flee from under it, and the birds *leave* its branches.

15 But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a fetter of iron and bronze, in the grass of the field. And *let it be* wet with the dew of the heaven, and his lot *be* with the beast in the grass of the earth.

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let the heart of a beast be given to him. And let seven times pass over him.

17 The word *is* by the decree of the watchers, and *the* command and the affair *is* of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the Most High *is* ruling in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He will. And *He* sets up over it the lowliest of men.

18 And this is the dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. And you, O Belteshazzar, speak *to me* its meaning. All accordingly all this the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known the meaning to me. But you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you.

19 ¶ Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was stunned for one moment, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered and said, O Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *is* to those who hate you, and its meaning *is* to your enemies.

20 The tree that you saw, which became great and strong, whose height reached to the heaven and its appearance to all the earth,

21 and its leaves *being* beautiful, and its fruit plentiful, and food for all *being* in it, under which the beast of the field dwelt, and in its branches the birds of the heaven dwelt:

22 It *was* you, O king, for you have become great and strong. For your greatness has grown and reaches to the heaven, and your rule *is* to the end of the earth.

23 And as the king saw a watcher and a holy *one* coming down from the heaven, and saying, Cut the tree down, and destroy it. Yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the grass of the field. And let him be wet with the dew of the heavens, and his lot *be* with the beast of the field, until seven times pass over him.

24 This *is* the meaning, O king, and this the decree of the Most High, which has come on my lord the king:

25 And you shall be driven from men, and your abode shall be with the beast of the field. And you shall be fed with grass like oxen. And you shall be wet *with* dew of the heaven; and seven times shall pass over you until you have known that the Most High is ruling in the kingdom of men, and He gives it to whomever He desires.

26 And in that they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots, Your kingdom *shall be* enduring to you after you have known that Heaven *is* ruling.

27 So, O king, let my counsel be pleasing to you: Even break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by pitying the humble *one*, whether there will be duration to your prosperity.

28 ¶ All *this* came on Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 At the end of twelve months, he was walking in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king answered and said, *Is* this not great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

31 The word *was* still in the king's mouth when a voice fell from the heaven, *saying*, O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: The kingdom has been taken from you!

32 And you shall be driven from men, and your abode *will be* with the beast of the field. You shall be fed with the grass like oxen, and seven times shall pass by over you until you know that the Most High *is* ruling in the kingdom of men, and that He gives it to whomever He desires.

33 In its moment the thing was fulfilled on Nebuchadnezzar. And he was driven from men, and he ate the grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heaven, until his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 ¶ And at the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to *the* heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High. And I praised and honored Him who lives forever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom from generation and generation.

35 And all those living in the earth are counted as nothing. And He does according to His will among the army of Heaven, and *among* those living *in* the earth. And no one is able to strike His hand or say to Him, What are You doing?

36 In its moment my reason and the glory of my kingdom returned to me, my majesty, and my brightness returned to me. And my advisers and my nobles sought to me. And I was re-established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and honor the King of Heaven, for all His works are truth, and His ways are justice. And He is able to humble those who walk in pride.

Daniel 5

1 Belshazzar's impious feast. 5 A handwriting, unknown to the magicians, 25 Daniel reads it.

1 ¶ Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his nobles. And he drank wine before the thousand.

2 When tasting the wine, Belshazzar commanded the golden and silver vessels brought, those his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem, that the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines might drink with them.

3 Then they brought the vessels of gold that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem. And the king, his nobles, his wives, and his concubines drank with them.

4 They drank wine and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, and of bronze, of iron, wood, and stone.

5 In that moment fingers of a man's hand came out and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace before the lampstand. And the king saw the palm of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's brightness was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, and the joints of his loins shook, and his knees knocked one against this *other*.

7 The king cried with strength to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans, and those determining. The king answered and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Any man who can read this writing and reveal its meaning shall be clothed with purple, and *have* a chain of gold around his neck. And he shall rule third in the kingdom.

8 Then all the king's wise *men* came in. But they could not read the writing or make the meaning known to the king.

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his face was changing on him, and his nobles were perplexed.

10 ¶ The queen came in to the banquet house because of the words of the king and his nobles. The queen answered and said, O king, live forever, do not let your thoughts terrify you, and do not let your face be changed.

11 There *is* a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods. And in

the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom was found in him, like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, conjurers, Chaldeans *and* those determining.

12 because a surpassing spirit, and knowledge, and insight in interpreting of dreams, and declaring of riddles, and the loosening of knots, were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the meaning.

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel who *is* of the sons of the exiled of Judah, whom my father the king brought out of Judah?

14 I have even heard of you, that the spirit of the gods *is* in you, and light, and surpassing wisdom, and understanding are found in you.

15 And now the wise *men* and the conjurers have been brought in before me, so that they might read this writing and interpret the meaning to me. But they were not able to interpret the meaning of the thing.

16 And I have heard of you, that you can interpret meanings, and loosen knots. Now if you can read the writing and reveal its meaning to me, you shall be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold around your neck, and you will rule third in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known the meaning of the thing to him.

18 *As for* you, O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor.

19 And for the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed whom he desired, and whom he desired he kept alive. And whom he desired, he exalted; and whom he desired, he humbled.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit grew hard to act proudly, he was cast down from the throne of his kingdom, and *his* majesty was taken away from him.

21 And he was driven from the sons of men. And his heart was made like the beasts, and his abode *was* with the wild asses. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heaven, until he knew that the Most High God *is* ruling in the kingdom of men, and that He appoints over it whom-ever He wills.

22 And you, his son, O Belshazzar, have not bowed your heart, though you knew all this.

23 But you have exalted yourself against the Lord of Heaven. And they have brought the vessels of His house before you. And you, and your nobles, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine with them. And you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, and do not know. And you have not glorified the God in whose hand *is* your life-breath and all your ways.

24 Then the palm of the hand was sent from Him, and this writing was written.

25 And this *is* the writing that was written: A MINA, A MINA, A SHEKEL, AND HALF MINAS.

26 This *is* the meaning of the thing: A MINA: God has numbered your kingdom and finished it.

27 A SHEKEL: You are weighed in the balances and found lacking.

28 HALF MINAS: Your kingdom is divided and given to *the* Medes and Persians.

29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and a chain of gold around his neck. And they proclaimed over him, that he was the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ¶ In that night Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, was killed.

31 And Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, being a son of sixty-two years.

Daniel 6

1 Daniel is made chief of the presidents. 16 He is cast into the lions' den.

1 ¶ It seemed good before Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, that they might be over the kingdom.

2 And over them *were* three presidents (Daniel *was* one of them), so that these satraps might give account to them, and the king would not suffer loss.

3 Then this Daniel was excelling above the presidents and satraps, because a surpassing spirit *was* in him. And the king was planning to set him over all the kingdom.

4 Then the presidents and satraps were seeking to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom. But they were not able to find occasion or fault because he *was* trustworthy. And not any error or fault *was* found in him.

5 Then these men said, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the Law of his God.

6 ¶ Then these presidents and satraps gathered together to the king and thus they said to him, King Darius, live forever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the officials and the governors, have planned together to lift up a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be thrown into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, lift up the decree and sign the writing, so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away.

9 All accordingly *did* this, King Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 And when he had learned that the writing was signed, Daniel went to his house. And his windows *were* open in his roof room toward Jerusalem. He knelt on his knees three times in the day, and prayed and praised before his God, as he was doing before.

11 ¶ Then these men gathered together and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God.

12 Then they came near and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree, *saying*, Have you not signed a decree that every man who shall ask of any god or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, *that he* shall be thrown into the lions' den? The king answered and said, The thing *is*

certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away.

13 Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, who *is* of the sons of the exiled of Judah, has not set attention on you, O king, or the decree that you have signed, but he makes his prayer three times in the day.

14 Then the king, when he heard the word, was very displeased with himself, and he set *his* heart on Daniel, to deliver him. And he was striving until the going of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men gathered together before the king and said to the king, O king, know that the law of the Medes and Persians *is* that every decree or law which the king enacts may not be changed.

16 And the king commanded. And they brought Daniel, and *they* cast *him* into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you constantly serve will deliver you.

17 And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den. And the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his nobles, that the affair may not change concerning Daniel.

18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and diversions were not brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

19 Then the king rose up in the dawn, in the daylight, and went in haste to the den of the lions.

20 And when he drew near to the den, he cried with a grieved voice to Daniel. The king answered and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, your God whom you serve constantly, is He able to deliver you from the lions?

21 Then Daniel spoke with the king, O king, live forever.

22 My God has sent His angel, and He has shut the mouths of the lions. And they have not harmed me, because in His sight innocence was found in me. And also before you, O king, I have done no harm.

23 Then the king was exceedingly glad over him. And *he* commanded to bring up Daniel from the den. And Daniel was brought out of the den, and no harm was

found on him, because he trusted in his God.

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had eaten the piece of Daniel. And they threw *them* into the lions' den, them, their sons and their wives. And the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones before they reached to the bottom of the den.

25 ¶ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, the nations, and the languages who were living in all the earth: Your peace grow great to you.

26 A decree was given from before me that in all the domain of my kingdom *there* shall be trembling and fear before the God of Daniel. For He *is* the living God and endures forever, and His kingdom *is* the one *which* shall not be destroyed. And His dominion *shall be* to the end.

27 He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in the heaven and in the earth, He who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 And this Daniel was made to prosper in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 7

1 Daniel's vision of four beasts. 9 Of Jehovah's kingdom.

1 ¶ In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head on his bed. Then he related the dream, giving the sum of the matters.

2 Daniel answered and said, In my vision by night I was looking. And, behold, the four winds of the heavens were stirring up the Great Sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, this *one* different from this *one*.

4 The first *was* like a lion and wings of an eagle *were* to it. I was seeing until its wings were torn off. And it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And, behold, another beast, a second, like a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth. And thus they said to it, Rise up, eat much flesh.

6 After this I was seeing, and, behold, another like a leopard, and to it *were* four wings of a bird on its side. And also to the beast *were* four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 And after this I was seeing in the visions of the night. And, behold, the fourth beast *was* frightening and terrifying, and very strong! And to it *were* great iron teeth. It ate and crushed, and trampled what was left with its feet. And it *was* different from all the beasts which *were* before it; and to it *were* ten horns.

8 I was considering the horns. And behold! Another little horn came up among them, and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. And behold! In this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of the man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 ¶ I was seeing until the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days sat, whose robe *was* white as snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne *was* like flames of fire, its wheels *like* burning fire.

10 A stream of fire came out and flowed from before Him. A thousand thousands served Him, and a myriad myriads stood before Him. The Judge sat, and the books were opened.

11 Then I was looking for the sound of the great words which the horn spoke. I was seeing until the beast was killed, and his body was destroyed and given to the burning of the fire.

12 And the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away. Yet length of life was given them for a season and a time.

13 I was looking in the visions of the night. And behold! *One* like the Son of Man was coming with the clouds of the heavens. And He came to the Ancient of Days. And they brought Him near before Him.

14 And dominion was given to Him, and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 ¶ I, Daniel, was distressed in my spirit in the midst of its sheath, and the visions of my head terrified me.

16 And I came near one of those who stood by and asked him the truth of all this. And he told me and made me know the meaning of the things.

17 These great beasts which *are* four, *are* four kings; they shall rise up out of the earth.

18 But the holy *ones* of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever *and* ever.

19 Then I desired to know the truth of the fourth beast, which *was* different from all of them, very frightening, whose teeth *were* of iron and its nails bronze; *who* ate up and crushed, and trampled what was left with its feet,

20 and of the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other which came up, and before whom three fell, even that horn that eyes *were* to it, and a mouth speaking great things, and its appearance *was* greater than his fellows.

21 I was looking, and that horn made war with the holy *ones* and overcame them,

22 until the Ancient of Days came. And judgment was given to the holy *ones* of the Most High, and the time came that the holy *ones* possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms, and shall eat up all the earth, and shall trample it down and crush it.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings; they shall rise, and another shall rise after them. And he shall be different from the former *ones*, and he shall humble three kings.

25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and *he* shall wear out the holy *ones* of the Most High. And he intends to change times and law. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one half time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to cut off and to destroy until the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under all the heavens shall be given to the people of the holy *ones* of the Most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom. And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

28 Until *now is* the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts terrified me much, and my face changed on me. But I kept the matter in my heart.

Daniel 8

1 Daniel's vision of the ram and he-goat. 13 The two thousand, three hundred days of sacrifice.

1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, a vision was seen by me, Daniel, after that which was seen by me at the beginning.

2 And I saw in the vision, and it happened in my seeing that I *was* at Shushan, the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam. And in a vision I saw, and I was by the Ulai Canal.

3 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw. And behold! A ram was standing before the canal, and to it *were* two horns. And the *two* horns *were* high, but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

4 I saw the ram thrusting westward and northward and southward, so that all beasts might not stand before him, and none could deliver out of his hand. But he did according to his will and became great.

5 And I was considering. And behold! A male of the goats came from the west, over the face of all the earth and did not touch the ground. And the he-goat *had* a conspicuous horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram with *two* horns which I had seen standing before the canal. And he ran to it in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him reaching over against the ram. And he became enraged against him. And *he* struck the ram and shattered his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him. But he threw him down to the ground and trampled him. And no one could deliver the ram from his hand.

8 And the male of the goats became very great. And when he was mighty, the great horn was shattered. And *in my* vision four came up in its place toward the four winds of the heavens.

9 And out of one of them came a little horn which became very great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the *land* of beauty.

10 And it became great, *even* to the host of the heavens. And it caused some of the host and of the heavens to fall to the ground, and *it* trampled them.

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the ruler of the host. And the continual *sacrifice* was lifted up by him, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And a host was given with the continual *sacrifice* because of transgression. And it threw the truth down to the ground, and it worked and prospered.

13 And I heard a certain holy *one* speaking, and another holy *one* said to that one who spoke, Until when *is* the vision, the continual *sacrifice* and the desolating transgression, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled?

14 And he said to me, Until two thousand, three hundred evenings and mornings, then the sanctuary is declared right.

15 ¶ And it happened when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, then I sought *the* meaning. And, behold, the appearance of a mighty man stood before me.

16 And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of Ulai*, and he called and said, Gabriel, make this *one* understand the vision.

17 And he came over against my place. And when he came, I was afraid and fell on my face. But he said to me, O son of man, understand, for the vision *is* for the time of the end.

18 And as he was speaking with me, I was stunned *and* on my face toward the ground. But he touched me and made me stand on my place.

19 And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall happen in the last end of the indignation. For *it is* for the time appointed *for* the end.

20 The ram which you saw with *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the shaggy goat *is* the king of Javan (Greece). And the great horn between his eyes *is* the first king.

22 And as for that which was shattered, and four stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when those transgressing have fin-

ished, a king, strong of face and skilled at intrigues, shall stand up.

24 And mighty *shall be* his power, but not by his own power. And being wonderful he shall destroy, and he shall prosper, and work, and destroy the mighty *one*, and the holy people.

25 And also through his skill he will make deceit succeed in his land. And he will lift himself up in his heart, and be at ease; he shall destroy many. And he shall stand up against the Ruler of rulers, but he shall be shattered without a hand.

26 And the morning and evening vision that was told *is* true. But you shall shut up the vision, for it *shall be* for many days.

27 And I, Daniel, was sick. And I was sick *for* days. And I arose and did the king's business. And I was amazed at the vision; but there was no understanding.

Daniel 9

1 Daniel prays for the restoration of Jerusalem.

20 Gabriel informs him of the seventy weeks.

1 ¶ In the first year of Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans,

2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood by the scrolls the number of the years, which had been a Word of Jehovah to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 And I set my face toward the Lord God, to seek by prayer and holy desires, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.

4 ¶ And I prayed to Jehovah my God, and confessed, saying, O Lord, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and kindness of those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments,

5 we have sinned and have done iniquity and have done evilly, and *we* have rebelled, even by departing from Your commandments and from Your judgments.

6 And we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our rulers, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us the shame of *our* faces, as *it is* this day

to the men of Judah, and to *those* living in Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near and who are afar through all the lands where You have driven them for their unfaithfulness which they have done against You.

8 O Lord, to us *is* shame of face, to our kings, to our rulers and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and pardons, for we have rebelled against Him,

10 and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws which he gave before us by His servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel has transgressed Your Law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice. And the curse has poured out on us, and the oath that is written in the Law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.

12 And He has raised up His words which He spoke against us, and against our judges who judge us, by bringing on us a great evil, which under the whole heavens has not been done as *it* has been done to Jerusalem.

13 As *it is* written in the Law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. And we have not made our prayer before the face of Jehovah our God that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

14 And Jehovah has watched the evil and has made it come on us. For Jehovah our God *is* righteous in all His works which He does; and we did not obey His voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought out Your people from the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and made for Yourself a name, as *it is* this day, we have sinned; we have done evilly.

16 O Lord, I pray, according to all Your righteousness, let Your anger and Your fury *be* turned back from Your city Jerusalem, Your mountain of holiness. For because of our sins and of the iniquity of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people *have become* a reproach to all those around us.

17 And now, listen, O our God, to the prayer of Your servant and his supplications, and cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary that *is* desolate, for the sake of the Lord.

18 O my God, stretch out Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our ruins and the city which is called *with* Your name on it. For we do not make our prayers fall before You on account of our righteousnesses, but because of Your great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, attend *to us* and work! Do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God, for Your name is called on Your city and on Your people.

20 ¶ And while I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and making my cry fall before Jehovah my God for the holy mountain of my God,

21 and while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, touched me when *I being* weary in *my* weariness, about the time of the evening sacrifice.

22 And he gave discernment *to me* and spoke with me, and said, O Daniel, I have now come out to give you skill in understanding.

23 At the beginning of your prayers the Word came forth, and I have come to declare *it*. For you *are* greatly beloved, and to discern the matter and understand the vision:

24 Seventy weeks are decreed as to your people, and as to your holy city, to shut up the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to atone for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

25 Know, then, and understand *that* from the going out of *the* word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem, to Messiah *the* Ruler, *shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. The broad place shall be built again, and the wall, even in times of distress.

26 And after sixty-two weeks, Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself. And the people of a coming ruler shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *shall be* with the flood, and are determined the desolations, and war *shall be* until *the* end.

27 And he shall confirm a covenant with the many *for* one week. And in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease. And on a corner *of the altar will be* abominations *that*

desolate, even until *the* end. And that which was decreed shall pour out on the desolated.

Daniel 10

Daniel having humbled himself sees a vision.

1 ¶ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. And the thing was true, and a great conflict. And he understood the thing and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days, I, Daniel, was mourning three weeks of days.

3 I ate no desirable food, and flesh and wine did not come into my mouth. I did not anoint myself at all until three weeks of days were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the hand of the great river, and I lifted up my eyes and saw; and behold, a certain man was clothed in linen, whose loins were wrapped in fine gold from Uphaz;

6 and his body *was* like the beryl, and his face looked like lightning. And his eyes *were* like torches of fire; and his arms and his feet in color like polished metal and the sound of his words were as the noise of a multitude.

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision. For the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell on them so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 And I was left alone, and *I* saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me, for my glory was turned within me into corruption, and I kept no strength.

9 Yet I heard the sound of his words. And when I heard the sound of his words, even I was lying on my face, stunned, and my face *was* toward the ground.

10 ¶ And, behold, a hand touched me and set me shaking on my knees and the palms of my hands.

11 And he said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you and stand in your place, for I am now sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood, trembling.

12 And he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you gave your

heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

13 But the king of the kingdom of Persia stood against me twenty-one days. But, behold, Michael, one of the first rulers, came to help me. And I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 And I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *is* yet for *many* days.

15 And when he had spoken such words to me, I put my face to the ground, and I became speechless.

16 And, behold, *one* in form as the sons of men touched my lips. And I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me, O lord, because of the vision my pangs have turned on me, and I have no strength left.

17 For how can the servant of my lord speak with this my lord? For as for me, from now onward no power is left in me; yea, there is no breath left in me.

18 And he added, and touched me, *one* in form as a man, and made me strong.

19 And he said, O man greatly beloved, do not fear. Peace to you. Be strong. Yea, be strong! And when he had spoken to me I was made strong. And *I* said, Speak, my lord, for you have made me strong.

20 And he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the ruler of Persia. And when I have gone out, even, behold, the ruler of Greece shall come.

21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the Writing of Truth. And no one makes himself strong with me in these things except Michael your Ruler.

Daniel 11

1 The overthrow of Persia by the king of Greece.

30 The invasion and tyranny of the Romans.

1 ¶ And I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I was standing for *one* who strengthens, and for a stronghold for him.

2 And now I will declare the truth to you: Behold! Three kings shall stand up in Persia; and the fourth *shall be* rich in all greater

riches. And when he is made strong by his riches he shall stir up all the kingdom of Greece.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up and shall rule with great authority and do according to his will.

4 And when he stands up his kingdom shall be shattered and shall be divided to the four winds of the heavens, and not to his posterity, and not according to his authority with which he ruled. For his kingdom shall be pulled up and not to others besides these.

5 ¶ And the king of the south shall be strong. And *one* of his rulers, even he will be strong on him, and he will rule. His rule *shall be* a great rule.

6 And at the end of the years they shall join together, and the king of the south's daughter shall come to the king of the north to make *full* equity, but she shall not keep the power of the arm. And he will not stand, and not his arm. But she and those who brought her *shall be* given up, also her boy, and *he* making her strong in *these* times.

7 But the shoots of her roots will stand *in* his place, and he shall come to the army and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north. And he will act against them and will show strength.

8 And he will also bring their gods with their molten images, with silver and gold vessels of their possessions, into exile *to* Egypt. And *for* years he will stand away from the king of the north.

9 And the king of the south will come into *his* kingdom and will return to his own land.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up and shall gather a multitude of great forces. And coming *one* shall come and overflow and pass through. And he will return to his fortress and be stirred up.

11 And the king of the south will be bitter and will go out and fight with him, with the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 And having borne away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up. And he will cause myriads to fall, but he shall not be strong.

13 For the king of the north shall return and raise a greater multitude than the former. And at the end of times, years, coming he shall come with a great army and with much baggage.

14 And in those times many shall stand up against the king of the south. And the sons of the breakers of your people shall rise up to make stand *the* vision, but they shall stumble.

15 And the king of the north shall come and pour out a siege mound and seize a guarded fortification. And the arms of the south shall not stand, and his choice people, for there *will be* no firmness to stand.

16 But he who comes against him will do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, and annihilation *shall be* in his hand.

17 And he shall set his face to go in with the might of his whole kingdom, and upright *ones* with him; and he shall do. And *he* shall give the daughter of women to him, to destroy it. But she shall not stand, and not be for him.

18 And he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many. But a ruler shall make cease his reproach for him, but his reproach shall return to him.

19 And he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and shall not be found.

20 And *one* passing over, a *tax* exacter, shall stand in his place, *for* the glory of *the* kingdom. But within one *of the* days he will be shattered, but not in anger and not in battle.

21 ¶ And a despised one shall stand up on his place, and they shall not give to him the honor of the king. But he shall come in while at ease and make strong *the* kingdom by intrigues.

22 And the arms of the overflow shall be swept from before his face, and they will be shattered, and also the ruler of a covenant.

23 And after they join themselves to him, he will practice deceit; for he shall come and shall be strong with a few people.

24 He will go in safely, even into the rich places of *the* province. And he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his fathers'

fathers. He shall plunder and spoil and scatter goods among them. And he shall devise his plots against the strongholds, even for a time.

25 And he will stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south will be stirred up to battle with a great and very mighty army. But he shall not stand, for they will devise plots against him.

26 Yea, those who eat his food shall shatter him, and his army shall overflow. And many will fall down slain.

27 And both of them, the kings, shall have in their hearts to do evil, and they will speak lies at one table but will not prosper, for *the* end still *shall be* at the appointed time.

28 And he will return to his land with great wealth. And his heart *shall be* against *the* holy covenant. And he will act, and he shall return to his land.

29 At the appointed time he will return and come against the south, but it will not be as the former or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Kittim will come against him, and he will be pained and turn back and be furious against *the* holy covenant. And he will work, and he will return and heed *the* forsakers of the holy covenant.

31 And forces will stand away from him, and they will pollute the sanctuary, the stronghold. And *they* shall turn aside the continual *sacrifice*, and they will place the abomination that desolates.

32 And he will defile by flatteries those who do evil against *the* covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong and will work.

33 And those who ponder among *the* people will instruct many, and they will stumble by the sword and by flame, by exile and spoil *for* days.

34 And when they shall stumble, they will be helped with a little help, but many will join them with hypocrisy.

35 And *many* of those who ponder shall stumble, to refine and to purge them, and to make white to the time of *the* end; for *it is* yet for the appointed time.

36 And the king shall do according to his will. And he shall exalt and magnify *him-*

self above every god; *he* shall even speak marvelous things against the God of gods and shall prosper until the fury is finished. For that which is decreed shall be done.

37 He shall not consider the God of his fathers, and not the desire of women; yea, he will not come to any god. For he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his place he shall honor the god of strongholds, and he shall honor a god whom his fathers did not know, with gold and silver and with precious stones, and desirable things.

39 And he will act in the fortifications of *the* strongholds with an alien god, whom he shall acknowledge. He shall multiply in glory, and he shall cause them to rule over many and shall divide the land for a price.

40 And at the end time, the king of the south will press against him. And the king of the north shall come against him like a tempest, with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships. And he shall go into the lands and shall overflow and pass over.

41 And he shall go in to the glorious land, and many will be stumbled. But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the sons of Ammon.

42 And his hand will stretch out against the lands, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he will rule over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all Egypt's desirable things. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps.

44 But news shall trouble him from the east and from the north. And he will go out with great fury to destroy and to devote many to destruction.

45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between *the* seas, in the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall go to his end, and there is not a helper for him.

Daniel 12

Michael shall deliver Israel from their troubles.

1 ¶ And at that time, Michael shall stand up, the great Ruler who stands for the sons of your people. And there shall be a time of distress, such as has not been from the being of a nation until that time. And at that time, your people shall be delivered,

everyone that shall be found written in the Book.

2 And many of the sleeping *ones* in the dust of the ground shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches *and* to everlasting abhorrence.

3 And those who act wisely shall shine as the shining of the expanse, and those turning many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, to the end time. Many shall roam around, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 ¶ And I, Daniel, saw, and, behold, Two others stood there, the one on this *side*, and one on that *side* of the river's lip.

6 And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, who *was* on top of the waters of the river, Until when *is* the end of the wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who *was* on top of the waters of the river, and he held up his right and his left *hand* to the heavens and swore by Him who lives for-

ever, that it *shall be* for a time, times, and a half. And when they have made an end of dispersing the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

8 ¶ And I heard, but I did not understand. and I said, O my lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

9 And He said, Go, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed until the end time.

10 Many shall be purified and made white and tested. But the wicked *ones* shall do wickedly. And not one of the wicked *ones* shall understand, but the ones acting wisely shall understand.

11 And from the time the continual *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that desolates given up, a thousand, two hundred and ninety days *shall occur*.

12 Blessed *is* he who waits and comes to the thousand, three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 But you go on to the end, for you shall rest and stand for your lot at the end of the days.

The Book of HOSEA

Hosea 1

1 Hosea, to show Jehovah's judgment for spiritual adultery, takes Gomer, 4 and she bears God Will Sow 6 No Mercy, 8 and Not My People.

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah that was to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 ¶ The beginning of the speaking of Jehovah by Hosea. And Jehovah said to Hosea, Go, take to yourself a wife of adultery, and children of adultery. For fornicating the land goes fornicating away from Jehovah.

3 And he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, who conceived and bore him a son.

4 And Jehovah said to him, Call his name God Will Sow, for yet *in* a little *while* I will call to account the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.

5 And it shall be in that day, I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And He said to him, Call her name No Mercy, for I will not again still have mercy *on* the house of Israel; but taking away I will take them away.

7 And I will have mercy on the house of Judah and will save them by Jehovah their God. And I will not save them by bow or by sword, or by battle, by horses, or by horsemen.

8 ¶ And she having weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son.

9 Then He said, Call his name Not My People, for you *are* not My people, and I will not be for you.

10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which is not measured nor numbered. And it shall be, in the place where it is said to them, You

are Not My People, it shall be said to them, Sons of the Living God.

11 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel shall be gathered together, and shall set over themselves one head. And they shall go up out of the land; for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

Hosea 2

1 Idolatry of the people. 6 Jehovah's judgments against them.

1 ¶ Say to your brothers, A People; and to your sisters, Mercy.

2 Strive! Strive with your mother, for she *is* not My wife, and I *am* not her husband. Therefore, let her put away her fornications from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts,

3 lest I strip her naked and set her out as in the day that she was born, and make her as the wilderness, and place her like a dry land, and kill her with thirst.

4 And I will not have pity for her sons, for they *are* the sons of fornications.

5 For their mother has prostituted *herself*; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, I will go after my lovers who give my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.

6 ¶ Therefore, behold, I will hedge your way with thorns, and I will wall up her wall, that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall run after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them. And she shall look for them, but she shall not find *them*. Then she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then *it was* better with me than now.

8 For she did not know that I gave her grain and new wine and oil, and I multiplied to her silver and the gold they made for Baal.

9 So I will return and take My grain in its time, and My wine in its season. And I will snatch away My wool and My flax *she uses* to cover her shamelessness.

10 And now I will reveal her shameful-ness to the eyes of those loving her, and not a man shall deliver her out of My hand.

11 I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, They *are* my rewards that those loving me have given to me. And I will set them for a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will call to account on her the days of the Baals *in* which she burned *in-cense* to them. Yea, she put on herself her nose rings, and her jewels, and she has gone after those loving her and forgotten Me, says Jehovah.

14 ¶ Therefore, behold, I will lure her and bring her *to* the wilderness, and speak to her heart.

15 And from there I will give her vineyards to her, and the valley of Achor for an opening of hope. And she shall answer there as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 And at that day, says Jehovah, you shall call Me, My Husband; and you shall not still call Me, My Baal.

17 For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth; and they shall not still be remembered by their name.

18 And in that day I will cut a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and the creepers of the ground. And I will break the bow and the sword, and the battle *weapons* out of the earth, and I will make them to lie down to be secure.

19 And I will betroth you to Me forever. Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in mercy, and in compassions.

20 I will even betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know Jehovah.

21 And it shall be in that day, I will answer, says Jehovah. I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth.

22 And the earth shall answer the grain, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall answer Jezreel.

23 And I will sow her to Me in the earth. And I will have mercy on No Mercy. And I will say to Not My People, You *are* My

People! And he shall say, My God! (*Rom. 2:24*)

Hosea 3

1 By the example of an adulteress 4 is shown the desolation of Israel before their restoration.

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to me, Go again, love a woman loved by a friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of Jehovah *toward* the sons of Israel, who turn to other gods, and love raisin cakes of grapes.

2 And I bargained over her for me with fifteen *pieces of silver*, and *for* a homer of barley, and a half of barley.

3 And I said to her, You shall live with me many days. You shall not be an adulteress, and not be to a man, and I also *will be* for you.

4 For the sons of Israel shall live many days *with* no king and no ruler, and with no sacrifice, and no pillars, and no ephod or teraphim.

5 Afterward the sons of Israel shall turn back and seek Jehovah their God and David their king. And they shall fear Jehovah and His goodness in the ends of the days.

Hosea 4

1 Jehovah's judgments against the sins of the people 12 and against their idolatry.

1 ¶ Sons of Israel, hear the Word of Jehovah, for Jehovah *has* a quarrel with those living *in* the land; for there is no truth, and no mercy, and no knowledge of God in the land.

2 Swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and the doing of adultery increase. And blood touches against blood.

3 On account of this the land shall mourn, and every one living in it shall droop, with the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven; yes, also the fish of the sea shall be removed.

4 Yet let not a man strive with nor reprove a man. For your people *are* as those striving with a priest.

5 And you shall stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with you *at* night, and I will cut off your mother.

6 ¶ My people are cut off for lack of knowledge; because you rejected the knowledge, I also rejected you from being priest to Me. Since you have forgotten the

Law of your God, I will forget your sons, even I.

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against Me. I will change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of My people, and they lift their soul to their iniquity.

9 And it will be, Like people, like priest. And I will visit their ways on them and their doings I will return to them.

10 For they shall eat and not have enough. They shall fornicate and not increase, because they have ceased heeding Jehovah.

11 Fornication and wine and new wine take away the heart.

12 ¶ My people seek advice by their wood, and their rod declares to them. For the spirit of fornication has led them astray, and they fornicated from under their God.

13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains and burn incense on the hills, under oak and poplar and terebinth *trees*, because *its shade is good*. On account of this, your daughters shall be prostitutes, and your brides shall commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they fornicate, and not your brides when they commit adultery. For they themselves go apart with ones who prostitute, and they sacrifice with temple prostitutes. The people not understanding are thrust down.

15 Israel, though you fornicate, do not let Judah become guilty. And do not come to Gilgal, and not go up to Beth-aven, and not swear, As Jehovah lives.

16 For as a heifer, rebelling Israel rebels. Now Jehovah will feed them as a lamb in a roomy place.

17 Ephraim *is* joined to idols. Let him alone.

18 Their drink has turned them aside; fornicating they fornicate; her shields dearly love shame.

19 The wind binds her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Hosea 5

Jehovah's judgments against the priests, the people, and the rulers of Israel.

1 ¶ Hear this, O priests, and attend, house of Israel. And give ear, house of the king.

For the judgment *is* toward you, because you have been a snare to Mizpeh, and a net spread on Tabor.

2 And revolters have gone deep *in* slaughtering, and I chasten all of them.

3 I know Ephraim, and Israel has not hidden from me. For now, O Ephraim, you have fornicated; Israel is defiled.

4 *They* will not give *up* their doings to turn back to their God; for the spirit of fornication *is* in their midst, and they do not know Jehovah.

5 And the pride of Israel answers to his face. So Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in their iniquity; Judah shall also stumble with them.

6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Jehovah, but they shall not find *Him*; He has withdrawn Himself from them.

7 They have acted deceitfully against Jehovah, for they have borne strange sons. Now a new moon shall devour them with their portions.

8 ¶ Blow a rams' horn in Gibeah, a trumpet in Ramah. Cry aloud, Beth-aven; after you, O Benjamin.

9 Ephraim shall become a waste in the day of correction. Among the tribes of Israel, I have made known that which is confirmed.

10 The rulers of Judah were as *ones* removing a border; I will pour out My wrath on them like water.

11 Ephraim *is* oppressed, crushed in judgment; because he was pleased, he walked after the command.

12 And I *am* as a moth to Ephraim, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to King Jareb. And he was not able to heal you, and not did he cure you of your wound.

14 For I *am* to Ephraim as the lion, and as the young lion to the house of Judah; I, *even* I, tear and go; I bear away, and no one rescues.

15 I will go; I will return to My place until they *confess* their guilt and seek My face. In the oppressing *one* they will seek Me diligently.

Hosea 6

An exhortation to repentance.

1 ¶ Come and let us return to Jehovah. For He has torn, and He will heal us. He has stricken, and He will bind us up.

2 After two days He will bring us to life. In the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live before Him.

3 And we shall know, we who follow on to know Jehovah. His going forth is prepared as the dawn. And He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

4 ¶ O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness *is* like a morning cloud, *and* it goes away like the early dew.

5 On account of this I have cut *them* down by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and your judgments *have been as* the light *that* goes forth.

6 For I desired faithfulness, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7 But, like Adam, they have passed over the covenant; they have acted deceitfully against Me there.

8 Gilead *is* a city of those who work iniquity, slippery from blood.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, the company of priests murder *in* the way to Shechem; for they have done wickedness.

10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: the fornication of Ephraim *is* there; Israel is defiled.

11 Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed to you, when I return the captivity of My people.

Hosea 7

A reproof of manifold sins.

1 ¶ When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the evil of Samaria. For they have worked falsehood; and a thief comes; a troop of robbers plunders outside.

2 And they do not say within their hearts *that* I remember all their evil. Now their own doings have turned about them; they are before My face.

3 They make the king glad with their evil, and the rulers with their lies.

4 They *are* all adulterers, like an oven heated by the baker; he ceases from stirring, from kneading the dough until it is leavened.

5 *In* the day of our king, the rulers have sickened themselves *with* the heat of wine; he draws out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have brought their heart near like an oven, while they lie in wait. Their baker sleeps all night; in the morning it burns like a fire of flame.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges. All their kings have fallen; not one among them calls to Me.

8 ¶ Ephraim mixes himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have eaten up his strength, and he does not know. Yea, gray hairs are sprinkled on him, and he does not know.

10 And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not turn back to Jehovah their God, and do not seek Him in all this.

11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; they call *to* Egypt; they go *to* Assyria.

12 When they go, I will spread My net over them; I will bring them down like the birds of the heavens; I will chastise them, as a report to their congregation.

13 Woe to them! For they have fled from Me. Ruin to them! For they have transgressed against Me. Though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against Me.

14 And they have not cried to Me with their heart when they howled on their beds. They gather themselves for grain and new wine; they turn against Me.

15 Though I chastened; I made their arms strong, and they think evil against Me.

16 They turn not to the *Most* High. They are like a treacherous bow. Their rulers shall fall by the sword from the rage of the tongue. This *shall be* their scorn in the land of Egypt.

Hosea 8

Destruction threatened for impiety and idolatry.

1 ¶ Put a rams' horn to your mouth. *He* comes like an eagle against the house of Jehovah, because they have passed over My

covenant and have transgressed against My Law.

2 Israel shall cry to Me, My God, we know You.

3 Israel has cast off good; the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They have set up kings, but not by Me. They have made rulers, but I did not know. They made idols for themselves *with* their silver and their gold, so that they may be cut off.

5 O Samaria, your calf has cast *you* off. My anger is kindled against them. Until when will they not be able to *gain* innocence?

6 For it also *came* from Israel: The artisan made it, but *it is* not God. For the calf of Samaria shall be splinters.

7 For they sow the wind, and they reap the storm wind. A stalk is not to him; the bud shall make no flour. If it does make *it*, strangers will swallow it up.

8 ¶ Israel is swallowed up. They are now among the nations as a vessel in which is no pleasure.

9 For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself. Ephraim has hired lovers.

10 Also, though they have hired among the nations, now I will gather them. And they began *to become* few, from the burden of the king of rulers.

11 Because Ephraim has made many altars to sin, they are altars to him to sin.

12 I have written the great things of My Law for him, *but* they were counted as being strange.

13 And *for* the sacrifices of My offerings, they sacrifice flesh, and they eat. Jehovah did not accept them. Now He will remember their iniquity and call their sins to account. They shall turn back *to* Egypt.

14 For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds temples. And Judah has multiplied fortified cities. But I will send a fire on his cities, and it shall burn up her palaces.

Hosea 9

The distress and captivity of Israel for their sins and idolatry.

1 ¶ O Israel, do not rejoice for joy, like the peoples. For you have fornicated away

from your God. You have loved hire on all threshing-floors of grain.

2 The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not live in the land of Jehovah, but Ephraim shall turn back to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine to Jehovah, and not shall be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices *shall be* like the bread of sorrows to them; all who eat it shall be defiled, for their bread *is* for their person; it shall not come into the house of Jehovah.

5 What will you do in the day of meeting, and in the day of the feast of Jehovah?

6 For, behold, they have gone from destruction; Egypt shall gather them; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall possess the desirable things of their silver; thorns *shall be* in their tents.

7 ¶ The days of her calling to account have come; Israel shall know the days of her retribution. The prophet is a fool, the man of spirit *is* mad, for great *is* your iniquity and your hatred much.

8 Ephraim *is* a watchman with my God. The prophet *is* a snare of a fowler on all his ways; hatred *is* in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted, as *in* days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will call their sins to account.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as the firstfruit in the fig tree at its beginning. They came *to* Baal-peor and separated to shame. And they became detestable things like that which they loved.

11 ¶ As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird; and from birth from the womb, and from conception.

12 Though they multiply their sons, yet I will make them childless, without a man. Yea, woe also to them when I turn away from them!

13 As when I looked toward Tyre, Ephraim was planted in a meadow. But Ephraim shall bring forth his sons to the slayer.

14 O Jehovah, give to them; what will you give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their evil *is* in Gilgal, for there I hated them. I will drive them out of My house for the evil of their doings, I will not add to love them; all their rulers *are* revolters.

16 Ephraim is stricken; their root is dried up; they shall bear no fruit. Yea, though they bear, yet I will kill the delight of their womb.

17 My God shall reject them because they did not listen to Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Hosea 10

Israel is reprov'd and threatened for their impiety and idolatry.

1 ¶ Israel *is* a luxuriant vine; he bears fruit for himself. According to the plenty of his fruit he has increased the altars; as the goodness of the land they have made goodly pillars.

2 Their heart is divided. Now they shall be guilty. He will break down their altars; He will devastate their pillars.

3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we did not fear Jehovah. What then should a king do for us?

4 They have spoken words, swearing vanity to cut a covenant. And judgment springs up like hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The people of Samaria shall dread because of the calves of Beth-aven. For its people shall mourn over it; also its priests *who* rejoiced on it for its glory, because it has departed from it.

6 It shall also be carried to Assyria, a present to King Jareb. Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 Samaria is cut off; her king is as a bough on the face of the water.

8 And the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars. And they shall say to the mountains, Cover us! and to the hills, Fall on us!

9 ¶ O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah. There they stood. The battle against the sons of iniquity did not overtake them in Gibeah.

10 When I desire, I shall bind them; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they bind themselves to their two perversities.

11 And Ephraim *is* a trained heifer, loving to tread out. But I passed over on the goodness of her neck; I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow; Jacob shall harrow for him.

12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap as kindness. Break up your fallow ground. For *it is* time to seek Jehovah, until He comes and rains righteousness to you.

13 You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies because you trusted in your way, in *the* multitude of your mighty *men*.

14 And an uproar shall rise up among your peoples. And all your strongholds shall be devastated as the violence by Shalman of Beth-arbel in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces on *her* sons.

15 So He does to you, Bethel, because of your great evil. In the dawn, cutting the king of Israel shall be cut off.

Hosea 11

The ingratitude of Israel to Jehovah for his benefits.

1 ¶ When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and I called My son out of Egypt.

2 As they called to them, so they went from their face. They sacrifice to the Baals, and burn incense to graven images.

3 And I taught Ephraim to walk; He took them on His arms. but they did not know that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love. And I was to them as those who lift off the yoke on their jaws; and I stretched out food to him.

5 He shall not turn back to the land of Egypt, but he of Assyria *shall be* his king, because they refused to turn back.

6 And the sword shall whirl in his cities, and shall bring to an end his bars, and shall devour, because of their own counsels.

7 And My people are bent *on* backsliding from Me. And they call him to the Most High; *they* would not at all exalt *Him*.

8 ¶ How shall I give you up, Ephraim? Shall I deliver you, Israel? How shall I

make you like Admah? Shall I set you as Zeboim? My heart has turned within Me; My compassions are kindled together.

9 I will not execute the heat of My anger; I will not return to destroy Ephraim. For I *am* God, and not a man, the Holy One in your midst. And I will not enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after Jehovah; He shall roar as a lion. When He roars, even sons shall tremble from the west.

11 They tremble like a bird from Egypt, and like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will make them live in their houses, says Jehovah.

12 Ephraim turns around Me with deception, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah still rules with God and is faithful with the holy ones.

Hosea 12

A reproof of Ephraim, Judah, and Jacob.

1 ¶ Ephraim feeds on wind, and follows after the east wind; all the day he multiplies lies and ruin. And they cut a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt.

2 And Jehovah has a quarrel with Judah, and will call Jacob to account according to his ways; He will repay to him according to his doings;

3 he took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he prevailed with God.

4 And he contended with the Angel, and overcame. At Beth-el he wept and pleaded to Him. And He finds us, and there He speaks with us,

5 even Jehovah, the God of Hosts. Jehovah *is* His memorial.

6 And therefore you return to your God; keep kindness and judgment, and call on your God continually.

7 ¶ *He is* a merchant; the scales of deceit *are* in his hand; he loves to oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, I am rich; I have found much wealth for myself. *In* all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that *is* sin.

9 And I *am* Jehovah, your God from the land of Egypt; yet I will make you live in tents, as in the days of meeting.

10 And I have spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and by the hand of the prophets I use similitudes.

11 *Is* Gilead evil? Surely they have been vanity. They sacrificed bulls in Gilgal; yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the field.

12 And Jacob fled into the field of Syria, and Israel served for a wife; even he kept watch for a wife.

13 And by a prophet Jehovah brought up Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was guarded.

14 Ephraim has provoked *Me* to anger most bitterly. And He shall leave his blood to him, and his Lord shall turn his reproach to him.

Hosea 13

Ephraim's glory, by reason of idolatry, vanishes.

1 ¶ When Ephraim spoke trembling, he lifted up *himself* in Israel. But he offended in Baal, and he died.

2 And now they sin more and more, and *they* have made themselves a molten image of their silver, idols according to their understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen. They say of them, Men who sacrifice, let them kiss calves.

3 So they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passes away, as chaff stormed away from the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of the window.

4 And I *am* Jehovah, your God from the land of Egypt; and you shall not know other gods than Me. For there is not a Savior besides Me.

5 ¶ I have known you in the wilderness, in the land of droughts.

6 According to their pasturage, so they were sated. They were sated, and their heart was lifted up, therefore they have forgotten Me.

7 Now I am as a lion to them; I will watch by the way like a leopard.

8 I will meet them like a bereaved bear, and *I* will tear the lining of their heart; and as a lion, I will devour them there; the beast of the field shall tear them.

9 ¶ O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help *is* in Me.

10 Where *is* your king now, that he may save you in all your cities? And where are your judges of whom you said, Give to me a king and rulers?

11 I gave to you a king in My anger, and take *him* away in My fury.

12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin *is* hidden.

13 The pangs of *one* giving birth shall come to him; he *is* not a wise son, for he cannot stand in the time of the breaking forth of sons.

14 I will ransom them from the hand of Sheol; I will redeem them from death. O death, where *are* your plagues? O Sheol, where *is* your ruin? Repentance is hidden from My eyes.

15 Though he is fruitful among brothers, an east wind shall come. The wind of Jehovah comes up from the wilderness, and his spring shall be ashamed, and his fountain shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasure of all desirable vessels.

16 Samaria shall be desolate, for she has rebelled against her God. They shall fall by the sword, their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women shall be ripped up.

Hosea 14

1 An exhortation to repentance. 4 A promise of Jehovah's blessing.

1 ¶ O Israel, return to Jehovah your God, for you have fallen by your iniquity.

2 Take words with you and return to Jehovah. Say to Him, Lift up all iniquity and take *us for* good, and we will repay *with* the calves of our lips.

3 Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses. We shall not say any more to the work of our hands, Our gods! For in You the fatherless finds mercy.

4 ¶ I will heal their backslidings; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned away from him.

5 I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall blossom as the lily and cast out his roots like Lebanon.

6 His branches shall go out, and he shall be like the olive tree in his beauty, and his scent as Lebanon to him.

7 They who live under his shadow shall return; they shall live *like* the grain, and blossom like the vine; their memorial *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon.

8 ¶ Ephraim *shall say*, What *is it* to me any more with idols? I answered *him*, and I regarded him. I *am* as a green cypress tree; your fruit is found from Me.

9 Who *is* wise and discerns these things? Who *is* discerning and knows them? For the ways of Jehovah are right, and the righteous *one* shall walk in them; but *those* transgressing shall stumble in them.

The Book of JOEL

Joel 1

1 Israel mourns over the judgments of Jehovah,

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah that was to Joel, the son of Pethuel:

2 Hear this, you old men, and give ear, all you people of the land. Has this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Recount to your sons about it, and your sons to their sons, and their sons to another generation.

4 What was left by the cutter, the swarming locust ate; and *that* left of the swarming locust, the locust larvae ate; and *that* left of the locust larvae, the stripping locust ate.

5 Awake, drunkards, and weep. And wail, all wine drinkers, over the grape must, for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation has come up on My land, strong and without number; its teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness.

7 There My vine *is* a waste, and it has splintered My fig tree. Stripping He has stripped it and thrown it down; its branches grow white.

8 ¶ Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth over the husband of her youth.

9 The food offering and the drink offering have been cut off from the house of Jehovah; the priests, Jehovah's ministers, mourn.

10 The field is wasted; the land mourns, for the grain is wasted. The new wine is dried up, the oil tree droops.

11 Be withered, farmers, howl, vine-dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished.

12 The vine is withered and the fig tree droops, *the* pomegranate, and the palm tree, and the apple tree; all the trees of the field are withered, because joy has withered from the sons of men.

13 Gird up and lament, priests. Howl, ministers of the altar. Come, pass the night

in sackcloth, ministers of my God. For the food offering and the drink offering are held back from the house of your God.

14 ¶ Set apart a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the elders, all those living in the land, *into* the house of Jehovah your God, and cry to Jehovah.

15 Alas for the day! For the day of Jehovah *is* at hand. Yea, it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

17 The seed shrivels under their clods; the storehouses are laid waste, the granaries are torn down, for the grain has withered;

18 How the beasts groan! The herds of livestock are confused, for *there is* no pasture for them. Even the flocks of sheep are perishing.

19 O Jehovah, to You I will call, for the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.

20 Also the beasts of the field long *for* You, for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joel 2

1 Jehovah's terrifying judgment. 12 He demands repentance. 21 He comforts Zion.

1 ¶ Blow a rams' horn in Zion, and shout an alarm in My holy mountain. Let all those living in the land tremble. For the day of Jehovah comes; *it is* near,

2 a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread out on the mountains, a great and a strong people. After it not has been like it from the past, and not *will be* again until the years of generation and generations;

3 a fire devours before it, and a flame burns behind it. The land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them *is* a

desolate wilderness; yea, also there is no escape to them.

4 As the appearance of horses *is* its appearance; and as horsemen, so they run.

5 They shall leap like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains, like the noise of flames of fire that devour the chaff, as a strong people set in order for battle.

6 Before their face, the peoples are pained; all faces collect heat.

7 They shall run as mighty *ones*; they shall go up the wall as men of battle. And they *each* man go in his way, and they do not change their paths.

8 And a man does not press his brother; they *each* man go in his paths. And *if* they fall behind their weapon, they shall not be cut off.

9 They shall rush on the city; they shall run on the wall; they shall climb up on the houses; they shall enter in by the windows, like a thief.

10 The earth quakes before them, the heavens shake. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars gather in their light.

11 And Jehovah gives His voice before His army, for His camp *is* very great. For he who does His Word is strong. For the day of Jehovah *is* great and very terrifying, and who can endure it?

12 ¶ Yet even now turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with wailing, a statement of Jehovah.

13 And tear your heart, and not your clothes; and turn to Jehovah your God. For He *is* gracious and merciful, slow *to* anger, and of great kindness, and He has pity concerning you.

14 Who knows *if* He will turn back and have pity and leave a blessing behind Him, a food offering and a drink offering for Jehovah your God?

15 Blow a rams' horn in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.

16 Gather the people, sanctify the assembly, gather the elders, gather the children, and ones who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her room.

17 Let the priests, ministers of Jehovah, weep between the porch and the altar; and let them say, Have pity on Your people, O

Jehovah, and do not give Your inheritance to shame, for a proverb among those of the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, Where *is* their God?

18 ¶ And Jehovah will be jealous for His land and have pity on His people.

19 Yea, Jehovah will answer and say to His people, Behold, I am sending you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with it. And I will no more give you *to be* among the nations.

20 But I will remove the northern *army* far from you, and *I* will drive him into a land of dryness and desolation with his face toward the eastern sea, and his rear toward the western sea. And his stench shall come up, and his ill odor shall come up, because he was doing great things.

21 Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice, for Jehovah is doing great things.

22 Fear not, cattle of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness grow green, for the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and the vine give their strength.

23 And be glad, sons of Zion, and rejoice in Jehovah your God. For He has given to you the early rain according to righteousness, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the early rain and the latter rain in the first *month*.

24 And the threshing-floors shall be full with grain, and the wine vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the locust larvae, and the stripping locust, and the cutting locust, My great army which I sent among you.

26 And you shall eat fully and be satisfied; and you shall praise the name of Jehovah your God, who has done wondrously with you. And My people shall not be ashamed forever.

27 And you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and that I *am* Jehovah your God, and *there is* no other. And My people shall not be ashamed forever.

28 ¶ And it shall be afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

29 And also I will pour out My Spirit on the slaves and on the slave-girls in those days.

30 And I will give signs in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and columns of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of Jehovah.

32 For it shall be, all who shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be saved. For salvation shall be in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, as Jehovah has said, and among the survivors whom Jehovah shall call.

Joel 3

1 Jehovah's judgments against the enemies of His people. 16 Jehovah roars from Zion.

1 ¶ For, behold, in those days and in that time, *when* I bring back the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 and I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, for My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they shared out My land.

3 And they have cast lots for My people. And *they* have given a boy for a prostitute and sold a girl for wine, and they drank.

4 And also, what *are* you to Me, Tyre and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? *Are* you restoring recompense *to* Me? And if you *are* dealing fully with Me, I will turn back your recompense on your own head, swiftly, speedily,

5 *in* that you have taken My silver and My gold and have carried My good treasures to your temples.

6 You have also sold the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem to the sons of the Grecians, that you might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I *am* arousing them from the place where you have sold them, and will turn back your recompense on your own head.

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far off. For Jehovah has spoken

9 ¶ Call this among the nations: Sanctify a war; awaken the mighty *men*; let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.

10 Beat your plowshares to swords, and your pruning hooks to spears. Let the weak say, I *am* a mighty *one*.

11 Gather yourselves and come, all you nations; and gather yourselves together round about. O Jehovah, bring down Your mighty *ones*.

12 Let the nations be aroused and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat. For there I will sit to judge all the nations round about.

13 Send in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down, for the press is full, the wine-vats overflow, for their evil *is* great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of Jehovah *is* near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon grow dark, and the stars gather in their light.

16 And Jehovah roars from Zion, and *He* gives His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth quake. But Jehovah *is* a refuge for His people and a fortress to the sons of Israel.

17 And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holiness, and aliens shall no more pass through her.

18 ¶ And it shall be in that day, the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow *with* milk, and all the streams of Judah shall flow *with* waters. And a spring will go forth from the house of Jehovah, and *it* will water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a wilderness of desolation, from violence *done* to the sons of Judah, whose innocent blood they poured out in their land.

20 But Judah will dwell forever, and Jerusalem to generation and generation.

21 And I will cleanse their blood *which* I did not cleanse. And Jehovah *is* dwelling in Zion.

The Book of AMOS

Amos 1

1 Jehovah's judgment on Syria, 6 on the Philistines, 11 on Edom, 13 on Ammon.

1 ¶ The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said: Jehovah will roar from Zion and give His voice from Jerusalem. And the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 ¶ So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it, for they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron.

4 But I will send a fire against the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

5 I will also break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the *one* living from the Valley of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from Beth-eden. And the people of Syria shall go captive to Kir, says Jehovah.

6 So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it, for they have carried into exile, to deliver up a complete *population* to Edom.

7 But I will send a fire against the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour its palaces.

8 And I will cut off the ones living *in* Ashdod and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; and I will turn My hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord Jehovah.

9 So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it, for they shut up *into* exile a complete *population* to Edom and did not remember the covenant of brothers.

10 But I will send a fire against the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour its palaces.

11 So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it, for he pursued his brother with the sword, and corrupted his compassions, and his anger has torn perpetually, and he kept it, his wrath, forever.

12 But I will send a fire against Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13 So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it, for they ripped open the pregnant *women* of Gilead, to make their border larger.

14 And I will kindle a fire against the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces, with a war cry in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the windstorm.

15 And their king shall go into exile, he and his rulers together, says Jehovah.

Amos 2

1 Jehovah's wrath against Moab, 4 Judah, 6 and Israel. 9 Jehovah gives judgment for them.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it, for he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime.

2 And I will send a fire against Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth. And Moab shall die with uproar, with a call *to arms*, with the sound of the rams' horn.

3 And I will cut off he who judges from its midst, and *I* will kill all his rulers with him, says Jehovah.

4 So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it; for they rejected the Law of Jehovah, and they have not kept His statutes. And their lies after which their fathers walked led them astray.

5 And I shall send a fire against Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 So says Jehovah: For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn back *from* it, for they sold the righteous

one for silver, and the needy one for a pair of sandals,

7 panting for the dust of the earth to be on the head of the poor one, and stretch out the way of the humble one. And a man and his father will go in to the same girl, in order to profane the name of My holiness.

8 And they will stretch out beside every altar, and on garments taken in pledge. And they will drink wine of those being fined in the house of God.

9 ¶ Yet I destroyed the Amorite from before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the great trees. And I destroyed his fruit from above and his roots from below.

10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt and led you in the wilderness forty years, to possess the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised up from your sons for prophets, and for Nazarites from your young men. Is it not even this, O sons of Israel? a statement of Jehovah.

12 And you gave the Nazarites wine to drink, and you commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy.

13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as is pressed the cart with the fullness of cut grain in it.

14 And refuge shall perish from the swift, and the strong one shall not strengthen his power, and not shall the mighty one save his life,

15 and he who handles the bow shall not stand, and the one swift with his feet shall not save, and he who rides the horse shall not save his life.

16 And the strong of heart among the mighty ones shall run away naked in that day, a statement of Jehovah.

Amos 3

The necessity of Jehovah's judgment against Israel.

1 ¶ Hear this Word that Jehovah has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against all the family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:

2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth. On account of this I will call all your iniquities to account.

3 Will two walk together except they are agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest when there is no prey for him? Will a young lion cry out of his den except he has caught prey?

5 Will a bird fall into a trap on the ground, and there is no bait for it? Will a trap spring up from the ground, and it catches nothing at all?

6 If a rams' horn is blown in a city, will the people not tremble? And if there is a calamity in a city and Jehovah has not done it?

7 For the Lord Jehovah will do nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.

8 A lion has roared, who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah has spoken, who will not prophesy?

9 ¶ Make it heard at the palaces in Ashdod, and at the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Gather yourselves on the mountains of Samaria and see many tumults in its midst, and oppressions in its midst.

10 For they do not know to do right, a statement of Jehovah, those storing up violence and destruction in their palaces.

11 So thus says the Lord Jehovah: An adversary, even round about the land! And he shall bring you down from your fortress, and your palaces shall be plundered.

12 So says Jehovah, As the shepherd snatches two legs out of the mouth of the lion, or a piece of an ear, so shall the sons of Israel be saved, those who dwell in Samaria in a corner of a bed, and in Damascus on a couch.

13 Hear and testify in the house of Jacob, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, the God of Hosts.

14 For in the day I call to account the transgressions of Israel on him, I will also call to account on the altars of Bethel. And the horns of the altar will be cut off and will fall to the ground.

15 And I will strike the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall be swept away, a statement of Jehovah.

Amos 4

1 He reproves Israel for oppression, 4 for idolatry, 6 and for their incorrigibility.

1 ¶ Hear this Word, cows of Bashan who are in the mountain of Samaria, those press-

ing down the poor *ones*, those crushing the needy *ones*, who say to their husbands, Bring in, that we may drink.

2 The Lord Jehovah has sworn by His holiness that the days are coming that He will lift you up with meat hooks, and the last of you with hooks for fishing.

3 And you shall go out *at* the breaches, *each* woman before her. And you shall throw down the high place, a statement of Jehovah.

4 Enter Beth-el and transgress; multiply transgressing *at* Gilgal. And bring your sacrifices for the morning, your tithes for three days;

5 and offer a sacrifice of a thanksgiving offering *that is* leavened. And cry out, call out the voluntary offerings; hear *them!* For so you love *to do*, sons of Israel, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

6 ¶ And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places; and you have not returned to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

7 And I have also withheld the rain from you when *it was* yet three months to the harvest. And I caused rain to fall on one city, and caused it not to rain on another city. One portion was rained on, and the portion where it did not rain was withered.

8 And two *or* three cities staggered to one city in order to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

9 I have struck you with scorching and mildew. The multitude of your gardens and your vineyards, and your figs, and your olives *are* devoured by the creeping locust; yet you have not returned to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

10 I have sent a plague among you in the way of Egypt; I have killed your young men with the sword and your horses with captivity. And I have made the stench of your camps to come up even into your nostrils; yet you have not returned to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

11 I have overturned among you, as God overturned Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a firebrand snatched out of the burning; yet you have not returned to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

12 Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel: Because of this *that* I will do to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

13 For, behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind and declares to man what His thought *is*, He who makes the dawn darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth; Jehovah, the God of Hosts, *is* His name.

Amos 5

1 A lamentation for Israel. 4 An exhortation to repentance. 21 Jehovah rejects their hypocrisy.

1 ¶ Hear this word which I am lifting up against you, a dirge, O house of Israel.

2 The virgin of Israel has fallen, and will not rise up again; she lies forsaken on her land; there is no one raising her up.

3 For so says the Lord Jehovah, The city that goes out *by* a thousand shall have a hundred left. And that which goes out *by* a hundred shall have ten left in the house of Israel.

4 ¶ For so says Jehovah to the house of Israel, Seek Me, and live.

5 But do not seek Beth-el, and do not enter Gilgal, and do not cross over to Beer-sheba; for going Gilgal shall go into exile, and Beth-el shall be for nothing.

6 Seek Jehovah, and live, lest He rush like a fire *on* the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and no one is quenching it for Bethel.

7 He abandoned those who turn judgment into wormwood, and righteousness to the earth.

8 He who created the Pleiades and Orion, and turns the deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day *into* night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth, Jehovah *is* His name;

9 who flashes out with destruction on the strong *one*, and destruction comes on the fortress.

10 They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they detest him who speaks uprightly.

11 So, because of your trampling on the poor *ones*, and you take tribute of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stones, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted desirable vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

12 For I know your transgressions *are many*, and numerous *are* your sins: oppressing the righteous *ones*, taking of a bribe, and turning aside the needy *ones* in the gate.

13 So he acting wisely shall keep silent in that time, for it *is* an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and if it be so Jehovah the God of Hosts *will be* with you, as you have said.

15 Hate evil, and love good, and set up judgment in the gate. It may be Jehovah the God of Hosts will be gracious *to* the remnant of Joseph.

16 ¶ So Jehovah, the God of Hosts, the Lord, says this: Wailing *shall be* in all open squares, and they shall say in all the outside *places*, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the farmer to the mourning, and those knowing wailing to lamentation.

17 And wailing *shall be* in all vineyards, for I will pass in your midst, says Jehovah.

18 Woe to those desiring the day of Jehovah! What *is* this for you? The day of Jehovah *is* darkness, and not light.

19 As *when* a man fled before a lion, and the bear met him. Or he goes into the house and leans his hand against the wall, and a snake bites him.

20 *Is* not the day of Jehovah darkness, and not light; even very dark, and not any brightness in it?

21 ¶ I hate, I reject your feast days; and I will not delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 For though you offer Me burnt offerings and your food offerings, I will not be pleased; and not will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals.

23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs; and I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.

24 But let judgment roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing torrent.

25 Did you bring near sacrifices and food offerings to Me forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

26 Yea, you have lifted up the booth of your king, and Kiyyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves!

27 And I will exile you beyond Damascus, says Jehovah; the God of Hosts *is* His name.

Amos 6

1 *The wantonness of Israel, 7 shall be plagued with desolation. 12 Their lack of repentance.*

1 ¶ Woe *to* those at ease in Zion, and those trusting in the mountain of Samaria, those noted *as* the chief of the nations! And the house of Israel came to them.

2 Cross to Calneh and see; and from there go *to* the great Hamath; then go down *to* Gath of the Philistines. *Are they* better than these kingdoms, or their border than your border?

3 Those who put away the evil day but bring near the seat of violence,

4 who lie on beds of ivory and spread out on their couches; and those eating the lambs from the flock, and bull calves from the midst of the stall;

5 those scattering words with the mouth of the harp; they invent instruments of song for themselves like David;

6 those drinking from bowls of wine, and they anoint themselves with the best of oils, but they do not grieve for the breaking of Joseph!

7 Therefore now they shall go into exile with the first of the exiles, and the feast of those spreading out shall cease.

8 ¶ The Lord Jehovah has sworn by Himself, a statement of Jehovah, the God of Hosts: I abhor the pride of Jacob, and hate his palaces; and I will shut up the city and its fullness.

9 And it shall be, if ten men remain in one house, then they shall die.

10 And his uncle shall lift him up, and he who burns him, to bring out the bones from the house; and *he* shall say to that *one left in* the recesses of the house, Are *any* still with you? And he shall say, None. And he shall say, Hush! For none shall mention the name of Jehovah.

11 For, behold, Jehovah is commanding, and He will strike the great house into fragments, and the little house *into* cracks.

12 Shall horses run on the rock? Or will one plow *there* with oxen? For you have turned justice into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,

13 those rejoicing for nothing, those saying, Have we not taken horns to ourselves by our own strength?

14 For, behold, I am raising a nation up against you, O house of Israel, a statement of Jehovah, the God of Hosts. And they shall oppress you from the entrance of Hamath to the torrent of the Arabah.

Amos 7

1 The judgments of the locusts, 4 and of the fire, are diverted by the prayer of Amos. 10 Amaziah orders Amos to stop prophesying in Israel.

1 ¶ The Lord Jehovah made me see this: And, behold, He is forming locusts at the beginning of the coming up of the after growth; even behold, the after growth after the mowings of the king.

2 And it happened when it had made an end of eating the green plant of the land, even I said, Lord Jehovah, I pray, forgive. How can Jacob rise up? For he *is* small.

3 Jehovah was moved to pity concerning this: It shall not be, says Jehovah.

4 The Lord Jehovah made me to see this: And, behold, the Lord Jehovah was calling to contend by fire. And it consumed the great deep, and *it was* devouring part *of it*.

5 And I said, Lord Jehovah, I pray, stop. How can Jacob rise up? For he *is* small.

6 Jehovah was moved to pity concerning this: Also it shall not be, says the Lord Jehovah.

7 He made me see this: And, behold, the Lord was standing by the plumb line wall, and a plumb line in His hand.

8 And Jehovah said to me, Amos, what are you seeing? And I said, A plumb line. And the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will not again pass over him any more.

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolated, and the holy places of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 ¶ And Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to Jeroboam, the king of Israel, saying, Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all his words.

11 For so Amos says: Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and going Israel shall go into exile out of his land.

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, Seer, go! Flee for yourself into the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there.

13 But do not add to prophesy at Bethel any more, for it is the king's holy place, and it *is* the royal house.

14 Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, I *was* not a prophet, and not *was* I a prophet's son, but I *was* a herdsman and *one* tending sycamore trees.

15 And Jehovah took me from behind the flock, and Jehovah said to me, Go, prophesy to My people Israel.

16 And now hear the Word of Jehovah: You are saying, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not drop *words* against the house of Isaac.

17 So thus says Jehovah, Your wife shall be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by a line. And you shall die in a defiled land. And going Israel shall go into exile from his land.

Amos 8

1 A basket of summer fruit shows Israel's end.

1 ¶ Thus the Lord Jehovah made me see. And, behold, a basket of summer fruit!

2 And He said, Amos, what are you seeing? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. And Jehovah said to me, The end has come on My people Israel; I will not again pass over him any more.

3 And they will howl the songs of the temple in that day, a statement of the Lord Jehovah. The corpses *shall be* many; in every place one shall throw *them* out, *saying*, Hush!

4 ¶ Hear this, you who pant after the poor *one*, even to make the humble *one* of the land to cease,

5 saying, When will the new moon have passed, so that we may buy grain? Or the sabbath, so that we may open the wheat, to make small the ephah, and to make greater the shekel, and to falsify the deceitful balances,

6 in order to buy the poor *one* with silver, and the needy *one* for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?

7 Jehovah has sworn by the majesty of Jacob, I will not forget forever all their works.

8 Does not the land quake for this, and all who dwell in it mourn? And all of it shall go up like the light, and it thrusts out and sinks like the Nile of Egypt.

9 And it shall be in that day, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, that I will make the sun to go out at noon, and I will darken the earth in light of the day.

10 And I will turn your feasts to mourning, and all your songs into a dirge. And I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head. And I will make it like the mourning for an only *son*; and the end of it *shall be* like a day of bitterness.

11 ¶ Behold, the days are coming, a statement of the Lord Jehovah, that I will send a famine into the land, not a famine for bread, and not a thirst for water, but rather a *famine* for hearing the words of Jehovah.

12 And they shall stagger from sea to sea, and from the north even to east; they shall roam about to seek the Word of Jehovah, and they shall not find *it*.

13 In that day the beautiful virgins and the young men shall faint with thirst.

14 Those swearing by the guilt of Samaria, and say, *As your God lives, O Dan! And, As the way of Beer-sheba lives!* Even they shall fall, and not rise up again.

Amos 9

1 The certainty of the desolation. 11 The restoring of the tabernacle of David.

1 ¶ I saw the Lord standing by the altar. And He said, Strike the capital, and the thresholds will shake; and cut them off on the head of all of them. And I will kill the last of them with the sword. Fleeing not one of them will flee, and not a fugitive of them will escape.

2 And if they dig through into Sheol, from there My hand will take them. And if they go up to the heavens, from there I will bring them down.

3 And if they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there. And if they hide from My eyes in the bottom of the sea, from there I will command the serpent, and he will bite them.

4 And if they go into exile before their enemies, from there I will command the sword, and it will kill them. And I will set

My eyes on them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord Jehovah of Hosts *is* He who touches the earth so that it melts, and all dwelling in it shall mourn. And all of it will rise up like the Nile, and sink down like the Nile;

6 who builds His staircase in the heavens, and His firmament He has founded over the earth; He who calls for the seawaters and pours them out on the face of the earth, Jehovah *is* His name.

7 Are you not like the sons of the Cushites to Me, O sons of Israel? a statement of Jehovah. Have I not brought Israel up out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord Jehovah *are* on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; only that destroying I will not destroy the house of Jacob, a statement of Jehovah.

9 For, behold, I will command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations, as one shakes with a sieve; yet not a pebble shall fall *to* the ground.

10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, those who say, The evil shall not draw near about us or go before us.

11 ¶ In that day I will raise up the booth of David that has fallen, and *I* will wall up its breaks. And I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as the days of old;

12 so that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations *on* whom My name is called, a statement of Jehovah who is doing this.

13 Behold, the days are coming, a statement of Jehovah, and will draw near the *one* plowing, the *one* reaping, and the *one* treading out grapes, *and* the *one* trailing seed. And the mountains shall drop new must, and all the hills will be dissolved.

14 And I will bring back the captivity of My people Israel. And they shall build the cities which *are* desolate and live in *them*. And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of them. They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be pulled up out of their land which I have given to them, says Jehovah your God.

The Book of **OBADIAH**

Obadiah 1

1 The destruction of Edom 3 for their pride, 10 and for their wrong to Jacob 17 The salvation and victory of Judah.

1 ¶ The vision of Obadiah: So says the Lord Jehovah concerning Edom: We have heard a message from Jehovah, and a messenger is sent among the nations; rise up, and let us rise up against her for battle.

2 Behold, I have given you *to be* small among the nations; you are being greatly despised.

3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, dwelling in the clefts of the rock; his dwelling *is* lofty, saying in his heart, Who shall bring me down *to* the ground?

4 Though you rise high as the eagle, and though *you* set your nest between the stars, I will bring you down from there, a statement of Jehovah.

5 If thieves came to you, if those destroying by night, how you have been cut off! Would they not have stolen enough for them? If those gathering grapes came to you, would they not leave gleanings?

6 How Esau is searched out; his hidden things are sought out!

7 All the men of your covenant have dismissed you to the border. The men of your peace have deceived you *and* have prevailed over you. They are setting your bread *as* a snare under you; there *is* no understanding in him.

8 Shall I not in that day even destroy the wise *ones* out of Edom and understanding from the mount of Esau? a statement of Jehovah.

9 And your mighty *one*, Teman, shall be afraid, so that *each* man from the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

10 ¶ Shame shall cover you from the violence against your brother Jacob, and you shall be cut off forever.

11 On the day of your standing opposite, on the day that the strangers *were* taking captive his force, and foreigners entered his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, even

you *were* like one of them.

12 But you should not have looked on the day of your brother, on the day of his disaster, and you should not have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their destruction; and not should you have enlarged your mouth in the day of distress.

13 You should not have entered into My people's gate on the day of their calamity; also you should not have looked on his evil on the day of his calamity, and you should not have sent out against his force in the day of his calamity.

14 And you should not have stood on the crossways to cut off those of the fugitives, and you should not have shut up his remnant in the day of distress.

15 For the day of Jehovah *is* near on all the nations: As you have done, it shall be done to you; your reward shall turn back on your head!

16 For as you have drunk on My holy mountain, *so* all the nations shall continually drink. Yea, they shall drink and shall swallow; and they will be as *if* they had not been.

17 ¶ But deliverance shall be on Mount Zion, and it shall be holy. And the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for straw. And they shall burn among them and devour them. And no fugitive shall be to the house of Esau, for Jehovah has spoken.

19 And *those of* the Negeb shall possess the mountain of Esau, and the low country of the Philistines. And they shall possess Ephraim's fields, and Samaria's fields. And Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

20 And the exiles of this force *shall go* to the sons of Israel who shall possess *the land* of the Canaanites to Zarephath; even the exiles of Jerusalem who *are* in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the Negeb.

21 And deliverers shall go up into the mountain of Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the Kingdom shall be to Jehovah.

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The Book of JONAH

Jonah 1

1 Jonah, sent to Nineveh, flees to Tarshish. 4 The ship is thought to be broken, 11 so Jonah is thrown into the sea, 17 and swallowed by a fish.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Rise up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out against it; for their evil has come up before Me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the face of Jehovah. And he went down to Joppa, and he found a ship going to Tarshish. And he gave its fare and went down into it in order to go with them to Tarshish, from before the face of Jehovah.

4 ¶ But Jehovah hurled a great wind into the sea, and there was a great storm in the sea, and the ship *was* thought to be broken.

5 And the sailors were afraid, and *each* man cried to his god. And they threw out the *ship's* articles into the sea, to lighten *it* from upon them. And Jonah had gone down into the recesses of the ship; and he lay down, and was fast asleep.

6 And the chief of the seamen came near to him and said to him, What *is it* to you, one fast sleeping? Rise up, cry out to your god! Perhaps your god will think of us, and we will not perish.

7 And they said, *each* man to his companion, Come and let us make fall lots, that we may know on whose account this evil *happened* to us. And they made fall the lot, and the lot fell on Jonah.

8 And they said to him, Please tell us on account of whom *is* this evil to us? What *is* your work? And from where do you come? What *is* your country, and from what people *are* you?

9 And he said to them, I *am* a Hebrew. And I fear Jehovah, the God of Heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land.

10 And the men feared *with* great fearing and said to him, What is this you have done?

For the men knew that he was fleeing from before the face of Jehovah, because he had told *it* to them.

11 ¶ And they said to him, What shall we do to you that the sea may become calm from on us? For the sea was going on and being stormy.

12 And he said to them, Take me up and cast me out into the sea, and the sea will be calmed from *being* on you. For I know that on account of me this great storm *is* upon you.

13 But the men rowed to return to the dry land, but they were not able, for the sea was going on and being stormy against them.

14 And they cried out to Jehovah, and said, We pray, O Jehovah, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not lay innocent blood on us. For You, O Jehovah, have done as You desired.

15 And they lifted Jonah up and cast him out into the sea. And the sea stood *still* from its raging.

16 Then the men feared Jehovah *with* a great fearing, and *they* offered a sacrifice to Jehovah, and vowed vows.

17 And Jehovah had appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2

1 Jonah prays. 10 He is delivered from the fish.

1 ¶ And Jonah prayed to Jehovah his God out of the belly of the fish.

2 And *he* said, I cried out to Jehovah from my distress. And He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried out, *and* You heard my voice.

3 For You cast me *into the* depths, into the heart of the seas, and the current surrounded me; all Your breakers and Your waves passed over me.

4 And I said, I am cast off from Your eyes; only I will again look to Your holy temple.

5 Waters encompassed me to *my* soul; the

depths closed around me; seaweed was bound to my head.

6 I went down to the bases of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever. But You brought up my life from the pit, O Jehovah my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; and my prayer came to You, to Your holy temple.

8 Those who pay heed to vanities of idolatry forsake their mercy;

9 but I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will fulfill that which I have vowed. Salvation *belongs* to Jehovah!

10 ¶ And Jehovah spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

Jonah 3

Jonah preaches to the Ninevites.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Rise up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out to it the proclamation that I am declaring to you.

3 And Jonah rose up and went to Nineveh according to the Word of Jehovah. And Nineveh was a great city to God, of three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter a day's journey into the city. And he cried out and said, Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overturned!

5 ¶ And the men of Nineveh believed in God, and they called a fast and put on sackclothes, from the greatest even to the least of them.

6 And the word touched even to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he passed his robe from him and covered himself *with* sackcloth and sat on the ashes.

7 And he cried and said in Nineveh by the decree of the king and of his great *ones*, saying, Do not let man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them feed nor let them drink water.

8 But let man and beast be covered *with* sackcloth. And let them call with strength to God. And let them *each* man turn back from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their palms.

9 Who knows? He may turn, and God may be moved to pity and turn back from the anger of His face, that we will not perish.

10 And God saw their deeds, that they turned back from their evil way. And God was moved to pity of the evil that He had spoken to do to them, and He did not do *it*.

Jonah 4

Jonah asks for Jehovah's mercy and is forgiven.

1 ¶ But *it was* a great calamity in the eye of Jonah, and it kindled *anger* for him.

2 And he prayed to Jehovah, and said, Please, O Jehovah, *was* this not my word while I was on my own land? On account of this at first I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You *are* a gracious God and compassionate, slow to anger, and great of mercy, and One who has pity over calamity.

3 And now, O Jehovah, please take my life from me. For better *is* my death than my life.

4 And Jehovah said, Is being angry being pleasing for you?

5 ¶ And Jonah went out from the city and sat on the east of the city. And he made there a booth for himself and sat under it in the shade until he should see what would happen in the city.

6 And Jehovah God appointed a plant, and it came up over Jonah to be shade over his head, in order to deliver him from his misery. And Jonah rejoiced over the plant *with* great joy.

7 But God appointed a worm at the rising of the dawn of the morrow, and it struck the plant, and it withered.

8 And it happened when the sun shone, God had appointed a scorching east wind; and the sun struck Jonah's head, so that he fainted; and he asked for his life to death. And he said, Better *is* my death than my life.

9 And God said to Jonah, Is *it right* your being angry *and* being pleasing for you over the plant? And he said, Being angry *and* being pleasing *is right* for me, *even* to death.

10 And Jehovah said, You had pity on the plant *for* which you did not labor with it, and not you made it grow, which was the son of a night and it perished the son of a night,

11 and should I not have pity on Nineveh, the great city *in* which there is in it more than twelve ten thousands *of* mankind who do not know between *the right and the left hand*, and many cattle?

The Book of **MICAH**

Micah 1

1 Micah shows the wrath of Jehovah against Jacob.

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah that was to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw on Samaria and Jerusalem:

2 Let the peoples hear, all of them. Pay attention, O earth, and its fullness. And let the Lord Jehovah be a witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple.

3 For, behold, Jehovah *is* coming out of His place, and *He* will come down and walk on the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall melt under Him, and the valleys shall cleave themselves, as wax before the fire, as waters poured out on a slope.

5 All this *is* against the transgression of Jacob, and against the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *Is it* not Samaria? And what *are* the high places of Judah? *Are they* not Jerusalem?

6 And I will make Samaria into ruins of the field, plantings of a vineyard. And I will pour down her stones into the valley, and I will uncover her foundations.

7 And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with fire. And I will make all her idols a desolation. For she gathered from the hire of a prostitute, and they shall return to the hire of a prostitute.

8 ¶ On account of this I will wail and howl; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackal, yea, mourn like the daughters of the ostrich.

9 For her wounds *are* incurable; for it has come to Judah; it has reached to the gate of My people, to Jerusalem.

10 Do not declare *it* in Gath; weeping do not weep. In the house of Leaphrah, wallow *in* dust.

11 Pass over to them, O one living *in* Shaphir, in nakedness of shame. The one

living *in* Zaanan has not gone out; the mourning of Beth-ezel shall take from you its place of standing.

12 For the one living *in* Maroth grieved for good, for evil came down from Jehovah to the gate of Jerusalem.

13 One living *in* Lachish, tie the chariot to the stallion; she *is* the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion, for the transgressions of Israel were found in you.

14 So you shall give parting gifts to Moresheth-gath. The houses of Achzib *are* for a deceitful *thing* to the kings of Israel.

15 I will bring dispossessing to you again, O one living *in* Mareshah. The glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.

16 Make yourself bald, and shear for the sons of your delight. Make your baldness increase like the eagle, for they go into exile from you.

Micah 2

1 Against oppression. 7 A reproof of injustice and idolatry. 12 A promise of restoring Jacob.

1 ¶ Woe to those plotting wickedness and preparing evil on their beds! In the light of the morning they do it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet and seize fields and houses, and bear them off. And they oppress a man and his household, even a man and his possession.

3 So thus says Jehovah: Behold, I *am* plotting an evil against this family, *from* which you shall not remove your necks from there; and you shall not go exalted, for it *is* an evil time.

4 In that day one shall lift up a parable against you and lament a lament of lamenting. He says, Devastating we shall be devastated. He has changed the portion of my people. How He has removed *it* for me! To the one turning back He has divided our fields.

5 So there shall not be for you one measuring a line by lot in the assembly of Jehovah.

6 ¶ Do not drop *words* as they drop! They shall not drop *words* about these; they shall not draw back reproaches.

7 House of Jacob, *it is* said, The Spirit of Jehovah is shortened, *Are* these His doings? *Are* not My words doing good with the walking of the upright *one*?

8 Even yesterday My people have risen up *like* an enemy. You strip off from before a garment, a cloak, from those passing by securely, those returning *from* war.

9 You have driven out the wives of My people from the house of her delight; you have taken away My majesty forever from her children.

10 Rise up and go! For because of destroying uncleanness, even a painful destruction, this *is* not *your* rest.

11 If a man walks with wind, and he lies in deceit, saying, I will drop *words* to you for wine and fermented liquor, he shall even be *one who* drops *words* for this people.

12 ¶ Gathering I will gather all of you, Jacob; collecting I will collect the remnant of Israel. I will set him together like the sheep of Bozrah, like a flock in the midst of its pasture. They shall be in commotion because of men.

13 He breaking through has come up before them; they have broken and have passed through the gate and have gone out by it. And their king shall pass through them, and Jehovah at their head.

Micah 3

1 The cruelty of the heads of Jacob. 5 The falsehood of the prophets. 8 The security of them both.

1 ¶ And I said, Heads of Jacob and magistrates of the house of Israel, please hear. *Is* it not for you to know justice?

2 Those hating good and loving evil, who pull their skin off them, and their flesh from their bones;

3 and who eat the flesh of My people, and cause their skin to come off from them; yea, they break their bones and shatter *them*, like that which *is* in the pot, and as flesh in the midst of the kettle.

4 Then they shall cry out to Jehovah, but He will not answer them. He will even hide

His face from them in that time, as they have done evil *in* their doings.

5 So says Jehovah concerning the prophets, those causing My people to err, those biting with their teeth and they call out, Peace! And *whoever* does not give for their mouth, they even sanctify a war against him.

6 Therefore a night *shall be* for you *apart from* vision; and darkness for you *apart from* divining. And the sun shall go in on the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 And the seers shall be ashamed, and those divining shall blush, all of them; yea, they shall cover over their mustache, for *there is* no answer *from* God.

8 ¶ But *by* the Spirit of Jehovah I am full of power and justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and his sin to Israel.

9 Please hear this, heads of the house of Jacob, and magistrates of the house of Israel, *you* who abhor justice and pervert all uprightness,

10 those building up Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity:

11 Her heads judge for a bribe, and her priests teach for a price, and her prophets divine for silver; yet they will lean on Jehovah, saying, *Is* not Jehovah in our midst? Evil shall not come on us!

12 Therefore, on account of you, Zion shall be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house into high places of the forest.

Micah 4

1 The glory, 8 kingdom, 11 and victory of the people whose God is Jehovah.

1 ¶ But it shall be in the end of the days, the mountain of the house of Jehovah shall be founded on the head of the mountains; and it shall be lifted up from the hills; and peoples shall flow on it.

2 And many nations shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the Law shall go forth out of Zion, and the Word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

3 And He shall judge between many peoples, and will decide for strong nations far distant. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives. Nation shall not lift up a sword against a nation, and not shall they learn war still.

4 But they shall *each* man sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and there shall be no trembling; for the mouth of Jehovah of Hosts has spoken.

5 For all the peoples walk, *each* one in the name of his god; but we will walk in the name of Jehovah our God forever and ever.

6 In that day I will gather the lame *one*, a statement of Jehovah, and I will gather the one banished, and she whom I have broken.

7 And I will set the lame *one* into a remnant, and she having been removed far off into a strong nation. And Jehovah shall reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, and to forever.

8 ¶ And you, tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, it shall happen to you. And the dominion of the chief *ones* shall come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why do you cry aloud, an outcry? Is there not a king among you? Has one advising you perished? For pain has seized you like one giving birth.

10 Be in pain and deliver, daughter of Zion, like one giving birth. For now you shall go out from the city, and you shall live in the field. And you shall come to Babylon. There you shall be snatched back. There Jehovah shall redeem you from the palm of your enemies.

11 And now many nations are gathered against you, saying, Let her be defiled, and let our eyes look on Zion.

12 But they do not know the thoughts of Jehovah, nor do they understand His counsel. For He has gathered them like the sheaf to the threshing-floor.

13 Rise up and thresh, O daughter of Zion, for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze, and you shall crush many peoples. And I will dedicate their gain to Jehovah, and their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

Micah 5

1 Birth of Christ. 4 His kingdom. 8 His conquest.

1 ¶ Now gather yourself together, daughter of a troop; one sets a siege against us. They shall strike the One judging Israel with a rod on the cheek.

2 And you, Bethlehem Ephratah, being least among the thousands of Judah, out of you He shall come forth to Me to become One ruling in Israel; and His goings forth *have been* from aforetime, from the days of eternity.

3 Therefore He will give them until the time the one giving birth has given birth. And the rest of His brothers shall return to the sons of Israel.

4 And He shall stand and shepherd *us* in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah His God. And they shall sit, for now He is great to the ends of the earth.

5 And this *One* shall be peace. Assyria, when he shall come into our land, and when he shall walk in our palaces, then we shall raise against him seven shepherds and eight anointed of man.

6 And they shall feed upon the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at her entrances. And He shall deliver us from Assyria, when he comes into our land, and when he treads within our border.

7 ¶ And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from Jehovah, as showers on a blade of grass, which does not wait for man, and not delay for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep (who both tramples and tears in pieces if he passes through, and there is none snatching back).

9 Your hands shall be high above your foes, and all your enemies shall be cut off.

10 And it shall be in that day, I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will cause to perish your chariots, a statement of Jehovah.

11 And I will cut off the cities of your land and pull down all your fortresses.

12 And I will cut off sorceries out of your hand, and there shall not be ones divining for you.

13 And I also will cut off your graven images and your pillars from your midst. And you shall not any more bow down to the work of your hands.

14 And I will pluck your Asherahs from your midst, and I will destroy your cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and in fury *on* the nations, such as they have not heard.

Micah 6

1 Jehovah's controversy for unkindness, 6 for ignorance, 10 for injustice, 16 and for idolatry.

1 ¶ Hear, I pray, that which Jehovah *is* saying: Rise up, contend with the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Mountains, and the enduring foundations of the earth, hear the contention of Jehovah, for Jehovah has a contention with His people, and He will argue with Israel.

3 My people, what have I done to you? And how have I made you weary? Answer against Me.

4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slaves; and I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you.

5 My people, remember now what Balak, king of Moab, planned; and what Balaam, the son of Beor, answered him from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may know the righteousnesses of Jehovah.

6 ¶ With what shall I come before Jehovah, *to* bow down before the loftiness of God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves, sons of a year?

7 Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams, with myriads of torrents of oil? Shall I give my first-born *for* my transgression, the fruit of my womb *for* the sin of my soul?

8 O man, He has declared to you what *is* good. And what does Jehovah require of you, but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to be humble to walk with your God?

9 ¶ The voice of Jehovah calls out to the city; and one *of* sound wisdom will see Your

name. Hear the rod, and *Him* who appointed it.

10 Are there yet in the house of the wicked the treasures of wickedness, and a cursed ephah of leanness?

11 Shall I *declare* scales of wickedness *to be* pure, or a bag of stones of fraud?

12 Whose rich *ones* are full of violence, and ones living in her speak a lie, and their tongue *is* deceit in their mouth.

13 And I also have made *you* sick, to strike you, to desolate *you* because of your sins.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied, and your emptiness *shall be* in your midst; and you will draw back, but shall not keep safe; and that which you keep safe, I will give to the sword.

15 You shall sow, but you shall not reap. You shall tread the olive, but you shall not anoint with oil; and new wine, but shall not drink wine.

16 And *one* has kept himself *as to* the statutes of Omri and all the works of the house of Ahab. And you walk in their counsels, so that I may give you for a horror, and *ones* living *in* her for a hissing. And you shall bear the reproach of My people.

Micah 7

1 God's people put no confidence in man, but in Jehovah. 8 So they triumph over her enemies.

1 ¶ Woe to me! For I am like the gatherings of summer fruit, like the gleanings of the vintage. There is no cluster to eat; my soul craves the early fig.

2 The godly *one* has perished from the earth, and the upright *one* is not among mankind. All of them lie in wait for blood; *each* man hunts his brother *with* a net.

3 Both palms *are* on evil, to do *it* well. The ruler *is* asking for a bribe, also the judge. And the great *man* speaks the lust of his soul; he *acts*, and they weave it together.

4 Their best *is* like a thorn; the upright *one* more than a hedge of thorns. The day of your watchers, your visitation is coming; now shall be their confusion.

5 Put no faith in a companion; put no trust in a friend; guard the opening of your mouth from her who lies *in* your bosom;

6 for a son is despising *his* father; a daughter rises up against her mother; the bride against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his house.

7 ¶ But I will look to Jehovah; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.

8 Rejoice not against me, my enemy; for *if* I fall, I shall arise. For *if* I sit in darkness, Jehovah *is* a light to me.

9 I will bear the rage of Jehovah because I have sinned against Him, until that He contends *for* my case and executes my judgment. He will bring me out to the light; I shall see His righteousness.

10 And my enemy shall see; and shame shall cover her, the *one* saying to me, Where *is* He, Jehovah your God? My eyes shall see her. Now she shall be for a trampling, as the mud of the streets.

11 A day of building your walls, that day the limit shall be removed.

12 Even that day he shall come to you from Assyria, and the cities of siege, and from the siege even to the River, and from sea and sea, and hill *to* hill.

13 But the land shall become a desolation because of those dwelling in it, from the fruit of their doings.

14 ¶ Shepherd Your people with Your rod, the flock of Your possession, dwelling alone in the thicket, in the midst of Carmel. Let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as *in* days of old.

15 As the days of your coming out from the land of Egypt, I will cause him to see extraordinary things.

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed from all their forces. They shall set the hand on the mouth; their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a snake; they shall tremble out of their fastnesses like crawlers of the earth; they shall dread Jehovah our God; they shall fear You.

18 Who *is* a God like You, lifting off iniquity and passing by the transgression of the remnant of His possession? He does not make strong His anger forever, for He delights *in* mercy.

19 He will return to pity us; He will subdue our iniquities. Yea, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 You will give faithfulness to Jacob, mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

The Book of NAHUM

Nahum 1

The majesty of Jehovah in goodness to his people, and severity against his enemies.

1 ¶ The burden of Nineveh: The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 ¶ God is jealous, and Jehovah is avenging, Jehovah is avenging and is a possessor of fury. Jehovah keeps avenging to His flinty ones, and He keeps *wrath* against His enemies.

3 Jehovah is long to anger, and is great of power, and acquiting He does not acquit *the guilty*. Jehovah has His way in the tempest and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.

4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, and the flower of Lebanon withers.

5 The mountains quake from Him, and the hills melt; and the earth is lifted up from before Him, even the world and all who dwell in it.

6 Who can stand before His indignation? And who can rise against the heat of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken down because of Him.

7 Jehovah is good for a stronghold in the day of distress; and He knows those who trust in Him.

8 But with a flood passing through, He will make a complete end of its place, and darkness shall pursue His enemies.

9 ¶ What are you plotting against Jehovah? He will make a complete end; distress shall not rise up a second time.

10 For as long as thorns are woven together, and as their drunkards are drunken, they shall be devoured like fully dried straw.

11 One who devises evil against Jehovah has come forth from you, one counseling worthlessness.

12 So says Jehovah, Though secure, and therefore so many there will be, they will be cut off and pass away. And though I

afflicted you, I will not afflict you any more.

13 And now I will break his yoke from on you and will tear away your bonds.

14 And Jehovah has commanded concerning you. Not *one* of your name shall be sown any more; I will cut off the carved image and the molten image out of the house of your gods; I will appoint your grave, for you are despised.

15 Behold! The feet of Him bearing good news is on the mountains, making heard, Peace! O Judah, celebrate your feasts; fulfill your vows; for the worthless will not continue to pass through among you; he is completely cut off.

Nahum 2

The victorious armies of Jehovah against Ninevah.

1 ¶ The one scattering is coming up against your face. Guard the rampart; watch the way; make the loins strong, firm up *your* power exceedingly.

2 For Jehovah has turned the glory of Jacob like the glory of Israel. For those emptying have emptied them and have destroyed their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty ones has become red, the sons of strength are clothed in scarlet, the chariots will flame like iron torches in the day of preparation, and the cypresses are made to quiver.

4 The chariots flash in the outside places; they shall rush to and fro in the open squares. Their appearance is like torches; they dart about like the lightnings.

5 He shall remember its nobles; they shall stumble in their walking; they shall hurry to its wall, and shall prepare the covering.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be melted.

7 And she who stood firm, who is uncovered and caused to go up; and her slave-girls are moaning like the sound of doves, beating on their breast.

8 And Nineveh *is* like a pool of water from her days; yet they are fleeing. *They cry*, Stand! Stand! But no one turns himself.

9 Plunder the silver! Plunder the gold! For there is no end to the treasure, riches from all precious articles.

10 *She is* empty, even waste, even devastated. And the heart is melted, and the knocking of the knees; and trembling *is* in all the loins; and all of their faces collect heat.

11 ¶ Where *is* the den of the lions and the feeding place of the young lions, there where the lion, *and* the lioness, *and* the lion's cub walked, and none shall terrify *them*?

12 The lion tears in pieces, enough for his cubs, and strangles for his lionesses, and has filled his holes *with* prey, even his lairs *with* torn prey.

13 Behold, I *am* against you, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts; and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions. And I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall not be heard any more.

Nahum 3

The miserable ruin of Nineveh.

1 ¶ Woe *to* the city of blood! All of it *is* a lie, full of plunder; the prey is not removed.

2 The sound of a whip, and the sound of rattling of a wheel, and a galloping horse, and of a bounding chariot.

3 The horseman going up, and *there is* the gleam of the sword and the lightning of the spear, and many *are* slain, and a mass of corpses, and no end of bodies; they stumble on their corpses,

4 because of the many of her fornications of the *ones* prostituting *and* well favored, the mistress of sorceries who sells nations by her doing of adulteries, and families by her sorceries.

5 Behold, I *am* against you, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, and I will uncover your skirts over your face, and I will cause the nations to see your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame.

6 And I will cast filth on you and will disdain you. And I will set you as a spectacle.

7 And it shall be *that* all those who look on you shall flee from you and shall say,

Nineveh is laid waste; who shall grieve for her? From where shall I seek comforters for you?

8 ¶ Are you better than No Amon that dwelt among the Nile branches, waters surrounding her, whose rampart *was* the sea, the waters her wall?

9 Ethiopia *was* her strength, and Egypt even without end; Put and Lubim were among your helpers.

10 Yet she *went* into exile; she went into captivity. Also her boys were dashed to pieces at the head of all the open places, and they cast lots for her honored *ones*, and all her great *ones* were bound in chains.

11 You also shall be drunken; you shall be hidden; you also shall seek a refuge from the enemy.

12 All your fortresses are *like* fig trees with the firstfruits; if they are shaken, then they shall fall on the mouth of the one eating *them*.

13 Behold, your people *are* women in your midst; opening the gates of your land shall be opened to your enemies; the fire shall devour your bars.

14 Draw water of the siege for yourself! Strengthen your fortifications! Go into the clay and tread in the mortar! Make the mold strong!

15 Fire will completely devour you there. The sword shall cut you off. It will eat you up like the locust larvae. Multiply yourself as the larvae; multiply yourself like the locusts.

16 You have increased your merchants more than the stars of the heavens; the locust larvae shall strip off and fly away.

17 Your rulers *are* like the locusts, and your officials *are* a swarm of locusts that camp in the hedges in the cold day. The sun rises and they flee, and the place where they *are* is not known.

18 Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; your nobles are lying down. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and no one is gathering.

19 *There is* no healing for your fracture; your wound is severe. All who hear of your report shall clap the palm over you, for on whom has your evil not continually passed?

The Book of **HABAKKUK**

Habakkuk 1

1 To Habakkuk, complaining of the iniquity of the land, 5 is shown the fearful vengeance by the Chaldeans.

1 ¶ The burden which Habakkuk the prophet saw:

2 O Jehovah, until when shall I cry out, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, Violence! But You do not save.

3 Why do You make me see iniquity, and You look upon trouble? For violence and injustice are before me; and there is strife and contention rising up.

4 On account of this the law has become benumbed, and judgment does not go forth *with* continuity. For the wicked *one* surrounds the righteous *one*; on account of this judgment goes forth, being perverted.

5 ¶ Look upon these nations and see, and be amazed. Be amazed! For a work is working in your days *which* you will not believe, though it be told to you.

6 For, behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, the bitter and impetuous nation that is going into the broad spaces of the land, to possess dwellings not *belonging* to him.

7 He *is* terrible and fearful; his judgment and his exaltation goes forth from himself.

8 And his horses are swifter than leopards and are fiercer than the evening wolves. And their horsemen spread themselves; yea, their horsemen come from afar; they shall fly as the eagle hurrying to eat.

9 All of him shall come for violence; the eagerness of their faces *is as the* east wind; and they gather captives like the sand.

10 And he shall scoff against the kings, and officials *shall be* a scorn to him. He shall scorn every fortress, and he shall heap up dust and capture it.

11 Then he sweeps on *like* a wind; and he passes on and is guilty, *crediting* this power of his to his god.

12 ¶ *Are* You not from aforetime, Jehovah our God, my Holy One? We shall not die, Jehovah, for You have appointed him for judgment. And, *my* Rock, You have established him to correct.

13 *You are* of purer eyes than to look upon evil, and You are not able to look upon mischief. Why do you regard those acting deceitfully? Will You be silent when the wicked *one* swallows the more righteous *one* than he?

14 For You make man like the fish of the sea, like creeping things with no ruler over him.

15 He takes up all of them with the hook; he drags him with his net and gathers him with his fishing net. On account of this he rejoices and exults.

16 On account of this he sacrifices to his net, and burns incense to his fishnet; because by them his portion grows fat, and his food rich.

17 Shall he therefore empty his net, and shall he not spare to continually slay nations?

Habakkuk 2

To Habakkuk, waiting for an answer, is shown that he must wait by faith.

1 ¶ I will stand on my guard and set myself on the siege-works, and watch to see what He will say against me, and what I shall return on my rebuke.

2 And Jehovah answered me and said, Write the vision and engrave *it* on the tablets, that he who reads it may run.

3 For the vision *is* still for the appointed time, but it breathes to the end, and it does not lie. Though it delays, wait for it, because coming it will come; it will not tarry.

4 Behold, the soul in him is puffed up *and* is not upright; but the just shall live by his faith.

5 ¶ And also, wine indeed betrays a proud man, and he dwells not *at home*; who wid-

ens his soul like Sheol; and he *is* like death, and is not satisfied, but gathers all the nations to himself, and collects all the peoples to himself.

6 Shall not all of these lift up a parable against him, and a mocking riddle to him, and say, Woe *to* him who increases *what is* not his! Until when is he loading the pledges on himself?

7 Shall not those who bite you rise up suddenly, and *those* who shake you be aroused, and you become a prize to him?

8 Because you have plundered many nations, all the rest of the people shall plunder you, because of the blood of men and the violence of the land, and the city, and all those dwelling in it.

9 Woe *to* him gaining evil gain for his house, to set his nest in the height, to be snatched from the palm of evil!

10 You have counseled shame for your house, to make an end of many peoples, and are sinning *in* your soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out from the wall, and the beam shall answer it from the wood.

12 Woe *to* him who builds a town with blood and establishes a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, *is it* not for Jehovah of Hosts that the people labor only for fire, and nations grow weary for emptiness?

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah, as the waters cover over the sea.

15 ¶ Woe *to* him who causes his friend to drink, joining *with* your bottle, and also making *him* drunk, so as to look upon their nakedness!

16 You are sated with shame *without* honor; you drink also, and *will be* seen as uncircumcised. The cup of the right hand of Jehovah shall turn on you, and disgrace *shall be* your honor.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover you, and the ruin of beasts terrify them because of the blood of men and the violence of the land, the city, and all those dwelling in it.

18 What does an image profit, for its former has carved it; a molten image, and a teacher of falsehood? For does the former trust in his work on it, to make mute idols?

19 Woe *to* the *one* who says to the wood, Awake! To a stone in silence, Rise up, it shall teach! Behold, it *is* overlaid *with* gold and silver, but no breath is in its midst.

20 But Jehovah *is* in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him.

Habakkuk 3

1 Habakkuk in his prayer trembles at Jehovah's majesty. 17 The confidence of his faith.

1 ¶ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet concerning erring ones:

2 Jehovah, I have heard Your report; I am afraid, Jehovah. *As to* Your work, give it life; in the midst of years, in the midst of years make known; in anger remember compassion.

3 ¶ God comes from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His majesty covers the heavens, and His praise fills the earth.

4 And *His* brightness is as the light; rays from His hand *are* His, and there *was* a covering of His strength.

5 A plague goes before Him, and lightning went forth at His feet.

6 He stood and measured the earth; He looked and nations trembled; and the ancient mountains were shattered; the hills of old; the goings of antiquity bowed down to Him.

7 I saw the tents of Cushan under iniquity; the curtains of the land of Midian trembled.

8 Did Jehovah burn against rivers? Or *was* Your anger against the rivers? Or Your fury against the sea? *For* You ride on horses; Your chariots of salvation.

9 You bare Your bow, naked *are* the oaths of the tribes to *Your* Word. Selah. You have cut through the earth *with* rivers.

10 Did You see, *the* mountains whirled; the storm of waters passed over; the deep gave its voice; it lifted up its hands on high.

11 The sun *and* the moon stood still in *their* lofty abode. At the light of Your arrows they go, at the brightness of lightning of Your spear.

12 You march into the land in indignation. You thresh nations in anger.

13 You went forth for the salvation of Your people, for the salvation of Your anointed.

You struck the head from the house of the wicked *one* to bare the foundation to the neck. Selah.

14 You pierced the head of his warriors with his shafts. They rush to scatter me; their exultation *is* to devour the afflicted *one* in a secret place.

15 You trod *in* the sea with Your horses, the surging of many waters.

16 ¶ I heard, and my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the sound. Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled within myself that I might rest for the day of distress; to come up against the peoples, he cuts him off.

17 Though the fig tree shall not blossom, and fruit is not on the vines; the product of the olive fails, and the fields make no food; the flock *is* cut off from the fold, and no herd *is* in the stalls,

18 yet I will exult in Jehovah; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

19 Jehovah the Lord *is* my might, and He sets my feet like hinds' *feet*, and He will make me to walk on my high places.

To the chief singer, on my stringed instruments.

The Book of **ZEPHANIAH**

Zephaniah 1

Jehovah's severe judgment against Judah for their sins.

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah which was to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah:

2 Gathering I will completely gather away all from on the face of the land, a statement of Jehovah.

3 Gathering I will gather away man and beast: I will gather away the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks, *even* the wicked *ones*. And I will cut off man from the face of the land, a statement of Jehovah.

4 I will also stretch out My hand on Judah and on all those dwelling in Jerusalem. And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, the name of the idol-priests, with the priests;

5 and those bowing to the host of the heavens on the housetops; and those bowing, swearing to Jehovah, and swearing by Malcham,

6 and those drawing back from after Jehovah, and who have not sought Jehovah, and not asked of Him.

7 ¶ Be silent before the face of the Lord Jehovah, for the day of Jehovah *is* near. For Jehovah has appointed a sacrifice; He has consecrated *ones* He called.

8 And it shall be in the day of the sacrifice of Jehovah, I will call to account on the rulers and on the king's sons, and all those clothed *in* foreign clothing.

9 And I will call to account all *those* leaping on the threshold in that day, who *are* filling the houses of their masters *with* violence and deceit.

10 And it shall be in that day, a statement of Jehovah, the sound of a cry from the

Fish Gate, and a howling from the Second, and a great breaking from the hills.

11 Howl, those living in Maktesh, for all the people of Canaan have perished; all those laden *with* silver are cut off.

12 And it shall be in that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and call to account the men being settled on their lees; who say in their heart, Jehovah will not do good, and not will He do evil.

13 And their wealth shall become a prize, and their houses a desolation. And they shall build houses, but not live *there*. And they shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine.

14 ¶ The great day of Jehovah is near; *it is* near and hurrying greatly, the sound of the day of Jehovah. The mighty *man* shall cry out bitterly there.

15 That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of distress and pressure, a day of waste and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of the rams' horn and alarm against the fortified cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress to men, and they shall walk like the blind *men*, because they have sinned against Jehovah. And their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

18 Also their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of Jehovah. But all the earth shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy. For He shall make a complete, yea, a speedy *end* of all those living *on* the land.

Zephaniah 2

1 An exhortation to repentance. 4 The judgment of the Philistines, 8 of Moab and Ammon, 12 of Ethiopia and Assyria.

1 ¶ Gather yourselves, even gather, O nation not being longed for;

2 before the birth of the decree, the day shall pass like the chaff, yet not before the heat of the anger of Jehovah comes on you, yet not before the day of the anger of Jehovah comes on you.

3 Seek Jehovah, all the humble *ones* of the earth who have done His judgment; seek righteousness; seek meekness. It may be you shall be hidden in the day of the anger of Jehovah.

4 ¶ For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation. They shall drive Ashdod out at the noonday, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe *to* those living *on* the seacoast, the nation of the Cherethites! The Word of Jehovah *is* against you, Canaan, the land of the Philistines; I will cause you to perish, so as not one *shall be* living *in it*.

6 And the seacoast shall be pastures, meadows *for* feeding, and folds for the flock.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed on them. In the houses of Ashkelon, they shall lie down in the evening, for Jehovah their God shall care for them and turn back their captivity.

8 ¶ I have heard the scorn of Moab, and the revilings of the sons of Ammon, *with* which they have cursed My people and have magnified *themselves* on their border.

9 Therefore, *as* I live, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah, a possession of nettles, and a pit of salt, and a ruin to forever. The remnant of My people shall plunder them, and the rest of the nation shall possess them.

10 This *shall be* to them for their pride, because they have cursed and magnified *themselves* against the people of Jehovah of Hosts.

11 Jehovah *will be* frightening to them, for He will *make* lean all the gods of the earth; *each* man from his place, and all the isles of the nations will bow to Him.

12 ¶ You also, O Ethiopians, they *are* pierced by My sword.

13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north, and make perish Assyria,

and will make Nineveh a desolation, dry like the desert.

14 And flocks shall lie down in her midst; every beast of a nation; both the pelican and the bittern shall lodge in the capitals *of* its pillar. A voice shall sing at the window; ruin *shall be* at the doorsill; for He will bare the cedar work.

15 This *is* the joyful city, dwelling confidently, the one saying in her heart, I *am*, and none *other* still is. How she has become a ruin, a resting place for animals! Everyone who passes near her shall hiss; he shall shake his hand!

Zephaniah 3

1 A sharp reproof of Jerusalem for their sins.

8 An exhortation to wait for the restoration of Israel.

1 ¶ Woe *to* her rebelling and being defiled, to the oppressing city!

2 She did not listen to the voice; she did not receive correction; she did not trust in Jehovah; she did not draw near to her God.

3 Her rulers within her are roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they do not gnaw bones for the morning.

4 Her prophets *are* proud, men of deceit; her priests have polluted the sanctuary; they have done violence *to* the Law.

5 Jehovah, the righteous *One* is in her midst; He will not do injustice. Morning by morning He gives His judgment to the light; He does not fail, but the unjust *one* knows no shame.

6 I have cut off nations; their towers are ruined. I made their streets waste, so that none passes by. Their cities are laid waste, that there is not a man, from there being not one living *there*.

7 I said, Surely you will fear Me; you will receive correction; then her dwelling shall not be cut off, all that I appointed for her. But they rose up early; they corrupted all their doings.

8 ¶ Therefore, wait for Me, a statement of Jehovah, for the day I rise up to the prey. For My judgment *is* to gather the nations, for Me to assemble the kingdoms, to pour My fury out on them, all the heat of My anger. For all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.

9 For then I will turn a clear lip to the peoples, to call all of them by the name of Jehovah, to serve Him *with* one shoulder.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, My worshipers, the daughter of My scattered *ones*, shall bring My food offering.

11 In that day you shall not be ashamed from all your doings *in* which you have transgressed against Me. For then I will take away those who rejoice in your pride out of your midst, and you shall not again be exalted any more in My holy mountain.

12 I will also leave a poor and weak people in your midst, and they shall trust in the name of Jehovah.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do injustice, and not speak lies. And a deceitful tongue shall not be found in their mouth. For they shall feed and lie down, and no one is terrifying *them*.

14 ¶ Shout for joy, daughter of Zion; shout, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all the heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

15 Jehovah has turned aside your judgments; He has turned back your enemy. Jehovah, the King of Israel, *is* in your midst; you shall not fear evil *any* more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not! Zion, do not let your hands droop.

17 Jehovah your God *is* a mighty *One* in your midst; He will save. He will rejoice over you with joy; He is silent in His love. He rejoices over you with a joyful shout.

18 I will gather the *ones* afflicted from the appointed place; they were from you, a lifting up *of* reproach over her.

19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all those afflicting you. And I will save her who is lame, and gather her being thrust out. And I will give them for a praise and fo a name in all the land of their shame.

20 In that time I will bring you, even in the time I gather you. For I will give you for a name and for a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, says Jehovah.

The Book of **HAGGAI**

Haggai 1

1 Haggai reproves the people for neglecting the building of the house. 7 He incites them to finish the temple.

1 ¶ In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the Word of Jehovah came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah; and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying:

2 So speaks Jehovah of Hosts, saying, This people says, The time is not come, the time for the house of Jehovah to be built.

3 And the Word of Jehovah was by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 *Is it* time for you, *even you all* to live in your covered houses, and this house to lie waste?

5 And now, thus says Jehovah of Hosts: Set your heart on your ways!

6 You have sown much, and brought in little; *you* eat, but not to satiety; *you* drink, but not to be filled; you dress, but there is no warmth to one. And one hiring out himself hires out himself for a bag of holes.

7 So says Jehovah of Hosts: Set your heart on your ways.

8 Go up the mountain and bring wood and build this house. And I will be pleased with it, and I will be glorified, says Jehovah.

9 *You* looked for much, and, behold, little! And when you brought *it* home, then I blew on it. Why, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts? Because of My house that is ruined, and you, *each* man, run to his *own* house.

10 Therefore the heavens above you have held back the dew, and the earth is held back *from* her produce.

11 And I called for a drought in the land, and on the mountains, and on the grain, and on the new wine, and on the oil, and on that which the ground brings forth, and

on man, and on livestock, and on all the labor of your palms.

12 ¶ And Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of Jehovah their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as Jehovah their God had sent him. And the people feared before Jehovah.

13 And Haggai, the messenger of Jehovah, spoke the message of Jehovah to the people, saying, I *am* with you, a statement of Jehovah.

14 And Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people and they came and did work on the house of Jehovah of Hosts, their God,

15 in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai 2

7 The vision of the horses. 12 Comfortable promises are made to Jerusalem.

1 ¶ In the seventh *month*, on the twenty-first of the month, the Word of Jehovah was by Haggai the prophet, saying,

2 Now speak to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

3 Who *is* left among you who saw this house in her former glory? And how do you see it now? *Is it* not as nothing like it in your eyes?

4 And now be strong, O Zerubbabel, a statement of Jehovah. And be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. And be strong and work, all people of the land, a statement of Jehovah. For I *am* with you, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts,

5 *with* the Word which I cut with you when you came out of Egypt, and My Spirit stands in your midst; do not fear.

6 For so says Jehovah of Hosts: Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.

7 And I will shake all the nations; and the Desire of all nations shall come. And I will fill this house *with* glory, says Jehovah of Hosts.

8 To Me *is* the silver, and to Me *is* the gold, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says Jehovah of Hosts. And in this place I will give peace, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

10 ¶ In the twenty-fourth of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, the Word of Jehovah came to Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 So says Jehovah of Hosts: Now ask the priests the Law, saying,

12 Behold, *if* a man lifts up holy flesh in the *skirt* of his garment, and touches his *skirt* to the bread, or boiled food, or wine, or oil, or any food, will it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13 And Haggai said, If the unclean of body touches these, is it unclean? And the priests answered and said, It is unclean.

14 And Haggai answered and said, So *is* this people, and so *is* this nation before Me, a statement of Jehovah. And so *is* every work *of* their hands; and that which they offer there *is* unclean.

15 And now set your heart on it. From this day and onward: before the placing of a stone on a stone in the temple of Jehovah;

16 from then onward, *one* came to a heap of twenty *measures*, and there were *but* ten. *One* came to the wine vat to draw out fifty from the wine trough, and there were *but* twenty.

17 I struck you with blight, and with mildew, and with hail, *in* all the work *of* your hands; and you did not *turn* to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

18 Now set your heart from this day and forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*, from the day that Jehovah's temple was founded; set it *to* your heart:

19 *Is* the seed still in the storehouse? And the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not borne. From this day I will bless *them*.

20 ¶ And a second time the Word of Jehovah was to Haggai, in the twenty-fourth of the month, saying,

21 Speak to Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth.

22 And I will overturn the throne of the kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. And I will overturn the chariots and those riding *in* *them*, and the horses and those riding will come down, *each* man by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, a statement of Jehovah, and will make you like a signet; for I have chosen you, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

The Book of ZECHARIAH

Zechariah 1

1 Zechariah exhorts to repentance. 7 The vision of the horses. 12 Comfortable promises are made to Jerusalem.

1 ¶ In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the Word of Jehovah came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

2 With wrath Jehovah has been angry with your fathers.

3 And you say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts: Turn back to Me, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, and I will turn back to you, says Jehovah of Hosts.

4 Do not be as your fathers, to whom the former prophets have proclaimed to them, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts: Turn back now from your evil ways and your evil doings. But they did not attend or hearken to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

5 Your fathers, where *are* they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

6 But My words and My statutes which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? And they turned back and said, As Jehovah of Hosts planned to do to us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so He has done with us.

7 ¶ On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, it *is* the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the Word of Jehovah was to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,

8 I saw at night. And, behold! A Man riding on a red horse. And He stood in the midst of the myrtle trees in the ravine. And behind Him were red, reddish brown, and white horses.

9 And I said, My lord, what *are* these? And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, I will make you see what these *are*.

10 And the Man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are*

those whom Jehovah has sent to walk about in the earth.

11 And they answered the Angel in the midst of the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked about through the earth, and, behold, all the earth dwells and is at rest.

12 And the Angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of Hosts, until when will You not have compassion on Jerusalem, and on the cities of Judah, which You have abhorred these seventy years?

13 And Jehovah answered the angel who was speaking with me *with* good words, words of comfort.

14 So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, Cry out, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion, *with* a great jealousy.

15 And with great wrath I am angered at the nations at ease; *in* that I was *but* a little angry, and they helped for evil.

16 Therefore thus says Jehovah: I have returned to Jerusalem with compassions; My house shall be built in it, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, and a line shall be stretched over Jerusalem.

17 Cry out again, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts: My cities shall again overflow with goodness, and Jehovah shall comfort Zion, and shall choose Jerusalem.

18 ¶ And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and, behold, four horns!

19 And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, What *are* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And Jehovah made me see four craftsmen.

21 And I said, What *are* these coming to do? And He spoke, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifts up his head. But these have come to terrify them, to throw down the horns of the nations who lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah, to scatter it.

Zechariah 2

1 Jehovah, in the care of Jerusalem, sends to measure it. 6 The redemption of Zion.

1 ¶ And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and, behold, A man, and a measuring line in his hand!

2 And I said, Where are you going? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its breadth and what *is* its length.

3 And, behold, the angel who was talking with me went out, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 and said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem will dwell *like* unwallled villages, for the multitude of men and livestock in her midst.

5 And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, and I will be for glory in her midst, a statement of Jehovah.

6 ¶ Ho! Ho! Flee then from the land of the north, says Jehovah. For I have scattered you as the four winds of the heavens, a statement of Jehovah.

7 Ho, O Zion! Escape, you who live with the daughter of Babylon.

8 For so says Jehovah of Hosts: He has sent Me after glory, to the nations who plundered you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye.

9 For, behold, I will wave My hand over them, and they shall be a prize for their servants. And you shall know that Jehovah of Hosts has sent Me.

10 ¶ Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion. For, behold, I come; and I will dwell in your midst, says Jehovah.

11 And many nations shall be joined to Jehovah in that day, and they shall be to Me for a people. And I will dwell in your midst; and you shall know that Jehovah of Hosts has sent Me to you.

12 And Jehovah shall possess Judah, His portion in the holy land, and *He* shall again choose Jerusalem.

13 All flesh, be silent before Jehovah. For He is aroused out of His holy habitation.

Zechariah 3

1 Under the type of Joshua, the restoration by the Angel of Jehovah, 8 Christ the Branch.

1 ¶ And he made me see Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of Jeho-

vah, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 And Jehovah said to Satan, Jehovah rebuke you, Satan! And, Jehovah who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! *Is* this not a brand snatched out of the fire?

3 And Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and he stood before the Angel.

4 And He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, Remove the filthy garments from him. And He said to him, See, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with a stately robe.

5 And I said, Let them set a clean turban on his head. And they set a clean turban on his head and clothed him with clothing. And the Angel of Jehovah stood by.

6 And the Angel of Jehovah charged Joshua, saying,

7 So says Jehovah of Hosts: If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, even you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give to you to walk in the midst of these standing by.

8 ¶ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your companions who are sitting before you; for they *are* men of symbol.

9 For, behold, I will bring forth My Servant, the BRANCH. For behold, the stone which I have given before Joshua, on *the* one stone *are* seven eyes. I will engrave its engraving, says Jehovah of Hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, you shall call *each* man to his friend to *sit* under the vine and under the fig tree.

Zechariah 4

By the golden candlestick is predicted success of Zerubbabel's foundation.

1 ¶ And the angel who was speaking with me returned and awakened me, as a man is awakened out of his sleep.

2 And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see, and behold, a lampstand, all of it gold, and a bowl on its top, and its seven lamps on it, and seven spouts which *are* to the seven lamps on its top;

3 and two olive trees *are* beside it, one on the right of the bowl, and one on its left.

4 And I answered and said to the angel who was speaking with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, Do you not know what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord.

6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This *is* the Word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, and not by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of Hosts.

7 Who *are* you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain. And he shall bring forth the capstone *with* shouts: Grace! Grace to it!

8 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish *it*. And you shall know that Jehovah of Hosts has sent me to you.

10 For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice and shall see the plummet stone in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven *are* the eyes of Jehovah; they run to and fro through all the earth.

11 ¶ And I answered and said to him, What *are* these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand, and on its left?

12 And I answered a second time and said to him, What *are* the two clusters of olive trees beside the two golden pipes, emptying the golden *oil* from themselves?

13 And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord.

14 And he said, These *are* the two sons of fresh oil who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Zechariah 5

By the flying scroll is shown the curse of thieves and those who swear.

1 ¶ And turning back I lifted up my eyes and saw, and, behold, a flying scroll!

2 And he said to me, What do you see? And I answered, I see a flying scroll; its length *is* twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits.

3 And he said to me, This *is* the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth.

For from now on all who steal shall be cleared away according to it; and all who swear from now on shall be cleared away according to it.

4 And I will bring it forth, says Jehovah of Hosts. And it shall go into the house of the thief, and into the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. And it shall remain within his house and shall finish it, and its timber, and its stones.

5 ¶ And the angel who was speaking with me went out, and said to me, Now lift up your eyes and see what this *is* that goes forth.

6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* the ephah that goes forth. And he said, This *is* their form in all the earth.

7 And, behold, a lead cover was lifted up, and this *is* a woman sitting in the middle of the ephah.

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast her into the midst of the ephah; and he threw the lead weight over its opening.

9 And I lifted up my eyes and saw. And, behold, two women came out. And the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of the stork. And they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

10 And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, Where *are* they going with the ephah?

11 And he said to me, To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; and it shall be made ready and placed there on its own place.

Zechariah 6

1 The vision of the four chariots. 9 By the crowns of Joshua is made to see the temple and kingdom of Christ the Branch.

1 ¶ And I turned back and lifted up my eyes and saw, and, behold, four chariots *were* coming from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of bronze.

2 With the first chariot *were* red horses, and with the second chariot black horses,

3 and with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth dappled *and* strong *colored* horses.

4 And I answered and said to the angel who was speaking with me, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said to me, These *are* the four spirits of Heaven who go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses in it go into the north country, and the white go after them; and the dappled *ones* go forth into the south country.

7 And the strong *colored ones* went forth and sought to go, to walk about in the earth. And he said, Go! Walk about in the earth. And they walked about in the earth.

8 And he cried out to me, and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these who go into the north country have caused My Spirit to rest in the north country.

9 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

10 Take from Heldai, from Tobijah, and from Jedaiah, from the exiles who have come from Babylon; and in that day you go in and go into the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah.

11 And take silver and gold, and make a crown, and set *it* on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

12 And speak to him, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts, saying, Behold! A Man! THE BRANCH *is* His name! And He shall spring up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of Jehovah.

13 And He shall build the temple of Jehovah; and He shall bear the majesty, and shall sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a priest on His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between the two of them.

14 And the crowns shall be for a memorial in the temple of Jehovah, to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen, the son of Zephaniah.

15 And the distant *ones* shall come and build in the temple of Jehovah. And you shall know that Jehovah of Hosts has sent me to you. And *this* shall be, if listening you will listen to the voice of Jehovah your God.

Zechariah 7

1 The captives inquire of fasting. 4 Zechariah reproves their fasting. 8 Sin the cause of their captivity.

1 ¶ And it was in the fourth year of King Darius, the Word of Jehovah was to

Zechariah, in the fourth of the ninth month, in Chisleu.

2 And Sharezer and Regem-melech, and his men, had sent *to* Bethel to entreat the face of Jehovah,

3 to speak to the priests who *belong* to the house of Jehovah of Hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, consecrating myself as I have done these many years?

4 The Word of Jehovah of Hosts was to me, saying,

5 Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *months*, even those seventy years, did you truly fast to Me, *even to Me*?

6 And when you ate, and when you drank, *was it* not *for* you, those eating, and *for* you, those drinking?

7 *Are not these* the words which Jehovah proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous with her cities round about her, and the Negeb and the Lowland were inhabited?

8 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Zechariah, saying,

9 So says Jehovah of Hosts, saying, Judge true judgment, and practice kindness and pity, *each* man with his brother.

10 And do not oppress the widow, and the fatherless, the alien, or the afflicted *one*. And do not devise evil in your heart, of a man *against* his brother.

11 But they refused to listen, and gave a stubborn shoulder, and they made their ears heavy from hearing.

12 And they made their heart adamant from hearing the Law and the words which Jehovah of Hosts has sent by the former prophets through His Spirit. And great wrath was from Jehovah of Hosts.

13 And it will be, just as He called, and they did not listen; so they called, and I did not listen, says Jehovah of Hosts.

14 But I stormed them away on all the nations whom they did not know. And the land is desolated behind them, from passing and from turning back; for they made the land of desire a waste.

Zechariah 8

1 The restoration of Jerusalem. 9 They are encouraged to the building by Jehovah's favor to them. 16 Good works are required of them.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 So says Jehovah of Hosts: I was jealous for Zion *with* great jealousy, and I was jealous for her *with* great wrath.

3 So says Jehovah: I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And Jerusalem shall be called a City of Truth, and the mountain of Jehovah of Hosts, the Holy Mountain.

4 So says Jehovah of Hosts: There shall yet be old men and old women sitting in the open places of Jerusalem; and a man *with* his staff in his hand from *his* many days.

5 And the open places of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its open places.

6 So says Jehovah of Hosts: If it is being wonderful in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be wonderful in My eyes? a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

7 So says Jehovah of Hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the land of the rising *sun* and from the land of the setting sun.

8 And I will bring them, and they shall live in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be for a people to Me, and I will be for God to them, in truth and in righteousness.

9 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts: Let your hands be made strong, *you* who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, that in the day the house of Jehovah of Hosts is founded, the temple *is* to be built.

10 For before those days there was no wages for man, and there was no wages for animal; and there was no peace to him going out or coming in from the distressing *one*. For I set every man, a man against his neighbor.

11 But now I *will not be* to the remnant of this people as in former days, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

12 For the seed will have prosperity, the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give

their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these.

13 And it shall be, as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be made strong.

14 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, As I purposed to break you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, says Jehovah of Hosts, and I was not moved to pity,

15 so again I have purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem, and the house of Judah. Do not fear.

16 These *are* the things that you shall do. *Let each* man speak truth with his neighbor. Judge *with* truth and judgment *for* peace in your gates,

17 and let *each* man devise no evil in your heart *against* his neighbor, and do not love a false oath. For all these I hate, a statement of Jehovah.

18 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah of Hosts was to me, saying,

19 So says Jehovah of Hosts: The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall become for joy and gladness and pleasant feasts to the house of Judah; even love truth and peace.

20 So says Jehovah of Hosts: Peoples shall come again and ones living in many cities.

21 And one living in one *city* will go to another, saying, Let us go at once to seek the favor of the face of Jehovah, and to seek Jehovah of Hosts; I will go also.

22 And many peoples and mighty nations shall come to seek Jehovah of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the face of Jehovah.

23 So says Jehovah of Hosts: In those days ten men out of all languages of the nations shall take hold, and will seize the skirt of a man, a Jew, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

Zechariah 9

1 Jehovah defends His people. 9 Zion is exhorted to rejoice for the coming of Christ.

1 ¶ The burden of the Word of Jehovah against the land of Hadrach, and its resting place, Damascus, when the eye of man, and all the tribes of Israel *shall be* toward Jehovah,

2 and Hamath also borders on it; Tyre and Sidon, though *they are* very wise.

3 And Tyre shall build a fortress for herself, and shall pile up silver like the dust, and gold like the mud of the streets.

4 Behold! The Lord will dispossess her, and He will strike her wealth in the sea, and she shall be devoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see and fear; and Gaza shall writhe in great pain; and Ekron shall be ashamed *for* her hope. And the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth. But the remnant, even he, *shall be* for our God. And he shall be as a chief in Judah, and Ekron, like a Jebusite.

8 And I will camp around My house from an army, from one passing by, and from one returning. And one oppressing shall not pass through them again. For now I have seen with My eyes.

9 ¶ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you! He is righteous and being victorious, lowly, and riding on a she-ass, even on a colt, the son of she-asses. (*Matthew 21:5*)

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. And the bow of war shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations. And His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 Also you, by the blood of your covenant I have sent out your prisoners from the pit; no water is in it.

12 ¶ Turn to the stronghold, O prisoners of the hope! Even today I declare I will return double to you.

13 For I have bent Judah for Me *as* a bow; I filled *it* with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you as the sword of a mighty *man*.

14 And Jehovah will be seen over them, and His arrow shall go out as lightning; and the Lord Jehovah shall blow the rams' horn and shall go forth with the tempests of the south.

15 Jehovah of Hosts shall defend them. And they shall devour and subdue the slingstones. And they shall drink and be boisterous, as with wine. And they shall be full like a bowl, like the corners of the altar.

16 And Jehovah their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people; for *they are as* stones of a crown, lifted up as a banner over His land.

17 For how *great* is His goodness and His beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

Zechariah 10

1 Jehovah is to be sought, and not idols. 5 As He visited His flock for sin, so He will save and restore them.

1 ¶ Ask rain from Jehovah in the time of the latter rain. Jehovah shall make lightnings. And He gives them showers of rain, grass to *each* man in the field.

2 For the family idols speak iniquity, and the divining *ones* have seen a lie and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain. Therefore they pulled up *stakes* like a flock; they were afflicted because there was no shepherd.

3 My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will call to account the he-goats. For Jehovah of Hosts has cared for His flock, the house of Judah, and made them as His splendid horse in battle.

4 From Him *came* the cornerstone, from Him the nail, from Him *came* the bow of war, *and* from Him every *one* oppressing together.

5 ¶ And they shall be like mighty *ones* who trample the mud of the open places in the battle. And they shall fight because Jehovah *is* with them, and they shall make the riders of horses ashamed.

6 And I will make stronger the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. And I will return to save them, for I have pity on them. And they shall be as though I had not cast them off, for I *am* Jehovah their God, and I will answer them.

7 And Ephraim shall be like a mighty *one*, and their heart shall be glad as *by* wine. And their sons shall see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in Jehovah.

8 I will whistle for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them. And they will increase as they were increased.

9 And I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in distant places, and they shall live with their sons and return.

10 And I will return to save them out of the land of Egypt and gather them out of Assyria. And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, for *space* shall not be found for them.

11 And He shall pass through the sea of distress and strike the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up. And the pride of Assyria shall go down, and the scepter of Egypt shall turn away.

12 And I will make them strong in Jehovah, and they shall walk about in His name, a statement of Jehovah.

Zechariah 11

1 The destruction of Jerusalem. 3 The elect being cared for, the rest are rejected.

1 ¶ Open your doors, O Lebanon, and the fire will devour your cedars.

2 Howl, fir tree, for the cedar has fallen, because the majestic *trees* have been destroyed. Howl, O oaks of Bashan, for the inaccessible forest has come down.

3 A voice of the wailing of those shepherding *is heard*, for their splendor is destroyed. A voice of the roaring of young lions *is heard*, for the pride of Jordan is destroyed.

4 ¶ For so says Jehovah my God: Feed the flock of the slaughter.

5 Those who buy them kill them and are not held guilty. And the *one* selling them says, Blessed *be* Jehovah, for I am rich. And their shepherds do not pity them.

6 For I will not again pity those living in the land, a statement of Jehovah. But, behold! I will cause to be found the men, *each* man into his neighbor's hand, and into his king's hand. And they shall crush the land, and I will not deliver out of their hand.

7 And I fed the flock of slaughter, the true humble *one* of the flock. And I took two staves for Myself: the one I called Kindness, and the other I called Union. And I fed the flock.

8 And I cut off three shepherds in one month. And My soul was straightened with them, and their soul also abhorred Me.

9 And I said, I will not feed you; that which dies, let it die; and *what is* to be cut off, let it be cut off. And let the remnant, let *each* woman, eat the flesh of her neighbor.

10 And I took My staff Kindness and cut it in two, to break My covenant which I had cut with all the peoples.

11 And it was broken in that day, and so the humble *one* of the flock watching Me knew that it *was* the Word of Jehovah.

12 And I said to them, If *it is* good in your eyes, give My price; and if not, let it go. And they weighed My price, thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 And Jehovah said to Me, Throw it to the potter, the magnificent price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw it to the potter in the house of Jehovah.

14 Then I cut in two My second staff Union, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 ¶ And Jehovah said to me, Again take to yourself the vessels of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, behold, I will raise up a shepherd in the land; he shall not care for those who are cut off; not will he seek the young; not will *he* heal that which is broken; not will he sustain that which stands. But he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear off their hoofs.

17 Woe to the worthless shepherd who abandons the flock! The sword *shall be* against his arm and against his right eye. Withering His arm shall be withered, and darkening his right eye shall be darkened.

Zechariah 12

1 Jerusalem a cup of trembling to herself, 3 and a burdensome stone to her adversaries. 6 The victorious restoring of Judah.

1 ¶ The burden of the Word of Jehovah for Israel, a statement of Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens, and founds the earth, and *who* forms the spirit of man within him.

2 Behold! I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the peoples round about, and it shall also be against Judah in the siege against Jerusalem.

3 And in that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all loading it cutting will be cut. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

4 In that day, a statement of Jehovah, I will strike every horse with panic and his rider with madness, says Jehovah. And I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and I will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 And the leaders of Judah shall say in their heart, Those living *in* Jerusalem shall be my strength in Jehovah of Hosts, their God.

6 In that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire among cut grain. And they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left *hand*. And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her place, in Jerusalem.

7 Jehovah also shall save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the one living *in* Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.

8 In that day Jehovah shall defend around those living *in* Jerusalem. And it will be, he being feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of Jehovah before them.

9 ¶ And it shall be in that day, I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour out on the house of David, and on those living *in* Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only *son*, and they shall be bitter over Him, like the bitterness over the first-born.

11 In that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be great, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo.

12 And the land shall mourn, families *by* families being alone: the family of the house of David being alone, and their wives being alone; the family of the house of Nathan being alone, and their wives being alone;

13 the family of the house of Levi being alone, and their wives being alone; the family of Shimei being alone, and their wives being alone;

14 all the families who remain, family *by* family being alone, and their wives being alone.

Zechariah 13

1 The fountain to purge for impurity and sin, 2 from idolatry, and false prophecy. 7 The death of Christ, and the trial of a third part.

1 ¶ In that day a fountain shall be opened to the house of David and to those living *in* Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

2 And it shall be in that day, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall not be remembered again. And I also will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

3 And it shall be when any shall prophesy again, and his father and his mother who gave him birth shall say to him then, You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of Jehovah. And his father and his mother who gave him birth shall pierce him when he prophesies.

4 And it shall be in that day, the prophets shall be ashamed, *each* man of his vision when he prophesies, and they shall not wear a hairy garment to deceive.

5 But he shall say, I *am* not a prophet; I *am* a man, a tiller of the ground, for a man caused me to possess *it* from my youth.

6 And *one* shall say to Him, What *are* these wounds between Your hands? And He shall answer, *Those* with which I was struck *in* the house of those who love Me.

7 ¶ O sword, awake against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is My Associate, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts. Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered. And I will turn My hand on the little ones.

8 And it shall be in all the land, a statement of Jehovah, two parts in it shall be cut off *and* perish, but the third shall be left in it.

9 And I will bring the third *part* through the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined. And I will test them as gold is tested. They shall call on My name, and I

will answer them. I will say, It *is* My people, and they shall say, Jehovah *is* my God.

Zechariah 14

1 The destroyers of Jerusalem destroyed. 4 The coming of Christ. 12 The plague of Jerusalem's enemies. 16 The remnant shall turn to the Lord.

1 ¶ Behold, the day of Jehovah comes, and your plunder shall be divided in your midst.

2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem. And the city shall be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women ravished. And half the city shall go into exile and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 And Jehovah shall go out and fight against those nations, like the day He fought in the day of battle.

4 And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall divide from its middle, from the east even to the west, a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move north, and half of it south.

5 And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah. And Jehovah my God shall come, and all the holy *ones* with You.

6 And it will be in that day, there shall not be light; the holy *ones* will shrink.

7 And it will be one day which shall be known to Jehovah; not day and not night, but it will be, there will be light at evening time.

8 ¶ And it shall be in that day, living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and in winter it shall be.

9 And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth. In that day there shall be one Jehovah, and His name one.

10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. And it shall rise and dwell in its place, from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First

Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses.

11 And they shall live in it. And there shall not again be a shutting in, but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

12 And this shall be the plague *with* which Jehovah will strike all the peoples who have fought against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

13 And it shall be in that day, a great panic of Jehovah shall be among them; and they shall *each* man seize the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of the surrounding nations shall be gathered, gold, and silver, and clothing, very much.

15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the ass, and all the cattle which shall be in those camps, like this plague.

16 ¶ And it shall be, everyone who is left from all the nations who came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.

17 And it shall be, whoever will not go up from the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of Hosts, even there shall be no rain on them.

18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up, and not come in, even not on them will be *rain*, but the plague *with* which Jehovah shall strike the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Booths.

19 This shall be Egypt's offense, and the offense of all nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Booths.

20 In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, HOLY TO JEHOVAH. And the pots in the house of Jehovah shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy to Jehovah of Hosts. And all those who sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil in them. And in that day there shall not be a trader in the house of Jehovah of Hosts *any* more.

The Book of **MALACHI**

Malachi 1

1 Malachi complains of Israel's unkindness. 6 Of their lack of love of Jehovah, 12 and profaneness.

1 ¶ The burden of the Word of Jehovah to Israel by the hand of Malachi:

2 I have loved you, says Jehovah. But you say, In what way have You loved us? Was not Esau brother to Jacob, and I loved Jacob? A statement of Jehovah.

3 And I hated Esau and have made his mountains a desolation, and his inheritance to be for the jackals of the wilderness.

4 If Edom says, We are beaten down, but we will return and build the ruined places; thus says Jehovah of Hosts: They shall build, but I will tear down; And they shall call them the region of wickedness, and the people with whom Jehovah is angrily indignant until forever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and you shall say, Jehovah will be magnified from on the border of Israel.

6 ¶ A son honors his father, and a servant his master. and if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My fear? says Jehovah of Hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, In what have we despised Your name?

7 You are offering defiled food on My altar, and you say, In what have we defiled You? It is in your saying, The table of Jehovah, it is to be despised.

8 And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Bring it now to your governor. Will he accept you or lift up your face? says Jehovah of Hosts.

9 And now please entreat the face of God, that He favor us. This has been by your hands; will He lift up your faces? says Jehovah of Hosts.

10 Who is even among you and would shut the doors, and you not kindle fire on

My altar in vain? There is no delight to Me in you, says Jehovah of Hosts. I will not be pleased with a food offering from your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun until its going in, My name shall be great among the nations, and every place where incense shall be offered to My name; and a pure food offering; for My name shall be great among the nations, says Jehovah of Hosts.

12 But you are polluting it when you say, The table of the Lord, it is defiled. And His food, its fruit, is to be despised.

13 And you have said, Behold, what weariness! And you have snuffed at it, says Jehovah of Hosts. And you bring what is torn, and lame ones, and what is sick; and you bring the food offering. Should I be pleased with it from your hand? says Jehovah.

14 But cursed be one deceiving and there is a male in his flock, and he vows it, but he sacrifices a blemished one to the Lord. For I am a great King, says Jehovah of Hosts, and My name is feared among the nations.

Malachi 2

1 He sharply reproves the priests for neglecting their covenant, 11 and the people for idolatry.

1 ¶ And now, O priests, this command is to you.

2 If you will not hear, and if you will not set it on your heart to give glory to My name, says Jehovah of Hosts, even I will send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. And indeed, I have cursed it, because you are not setting it on your heart.

3 Behold, I am rebuking your seed, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung of your solemn feasts; and one will lift you up to it.

4 And you shall know that I have sent this command to you, to be My covenant with Levi, says Jehovah of Hosts.

5 My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him *for* fear; and he feared Me, and from before My name he is put in awe.

6 The Law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips. In peace and in uprightness he walked with Me, and he turned many from iniquity.

7 For the lips of the priest should guard knowledge, and they should seek the Law from his mouth; for he *is* the messenger of Jehovah of Hosts.

8 But you have turned out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the Law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says Jehovah of Hosts.

9 And I have also made you despised and low to all the people, in *your* mouth *by* which you *are* not keeping My ways, but *are* lifting up faces in the Law.

10 ¶ Is there not one father to us all? *Has* not one God created us? Why do we act deceitfully, *each* man with his brother, to pollute the covenant of our fathers?

11 Judah has acted deceitfully, and has done an abomination in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has polluted the holy *place* of Jehovah, which He loves and *has* married a daughter of a foreign god.

12 Jehovah will cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does it, *he* awakening and answering, or offering a food offering to Jehovah of Hosts.

13 And this *is* a second *thing* you do: covering the altar of Jehovah *with* tears, *with* weeping and groaning, yet not facing toward the food offering, and taking it *with* delight from your hand.

14 Yet you say, On what *cause*? On that Jehovah has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have acted deceitfully; and she *is* your companion and your covenant wife.

15 And did He not make *you* one? And the vestige of the Spirit *is* to him. And what *of* the one? He was seeking a seed of God; even guard your spirit, and do not act deceitfully with the wife of your youth.

16 Jehovah, the God of Israel, says, He hates sending away, and to cover *with* violence on his garment, says Jehovah of

Hosts. Even guard your spirit and do not act deceitfully.

17 You have wearied Jehovah with your words. Yet you say, In what *way* have we wearied Him? When you say, Every doer of evil *is* good in the eyes of Jehovah, and in them He delights; or, Where *is* the God of justice?

Chapter 3

1 Of the messenger; majesty and grace of Christ.

7 Of the rebellion, 13 and infidelity of the people.

1 ¶ Behold, I *am* sending My messenger, and He will clear the way before Me. And the Lord whom you *are* seeking shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Angel of the Covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He comes, says Jehovah of Hosts.

2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who *will be* standing at His appearing? For He *is* like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap.

3 And He shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them like gold and like silver, that they may be to Jehovah, to bring near an offering in righteousness to Jehovah.

4 And the offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to Jehovah, as *in* the days of old, and as *in* former years.

5 And I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against those divining, and against *ones* doing adultery, and against those swearing to a lie; and against those who extort from the hired laborer's pay; and turning away the widow, and the fatherless, and the sojourner, and the *one* not fearing Me, says Jehovah of Hosts.

6 For I, Jehovah, change not. Because of this, you sons of Jacob do not come to an end.

7 ¶ From the days of your fathers, you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept *them*. Turn back to Me, and I will turn back to you, says Jehovah of Hosts. But you say, In what *way* shall we turn back?

8 Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me. But you say, In what have we robbed You? *In* the tithe and the offering!

9 You *are* cursed with a curse, for you *are* robbing Me, the nation, all of it.

10 Bring all the tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. And test Me now in this, says Jehovah of Hosts, whether I will not open the windows of the heavens for you and pour out a blessing until there is no sufficiency.

11 And I will rebuke for you the *one* devouring, and he shall not cause to decay for you the fruit of your ground against you; and not will your vine miscarry for you in the field, says Jehovah of Hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed, for you shall be a land of delight, says Jehovah of Hosts.

13 ¶ Your words have been strong against Me, says Jehovah. But you say, What have we spoken against you?

14 You have said, *It is* vanity to serve God. And, What unjust profit *is it* that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked as mourners before Jehovah of Hosts?

15 And now we *are* calling the arrogant blessed. Not only are the doers of wickedness built up, they also test God, and escape.

16 Then those fearing Jehovah spoke together, *each* man to his neighbor. And Jehovah gave attention and heard. And a Book of Remembrance was written before Him for those fearing Jehovah, and for those esteeming His name.

17 And they shall be Mine, says Jehovah of Hosts, for the day that I will make up My treasure. And I will pity them as a man has pity on his son who serves him.

18 Then you shall again see the *difference* between the righteous *one* and the wicked *one*, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.

Malachi 4

1 Jehovah's judgment on the wicked, 2 and His blessing on the good. 5 He tells of Elijah's coming.

1 ¶ For, behold, the day is coming, burning like a fire pot; and all the arrogant and every doer of wickedness will be chaff. And the coming day will set them ablaze, says Jehovah of Hosts, which will not leave root or branches to them.

2 But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall rise up, and healing will be in His wings. And you shall go out and frisk like calves of a stall.

3 And you shall tread under the wicked *ones*, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day which I *am* preparing, says Jehovah of Hosts.

4 ¶ Remember the Law of My servant Moses which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I *am* sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Jehovah.

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth *with* utter destruction.

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The Gospel According to **MATTHEW**

Matthew 1

1 The genealogy of Christ from Abraham to Joseph. 18 He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. 19 The angel interprets the names of Christ.

1 ¶ The Book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ *the Son of David, the son of Abraham:*

2 Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers.

3 And Judah fathered Pharez and Zarah out of Tamar, and Pharez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered Aram,

4 and Aram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon,

5 and Salmon fathered Boaz out of Rahab, and Boaz fathered Obed out of Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse,

6 and Jesse fathered David the king. And David the king fathered Solomon out of *her who had been the wife of Uriah,*

7 and Solomon fathered Rehoboam, and Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered Asa,

8 and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat fathered Jehoram, and Jehoram fathered Uzziah,

9 and Uzziah fathered Jotham, and Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah,

10 and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, and Manasseh fathered Amon, and Amon fathered Josiah,

11 and Josiah fathered Jehoiachin and his brothers, at the deportation of Babylon.

12 And after the deportation of Babylon, Jehoiachin fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel,

13 and Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, and Abiud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor,

14 and Azor fathered Sadoc, and Sadoc fathered Achim, and Achim fathered Eliud,

15 and Eliud fathered Eleazar, and Eleazar fathered Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob,

16 and Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mary, out of whom Jesus was born, *the One* called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *were* fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon until the Christ, fourteen generations.

18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was this way (for His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph) before the coming together of them, she was found having *babe* in womb of *the Holy Spirit.*

19 But her husband, Joseph, being just, and not willing to make her a public example, he purposed to put her away secretly.

20 And *as* he was thinking about these things, behold, an angel of *the Lord* was seen by him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary *as* your wife. For that in her is generated of *the Holy Spirit.*

21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

22 And all this happened so that might be fulfilled that *which was* spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

23 “Behold, The virgin will have a *babe* in *her* womb and will bear a son, and they will call His name Emmanuel” (which translated is, God with us). *Isa. 7:14*

24 And being aroused from sleep, Joseph did as the angel of *the Lord* commanded him, and took *as* his wife,

25 and did not know her until she bore her son, the First-born. And he called His name Jesus.

2 saying, Where is He born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and

Matthew 2

1 Jesus born in Bethlehem, 3 Herod troubled, 7 Herod sends wise men to inquire about Christ, 11 Wise men presents gifts, 13 Angel orders flight into Egypt, 16 Herod kills all boys in Bethlehem, 22 travel to Galilee

1 ¶ And when Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men arrived from the east to Jerusalem,

2 saying, Where is He born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.

3 But Herod the king having heard this, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And having gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you shall come out One ruling, who shall shepherd My people Israel." Mic. 5:2

7 Then secretly calling the wise men, Herod asked of them exactly the time of the star appearing.

8 And sending them to Bethlehem, he said, Having gone, exactly inquire about the child. And when you find Him, bring me word again so that coming I may also worship Him.

9 ¶ And having heard the king, they departed. And, behold, The star which they saw in the east went before them until it had come and stood over where the child was.

10 And seeing the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with a great joy.

11 And having come into the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary. And falling down, they worshiped Him. And opening their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been warned by a dream not to return to Herod, they went back into their own country by another way.

13 ¶ And they having departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph by a dream, saying, Rise up! Take the child and His mother with you, and flee into

Egypt. And be there until I shall tell you. For Herod is about to look for the child in order to destroy Him.

14 And rising up, he took along the child and His mother by night and withdrew into Egypt.

15 And he was there until the end of Herod, that might be fulfilled that spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I have called My Son. Hosea 11:1

16 ¶ Then seeing that he was mocked by the wise men, Herod was greatly enraged, and having sent, he killed all the boys in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he exactly asked from the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamenting and bitter wailing, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and would not be comforted, because they were not." Jer. 31:15

19 ¶ But Herod having died, behold, an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph by a dream in Egypt,

20 saying, Rising up, take along the child and His mother and pass over into the land of Israel; for those seeking the soul of the child have died.

21 And rising up, he took along the child and His mother and came into the land of Israel.

22 But hearing that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he feared to go there. And being warned by a dream, he departed into the parts of Galilee.

23 And coming, he dwelt in a city called Nazareth, so as to fulfill that spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 3

1 John preaches: his office: life, and baptism. 7 He reprehends the Pharisees, 13 and baptizes Christ in Jordan.

1 ¶ And in those days John the Baptist arrives preaching in the deserted places of Judea,

2 and saying, Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.

3 For this is he spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in

the deserted *place*: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make His paths straight!" *Isa. 40:3*

4 And John himself had his clothing from hairs of a camel, and a belt of leather about his loin. And his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea went out to him, and all the surrounding region of the Jordan,

6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, having confessed their sins.

7 ¶ But seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Therefore, bring forth fruits worthy of repentance.

9 And do not think to say within yourselves, We have a father, Abraham. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

10 But already the axe is even laid at the root of the trees. Therefore any tree not bringing forth good fruit is cut off and is thrown into fire.

11 I indeed baptize you in water to repentance; but He who is coming after me is stronger than me, whose sandals I am not able to lift. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire,

12 whose fan *is* in His hand, and He will cleanse His threshing-floor and will gather His wheat into the storehouse. But He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 ¶ Then Jesus arrives from Galilee to the Jordan, to John, to be baptized by him.

14 But John restrained Him, saying, I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?

15 But answering, Jesus said to him, Allow *it* now, for it is becoming to us this way to fulfill all righteousness. Then he allows Him.

16 And having been baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water. And, behold! The heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God coming down as a dove, and coming upon Him.

17 And behold! A voice out of the heavens saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have been well-pleased. *Psa. 2:7; Gen. 22:2; Isa. 42:1*

Matthew 4

1 Christ fasts, and is tested. 11 The angels minister to him. 18 He calls Peter, and Andrew, 21 James and John, 23 and heals all the diseased.

1 ¶ Then Jesus was led up into the deserted *place* by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil.

2 And having fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He hungered.

3 And coming near to Him, the Tempter said, If You are *the* Son of God, speak that these stones may become loaves.

4 But answering, He said, It has been written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every Word going out of *the* mouth of God." *Deut. 8:3*

5 Then the Devil takes Him to the holy city, and he sets Him on the wing of the temple.

6 And *he* said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it has been written: "He shall give His angels charge concerning You, and they shall bear You on *their* hands, lest You strike Your foot against a stone." *LXX-Psa. 90:11, 12; MT-Psa. 91:11, 12*

7 Jesus said to him, Again it has been written: "You shall not tempt *the* Lord your God." *Deut. 6:16*

8 Again the Devil takes Him to a very high mountain, and shows to Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And *he* said to Him, I will give all these things to You if, falling down, You will worship me.

10 Then Jesus said to him, Go, Satan! For it has been written: "You shall worship *the* Lord your God, and you shall serve Him only." *Deut. 6:13*

11 Then the Devil leaves Him. And behold! Angels came near and ministered to Him.

12 ¶ But Jesus hearing that John was given over, He withdrew into Galilee.

13 And having left Nazareth, having come He lived at Capernaum, beside the sea in *the* districts of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 so that might be fulfilled that spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, way of *the* sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations:

16 the people sitting in darkness saw a great Light; and to those sitting in *the* region and shadow of death, Light arose to them.” *Isa. 9:1, 2*

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.

18 ¶ And walking beside the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon being called Peter and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers.

19 And He says to them, Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And leaving the nets, they immediately followed Him.

21 And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee and his brother John in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. And He called them.

22 And at once leaving the boat and their father, they followed Him.

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

24 And the report of Him went out into all Syria. And they brought to Him all *the ones* badly having *illness*, suffering various diseases and torments, also *those* being demon-possessed, and *those* being moonstruck, and paralytics; and He healed them.

25 And large crowds followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

Matthew 5

1 Christ begins his sermon on the mount: 3 declaring who are blessed: 38 exhorts to suffer wrong, 44 to love our enemies, 48 to labor after perfection.

1 ¶ But seeing the crowds, He went up into the mountain, and He having sat down, His disciples came near to Him.

2 And opening His mouth, He taught them, saying:

3 ¶ Blessed *are* the poor in spirit! For theirs is the kingdom of the Heavens.

4 Blessed *are* the *ones* mourning! For they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed *are* the meek! For they shall inherit the earth. *Psa. 37:11*

6 Blessed *are* they who hunger and thirst after righteousness! For they shall be filled.

7 Blessed *are* the merciful! For they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart! For they shall see God.

9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers! For they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed *are the ones* who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake! For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

11 Blessed are you when they shall reproach you, and persecute *you*, and shall say every evil word against you, lying, on account of Me.

12 Rejoice and be exceeding joyful, for your reward *is* great in Heaven; for in this way they persecuted the prophets, the *ones* before you.

13 ¶ You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt becomes tasteless, with what shall it be salted? For it has strength for nothing any more but to be thrown out and to be trampled under by men.

14 You are the light of the world. A city situated on a mountain cannot be hidden.

15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under the grain measure, but on the lampstand; and it shines for all those in the house.

16 So let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works, and may glorify your Father in Heaven.

17 ¶ Do not think that I came to annul the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfill.

18 For truly I say to you, Until the heaven and the earth should pass away, not one iota or one point shall pass away from the Law, not until all things should occur.

19 Therefore, whoever looses one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever does and teaches *them*, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven.

20 For I say to you, If your righteousness shall not exceed *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of God, not *ever*!

21 ¶ You have heard that it was said to the ancients: “Do not commit murder!” And,

Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the Judgment. *Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17*

22 But I say to you, Everyone who is angry with his brother without cause shall be liable to the Judgment. And whoever says to his brother, Raca, shall be liable to the sanhedrin; but whoever says, Fool! shall be liable *to be thrown* into the fire of Hell.

23 Therefore if you offer your gift on the altar, and remember there that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go. First, be reconciled to your brother, and then, coming, offer your gift.

25 Be well-disposed toward your opponent quickly, while you are in the way with him, that the opponent not give you over to the judge, and the judge give you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

26 Truly, I say to you, you shall not come out from there, not until you pay the last kodrantes.

27 ¶ You have heard that it was said to the ancients: “Do not commit adultery.” *Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18*

28 But I say to you, Everyone looking at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 But if your right eye causes you to stumble, take it out and throw *it* from you, for it is profitable to you that one of your members should be destroyed and all your body not be thrown into Hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw *it* from you, for it is profitable to you that one of your members should be destroyed and all your body not be thrown into Hell.

31 It was also said, Whoever puts away his wife, “let him give her a bill of divorce.” *Deut. 24:1*

32 But I say to you, Whoever puts away his wife, apart from a matter of fornication, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever shall marry the one put away commits adultery.

33 ¶ Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients: “You shall not swear falsely, but shall give your oaths to the Lord.” *Lev. 19:12; Num. 30:2*

34 But I say to you, Do not swear at all,

neither by Heaven, because it is God’s throne; *Isa. 66:1*

35 nor by the earth, because it is the footstool of His feet; nor by Jerusalem, because it is *the* city of the great King. *Isa. 66:1; Psa. 48:2*

36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black.

37 But let your word be Yes, yes; No, no. For the excess of these is from the evil.

38 ¶ You have heard that it was said: “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;” *Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21*

39 but I say to you, Do not resist the evil; but whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other to him also.

40 And to him desiring to sue you, and to take your tunic, allow him also *to have* the coat.

41 And whoever shall compel you to go one mile, go with him two;

42 to the *one* asking you, Give, and to the *one* wishing to borrow from you, do not turn away.

43 ¶ You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor” and hate your enemy; *Lev. 19:18*

44 but I say to you, Love your enemies; bless those cursing you, do well to those hating you; and pray for those abusing and persecuting you,

45 so that you may become sons of your Father in Heaven. Because He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* just and unjust.

46 For if you love those loving you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?

47 And if you only greet your brothers, what exceptional *thing* do you do? Do not the tax-collectors do so?

48 Therefore, you be perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

Matthew 6

1 Christ speaks of kindness, 5 prayer, 14 forgiving our brethren, 16 fasting, 19 our treasure, 24 of serving God, and mammon: 25 care for worldly things: 33 but to seek God’s kingdom.

1 ¶ Take care not to do your merciful deeds before men in order to be seen by them.

But if not, you have no reward from your Father in Heaven.

2 Therefore, when you do merciful deeds, do not trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward.

3 But you doing merciful deeds, do not let your left know what your right *hand* does,

4 so that your merciful deeds may be in secret. And your Father, the *One* seeing in secret, Himself will repay you in the open.

5 ¶ And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the open streets so that they may appear *to be seen* of men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward.

6 But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room and shutting your door, pray to your Father in secret. And your Father, the *One* seeing in secret, will repay you in the open.

7 But when you pray, do not be babbling vain words, as the nations; for they think that they shall be heard in their much speaking.

8 Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him.

9 ¶ Therefore, you *should* pray: Our Father, the *One* in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as *it is* in Heaven, also on the earth.

11 Give us today our daily bread,

12 and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, to the ages. Amen.

14 For if you forgive men their deviations, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 But if you will not forgive men their deviations, neither will your Father forgive your deviations.

16 ¶ And when you fast, do not be as the hypocrites, *with* sullen face, for they disfigure their faces so that they may appear

to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you that they have their reward.

17 But you *in* fasting, anoint your head and wash your face,

18 so as not to appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father in secret. And your Father, the *One* seeing in secret, will repay you in the open.

19 ¶ Do not treasure up for you treasures on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves dig through and steal.

20 But treasure up for you treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves do not dig through and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 The lamp of the body is the eye. Then if your eye is sound, all your body is bright.

23 But if your eye is evil, all your body is dark. If, therefore, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 No one is able to serve two lords; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cleave to the one, and he will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth.

25 ¶ Because of this, I say to you, Do not be anxious for your soul, what you eat and what you drink, nor for your body, what you put on. Is not the soul more than the food and the body than the clothing?

26 Observe the birds of the heaven, that they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor do *they* gather into granaries, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Do you not rather excel them?

27 But who of you *by* being anxious is able to add one cubit onto his stature?

28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not labor nor do they spin,

29 but I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed as one of these.

30 If God so enrobes the grass of the field (which is today, and is thrown into a furnace tomorrow) *will He* not much rather you, little-faiths?

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, What may we eat? Or, what may we drink? Or, what may clothe us?

32 For after all these things the nations seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 Therefore do not be anxious into the morrow. For the morrow will be anxious of itself. Sufficient to *each* day is its *own* badness.

Matthew 7

1 Christ ends his sermon on the mount, warns of rash judgment, 7 exhorts to prayer, 13 to enter in at the narrow gate, 15 and to beware of false prophets.

1 ¶ Do not judge, that you may not be judged;

2 for with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured again to you.

3 But why do you look on the chip that *is* in the eye of your brother, but do not see the beam in your eye?

4 Or how will you say to your brother, Allow me to take out the chip from your eye; and behold, the beam *is* in your eye!

5 Hypocrite, first take the beam out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the chip out of the eye of your brother.

6 Do not give that which *is* holy to the dogs, nor throw your pearls before the pigs, that they should not trample them with their feet, and turning, they charge you.

7 ¶ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For each one that asks receives, and the *one* that seeks finds; and to the *one* knocking, it will be opened.

9 Or what man of you is there, if his son should ask a loaf of him, not a stone will he give him, *will he*?

10 And if he should ask a fish, not a snake will he give him, *will he*?

11 Therefore, if you, being evil, know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father, the *One* in Heaven give good things to those that ask Him?

12 ¶ Therefore, all things, as many *things* as you ever desire that men should do to

you, so also you should do to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

13 Go in through the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads away to destruction, and many are the ones entering in through it.

14 For narrow *is* the gate, and constricted *is* the way that leads away into life, and few are the ones finding it.

15 ¶ But beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are plundering wolves.

16 From their fruits you shall know them. Do they gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

17 So every good tree produces good fruits, but the corrupt tree produces evil fruits.

18 A good tree cannot produce evil fruits, nor a corrupt tree produce good fruits.

19 Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and is thrown into fire.

20 Surely from their fruits you shall know them.

21 ¶ Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the *ones* who do the will of My Father in Heaven.

22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power?

23 And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; "depart from Me, *the ones* working lawlessness!" *Psa. 6:8*

24 Therefore everyone who hears these Words from Me, and does them, I will compare him to a wise man who built his house on the rock;

25 and the rain came down, and the rivers came up, and the winds blew, and fell against that house; but it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

26 And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and who does not do them, *he* shall be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand;

27 and the rain came down, and the rivers came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

28 And it happened, when Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were astonished at His doctrine.

29 For He was teaching them as having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matthew 8

2 Christ cleanses the leper, 5 heals the centurion's servant, 14 Peter's mother-in-law, 16 and many diseased: 18 shows how he is to be followed: 23 stills the tempest, 28 drives the devils from two men possessed, 31 and suffers them to go into swine.

1 ¶ And He having come down from the mount, great crowds followed Him.

2 And behold, coming up, a leper worshiped Him, saying, Lord, If You will, You are able to cleanse me.

3 And stretching out His hand, Jesus touched him, saying, I will! Be cleansed! And instantly his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus said to him, See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

5 ¶ And Jesus, entering into Capernaum, a centurion came near to Him, begging Him,

6 and saying, Lord, my child has been laid in the house, a paralytic, being grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus said to him, I will come and heal him.

8 And answering, the centurion said, Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only speak *by* a word and my child will be healed.

9 For I am also a man under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, Go; and he goes; and to another, Come; and he comes; and to my slave, Do this; and he does *it*.

10 And hearing, Jesus marveled, and said to those following, Truly I say to you, Not even in Israel did I find so much faith.

11 But I say to you that many will come from east and west, and will recline with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven,

12 but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, Go, and as you have believed, *so* let it be to you. And his child was healed in that hour.

14 ¶ And coming into the house of Peter, Jesus saw his mother-in-law laid *out* and burning with fever.

15 And He touched her hand, and her fever left her. And she rose up and served Him.

16 And evening becoming, they brought to Him many having been possessed by demons. And He cast out the spirits by a word, and He healed all those badly having *illness*,

17 so that it might be fulfilled that spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He took *upon Himself* our weaknesses, and bore *our* diseases." *Isa. 53:4*

18 ¶ And seeing great crowds around Him, Jesus gave orders to go away to the other side.

19 And one scribe, coming near, said to Him, Teacher, I will follow You wherever you go.

20 And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere He may lay *His* head.

21 And another of His disciples said to Him, Lord, allow me first to go away and bury my father.

22 But Jesus said to him, Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.

23 ¶ And He entering into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24 And, behold, a great shaking occurred in the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves; but He was sleeping.

25 And coming near, His disciples awakened Him, saying, Lord, save us! We are perishing.

26 And He said to them, Why are you afraid, little-faiths? Then rising up, He rebuked the winds and the sea. And a great calm occurred.

27 And the men marveled, saying, What kind *of man* is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?

28 ¶ And He coming to the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, two men being demon-possessed met Him coming out of the tombs, very violent, so that no one was able to pass through that way.

29 And, behold! They cried out, saying, What *is* to us and to You, Jesus, Son of

God? Have You come here beforetime to torment us?

30 And far off from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding.

31 And the demons begged Him, saying, If You cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of pigs.

32 And He said to them, Go! And coming out, these went away into the herd of pigs. And, behold, all the herd of pigs rushed violently down the precipice into the sea, and died in the waters.

33 But those who fed *them* fled, and going into the city, *they* told all the things of the ones who had been demon-possessed.

34 And, behold, all the city went out to meet with Jesus. And seeing Him, they begged that He move away from their borders.

Matthew 9

2 Christ cures a paralytic, 9 calls Matthew the tax collector, 10 eats with tax collectors and sinners, 14 defends his disciples for not fasting, 20 cures the bloody issue, 23 raises Jairus' daughter from the dead, 27 gives sight to two blind men, 32 heals a dumb man possessed.

1 ¶ And entering into the boat, He passed over and came to *His* own city.

2 And, behold! They were bringing a paralytic lying on a cot to Him. And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed *one*, Have courage, child. Your sins have been remitted.

3 And, behold, some of the scribes said within themselves, This one blasphemeth.

4 And seeing their thoughts, Jesus said, Why do you think evil in your hearts?

5 For what is easier, to say, Your sins have been remitted, or to say, Rise up and walk?

6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to remit sins, then He said to the paralytic, Rising up, lift up your cot and go to your house.

7 And rising up, he went away to his house.

8 And seeing, the crowds marveled, and *they* glorified God, the *One* giving such authority to men.

9 ¶ And passing from there, Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And *He* said to him, Follow Me. And rising up, he followed Him.

10 And it happened as He reclined in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners having come, *these* were reclining with Jesus and His disciples.

11 And seeing, the Pharisees said to His disciples, Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?

12 But Jesus hearing, He said to them, The ones being strong have no need of a healer, but the ones badly having *illness*.

13 But going, learn what *this is*, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." For I did not come to call righteous *ones*, but sinners to repentance. *Hos. 6:6*

14 ¶ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, and Your disciples do not fast?

15 And Jesus said to them, Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will have been taken from them, and then they will fast.

16 But no one puts a piece of new cloth onto an old garment. For its filling up takes away from the garment, and a worse tear takes *its* place.

17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins are burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins will be ruined. But they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved together.

18 ¶ *As He was* speaking these things to them, behold, one ruler coming worshiped before Him, saying, My daughter has just now died; but coming lay Your hand on her, and she will live.

19 And rising up, Jesus and His disciples followed him.

20 And behold, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came near behind *Him*, and *she* grasped the fringe of His garment.

21 For she said within herself, If only I shall grasp His garment, I will be cured.

22 But turning and seeing her, Jesus said, Take courage, daughter; your faith has cured you. And the woman was cured from that hour.

23 And Jesus coming into the house of the ruler, and seeing the flute-players and the crowd causing a tumult,

24 *He* says to them, Go back, for the little girl has not died, but she sleeps. And they ridiculed Him.

25 But when the crowd had been put out, entering He took hold of her hand, and the little girl rose up.

26 And this report went out into all that land.

27 ¶ And Jesus passing on from there, two blind ones followed Him, crying and saying, Have mercy on us, Son of David.

28 And coming into the house, the blind ones came near to Him. And Jesus says to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? And they said to Him, Yes, Lord.

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith let it be to you.

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly ordered them, saying, See, let no one know.

31 But going out, they spread news about Him in all that land.

32 And as they were going out, behold, they brought to Him a mute man having been possessed by a demon.

33 And the demon being cast out, the mute *one* spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, Never it appeared thus in Israel.

34 But the Pharisees said, He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.

35 ¶ And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity of body among the people.

36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with pity concerning them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly *is* much, but the workers few.

38 Pray, therefore, *to* the Lord of the harvest that He send out workers into His harvest.

Matthew 10

1 Christ sends his twelve apostles, enabling them with power to do miracles, 5 gives them their charge, teaches them, 16 comforts them against persecutions: 40 and promises a blessing to those that receive them.

1 ¶ And having called His twelve disciples, He gave them authority *over* unclean spirits,

so as to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity *of body*.

2 And the names of the twelve apostles are these: First, Simon who is called Peter and his brother Andrew, James the *son* of Zebedee and his brother John,

3 Philip, and Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew the tax-collector, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose last name was Thaddaeus,

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, the *one* also giving Him over.

5 ¶ Jesus sent these twelve out, charging them, saying: Do not go into the way of the nations, and do not go into a Samaritan city.

6 But rather go to the lost sheep of *the* house of Israel.

7 And going on, proclaim, saying, The kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.

8 Heal feeble *ones*, cleanse lepers, raise dead *ones*, cast out demons. You freely received, freely give.

9 Do not acquire gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts,

10 nor provision bag for *the* road, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staves. For the worker is worthy of his food.

11 And into whatever city or village you enter, search out who in it is worthy; and remain there until you go out.

12 But entering into the house, greet it;

13 and if the house truly is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whoever will not receive you, nor will hear your words, having gone out of that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

15 Truly I say to you, It will be more bearable to the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in *the* day of judgment than *for* that city.

16 ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in *the* midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

17 But beware of men. For they will give you over to councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues.

18 And also you will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them and to the nations.

19 But when they give you over, do not be anxious how or what you should say, for it is given to you in that hour what you should say.

20 For you are not the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21 But brother will give over brother to death, and *the* father *his* child. And children will rise up against parents and will put them to death.

22 And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but the *one* enduring to *the* end shall be kept safe.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For truly I say to you, not will you have finished the cities of Israel, not until the Son of Man comes.

24 A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above his lord.

25 *It is* enough for the disciple *to* become as his teacher, and the slave as his lord. If they called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more they of his household?

26 Therefore, you should not fear them, for nothing is covered which will not be uncovered; and hidden, which will not be made known.

27 What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light. And what you hear in the ear, proclaim on the housetops.

28 And you should not fear the *ones* killing the body, but not being able to kill the soul. But rather fear Him, the *One* being able to destroy both soul and body in Hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion? Yet not one of them shall fall to the ground without your Father.

30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Therefore do not fear; you are better than many sparrows.

32 Therefore everyone who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father, the *One* in Heaven.

33 But whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father, the *One* in Heaven.

34 Do not think that I came to send peace on earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword.

35 I came to divide a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a bride against her mother-in-law.

36 "*Ones* hostile *to* the man *shall be* those of the house of him." *Mic. 7:6*

37 The *one* loving father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And the *one* loving son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 And who does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 The *one* finding his life shall lose it. And the *one* losing his life on account of Me shall find it.

40 The *one* receiving you receives Me, and the *one* receiving Me receives Him, the *One* sending Me.

41 The *one* receiving a prophet in *the* name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the *one* receiving a just *one* in the name of a just *one* will receive a just *one's* reward.

42 And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to drink to one of these little ones in *the* name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward, not ever!

Matthew 11

2 John sends his disciples to Christ. 7 Christ's testimony concerning John. 18 The opinion of the people concerning John and Christ. 20 Christ upbraids the unthankfulness and unrepentance of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum: 28 and calls to him all such as feel the burden of their sins.

1 ¶ And it happened when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, He left there to teach and to proclaim in their cities.

2 But hearing in the prison of the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples,

3 John said to Him, Are You the *One* coming, or are we to look for another?

4 And answering, Jesus said to them, Going, relate to John what you hear and see:

5 The blind receive sight, and the lame walk; lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised, and the poor are given the gospel. *Isa. 61:1*

6 And blessed is the *one*, whoever *is* not caused to stumble in Me.

7 ¶ But as these were going, Jesus began to say to the crowds about John, What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed being shaken with the wind?

8 But what did you go out to see? A man being clothed in soft garments? Behold, those wearing soft things are in the houses of kings.

9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and *one* more excellent than a prophet.

10 For this is *the one* about whom it has been written: “Behold, I send out My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You.” *Mal. 3:1*

11 Truly I say to you, *There* has not arisen among *those* born of a woman *any* greater than John the Baptist. But the least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is.

12 But from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and *the* violent seize it.

13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

14 And if you are willing to receive, he is Elijah, the *one* going to come.

15 The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

16 ¶ But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like little children sitting in *the* markets, and calling to their companions,

17 and saying, We piped to you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not wail.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon.

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a wine drinker, and a friend of tax collectors, and of sinners. And wisdom was justified of her children.

20 Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His powerful acts had occurred, for they did not repent.

21 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the powerful acts which had happened in you had happened in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say to you, It shall be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon in *the* day of judgment than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, who “have been exalted to the heaven, *you* will be thrown down to Hades.” For if the powerful acts happening in you had taken place in Sodom, it would remain until today. *Isa. 14:13, 15*

24 But I say to you, It will be more bearable for the land of Sodom the day of judgment than for you.

25 ¶ Answering at that time, Jesus said, I praise You, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, because You hid these things from *the* sophisticated and learned *ones* and revealed them to babes.

26 Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing before You.

27 All things were given over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and to whomever the Son purposes to reveal *Him*.

28 Come to Me, all those laboring and being burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, because I am meek and lowly in heart, “and you will find rest to your souls.” *Jer. 6:16*

30 For My yoke *is* easy, and My burden is light.

Matthew 12

1 Christ reproves the blindness of the Pharisees concerning the breach of the sabbath. 22 He heals the blind and dumb one. 31 Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall never be forgiven.

38 He rebukes the unfaithful, who seek a sign:

1 ¶ At that time on the sabbath, Jesus went through the grain fields. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of *grain* and to eat.

2 But seeing, the Pharisees said to Him, Behold, your disciples are doing what it is not lawful to do on a sabbath.

3 But He said to them, Have you not read what David did, when he and those with him hungered?

4 How he entered into the house of God, and he ate the Loaves of the Presentation, which it was not lawful for him to eat, nor for *the ones* with him, but for the priests only?

5 Or have you not read in the Law that on the sabbaths the priests in *the* temple profane the sabbath and are guiltless?

6 But I say to you, *One* greater than the temple is here.

7 But if you had known what *this* is, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice,” you would not have condemned the guiltless. *Hos. 6:6*

8 For the Son of Man is also Lord of the sabbath.

9 And moving from there, He came into their synagogue.

10 And, behold, a man having *a* withered hand was there. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbaths? (that they might accuse Him).

11 But He said to them, What man of you will be who will have one sheep, and if this one fall into a pit on the sabbaths, will he not lay hold of it and raise *it* up?

12 How much more, then, does a man excel a sheep! So that it is lawful to do well on the sabbath.

13 Then He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he stretched out. And it was restored sound as the other.

14 ¶ But as they were leaving, the Pharisees took up a council against Him, how they might destroy Him.

15 But knowing, Jesus withdrew from there. And great crowds followed Him, and He healed them all

16 and warned them that they should not make Him manifest.

17 So that might be fulfilled that spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

18 “Behold My Child whom I chose, My Beloved, in whom My soul has delighted! I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will declare judgment to the nations.

19 He will not strive nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench, until He bring forth judgment to victory.” *Isa. 42:1-3*

21 “And the nations will hope in His name.” *Isa. 42:1-4*

22 ¶ Then a blind and mute *one* having been demon-possessed was brought to Him, And He healed him, so that the blind and mute *one could* both speak and see.

23 And all the crowds were amazed, and said, Is this not the Son of David?

24 But hearing, the Pharisees said, This *One* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, ruler of the demons.

25 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. And every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

26 And if Satan throws out Satan, he was divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

27 And if I cast out the demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Because of this, they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come on you.

29 Or how is anyone able to enter the house of the strong one and plunder his goods, if he does not first bind the strong one; and then he will plunder his house?

30 The *one* who is not with Me is against Me, and the *one* who does not gather with Me scatters.

31 Because of this, I say to you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men, but the blasphemy concerning the Spirit shall not be forgiven to men.

32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, not in this age nor in the coming *one*.

33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by the fruit.

34 Offspring of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 The good man out of the good treasure of the heart puts forth good things. And the evil man out of the evil treasure puts forth evil things.

36 But I say to you, that every idle word, whatever men may speak, they shall give an account of it in *the* day of judgment

37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

38 ¶ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, Teacher, we desire to see a sign from You.

39 But answering, He said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

40 And even as “Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights,” so shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. *Jon. 1:17*

41 Men, Ninevites, will stand up in the Judgment with this generation and will condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and, behold, a Greater-than-Jonah is here.

42 *The queen of the south* will be raised in the Judgment with this generation and will condemn it. For she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and, behold, a Greater-than-Solomon is here.

43 But when the unclean spirit goes from a man, he goes through dry places seeking rest and does not find it.

44 Then he says, I will return to my house from which I came out. And coming, he finds it standing empty, swept and decorated.

45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and entering dwells there. And the last things of that man become worse than the first. So it will be also to this evil generation.

46 ¶ But while He was yet speaking to the crowds, behold, *His* mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.

47 Then one said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak to You.

48 But answering, He said to the *one* speaking to Him, Who is My mother? And who are My brothers?

49 And stretching out His hand to His disciples, He said, Behold, My mother and My brothers.

50 For whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven, that one is My brother and sister and mother.

Matthew 13

3 *The parable of the sower and the seed.* 24 *The parable of the tares,* 31 *of the mustard seed,* 33 *of the leaven,* 44 *of the hidden treasure,* 45 *of the pearl,* 47 *of the dragnet cast into the sea.*

1 ¶ And going out from the house in that day, Jesus sat down by the sea.

2 And great crowds were gathered to Him, so that having entered the boat, He sat down. And all the crowd stood on the shore.

3 And He spoke to them many things in parables, saying: Behold, the sower went out to sow.

4 And in his sowing, some fell by the roadside, and the birds came and ate them.

5 And other fell on the stony places where they did not have much earth, and it immediately sprang up because *it* had no depth of earth.

6 And *the* sun rising, it was scorched; even because of having no root, it was dried up.

7 And other fell on the thorn-bushes, and the thorn-bushes grew up and choked them.

8 And other fell on the good ground and yielded fruit; indeed, one a hundredfold, and one sixty, and one thirty.

9 The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And coming near, the disciples said to Him, Why do You speak to them in parables?

11 And answering, He said to them, To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but it has not been given to those.

12 For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have overabundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

13 Because of this, I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 And the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled on them, which says, “In hearing you will hear and not understand, not *ever*; and seeing you will see yet not perceive, not *ever*.”

15 For the heart of this people has grown fat, and they heard heavily with the ears, and they have closed their eyes, that they not see with the eyes, or hear with the ears,

and understand with the heart, and be converted, and I shall heal them.” *Isa. 6:9, 10*

16 But your eyes *are* blessed because they see; and your ears because they hear.

17 For truly I tell you that many prophets and righteous ones longed to see what you see and did not see, and to hear what you hear and did not hear.

18 You, therefore, hear the parable of the sower:

19 Everyone hearing the Word of the kingdom, and not understanding, *then* the evil one comes and catches away that which was sown in his heart: this is that sown by the roadside.

20 And the *seed* sown on the rocky *places* is this: the *one* hearing the Word, and immediately receiving it with joy,

21 but has no root in himself, but is temporary, and tribulation, or persecution occurring because of the Word, he is at once stumbled.

22 And the *seed* sown into the thornbushes is this: the *one* hearing the Word, and the anxiety of this age, and the deceit of riches, choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 But the *seed* sown on the good ground is this: the *one* hearing the Word, and understanding it, who indeed bears and produces fruit, one truly a hundredfold, and one sixty, and one thirty.

24 ¶ He put before them another parable, saying: The kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man sowing good seed in his field.

25 But while the men were sleeping, *one* hostile *to* him came and sowed darnel in the midst of the wheat, and went away.

26 And when the blade sprouted and produced fruit, then the darnel also appeared.

27 And coming near, the slaves of the housemaster said to him, Lord, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then from where does it have the darnel?

28 And he said to them, A hostile man did this. And the slaves said to him, Do you desire, then, that going out we should gather them?

29 But he said, No, lest gathering the darnel you should uproot the wheat with them.

30 Allow both to grow together until the harvest. And in the time of the harvest I will

say to the reapers, First gather the darnel, and bind them into bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my granary.

31 He put another parable before them, saying: The kingdom of Heaven is compared to a grain of mustard, which taking, a man sowed in his field;

32 which indeed is smaller than all the seeds, but when it is grown it is greater *than* the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and dwell in its branches.

33 He spoke another parable to them: The kingdom of Heaven is compared to leaven, which taking, a woman hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened.

34 Jesus spoke all these things in parables to the crowds, and He did not speak to them without a parable,

35 so that was fulfilled that spoken through the prophet, saying: “I will open My mouth in parables; I will speak out things hidden from *the* foundation of *the* world.” *Psa. 78:2*

36 Then sending away the crowds, Jesus came into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the darnel of the field.

37 And answering, He said to them, The *One* sowing the good seed is the Son of Man.

38 And the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; but the darnel are the sons of the evil *one*.

39 And the hostile *one* who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age, and the angels are the reapers.

40 Then as the darnel is gathered and is consumed in the fire, so it will be in the completion of this age.

41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all the stumbling blocks, and those who practice lawlessness.

42 And they will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

43 Then the righteous *ones* will shine out like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

44 ¶ Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to treasure being hidden in the field, which finding, a man hid; and for the joy of it, he goes and sells all things, as many as he has, and buys that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man, a merchant seeking excellent pearls;

46 who finding one very precious pearl, going away has sold all things, as many as he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to a drag net thrown into the sea, and gathering together of every kind;

48 which, when it was filled, drawing it up on the shore, and sitting down, *they* gathered the good into containers, and they threw out the rotten.

49 So it will be in the completion of the age: the angels will go out and will separate the evil *ones* from the midst of the righteous,

50 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

51 Jesus said to them, Have you understood all these things? They said to Him, Yes, Lord.

52 And He said to them, Because of this, every scribe schooled to the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a master of a house, who puts forth out of his treasure new and old.

53 ¶ And it happened, when Jesus had finished these parables, He moved from there.

54 And coming into His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, from where did this *One* get this wisdom, and the powerful works?

55 Is this not the carpenter's son? *Is* not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And are not His sisters all with us? From where then did this *One* get all these things?

57 And they were stumbled in Him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his own fatherland, and in his own house.

58 And He did not do many works of power there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 14

1 Herod's opinion of Christ. 3 Why John Baptist was beheaded. 13 Jesus departs to a desert place: 15 He feeds five thousand men with five loaves and two fish: 22 He walks on the sea: 34 and landing at Gennesaret, heals the sick.

1 ¶ At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the fame of Jesus.

2 And he said to his servants, This is John the Baptist. He has risen from the dead, and because of this, powerful works are at work in him.

3 For seizing John, Herod bound him and put *him* into prison, because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip.

4 For John said to him, It is not lawful for you to have her.

5 And desiring to kill him, he feared the multitude, because they held him as a prophet.

6 But a birthday *feast* for Herod being held, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst and pleased Herod.

7 From which he assented with an oath to give her whatever she should ask.

8 But she being urged on by her mother, she says, Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.

9 And the king was grieved, but because of the oaths, and those who reclined with *him*, he ordered *it* to be given.

10 And sending, he beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought on a platter and was given to the girl, and she brought *it* to her mother.

12 And having come, his disciples took the body and buried it; and coming, *they* told Jesus.

13 ¶ And having heard, Jesus withdrew privately from there in a boat, into a deserted place. And hearing, the crowds followed Him on foot out of the cities.

14 And going out, Jesus saw a great crowd and was filled with pity toward them. And He healed the *ones* of them being infirm.

15 And evening coming, His disciples came near to Him saying, The place is deserted, and the hour is already gone by. Dismiss the crowds, that going away into the villages they may buy foods for themselves.

16 But Jesus said to them, They have no need to go away. You give them *food* to eat.

17 But they said to Him, We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish.

18 And He said, Bring them here to Me.

19 And commanding the crowds to recline on the grass, and taking the five loaves and two fish, looking up to Heaven, He blessed. And breaking, He gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave to the crowds.

20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up the left over pieces, twelve baskets full.

21 And the *ones* eating were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

22 ¶ And immediately Jesus constrained His disciples to enter into the boat and to go before Him to the other side until He should dismiss the crowds.

23 And having dismissed the crowds, He went up into the mountain alone to pray. And evening coming on, He was there alone.

24 But the boat was already *in the* middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 But in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea.

26 And seeing Him walking on the sea, the disciples were troubled, saying, It is a phantom! And they cried out from the fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, Have courage, I AM! Do not fear.

28 And answering Him, Peter said, Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the waters.

29 And He said, Come! And going down from the boat, Peter walked on the waters to go to Jesus.

30 But seeing the wind strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me!

31 And immediately stretching out the hand, Jesus took hold of him, and said to him, Little-faith, at what did you doubt?

32 And coming into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 And those in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, Truly, You are the Son of God.

34 ¶ And having passed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

35 And recognizing Him, the men of that place sent out to all that neighborhood, and brought to Him all those badly having *illness*.

36 And *they* begged Him that they might grasp the fringe of His garment. And as many as grasped were completely cured.

Matthew 15

3 Christ questions the scribes and Pharisees:

11 teaches how that which goes into the mouth does not defile a man. 21 He heals the daughter of the woman of Canaan, 32 and with seven loaves and a few small fish feeds four thousand people.

1 ¶ Then the scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.

3 But answering He said to them, And why do you transgress the command of God on account of your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, "Honor your father and mother," *Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16* also, "He speaking evil of father or mother, by death let him die." *Exodus 21:17*

5 But you say, Whoever says to the father or the mother, A gift, whatever you would gain from me;

6 and he does not honor his father or his mother, *not at all*. And you nullified the command of God on account of your tradition.

7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning you, saying:

8 "This people draws near to Me with their mouth, and with the lips honor Me; but their heart holds far away from Me.

9 But in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines *the* precepts of men." *Isa. 29:13*

10 ¶ And calling the crowd near, He said to them, Hear and understand:

11 *It is not the thing* entering into the mouth that defiles the man, but the *thing* coming forth out of the mouth, this defiles the man.

12 Then coming, the disciples said to Him, You know that hearing the Word, the Pharisees were stumbled?

13 But answering, He said, Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up.

14 Leave them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind; and if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.

15 And answering, Peter said to Him, Explain this parable to us.

16 But Jesus said, Are you also still not understanding?

17 Do you not yet perceive that everything entering into the mouth goes into the belly, and is expelled into *the* latrine?

18 But the things which come out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and these defile the man.

19 For out of the heart come forth evil reasonings, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnessings, blasphemies.

20 These things are the *things* defiling the man. But eating with unwashed hands does not defile the man.

21 ¶ And going out from there, Jesus withdrew to the parts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan coming forth from those borders cried out to Him, saying, Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is badly demon-possessed.

23 But He did not answer her a word. And coming near, His disciples asked Him, saying, Send her away, for she cries out behind us.

24 But answering, He said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of *the* house of Israel.

25 But coming, she worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me!

26 But answering, He said, It is not good to take the bread of the children to throw it to the little dogs.

27 But she said, Yes, Lord; for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs falling from the table of their lords.

28 Then answering, Jesus said to her, O woman, great is your faith; let it be to you as you desire. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

29 ¶ And moving from there, Jesus came beside the Sea of Galilee. And going up into the mountain, He sat there.

30 And great crowds came to Him, having with them lame *ones*, blind *ones*, mute *ones*, maimed *ones*, and many others. And they threw them down at the feet of Jesus. And He healed them;

31 so that the crowds marveled, seeing mute *ones* speaking, maimed *ones* sound, lame *ones* walking, and blind *ones* seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

32 But having called His disciples near, Jesus said, I am filled with pity on the crowd, because they already have remained with Me three days and have nothing they may eat. And I do not desire to send them away fasting, that they may not faint in the way.

33 And His disciples said to Him, From where in a deserted *place will come* to us so many loaves as to satisfy so great a crowd?

34 And Jesus said to them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven, and a few small fish.

35 And He ordered the crowds to recline on the ground.

36 And taking the seven loaves and the fish, giving thanks, He broke and gave to His disciples, and the disciples to the crowd.

37 And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up the left over pieces, seven baskets full.

38 And the ones eating were four thousand men, apart from women and children.

39 And sending away the crowds He went into the boat and came to the borders of Magdala.

Matthew 16

1 *The Pharisees require a sign. 6 Jesus warns His disciples of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. 16 Peter's confession of Him.*

21 *Jesus foretells His death, 23 reproving Peter for dissuading Him from His saying 24 and admonishes those that follow Him, to bear the cross.*

1 ¶ And coming, the Pharisees and Sadducees asked *Him* to show them a sign out of the heaven, tempting *Him*.

2 But answering, He said to them, Evening coming on, you say, Clear sky, for the heaven is red.

3 And at morning, Today a winter storm, for the heaven is red, being overcast. Hypocrites! You indeed know how to discern the face of the heaven, but you cannot the signs of the times.

4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, and a sign will not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. And leaving them, He went away.

5 ¶ And His disciples coming to the other side, they forgot to take loaves.

6 And Jesus said to them, Watch and take heed from the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, We did not take loaves.

8 And knowing, Jesus said to them, Why do you reason among yourselves that you took no loaves, little-faiths?

9 Do you not perceive nor recall the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up?

11 How do you not perceive that *it was* not about loaves that I said to you to take heed from the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

12 Then they knew that He did not say to take heed from the leaven of bread, but from the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 ¶ And Jesus coming into the parts of Caesarea of Philip, He questioned His disciples, saying, Whom do men say Me the Son of Man to be?

14 And they said, Some *say* John the Baptist, and others Elijah, and others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

15 He said to them, But you, whom do you say Me to be?

16 And answering, Simon Peter said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And answering, Jesus said to him, Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal *it* to you, but My Father in Heaven.

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Assembly, and *the* gates of Hades will not prevail against her.

19 And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. And whatever you bind on earth shall be, having been bound in Heaven. And whatever you may loose on the earth shall be, having been loosed in Heaven.

20 Then He charged His disciples that they should tell no one that He is Jesus the Christ.

21 ¶ From then Jesus began to show to His disciples that it was necessary for Him to go away to Jerusalem, and to suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised on the third day.

22 And having taken Him near, Peter began to rebuke Him, saying, *God be* gracious to You, Lord; this shall not be to You, not *ever*

23 But turning He said to Peter, Go behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you do not think of the things of God, but the things of men.

24 ¶ Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and let him take up his cross, and let him follow Me.

25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 For what will a man be benefited if he should gain the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give *as* an exchange *for* his soul?

27 For the Son of Man is about to come with His angels in the glory of His Father. And then "He will give reward to each according to his practice." *LXX-Psa. 61:13; Pro. 24:12; MT-Psa. 62:12*

28 Truly I say to you, There are some standing here who will not taste of death, not until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

Matthew 17

1 The transfiguration of Christ. 14 He heals the boy from the demon's affliction on him, 22 Foretells His own passion, 24 and pays tribute.

1 ¶ And after six days, Jesus takes along Peter and James, and his brother John, and leads up them up into a high mountain privately.

2 And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothing became white as the light.

3 And, behold! Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 And answering, Peter said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You desire, let us make three tents here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

5 While he was yet speaking, behold, a radiant cloud overshadowed them. And, behold, a voice out of the cloud saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well-pleased; hear Him. *Psa. 2:7; Gen. 22:2; Isa. 42:1; Deut. 18:15*

6 And hearing, the disciples fell on their face and greatly feared.

7 And coming near, Jesus touched them and said, Rise up, and do not fear.

8 And lifting up their eyes, they did not see anyone except Jesus alone.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus enjoined them, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.

10 And His disciples questioned Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?

11 And answering, Jesus said to them, Elijah indeed comes first and shall restore all things.

12 But I say to you, Elijah already came, and they did not know him, but did to him as many *things* as they desired. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer by them.

13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them about John the Baptist.

14 ¶ And they having come toward the crowd, a man came near to Him, kneeling down to Him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son. For he is moonstruck and suffers badly. For he often falls into the fire, and often into the water.

16 And I brought him to Your disciples, and they did not have power to heal him.

17 And answering, Jesus said, O faithless and perverted generation! Until when shall I be with you? Until when shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.

18 And Jesus rebuked it, and the demon came out from him; and the boy was healed from that hour.

19 Then coming up to Jesus privately, the disciples said, Why did we not have power to cast him out?

20 And Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, If

you have faith as a grain of mustard, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there! And it will move. And nothing shall be impossible to you.

21 But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.

22 ¶ And they returning in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of Man is about to be given over into the hands of men.

23 And they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised. And they grieved exceedingly.

24 ¶ And they having come into Capernaum, those receiving the didrachmas came to Peter and said, Does your teacher not pay the didrachmas?

25 He said, Yes. And when he entered into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive customs or tribute? From their sons or from strangers?

26 Peter said to Him, From strangers. Jesus said to him, Then truly the sons are free.

27 But that we may not stumble them, going to the sea, throw in a hook and take the first fish coming up. And opening its mouth, you will find a stater. Taking that, give to them for you and Me.

Matthew 18

1 Christ warns His disciples to be humble and harmless: 7 to avoid offences, and not to despise the little ones: 15 how to deal with our brothers, when they offend us: 21 and how often to forgive them: 23 He sets forth by a parable of the king, that took account of his servants.

1 ¶ In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Who then is greater in the kingdom of Heaven?

2 And having called forward a little child, Jesus set him in their midst.

3 And *He* said, Truly I say to you, If not you be converted and become as the little children, you may not enter into the kingdom of Heaven, not *ever!*

4 Therefore whoever will humble himself as this little child, this *one* is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven.

5 And whoever will receive one such little child in My name receives Me.

6 But whoever causes one of these little

ones believing in Me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a millstone turned by an ass be hung on his neck, and he be sunk in the depth of the sea.

7 ¶ Woe to the world from *its* stumbling-blocks! It is a necessity for the stumbling-blocks to come, yet woe to that man through whom the stumbling-block comes!

8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw them from you; it is good for you to enter into life lame or maimed, than having two hands or two feet to be thrown into the everlasting fire.

9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw *it* from you; for it is good for you to enter into life one-eyed, than having two eyes to be thrown into the Hell of fire.

10 See *that* you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in Heaven continually look on the face of My Father in Heaven.

11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

12 What does *it* seem to you? If there be to any man a hundred sheep, and one of them strays away, will he not leave the ninety nine on the mountains, *and* having gone he seeks the *one* having strayed?

13 And if he happens to find it, truly I say to you that he rejoices over it more than over the ninety nine not having gone astray.

14 So it is not *the* will before your Father in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 ¶ But if your brother sin against you, go and reprove him between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he does not hear, take one or two more with you, “so that on the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may stand”. *Deut. 19:15*

17 But if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the assembly. And if he also refuses to hear the assembly, let him be to you as the pagan and the tax collector.

18 Truly I say to you, as many *things* as you bind on the earth will be, having been bound in Heaven. And as many *things* as

you loose on the earth will be, having been loosed in Heaven.

19 Again I say to you, If two of you agree on earth as to anything, whatever they shall ask, it shall be to them from My Father in Heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 Then coming near to Him, Peter said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?

22 Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, Up to seven times, but, Up to seventy times seven.

23 Because of this the kingdom of Heaven has been compared to a man, a king, who desired to take account with his slaves.

24 And he having begun to take account, one debtor of ten thousand talents was brought near to him.

25 But he not having *any* to repay, the lord of him commanded him to be sold, also his wife and children, and all things, as much as he had, and to be repaid.

26 Therefore having fallen down, the slave bowed the knee to him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay all to you.

27 And being filled with pity, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the loan.

28 But having gone out, that slave found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii. And seizing him, he choked *him*, saying, Pay me whatever you owe.

29 Then having fallen down at his feet, his fellow slave begged him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will repay all to you.

30 But he would not, but having gone away he threw him into prison until he *should* pay back the *amount* owing.

31 But his fellow slaves, seeing the things happening, they were greatly grieved. And having come they reported to their lord all the things happening.

32 Then having called him near, his lord said to him, Wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt, since you begged me.

33 Ought you not also to have mercy on your fellow slave, as I also had mercy?

34 And being angry, his lord gave him over to the tormentors until he pay back all that debt to him.

35 So also My heavenly Father will do to you unless each of you from your hearts forgive his brother their deviations.

Matthew 19

2 Christ heals the sick: 3 answers the Pharisees about divorce: 10 when marriage is necessary:

13 receives little children: 16 instructs the young man how to attain eternal life: 23 how hard it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

1 ¶ And it happened when Jesus had finished these words, He moved from Galilee and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan.

2 And great crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.

3 ¶ And the Pharisees came near to Him, tempting Him, and saying to Him, Is it lawful for a man to dismiss his wife for every reason?

4 But answering, He said to them, Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning “created them male and female”? *Gen. 1:27*

5 And He said, “On account of this a man shall leave father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” *Gen. 2:24*

6 So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.

7 They said to Him, Why then did Moses command to “give a bill of divorce,” “and to dismiss her”? *Deut. 24:1*

8 He said to them, In view of your hardheartedness, Moses allowed you to dismiss your wives. But from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say to you, Whoever shall dismiss his wife, if not for fornication, and shall marry another, *that one* commits adultery. And the *one* marrying her having been dismissed commits adultery.

10 His disciples said to Him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not profitable to marry.

11 But He said to them, Not all make room for this Word, but *those* to whom it is given.

12 For there are eunuchs who were born thus from *their* mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who made eunuchs *of* themselves for the sake of the kingdom of Heaven. He who is able to receive, let him receive it.

13 ¶ Then little children were brought to Him, that He might lay hands on them and might pray. But the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Allow the little children and do not prevent them to come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

15 And laying hands on them, He went away from there.

16 ¶ And, behold, coming near, one said to Him, Good Teacher, what good *thing* shall I do that I may have eternal life?

17 And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good except One, God! But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He said to Him, Which? And Jesus said, “You shall not commit murder, nor commit adultery, nor steal, nor bear false witness,

19 honor your father and your mother,” and, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” *Ex. 20:12-16; Lev. 19:18; Deut. 5:16-20*

20 The young man said to Him, All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?

21 Jesus said to him, If you desire to be perfect, go sell the things belonging to you and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow Me.

22 But having heard the Word, being sorrowful, the young man went away, for he had many possessions.

23 ¶ And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you that a rich man will with great difficulty enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

24 And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to pass through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

25 And His disciples were exceedingly astonished when they heard this, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But having looked at *them*, Jesus said to them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

27 Then answering, Peter said to Him, Behold, we left all things and followed You. What then shall be to us?

28 And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, You who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you also will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And everyone who left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for the sake of My name, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But many first *ones* shall be last, and last *ones* first.

Matthew 20

1 Christ shows that God is debtor to no man:

20 by answering the mother of Zebedee's children He teaches his disciples to be lowly.

1 ¶ For the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a housemaster, who went out early in the morning to hire workers into his vineyard.

2 And agreeing with the workers for a denarius *for* the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market.

4 And he said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever may be just. And they went.

5 Again, going out about *the* sixth and ninth hour, he did likewise.

6 And going out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing idle, and said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day?

7 They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and you will receive whatever may be just.

8 But evening having come, the Lord of the vineyard said to his overseer, Call the workers and pay them the wage, beginning from the last *ones* to the first *ones*.

9 And the *ones* having come the eleventh hour each received a denarius.

10 And having come, the first supposed that they would receive more. And they also each received a denarius.

11 And having received *it*, they murmured against the housemaster,

12 saying, These last have performed one hour, and you have made them equal to us, the *ones* having borne the burden and the burning heat of the day.

13 But answering, he said to one of them, Friend, I do not wrong you. Did you not agree to a denarius with me?

14 Take yours and go. But I desire to give to this last as also to you.

15 Or is it not lawful for me to do what I desire with my things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few chosen.

17 ¶ And going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples aside in the way, and said to them,

18 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be given over to the chief priests and scribes. And they will condemn Him to death.

19 And they will give Him over to the nations to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.

20 ¶ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came near to Him, along with her sons, worshiping, and asking something from Him.

21 And He said to her, What do you desire? She said to Him, Say that these two sons of mine may sit one at Your right, and one at Your left in Your kingdom.

22 But answering, Jesus said, You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink, and to be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized? They said to Him, We are able.

23 And He said to them, Indeed you shall drink My cup, and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized; but to sit at My right and at My left *hand* is not Mine to give, but *to those* for whom it was prepared by My Father.

24 And hearing, the ten were indignant about the two brothers.

25 But having called them to *Himself*, Jesus said, You know that the rulers of the nations exercise lordship over them, and the great ones exercise authority over them.

26 But it will not be so among you. But whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your servant;

28 Even as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

29 ¶ And as they were going out from Jericho, a great crowd followed Him.

30 And, behold, two blind *ones* sitting beside the way, hearing that Jesus was passing by, *they* cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!

31 But the crowd rebuked them, that they be quiet. But they cried out the more, saying, Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!

32 And stopping, Jesus called them, and said, What do you desire that I do to you?

33 They said to Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 And being moved with compassion Jesus touched their eyes. And instantly their eyes saw again, and they followed Him.

Matthew 21

1 Christ rides to Jerusalem, 12 drives the buyers and sellers out of the temple, 23 silences the priests and elders, 28 and rebukes them by the similitude of the two sons.

1 ¶ And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came into Bethphage, toward the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a young ass with her. Loosing, lead *them* to Me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them. And he will send them at once.

4 But all this happened that might be fulfilled that spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes to you, meek and mounted on an ass, even a young ass, *the* son of a she-ass." *Isa. 62:11; Zech. 9:9*

6 And the disciples, having gone and having done as Jesus ordered them,

7 they led the ass and the young ass. And *they* put on them their garments, and set Him on them.

8 And the very great crowd strewed their garments in the road. And others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading *them* in the way.

9 And the crowd, the *ones* going before and the *ones* following, were crying out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! "Blessed *is* He coming in *the* name of *the* Lord"! Hosanna in the highest! *Psa. 118:26*

10 And as He entered into Jerusalem, all the city was shaken, saying, Who is this?

11 And the crowds said, This is Jesus, the Prophet, the *One* from Nazareth of Galilee.

12 ¶ And Jesus entered into the temple of God and threw out all the *ones* selling and buying in the temple. And He overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling the doves.

13 And He said to them, It has been written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer," but you have "made it a den of plunderers." *Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11*

14 And blind *ones* and lame *ones* came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

15 But the chief priests and the scribes, seeing the wonders which He did, and the children crying out in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were incensed.

16 And *they* said to Him, Do you hear what these say? And Jesus said to them, Yes. Did you never read, "Out of *the* mouth of babes and sucklings You have perfected praise?" *LXX-Psa. 8:3; MT-Psa. 8:2*

17 And leaving them, He went out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

18 ¶ And returning early in the morning to the city, He hungered.

19 And seeing one fig tree by the road, He went up *to* it, and found nothing on it except leaves only. And He said to it, Let there be no more fruit from you forever. And the fig tree immediately dried up.

20 And seeing, the disciples marveled, saying, How quickly the fig tree is dried up!

21 And answering, Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, If you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do *the* miracle of the fig tree, but even if you should say to this mountain, Be taken up and thrown into the sea, it will be so.

22 And all things, as many *things* as you may ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

23 ¶ And He having come into the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came near to Him *as He was* teaching, saying, By what authority do You do these things? And who gave this authority to You?

24 And answering, Jesus said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 The baptism of John, from where was it? From Heaven, or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, From Heaven, He will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?

26 But if we should say, From men, we fear the people. For all hold John to be a prophet.

27 And answering Jesus, they said, We do not know. And He said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

28 ¶ But what do you think? A man had two children, and coming to the first he said, Child, go today; work in my vineyard.

29 And answering, he said, I will not. But caring afterward, he went.

30 And having come to the second, he said the same. And answering, he said, I go, sir; but *he* did not leave.

31 Which of the two did the will of the father? They said to Him, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, The tax collectors and the harlots go before you into the kingdom of God.

32 For John came to you in *the* way of righteousness, and you did not believe him. But the tax-collectors and the harlots believed him. And seeing, you did not care afterwards to believe him.

33 ¶ Hear another parable: There was a certain man, a house master, who planted a vineyard and placed a hedge around it; and *he* dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. And *he* rented it to vinedressers and went abroad *Isa. 5:1, 2*

34 And when the season of the fruits came, he sent his slaves to the vinedressers to receive his fruits.

35 And the vinedressers, taking his slaves, one indeed, they beat, and one they killed, and one they stoned.

36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first. And they did the same to them.

37 But at last he sent his son to them, saying, They will respect my son.

38 But seeing the son, the vinedressers said among themselves, This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and possess his inheritance.

39 And taking him, they threw *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*.

40 Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?

41 They said to Him, Bad *men!* He will badly destroy them, and he will rent out the vineyard to other vinedressers who will give to him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus said to them, Did you never read in the Scriptures, “A Stone which the builders rejected, this One became the Head of *the* Corner? This was from the Lord, and it is a wonder in our eyes?” *Psalms 118:22, 23*

43 Because of this I say to you, The kingdom of God will be taken from you, and it will be given to a nation producing the fruits of it.

44 And he who falls on this Stone will be broken; but on whomever It falls, It will pulverize him.

45 And hearing His parables, the chief priests and the Pharisees knew that He was speaking about them.

46 And seeking to lay hold of Him, they feared the crowds, because they had Him as a prophet.

Matthew 22

1 The parable of the marriage of the king's son.

12 The punishment of him that lacked the wedding garment. 15 Tribute ought to be paid to Caesar. 23 Christ proves to the Sadducees there is a resurrection: 34 and answers the lawyer, which is the first and great commandment.

1 ¶ And answering, Jesus again spoke to them in parables, saying:

2 The kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man, a king, who made a wedding feast for his son.

3 And he sent his slaves to call those being invited to the wedding feast, but they did not desire to come.

4 Again, he sent other slaves, saying, Tell the ones invited, Behold, I have prepared my supper; my oxen, and the fatlings *are* killed, and all things ready; come to the wedding feast.

5 But the *ones* not caring went off, the *one* indeed to *his* own field, and the *one* to *his* trading.

6 And the rest, seizing his slaves, *they* insolently mistreated and killed *them*.

7 And hearing, the king became angry. And sending his armies, *he* destroyed those murderers and burned up their city.

8 Then he said to his slaves, Indeed, the wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

9 Therefore go onto the exits of the highways and call to the wedding feast as many as you may find.

10 And going out into the highways, those slaves gathered all, as many as they found, both evil and good. And the wedding feast was filled with reclining guests.

11 And the king coming in to look over the *ones* reclining, he saw a man there not having been dressed *in* a wedding garment.

12 And he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here, not having a wedding garment? But he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to the servants, Binding his feet and hands, take him away and throw *him* out into the outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

14 For many are called, but few elect *ones*.

15 ¶ Then going, the Pharisees took counsel so as they might trap Him in discourse.

16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth, and it does not concern You about anyone, for You do not look to *the* face of men.

17 Then tell us, what do You think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

18 But knowing their wickedness, Jesus said, Why do you test Me, hypocrites?

19 Show Me the tribute coin. And they brought a denarius to Him.

20 And He said to them, Whose image and inscription is this?

21 They said to Him, Caesar's. Then He said to them, Then give back to Caesar the things of Caesar, and to God the things of God.

22 And hearing, they marveled. And leaving Him, they went away.

23 ¶ On that day, Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him. And they questioned Him,

24 saying, Teacher, Moses said, If any should die not having children, his brother shall marry his wife, and shall raise up seed to his brother. *Deut. 25:5*

25 And seven brothers were with us. And having married, the first died, and not having seed left his wife to his brother.

26 In the same way also the second, and the third, until the seven.

27 And last of all, the woman also died.

28 Then in the resurrection, of which of the seven will she be wife? For all had her.

29 And answering, Jesus said to them, You err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are as the angels of God in Heaven.

31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that spoken to you by God, saying:

32 "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" God is not God of the dead, but of the living. *Ex. 3:6*

33 And hearing, the crowds were astonished at His doctrine.

34 ¶ But hearing that He had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees were gathered together.

35 And one of them, a lawyer, questioned *Him*, testing Him, and saying,

36 Teacher, which *is the* great commandment in the Law?

37 And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." *Deut. 6:5*

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second *is* like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” *Lev. 19:18*

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

41 ¶ But the Pharisees having been gathered, Jesus questioned them,

42 saying, What does it seem to you concerning the Christ? Whose son is He? They say to Him, David’s.

43 He said to them, Then how does David in Spirit call Him Lord, saying,

44 “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right until I should put Your hostile *ones* as a footstool for Your feet?” *LXX-Psa. 109:1; MT-Psa. 110:1*

45 Then if David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?

46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question Him any more.

Matthew 23

1 Christ admonishes the people not to follow the evil examples of the scribes and Pharisees.

5 His disciples must beware of their ambition.

1 ¶ Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples,

2 saying, The scribes and the Pharisees have sat down on Moses’ seat.

3 Therefore all things, as many things as they tell you to keep, keep and do. But do not do according to their works, for they say, and do not do.

4 For they bind heavy and hard to bear burdens, and lay *them* on the shoulders of men, but they do not desire to move them with *their* finger.

5 But they do all their works to be seen by men. And they make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their robes.

6 And they love the first couch in the suppers, and the first seats in the synagogues,

7 and the greetings in the markets, and to be called by men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

8 But do not you be called Rabbi, for One is your Leader, the Christ, and you are all brothers.

9 And call no one your father on earth, for One is your Father, the *One* in Heaven.

10 Neither be called leaders, for One is your Leader, the Christ.

11 But the greater of you shall be your servant.

12 And whoever will exalt himself shall be humbled, and whoever will humble himself shall be exalted.

13 ¶ But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of Heaven before men; for you do not enter, nor do you allow those entering to go in.

14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour the houses of widows, and pray at length as a pretext. Because of this you will receive more abundant judgment.

15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go about the sea and the dry *land* to make one proselyte; and when he has become so, you make him twofold more a son of Hell than yourselves.

16 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, Whoever swears by the Holy Place, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the Holy Place owes a debt.

17 Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold, or the Holy Place that sanctifies the gold?

18 And *you say*, Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift on it owes a debt.

19 Fools and blind! For which *is* greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

20 Therefore the *one* swearing by the altar swears by it, and by all things on it.

21 And the *one* swearing by the Holy Place swears by it, and by the *One* dwelling in it.

22 And the *one* swearing by Heaven swears by the throne of God, and by the *One* sitting on it.

23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and you have left aside the weightier *matters* of the Law: judgment, and mercy, and faith. It was right to do these, and not to have left those aside.

24 Blind guides, straining out the gnat, but swallowing the camel!

25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but within they are full of plunder and intemperance

26 Blind Pharisee! First cleanse the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside of them may become clean also.

27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which outwardly indeed appear beautiful, but within are full of bones of the dead, and of all uncleanness.

28 So you also indeed outwardly appear righteous to men, but within are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and adorn the tombs of the righteous.

30 And you say, If we were in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 So you witness to yourselves that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 And you fill up the measure of your fathers.

33 Serpents! Offspring of vipers! How shall you escape the judgment of Hell?

34 ¶ Because of this, behold, I send to you prophets and wise ones and scribes. And some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and will persecute from city to city;

35 so that should come on you all the righteous blood poured out on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Berechiah whom you murdered between the Holy Place and the altar.

36 Truly I say to you, All these things will come on this generation.

37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning those sent to her. How often I desired to gather your children in the way a bird gathers her chicks under her wings! And you did not desire it.

38 Behold, "your house is left to you desolate." Jer. 22:5

39 For I say to you, You shall not see Me from now on; not until you say, "Blessed is the One coming in the name of the Lord." Psa. 118:26

Matthew 24

1 Christ foretells the destruction of the temple:
3 what calamities shall be before it.

1 ¶ And going out, Jesus left the temple. And His disciples came near to show Him the buildings of the temple.

2 But Jesus said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, Not will be left one stone on a stone which not will be thrown down, not one!

3 And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things be? And, What is the sign of Your coming and of the completion of the age?

4 ¶ And answering, Jesus said to them, See that you do not lead anyone astray.

5 For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ. And they will cause many to be led astray.

6 But you are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See, do not be terrified. For all things must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will be raised up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines and plagues and earthquakes against many places.

8 But all these are a beginning of birth pangs

9 Then they will give you over to affliction, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

10 And then many will be ensnared, and they will give over one another and will hate one another.

11 And many false prophets will be raised up and will cause many to err.

12 And because lawlessness shall have been multiplied, the love of the many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end, this one will be kept safe.

14 And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end.

15 Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy

place (the *one* reading, let him understand), *Dan. 11:31; 12:11*

16 then let those in Judea flee into the mountains;

17 the *one* on the housetop, let him not go down to take anything out of his house;

18 and the *one* in the field, let him not turn back to take his clothes.

19 But woe to the *ones* having a *child* in womb, and to those suckling in those days!

20 And pray that your flight will not occur *in* winter nor in a sabbath.

21 For there will be great affliction, such as has not happened from *the* beginning of *the* world until now, no, nor will be.

22 And except those days were cut short, not any flesh would be saved. But on account of the elect, those days will be cut short.

23 Then if anyone says to you, Behold, here is the Christ! Or, Here! Do not believe.

24 For false christs and false prophets will rise up. And *they* will give great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

25 Behold, I have told you in advance.

26 Then if they say to you, Behold, he is in the deserted *place*; do not go out. Behold, *he is* in the private rooms, not do believe.

27 For as the lightning comes forth from *the* east and shines as far as *the* west, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

28 For wherever the carcass may be, there the eagles will be gathered.

29 And immediately after the affliction of those days the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the heavens. And then all the tribes of the land will wail. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and much glory. *Dan. 7:13*

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from *the* extreme *limits* of *the* heavens to *the* extreme *limits* of them..

32 ¶ But learn the parable of the fig tree: When its branch already becomes tender

and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer *is* near;

33 so also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near at *the* doors.

34 Truly I say to you, Not will this generation pass away, not until all these things have occurred.

35 The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away, not *ever!*

36 But about that day and that hour, no one has known, neither the angels of Heaven, except My Father only.

37 But as the days of Noah, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For as they were in the days before the flood: eating, and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until *the* day *when* Noah went into the ark.

39 And they did not know until the flood came and took all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

40 At that time two will be out in the field; the one is taken and the one is left;

41 two grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left.

42 Be awake, therefore, for you do not know in what hour your Lord comes.

43 But know this, that if the housemaster had known in what watch the thief comes, he would have kept awake and not have allowed his house to be dug through.

44 Because of this, you also be ready, for in that hour you think not, the Son of Man comes.

45 Who then is the faithful and wise slave whom his master has appointed over his services, to give to them the food in season?

46 Blessed *is* that slave whom his master shall find so doing when He comes.

47 Truly I say to you, He will set him over all belonging *to* him.

48 But if that wicked slave says in his heart, My Lord delays to come,

49 and begins to beat *his* fellow slaves, and to eat and to drink with the *ones* being drunk.

50 the Lord of that slave comes in a day in which he does not expect and in an hour which he does not know,

51 and will cut him in two, and will appoint his portion with the hypocrites. There will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

Matthew 25

1 The parable of the ten virgins, 14 and of the talents. 31 Also the description of the last judgment.

1 ¶ Then the kingdom of Heaven shall be compared to ten virgins who taking their lamps, went out to a meeting of the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were prudent *ones* and five foolish *ones*.

3 The *ones* who were foolish *ones* having taking their lamps did not take oil with them.

4 But the prudent *ones* took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 But the bridegroom delaying, all nodded and slept.

6 And in the middle of night a cry occurred: Behold, the bridegroom comes! Go out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins were aroused and prepared their lamps.

8 And the foolish *ones* said to the prudent *ones*, Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

9 But the prudent *ones* answered, saying, No, lest there not be enough for us and you. But rather, go to those who sell and buy for yourselves.

10 But they going away to buy, the bridegroom came. And those ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.

11 And afterwards, the rest of the virgins also came, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.

12 But answering, he said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you.

13 Therefore, be awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man comes.

14 ¶ For *it is* as if a man going abroad called *his* own slaves and gave over his belongings to them.

15 And to one indeed he gave five talents, and to another, two, and to another, one, to each according to his ability. And *he* went abroad at once.

16 And going, the *one* who received the five talents worked with them and made another five talents.

17 In the same way, the *one with* the two also *did*; he also gained another two.

18 But going away, the *one* who received the one dug in the earth and hid his lord's silver.

19 And after much time, the lord of those slaves came and took account with them.

20 And coming up, the *one* receiving the five talents brought another five talents near, saying, Lord, you gave over five talents to me. Behold, I gained another five talents over them.

21 And his lord said to him, Well *done*, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your lord.

22 And the *one* who received two talents also coming up, *he* said, Lord, you gave over two talents to me. Behold, I have gained two other talents above them.

23 His lord said to him, Well *done*, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things, I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your lord.

24 And the *one* having received the one talent also coming up, *he* said, Lord, I knew you, that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter;

25 and being afraid, going away, I hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have yours.

26 And answering, his lord said to him, Evil and slothful slave! You knew that I reap where I did not sow, and I gather where I did not scatter.

27 Therefore you ought to have put my silver to the money exchangers, and coming I would have received mine with interest.

28 Therefore, take the talent from him and give *it* to him who has the ten talents.

29 For to everyone having, *more* will be given, and he will abound. But from him not having, even that which he has will be taken from him.

30 And throw the worthless slave out into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

31 ¶ But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

32 And before Him shall be gathered all the nations; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 And indeed *He* will set the sheep at His right, but the goats at *the left hand*.

34 Then the King will say to those at His right, Come, the *ones* blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from *the foundation of the world*.

35 For I hungered, and you gave Me food to eat; I thirsted, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you gathered Me in;

36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you came to see Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.

37 Then the righteous *ones* will answer, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungering, and we fed *You*; or thirsting, and we gave *You* drink?

38 And when did we see You a stranger, and gathered *You* in; or naked, and clothed *You*?

39 And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and came to You?

40 And answering, the King will say to them, Truly I say to you, In so far as you did *it* to one of these, the least of My brothers, you did *it* to Me.

41 Then He will also say to those at *the left*, Go away from Me, the *ones* cursed, into the everlasting fire having been prepared for the devil and his angels.

42 For I hungered, and you did not give Me *a thing* to eat. I thirsted and you did not give Me *a thing* to drink;

43 I was a stranger, and you did not gather Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not come to see Me.

44 Then they also will answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungering, or thirsting, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to You?

45 Then He will answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, In as much as you did not do *it* to one of these, the least, neither did you do *it* to Me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous *ones* into everlasting life.

Matthew 26

1 The rulers conspire against Christ. 14 Judas sells him. 47 Christ, being given over with a kiss, 57 is carried to Caiaphas, 69 and denied by Peter.

1 ¶ And it happened, when Jesus finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples,

2 You know that the Passover will be after two days, and the Son of Man is given over to be crucified.

3 Then the chief priests and the scribes and the elders of the people were assembled to the court of the high priest, the *one* named Caiaphas.

4 And *they* plotted together in order that they might seize Jesus by deceit and kill *Him*.

5 But they said, Not in the Feast, that there be no turmoil among the people.

6 ¶ And Jesus being in Bethany, in Simon the leper's house,

7 a woman came near to Him having an alabaster vial of ointment of great value, and poured *it* down on His head, *He* reclining.

8 But seeing, His disciples were indignant, saying, For what *is* this waste?

9 For this ointment could have been sold for much and be given to *the* poor.

10 But knowing, Jesus said to them, Why do you cause troubles to the woman? For she worked a good work toward Me.

11 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.

12 For in putting this ointment on My body, she did *it* in order to bury Me.

13 Truly I say to you, Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in all the world, also what she did will be spoken of for a memorial of her.

14 ¶ Then one of the twelve going to the chief priests, the *one* called Judas Iscariot,

15 said, What will you give to me, and I will give Him over to you? "And they weighed to him thirty silver pieces." *Zech. 11:12*

16 And from then he sought opportunity that he might give Him over.

17 ¶ And on the first *day* of the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, Where do you desire we should prepare for You to eat the Passover?

18 And He said, Go into the city to a certain one and say to him, The Teacher says, My time is near; with you I am making the Passover with My disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Jesus ordered them, and prepared the Passover.

20 And *it* becoming evening, He reclined with the Twelve.

21 And as they were eating, He said, Truly I say to you that one of you will give Me over.

22 And grieving exceedingly, they began to say to Him, each of them, not I am *the one*. Lord?

23 But answering, He said, The *one* dipping the hand with Me in the dish will give Me over.

24 Indeed, the Son of Man goes, as it has been written about Him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is given over. It were good for him if that man was never born.

25 And answering, the *one* giving Him over, Judas, said, Not I am *he*, Rabbi? He said to him, You have said *it*.

26 ¶ And as they ate, taking the bread and blessing *it*, Jesus broke and gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body.

27 And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave to them, saying, Drink of it. all *of* you.

28 For this is My blood of the New Covenant which concerning many is being poured out for remission of sins.

29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine after this, not until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father.

30 And singing a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives.

31 ¶ Then Jesus said to them, You all will be caused to stumble in Me in this night. For it has been written, "I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." *Zech. 13:7*

32 But after My resurrection I will go before you into Galilee.

33 And answering, Peter said to Him, Even if all will be caused to stumble in You, I will never be caused to stumble

34 Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, In this night, before a cock sounds, you will deny Me three times.

35 Peter said to Him, Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You, not *I!* And all the disciples said the same.

36 ¶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to the disciples, Sit here, until going away, I shall pray there.

37 And taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to grieve and to be deeply troubled.

38 Then He said to them, My soul is deeply grieved, even unto death. Stay here with Me, and keep awake.

39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face, praying, and saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You *will*.

40 And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And *He* said to Peter, So! Were you not able to keep awake one hour with Me?

41 Keep awake, that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

42 Again, going away a second time, He prayed, saying, My Father, if *it is* not possible for this cup to pass away except I drink it, let Your will be done.

43 And coming, He again found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 And leaving them, going away again, He prayed a third time, saying the same word.

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, Sleep on, and rest *for* what *time* remains. Behold, the hour draws near, and the Son of Man is given over into *the* hands of sinners.

46 Rise up, let us go. Behold, the *one* giving Me over draws near.

47 ¶ And *as* He was yet speaking, behold, Judas came, one of the twelve. And with him was a numerous crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 And the *one* giving Him over gave them a sign, saying, Whomever I may kiss, it is He; seize Him.

49 And coming up at once to Jesus, he said, Hail, Rabbi. And *he* ardently kissed Him.

50 But Jesus said to him, Friend, why are you here? Then coming up, they laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

51 And, behold, one of those with Jesus, stretching out the hand, drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest *and* took off the ear of him.

52 Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back into its place. For all who take *the* sword shall perish by a sword.

53 Or do you think that I am not able now to call on My Father, and He will stand beside Me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 How then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?

55 In that hour, Jesus said to the crowds, Did you come out to take Me with swords and clubs, as against a plunderer? I sat with you according to a day teaching in the temple, and you did not lay hands on Me.

56 But all this is happening that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled. Then all the disciples ran away, forsaking Him.

57 ¶ And the *ones* who had seized Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 And Peter followed Him from a distance, even to the court of the high priest. And going inside, *he* sat with the under-officers to see the end.

59 And the chief priests and the elders and the whole sanhedrin looked for false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death,

60 and they did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses *were* coming forward, they did not find *any*. But at last, coming up two false witnesses

61 said, This *One* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and through three days to build it.

62 And standing up, the high priest said to Him, Do You answer nothing? What do these witness against You?

63 But Jesus kept silent. And answering, the high priest said to Him, I put You on oath by the living God that You tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus said to him, You said *it*. I tell you more. From this time you shall see the Son of Man sitting at *the right hand* of power,

and coming on the clouds of the heaven. *Psa. 110:1; Dan. 7:13*

65 Then the high priest tore his garments, saying, He blasphemed! What need do we have any more of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy.

66 What does it seem to you? And answering, they said, He is liable to death.

67 Then they spat in His face, and beat Him with the fist, and *some* slapped *Him*,

68 saying, Prophecy to us, Christ. Who is the *one* striking You?

69 ¶ And Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And one girl came near to him, saying, And you were with Jesus the Galilean.

70 But he denied before all, saying, I do not know what you say.

71 And he, going out into the porch, another saw him and said to those there, And this *one* was with Jesus the Nazarene.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And after a little, coming near, those standing by said to Peter, Truly you also are of them, for even your speech makes you evident.

74 Then he began to curse and to swear, I do not know the man. And immediately a cock sounded.

75 And Peter recalled the word of Jesus, saying to him, Before a cock sounds you will deny Me three times. And going out, he wept bitterly.

Matthew 27

1 Christ is bound and given over , to Pilate.

3 Judas hangs himself. 19 Pilate, admonished by his wife, 24 washes his hands. 29 Christ is crowned with thorns, 34 crucified, 50 dies, and is buried.

1 ¶ And early morning occurring, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel together against Jesus, so as to put Him to death.

2 And binding Him, they led *Him* away and gave Him over to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, the *one* giving Him over, seeing that He was condemned, caring afterward, returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,

4 saying, I sinned, giving over innocent blood. But they said, What *is it* to us? You see *to it*.

5 And tossing the silver pieces into the temple, he left. And going away he hanged himself.

6 And taking the pieces of silver, the chief priests said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is *the* price of blood.

7 And taking counsel, they bought of them the potter's field, for burial for the strangers.

8 So that field was called Field of Blood until today.

9 Then was fulfilled that spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who had been priced, on whom they of the sons of Israel set a price,

10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me. *Zech. 11:12, 13*

11 ¶ And Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor questioned Him, saying, Are You the King of the Jews? And Jesus said to him, You say *it*.

12 And when He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He answered nothing.

13 Then Pilate said to Him, Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?

14 And He did not answer him, not even to one word, so that the governor greatly marveled.

15 And at a feast, the governor was accustomed to release one prisoner to the crowd, whom they wished.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner being called Barabbas.

17 Therefore they, having been assembled, Pilate said to them, Whom do you wish I may release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus being called Christ?

18 For he knew they gave Him over through envy.

19 But as he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, Let nothing *be* to you and that just *One*. For I have suffered many things today by a dream because of Him.

20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds, that they should ask *for* Barabbas, and to destroy Jesus.

21 And answering, the governor said to them, From the two, which do you wish that I release *to* you? And they said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate said to them, What then should I do to Jesus being called Christ? They all say to him, Crucify *Him!*

23 But the governor said, For what badness did He do? But they the more cried out, saying, Crucify!

24 And seeing that nothing is gained, but rather an uproar occurs, taking water, Pilate washed *his* hands before the crowd, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just *One*; you will see.

25 And answering, all the people said, His blood *be* on us and on our children.

26 ¶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But having scourged Jesus, he gave *Him* over that He might be crucified.

27 Then taking Jesus into the praetorium, the soldiers of the governor gathered all the cohort against Him.

28 And stripping Him, they put a scarlet cloak around Him.

29 And plaiting a crown of thorns, they placed *it* on His head, and a reed on His right *hand*. And bowing the knee before Him, they mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews.

30 And spitting at Him, *they* took the reed and struck at His head.

31 And when they mocked Him, they stripped off His cloak, and they put His garments on Him and led Him away to crucify *Him*.

32 And going out, they found a man, a Cyrenean, named Simon. They compelled this one, that he bear His cross.

33 ¶ And coming to a place called Golgotha, which is called, Of a Skull Place,

34 they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink. And having tasted, He would not drink.

35 And having crucified Him, they divided His clothing, casting a lot, that might be fulfilled that spoken by the prophet, "They divided My clothing *to* themselves, and they cast a lot over My clothing." *Psa. 22:18*

36 And sitting down, they guarded Him there.

37 And they put up over His head His charge, *it* having been written: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then two plunderers were crucified with Him, one on *the* right, and one on *the* left of Him.

39 But those passing by blasphemed Him, shaking their heads,

40 and saying, *You* the *One* razing the temple and building *it* in three days, save Yourself. If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 And in the same way, the chief priests with the scribes and elders, mocking, said,

42 He saved others; He is not able to save Himself. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe Him.

43 He trusted on God. Let Him rescue Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, I am Son of God.

44 And also the plunderers crucified with Him defamed Him, *saying* the same.

45 And from *the* sixth hour occurred darkness over all the land until *the* ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a great voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani; that is, "My God, My God, why did You forsake Me?" *Psa. 22:1*

47 And hearing, some of those standing there said, This *One* calls Elijah.

48 And at once, one of them running and taking a sponge, and filling *it* with "vinegar," put *it* on a reed and "gave drink to Him." *Psa. 69:21*

49 But the rest said, Let be; let us see if Elijah is coming to save Him.

50 ¶ And crying again with a loud voice, Jesus released *His* spirit.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was torn into two from above as far as below. And the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared!

52 And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

53 And coming forth out of the tombs after His resurrection, *they* entered into the holy city and were revealed to many.

54 But the centurion and those with him guarding Jesus, seeing the earthquake and the things taking place, *they* feared exceed-

ingly, saying, Truly this *One* was Son of God.

55 And many women were there, watching from afar off, *those* who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him;

56 among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 ¶ And evening having come, a rich man from Arimathea (Joseph by name) who also himself was discipled to Jesus,

58 coming up to Pilate, this *one* asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given.

59 And taking the body, Joseph wrapped it up in a clean linen *sheet*,

60 and laid it in his new tomb, which he had cut out in the rock. And having rolled a great stone *to* the door of the tomb, *he* departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, sitting across from the grave.

62 And on the next day, which is after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were assembled to Pilate,

63 saying, Sir, we have recalled that that deceiver while living said, After three days I will rise.

64 Therefore, command that the grave be secured until the third day, that His disciples may not come by night and steal Him away, and may say to the people, He is raised from the dead. And the last deception will be worse than the first.

65 And Pilate said to them, You have a guard, go away, make *it as* secure as you know *how*.

66 And going along with the guard, they made the grave secure, sealing the stone.

Matthew 28

1 Christ's resurrection is declared by an angel to the women. 9 He himself appears to them, 19 and sends His disciples to baptize and teach all nations.

1 ¶ But late in *the* sabbaths, at the dawning into *the* first of *the* sabbaths, Mary the Magdalene and the other Mary came to gaze upon the grave.

2 And, behold! A great earthquake occurred! For descending from Heaven and coming

near, an angel of *the* Lord rolled away the stone from the door and *was* sitting on it.

3 And the appearance of him was as lighting and his clothing white as snow.

4 And those keeping guard were shaken from the fear of him, and they became as dead.

5 But answering, the angel said to the women, You must not fear, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified.

6 He is not here, for He was raised, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying.

7 And going quickly say to His disciples that He was raised from the dead. And behold! He goes before you into Galilee. You will see Him there. Behold! I told you.

8 And going away from the tomb quickly, with fear and great joy, they ran to report to His disciples.

9 But as they were going to report to His disciples, behold, Jesus also met them, saying, Rejoice! And coming near, they lay hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, Do not fear. Go tell your brothers that they may go into Galilee, and there they will see Me.

11 ¶ And they, having gone, behold, some of the guard coming into the city reported to the chief priests all things that occurred

12 And being assembled with the elders, and taking counsel, *they* gave enough silver to the soldiers,

13 saying, Say that the disciples of Him came *and* stole Him by night, we being asleep.

14 And if this is heard by the governor, we will persuade him and will make you free from anxiety.

15 And taking the silver, they did as they were taught. And this report was spread by the Jews until today.

16 ¶ But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mount where Jesus appointed them.

17 And seeing Him, they worshiped Him. But they doubted.

18 And coming up, Jesus spoke with them, saying, All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me.

19 Therefore having gone, disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things, as many *things* as I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age. Amen.

The Gospel According to **MARK**

Mark 1

1 Office of John the Baptist. 9 Jesus is baptized, 12 tempted, 14 He preaches: 16 calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John: 32 heals many diseased persons.

1 ¶ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, *the Son of God,*

2 as it has been written in the Prophets, “Behold, I send forth My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You;

3 *the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” Mal. 3:1; Isa. 40:3*

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for remission of sins.

5 And all the Judean country and those of Jerusalem went out to him, and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed in camel’s hair, and a leather girdle about his loin, and eating locusts and wild honey.

7 And he proclaimed, saying, He who comes after me is mightier than I, of whom bending down I am not fit to loose the thong of His sandals.

8 I indeed baptized you in water, but He will baptize you in *the Holy Spirit.*

9 ¶ And it happened in those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 And going up from the water, immediately He saw the heavens splitting, and the Spirit coming down as a dove upon Him.

11 And there was a voice out of the heavens, You are My Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well-pleased. *Psa. 2:7; Gen. 22:2; Isa. 42:1*

12 And the Spirit at once thrusts Him out into the deserted *place.*

13 And He was there in the deserted *place* forty days, being tempted by Satan, and

was with the wild beasts. And the angels ministered to Him.

14 ¶ And after John was given over, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 and saying, The time has been fulfilled, and the kingdom of God draws near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

16 And walking along beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a small net in the sea; for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said to them, Come after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And at once, having left their nets, they followed Him.

19 And going forward from there a little, He saw James the *son of Zebedee*, and his brother John. And they were in the boat mending the nets.

20 And at once He called them. And leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, they went after Him.

21 And they are going into Capernaum. And entering into the synagogue, at once He taught on the sabbaths.

22 And they were astounded at His doctrine, for He was teaching them as having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 ¶ And a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue. And he cried out, 24 saying, What *is* to us and to You, Jesus, Nazarene? Have You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Holy *One* of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be muzzled, and come out of him.

26 And the unclean spirit convulsing him, and crying out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And all were astonished, so as to be questioning to themselves, saying, What is this? What new teaching *is* this, that He

commands even the unclean spirits with authority, and they obey Him?

28 And His fame went out at once into all the Galilean surrounding region.

29 ¶ And at once going out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 And the mother-in-law of Simon was laid down, fever-stricken. And at once they spoke to Him about her.

31 And coming near, He raised her up, holding her hand. And the fever left her instantly, and she served them.

32 And evening coming, when the sun set, they brought to Him all those badly having *illness* and those having been demon-possessed.

33 And the whole city was gathered at the door.

34 And He healed many who badly having *illness* of various diseases. And he cast out many demons, and *He* did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

35 And rising up quite early in *the* night, He went out and went away into a deserted place. And *He* was praying there.

36 And Simon and those with him searched for Him.

37 And finding Him, they said to Him, All are seeking You.

38 And He said to them, Let us go into the neighboring towns, that I may proclaim there also. For it was for this I came forth.

39 And He was proclaiming in their synagogues in all Galilee, and casting out the demons.

40 ¶ And a leper came to Him, begging Him, and falling on *his* knees to Him, and saying to Him, If You will, You are able to make me clean.

41 And being moved with compassion, reaching out the hand, Jesus touched him, and said to him, I will be made clean!

42 And *He* having spoken, instantly the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean.

43 And strictly warning him, He at once put him out,

44 and said to him, See, tell no one a thing, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses directed concerning your cleansing, for a testimony to them.

45 But going out he began to proclaim much, and to spread about the matter, so that He no longer could openly enter into a city. But He was outside in deserted places. And they came to Him from every quarter.

Mark 2

1 Christ heals a paralytic, 14 calls Matthew from the receipt of custom, 18 and excuses His disciples for not fasting.

1 ¶ And again He entered into Capernaum after *some* days. And it was heard that He was in *a* house.

2 And at once many were gathered, so as none any longer had room, not even to the door. And He spoke the Word to them.

3 And they came to Him carrying a paralyzed *one*, being borne by four.

4 And not being able to draw near to Him, due to the crowd, they unroofed the roof where He was. And having dug through, they lowered the cot on which the paralyzed *one* was lying.

5 And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed *one*, Child, your sins are remitted to you.

6 But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why does this one speak blasphemies this way? Who is able to remit sins, except One, God?

8 And instantly knowing in His spirit that they reasoned this way within themselves, Jesus said to them, Why do you reason these things in your hearts?

9 Which is easier? To say to the paralyzed *one*, *Your* sins are remitted to you, or to say, Rise up and take your cot and walk?

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to remit sins on the earth, He said to the paralyzed *one*,

11 I say to you, Rise up and take up your cot and go to your house.

12 And he rose up at once. And taking his cot, he went out before all, so as all to be astonished and glorified God, saying, Never did we see *it* this way.

13 ¶ And He went out by the sea again. And all the crowd came to Him, and He taught them.

14 And passing on, He saw Levi the *son* of Alpheus sitting at the tax office. And *He* said to him, Follow Me. And rising up, he followed Him.

15 And it happened as He reclined in his house, even many tax collectors and sinners reclined with Jesus and His disciples, for they were many. And they followed Him.

16 And the scribes and Pharisees seeing Him eating with tax collectors and sinners, *they* said to His disciples, Why *is it* that He eats and drinks with the tax collectors and sinners?

17 And hearing, Jesus says to them, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those badly having *illness*. I did not come to call the righteous *ones* to repentance, but sinners.

18 ¶ And John's disciples, and those of the Pharisees, were fasting. And they came and said to Him, Why do John's disciples and those of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?

19 And Jesus said to them, Are able the sons of the bridechamber fast in which the groom is with them? As much time they have the groom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

21 And no one sews a patch of unmilled cloth on an old garment, else *it* takes away its fullness, the new *from* the old, and a worse tear occurs.

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, else the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins will be destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins.

23 And it happened, He went along through the grain fields in the sabbaths. And His disciples began to make way, plucking the heads *of grain*.

24 And the Pharisees said to Him, Behold, why do they do that which is not lawful on the sabbaths?

25 And He said to them, Did you never read what David did when he had need and hungered, he and those with him,

26 how he entered the house of God *in the days of* Abiathar the high priest, and ate the Loaves of the Presentation, which

it is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and *he* even gave to those being with him?

27 And He said to them, The sabbath came into being for man's sake, not man for the sabbath's sake.

28 So then the Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath also.

Mark 3

1 Christ heals the withered hand: 13 He chooses His twelve apostles.

1 ¶ And again He entered into the synagogue. And there was a man having the hand withered.

2 And they watched Him, whether He will heal him on the sabbath, that they might accuse Him.

3 And He said to the man having the hand withered, Rise up into the middle.

4 And He said to them, *Is it* lawful to do good on the sabbath, or to do evil? To save a soul, or to kill? But they were silent.

5 And having looked around on them with anger, being greatly grieved over the hardness of their heart, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he stretched out, and his hand was restored sound as the other.

6 And going out, the Pharisees at once took counsel with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

7 And Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee and from Judea followed Him,

8 also from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, also those around Tyre and Sidon. A great multitude, hearing how much He was doing, came to Him.

9 And He spoke to His disciples that a small boat should stay near to Him because of the crowd, that they might not press upon Him.

10 For He healed many, so that they fell on Him, that they might grasp Him, as many as had plagues.

11 And when the unclean spirits saw Him, *they* fell down before Him, and cried out, saying, You are the Son of God!

12 And He warned them very much that they should not make Him known.

13 ¶ And He went up into the mountain, and He called near whom He desired. And they went to Him.

14 And He made *disciples of twelve*, that they might be with Him; and that He might send them to proclaim,

15 and to have authority to heal diseases, and to cast out the demons.

16 And He put on Simon *the name Peter*.

17 And on James the *son of Zebedee*, and John the brother of James, He put on them *the names Boanerges*, which is, Sons of Thunder.

18 Also *He appointed* Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son of Alpheus*, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

19 and Judas Iscariot, who also gave Him over. And He came into a house.

20 And again a crowd came together, so as they *were* not able even to eat bread.

21 And hearing, those with Him went out to take hold *of Him*; for they said, He is out of *His* mind.

22 ¶ And coming down from Jerusalem, the scribes said, He has Beelzebub; and He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.

23 And calling them near, He spoke to them in parables, *saying*, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house is not able to stand.

26 And if Satan rises upon himself, and has been divided, he is not able to stand, but he has an end.

27 No one, not *any*, having entered into his house, is able to plunder the vessels of the strong *one*, unless he first tie up the strong *one*; and then he will plunder his house.

28 Truly I say to you, All the sins will be forgiven to the sons of men, also blasphemies, as many as they may blaspheme, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit has no remission unto the age, but is liable to eternal judgment

30 (because they said, He has an unclean spirit).

31 ¶ Then His mother and brothers came. And standing outside, *they* sent to Him, calling Him.

32 And a crowd sat around Him. And they said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers seek You outside.

33 And He answered them, saying, Who is My mother *or* My brothers?

34 And having looked around on those sitting around Him in a circle, He said, Behold, My mother and My brothers!

35 For whoever does the will of God, this one is My brother, and My sister, and My mother.

Mark 4

1 *The parable of the sower, 14 and the meaning.*

26 *The parable of the seed growing secretly.*

35 *Christ calms the storm at sea.*

1 ¶ And again He began to teach beside the sea. And a large crowd was gathered to Him, so that He stepped into the boat in order to sit in the sea. And all the crowd were on the land toward the sea.

2 And He taught them many things in parables, and said to them in His teaching:

3 Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, it happened that one indeed fell beside the road; and the birds of the heaven came and devoured it.

5 And another fell on the rocky *place* where it did not have much earth. And it sprang up at once, due to not having depth of earth.

6 And *the sun* rising, it was scorched. And through not having root, it was dried out.

7 And another fell into the thorn-bushes, and the thorn bushes grew up and choked it; and it did not yield fruit.

8 And another fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, going up and increasing; and one bore thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundredfold.

9 And He said to them, The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when He was alone, those around Him, with the Twelve, asked Him *as to* the parable.

11 And He said to them, To you *it* has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God. But to these, those outside, all things are being *given* in parables,

12 that seeing they may see and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand, that not ever they should convert, and the sins be remitted to them.

Isa. 6:9, 10

13 And He said to them, Do you not know this parable? And how will you know all the parables?

14 The sower sows the Word.

15 And these are those beside the road where the Word is sown. And when they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the Word having been sown in their hearts.

16 And likewise, these are the ones being sown on the rocky *places*, who, when they hear the Word, *they* immediately receive it with joy,

17 yet they have no root in themselves, but are temporary. Then trouble or persecution occurring through the Word, immediately they are stumbled.

18 These are The *ones* being sown into the thorn-bushes, The *ones* hearing the Word,

19 and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts about other things entering in, *they* choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful.

20 And these are those being sown on the good ground, who hear and welcome the Word and bring forth fruit, one thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundredfold.

21 ¶ And He said to them, Does the lamp come that it may be put under the grain measure, or under the bed? *Is it* not also that it may be put on the lampstand?

22 For not anything is hidden but that it will be revealed, nor *anything* become covered but that it will come to light.

23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And He said to them, Watch what you hear. With what measure you measure, it will be measured to you; and more will be given to you, the *ones* hearing.

25 For whoever may have, *more* will be given to him; and the *one* who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed on the earth,

27 and should sleep, and rise night and day; and the seed should sprout and lengthen of itself, as he does not know.

28 For of itself the earth bears fruit: first greenery, then an ear, then full grain in the ear.

29 And when the fruit gives over, immediately he “sends forth the sickle, for the harvest has come.” *Joel 3:13*

30 And He said, To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we compare it?

31 *It is* like a grain of mustard, which, when it is sown on the earth, it is smallest than all the seeds of The *ones* on the earth.

32 And when it is sown, *it* comes up and becomes greater than all the plants, and produces great branches, so as to enable the birds of the heaven to dwell.

33 And many such parables He spoke the Word to them, even as they were able to hear.

34 But He did not speak to them without a parable. And He explained all things to His disciples privately.

35 ¶ And evening having come, He said to them on that day, let us pass over to the other side.

36 And leaving the crowd they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other small boats also were with Him.

37 And a great windstorm occurred, and the waves beat into the boat so that it was filled already.

38 And He was on the stern, sleeping on the headrest. And they awakened Him, and said to Him, Teacher, does it not matter to You that we are perishing?

39 And being awakened, He rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Silence! Be muzzled! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And He said to them, Why are you so fearful? How do you not have faith?

41 And they feared a great fear and said to one another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

Mark 5

1 Christ delivers the possessed of the legion of devils. 25 He heals the bleeding woman, 35 and raises Jairus' daughter from the dead.

1 ¶ And they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And He coming out from the boat, immediately out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit met Him,

3 who had *his* abode among the tombs; and no one was able to bind him, not even with chains.

4 Because he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn by him, and the fetters had been shattered. And no one was able to subdue him.

5 And continually night and day in the hills, and in the tombs, he was crying and cutting himself with stones.

6 And seeing Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.

7 And crying with a loud voice, he said, What *is* to me and to You, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me.

8 For He said to him, Unclean spirit, come out of the man!

9 And He asked him, What *is* your name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion, because we are many.

10 And he was imploring Him much that He would not send them outside the country.

11 And a great herd of pigs was feeding there near the hills.

12 And all the demons implored Him, saying, Send us into the pigs, that we may enter into them.

13 And Jesus immediately allowed them. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered into the pigs. And the herd rushed down the precipice into the sea (and they were about two thousand), and *they* were choked in the sea.

14 And The *ones* who fed the pigs fled, and *they* told *it* to the city, and to the fields. And they came out to see what is the thing having happened.

15 And they come to Jesus, and stared at the one being demon-possessed, sitting and being clothed, and being of sound mind, the *one* having had the legion. And they feared.

16 And The *ones* seeing *it* related to them how it happened to the *one* being demon possessed, and about the pigs.

17 And they began to implore Him to go away from their borders.

18 And He stepping into the boat, the former demoniac was imploring Him, that he be with Him.

19 But Jesus did not allow him, but says to him, Go to your house, to your *own*, and report to them as many things as the Lord has done to you and had mercy on you.

20 And he went and began to proclaim in Decapolis as many things as Jesus did to him. And all marveled.

21 ¶ And Jesus crossing over in the boat again to the other side, a large crowd was gathered upon Him; and He was beside the sea.

22 And, behold, one of the synagogue rulers, Jairus by name, comes; and seeing Him, *he* falls at His feet.

23 And *he* much implores Him, saying, My little daughter has finally *come to the* end. *I pray* that coming You may lay hands on her, that she may be cured and live.

24 And He went with him. And a large crowd was following and was pressing on Him.

25 And a certain woman being with a flow of blood twelve years,

26 and who had suffered many things by many physicians, and had spent all things that she had, and having gained nothing, but rather coming to worse,

27 hearing about Jesus, coming in the crowd behind *Him*, she grasped His garment.

28 For she said, If I may but grasp His garments, I will be cured.

29 And instantly the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she knew in *her* body that she is healed from the plague.

30 And knowing instantly within Himself that power had gone forth out of Him, turning in the crowd, Jesus said, Who grasped My garments?

31 And His disciples said to Him, You see the crowd pressing on You, and do You say, Who grasped Me?

32 And He looked around to see the *one* who had done this.

33 And the woman, being afraid and trembling, knowing what had happened on her, she came and fell down before Him and told Him all the truth.

34 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be well from your plague.

35 ¶ As He was speaking, they came from the synagogue ruler saying, Your daughter has died. Why do you still trouble the Teacher?

36 But hearing the word spoken, Jesus said to the synagogue ruler at once, Do not fear, only believe.

37 And He did not allow *anyone* to accompany Him except Peter and James and John, the brother of James.

38 And He comes into the synagogue ruler's house. And He saw a tumult, and weeping and much wailing.

39 And going in, He said to them, Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child has not died, but is sleeping.

40 And they ridiculed Him. But having put all out, He took along the father and the mother of the child, and the *ones* with Him, and passed on into where the child was lying.

41 And taking hold of the child's hand, He said to her, Talitha koumi; which is, being translated, Little girl, I say to you, Rise up!

42 And immediately the little girl rose up and walked. For she was twelve years *old*. And they were amazed with great amazement.

43 And very much He charged them that no one should know this. And He said to give her something to eat.

Mark 6

1 Christ's countrymen amze Him. 27 John Baptist is beheaded, 29 and buried. 34 The miracle of the loaves and fish.

1 ¶ And He went out from there and came to His fatherland. And His disciples follow Him.

2 And a sabbath having come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And hearing, many were astonished, saying, From where *came* these things to this One? And what *is* the wisdom given to Him, that even such works of power are occurring through His hands?

3 Is this One not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us? And they were stumbled in Him.

4 And Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his fatherland, and among the relatives, and in his own house.

5 And He could do no work of power there, except He performed healing on a few sick *ones*, laying on *His* hands.

6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

7 ¶ And He called the Twelve to Him and began to send them out two by two. And He gave them authority over the unclean spirits,

8 and charged them that they take nothing in *the* way, except only a staff; no bag, no bread, no copper in the belt;

9 but having tied on sandals, and not putting on two tunics.

10 And He said to them, Wherever you enter into a house, remain there until you go out from there.

11 And as many as will not receive you, nor hear you, going out from there, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony to them. Truly I say to you, It will be more bearable for Sodom or Gomorrah in Judgment Day than for that city.

12 And going out, they proclaimed that *men* should repent.

13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many sick *ones* and healed *them*.

14 ¶ And Herod the king heard, for His name became well known. And he said, John the Baptist was raised from the dead, and because of this the works of power operate in Him.

15 Others said, He is Elijah; and others said, He is a prophet or as one of the prophets.

16 But hearing, Herod said, This one is John whom I beheaded. He has risen from the dead.

17 For having sent, Herod himself had seized John and bound him in the prison, because of Herodias the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

18 For John had said to Herod, It is not lawful for you to have the wife of your brother.

19 And Herodias held it against him, and desired to kill him, but was not able.

20 For Herod feared John, knowing him *to be* a holy and just man, and kept him safe. And hearing him, he did many things, and gladly heard from him.

21 And a well-timed day having come, when Herod made a dinner for his chief men on his birthday, also the chiliarchs, and the chief ones of Galilee.

22 And the daughter of Herodias herself entering, and having danced, she also pleased Herod and the *ones* reclining with *him*. The king said to the girl, Ask me whatever you will, and I will give *it* to you.

23 And he swore to her, Whatever you ask me, I will give to you, up to half of my kingdom.

24 And going out, she said to her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And immediately going in with haste to the king, she asked, saying, I desire that at once you give to me the head of John the Baptist on a platter.

26 And having become deeply grieved, *but* because of the oaths and those reclining together, the king did not wish to reject her.

27 And the king sending an executioner at once, he commanded his head to be brought. And going, he beheaded him in the prison,

28 and *he* brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl. And the girl gave it to her mother.

29 And having heard, his disciples went and took his corpse and placed it in a tomb.

30 ¶ And the apostles gathered to Jesus. And *they* told Him all things, even as many *things* as they did and as many *things* they taught.

31 And He said to them, *You* yourselves come apart into a deserted place, and rest a little. For The *ones* coming and The *ones* going were many, and they did not even have opportunity to eat.

32 And they departed by boat into a deserted place privately.

33 And the crowds saw them going, and many recognized Him. And *they* ran together on foot there, from all the cities, and came before them, and came together to Him.

34 And going out, Jesus saw a large crowd, and had compassion on them, because “they were as sheep having no shepherd.” And He began to teach them many things. *Num. 27:17; Eze. 34:5*

35 And now a much *later* hour having come, drawing near to Him, His disciples said, The place is deserted, and *it is* now a much *later* hour.

36 Send them away, that going away to the surrounding farms and villages they may buy bread for themselves. For they do not have what they may eat.

37 And answering, He said to them, You give them *food* to eat. And they said to Him, Going, should we buy two hundred denarii of bread and give them to eat?

38 And He said to them, How many loaves do you have? Go and see. And knowing, they said, Five, and two fish.

39 And He ordered them all to recline, group *by* group on the green grass.

40 And they sat, ranks *by* ranks each hundred, and each fifty.

41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, looking up to Heaven, He blessed, and broke the loaves, and giving out to His disciples, that they might set before them. And He divided the two fish to all.

42 And all ate, and were satisfied.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments, also from the fish.

44 And those eating the loaves were about five thousand men.

45 ¶ And at once He constrained His disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before to the other side, to Bethsaida, until He should send away the crowd.

46 And taking leave *of* them, He went away to the mountain to pray.

47 And evening having come, the boat was in *the* middle of the sea, and He alone on the land.

48 And He saw them being distressed in the rowing, for the wind was against them. And *it was* about the fourth watch of the night *when* He came toward them, walking on the sea. And *He* willed to go by them.

49 But seeing Him walking on the sea, they thought *it* to be a phantom. And *they* cried out.

50 For all saw Him, and were troubled. And immediately He spoke to them and said to them, Have courage. I AM! Do not fear.

51 And He went up to them into the boat, and the wind ceased. And they were amazed, exceedingly out of measure within themselves, and marveled.

52 For they did not understand about *the miracle of the loaves*, for their heart was hardened.

53 And crossing over, they came into the land of Gennesaret and drew to shore.

54 And they, coming out of the boat, at once having recognized Him,

55 they ran around all that surrounding region. And they began to carry about those badly having *illness* on cots to wherever they heard that there He is.

56 And wherever He went into villages or cities or fields, they laid the feeble *ones* in the markets and begged Him if only they may grasp the fringe of His garment. And as many as grasped Him were healed.

Mark 7

1 The Pharisees find fault with the disciples for eating with unwashed hands. 14 Food does not defile one. 24 He heals the daughter of a woman from Syria of an unclean spirit.

1 ¶ And the Pharisees were assembled to Him, also some of the scribes, coming from Jerusalem.

2 And seeing some of His disciples eating bread with unclean, that is unwashed hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash the hands with *the fist*, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And *coming* from the market, if they *do* not dip themselves, they do not eat. And there are many other things which they received to hold: immersings of cups, and of utensils, and of copper vessels, and couches.

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes questioned Him, Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

6 And answering, He said to them, Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning you, hypo-

crites; as it has been written: "This people honors Me with the lips, but their heart is far away from Me;

7 and in vain they worship Me, teaching *as doctrines* the commandments of men."

Isa. 29:13

8 For, forsaking the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men: immersings of utensils and cups, and many other such like things you do.

9 And He said to them, Do you do well to set aside the commandment of God so that you may keep your tradition?

10 For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother;" *Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16* and, "The one speaking evil of father or mother, let him end by death." *Ex. 21:17*

11 But you say, If a man says to his father or mother, Corban, (which is, A gift!) whatever you may profit by me.

12 And you no longer allow him to do anything for *his* father or mother,

13 making void the Word of God by your tradition which you gave over. And many such like things you do.

14 And calling all the crowd near, He said to them, Hear Me, all *of you* and understand.

15 There is nothing from outside the man, entering into him, which is able to defile *him*. But the things going out from him, those are the things defiling the man.

16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

17 And when He entered into a house from the crowd, His disciples questioned Him about the parable.

18 And He said to them, Are you also so without understanding? Do you not perceive that everything entering from the outside into the man is not able to defile him?

19 *This is* because it does not enter into his heart, but into the belly, and goes out into the latrine, purging all the foods.

20 And He said, That out of the man coming out, *it is* the *thing* that defiles the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men go out the depraved reasonings, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 thefts, greedy desires, depravities, deceit, unbridled luats, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, recklessness.

23 All these evil things come out from within and defile the man.

24 ¶ And rising up from there, he went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And entering into the house, He desired no one to know, but He could not be hidden.

25 For hearing about Him, a woman came up, *one* whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, coming *she* fell down at His feet.

26 And the woman was a Greek, a Syro-phenician by race. And she asked Him, that He would cast out the demon from her daughter.

27 And Jesus said to her, First, allow the children to be satisfied, for it is not good to take the children's bread and to throw to the little dogs.

28 But she answered and said to Him, Yes, Lord; for even the little dogs under the table eat from the crumbs of the children.

29 And He said to her, Because of this word, go. The demon has gone out from your daughter.

30 And going away to her house, she found the demon had gone out, and her little daughter being laid on the couch.

31 ¶ And again going out from the borders of Tyre and Sidon, He came to the Sea of Galilee, in the midst of the borders of Decapolis.

32 And they brought a deaf *one* to Him, hardly speaking. And they begged Him, that He put *His* hand on him.

33 And taking him away from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears; and spitting, He touched his tongue;

34 and looking up into Heaven, He groaned and said to him, Ephphatha! (which is, Be completely opened!)

35 And instantly his ears were opened completely, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke correctly.

36 And He charged them that they should tell no one. But as much as He charged them, more even more they proclaimed.

37 And they were most exceedingly amazed, saying, He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf *one* to hear, and the mute *one* to speak.

Mark 8

I Christ miraculously feeds the people: 22 gives a blind man his sight: 27 and acknowledges that He is the Christ, who should suffer and rise again.

1 ¶ The crowd being very great in those days, and not having anything they may eat, Jesus, calling His disciples near, said to them, 2 I have compassion on the crowd because now three days they remain with Me, and they do not have what they may eat.

3 And if I send them away fasting to their house, they will faint in the way, for some of them come from afar.

4 And His disciples answered Him, From where will anyone here be able to satisfy these *with* loaves on a place of solitude?

5 And He asked them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven.

6 And He ordered the crowd to recline on the ground. And taking the seven loaves, having giving thanks, He broke and gave to His disciples, that they may set before *them*. And they set before the crowd.

7 And they had a few fish. And blessing, He said for these also to be set before *them*.

8 And they ate, and were satisfied. And they took up *the* surplus, seven baskets of fragments.

9 And the *ones* eating were about four thousand. And He sent them away.

10 ¶ And at once stepping into the boat with His disciples, He came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees went out and began to question Him, seeking from Him a sign from Heaven, tempting Him.

12 And sighing in His spirit, He said, Why does this generation seek after a sign? Truly I say to you, As if this generation will be given a sign!

13 And leaving them, again stepping into the boat, He went away to the other side.

14 And *the disciples* forgot to take loaves. And they did not have *any* with them, except one loaf in the boat.

15 And He charged them, saying, See! Look out *for* the leaven of the Pharisees, and *of* the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned with one another, saying, We have no loaves.

17 And knowing, Jesus said to them, Why do you reason that you have no loaves? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Have you still hardened your heart?

18 “Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?” And do you not remember? *Jer. 5:21*

19 When I broke the five loaves to the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up? They said to Him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven to the four thousand, how many baskets did you take up *with the* fillings of fragments? And they said, Seven.

21 And He said to them, How do you not understand?

22 ¶ And He came to Bethsaida. And they bring a blind *one* to Him, and begged Him that He would touch him.

23 And having taken hold of the blind *one's* hand, He led him forth outside the village. And having spit into his eyes, having laid *His* hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

24 And having looked up, he said, I see men as trees walking around.

25 Then again He placed *His* hands on his eyes, and made him look up. And he was restored and saw all clearly.

26 And He sent him to his house, saying, You may not go into the village, nor may tell anyone in the village.

27 ¶ And Jesus and His disciples went out to the villages of Caesarea of Philip. And in the way, He questioned His disciples, saying to them, Whom do men say Me to be?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist, and others *say* Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.

29 And He said to them, And you, whom do you say Me to be? And answering, Peter said to Him, You are the Christ.

30 And He warned them that they may tell no one about Him.

31 And He began to teach them that it is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and to be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and after three days to rise again.

32 And He spoke the Word plainly. And taking Him aside, Peter began to rebuke Him.

33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, Go behind Me, Satan, because you do not think the things of God, but the things of men.

34 And calling near the crowd with His disciples, He said to them, Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and let him follow Me.

35 For whoever desires to save his life, *he* shall lose it. But whoever may lose his life for My sake and the gospel, this one shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?

37 Or what shall a man give *as* an exchange *for* his soul?

38 For whoever may be ashamed of Me and My Word in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

Mark 9

2 Jesus is transfigured. 11 He instructs his disciples concerning Elijah: 14 casts forth a dumb and deaf spirit: 30 and foretells his death.

1 ¶ And He said to them, Truly I say to you, There are some of The *ones* standing here who not shall taste of death, not until they see the kingdom of God coming in power.

2 And after six days Jesus takes along Peter and James and John, and leads them into a high mountain apart, alone. And He was transfigured before them.

3 And His garments became shining, very white like snow, such as a fuller on earth is not able to whiten.

4 And Elijah with Moses was seen by them, and they were speaking with Jesus.

5 And answering, Peter said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good *for* us to be here; and, Let us make three tents, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

7 And came to be a cloud overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son,” the Beloved; hear Him. *Psa. 2:7; Gen. 22:2; Deut. 18:15*

8 And suddenly, having looked around, they saw no one any longer, but Jesus alone with themselves.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, He charged them that they should tell no one what they saw, except when the Son of Man should rise from *the* dead.

10 And they held the word to themselves, debating what *it* is to rise from *the* dead.

11 And they asked Him, saying, Do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?

12 And answering, He said to them, Indeed, Elijah coming first restores all things. And how it has been written concerning the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be utterly despised?

13 But I say to you, Elijah also has come and they did to him as many *things* as they desired, even as it has been written about him.

14 ¶ And coming to the disciples, He saw a great crowd around them, and scribes disputing with them.

15 And at once all the crowd seeing Him were greatly amazed. And running to *Him*, they greeted Him.

16 And He questioned the scribes, What are you arguing with them?

17 And one answered out of the crowd, saying, Teacher, I brought my son to You, having a mute spirit.

18 And wherever it seizes him, it convulses him; and he foams and gnashes his teeth. And he wastes away. And I told Your disciples, that they might expel it. And they were not able.

19 And answering them, He said, O unbelieving generation! How long will I be with you? How long shall I endure you? Bring him to Me.

20 And they brought him to Him. And seeing Him, the spirit immediately convulsed him. And falling on the ground, he wallowed, foaming.

21 And He questioned his father, How long a time is it while this has happened to him? And he said, From childhood.

22 And often it threw him both into fire and into water, that it might destroy him. But if You are able to do anything, help us, having compassion on us.

23 And Jesus said to him, If you are able to believe, all things *are* possible to the *ones* believing.

24 And immediately crying out, the father of the child said with tears, Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief!

25 And seeing that a crowd is running together, Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, Mute and deaf spirit, I command you, Come out from him, and you may no more go into him!

26 And crying out, and convulsing him very much, it came out. And he became as if dead, so as *for* many to say that he died.

27 But taking hold of his hand, Jesus raised him up, and he stood up.

28 And He entering into a house, His disciples questioned Him apart, *Why* were we not able to cast it out?

29 And He said to them, This kind can go out by nothing except by prayer and fasting.

30 ¶ And going forth from there, they passed by through Galilee. And He desired that no one know.

31 For He was teaching His disciples, and said to them, The Son of Man is given over into *the* hands of men, and they will kill Him. And being killed, He will rise up the third day.

32 But they did not know the Word, and feared to question Him.

33 And they came to Capernaum. And being in the house, He questioned them, What were you disputing among yourselves in the way?

34 But they were silent, for they disputed with one another in the way *as to* who *was* greater.

35 And sitting, He called the Twelve and said to them, If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.

36 And taking a little child, He set it in their midst, and having embraced it, He said to them,

37 Whoever receives one of such little children on My name receives Me. And whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but the One having sent Me.

38 And John answered Him, saying, Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, who does not follow

us. And we forbade him, because he does not follow us.

39 But Jesus said, Do not forbid him. For there is no one who shall do a work of power in My name, yet be able to speak evil of Me quickly.

40 For who is not against us is for us.

41 ¶ For whoever gives you a cup of cold water to drink in My name, because you are of Christ, truly I say to you, not he will lose his reward, not *ever*.

42 And whoever causes one of *these* little ones that believe into Me to stumble, it is good for him if rather a millstone be laid about his neck, and he be thrown into the sea.

43 And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. For it is profitable for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go away into Hell, into the unquenchable fire,

44 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. *Isa. 66:24*

45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, for it is profitable for you to enter into life lame, than having two feet to be thrown into Hell, into the unquenchable fire,

46 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. *Isa. 66:24*

47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out. For it is profitable for you to enter into the kingdom of God one-eyed, than having two eyes to be thrown into the Hell of fire,

48 “where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.” *Isa. 66:24*

49 For everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice will be salted with salt.

50 Salt *is* good, but if the salt becomes saltless, by what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.

Mark 10

2 Christ disputes with the Pharisees concerning divorce: 13 blesses the children: 46 and causes Bartimaus to see again.

1 ¶ And rising up from there, He came into the borders of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And again crowds came to-

gether to Him, and as He usually did, He again was teaching them.

2 And coming near, the Pharisees asked Him if it is lawful for a man to dismiss a wife, testing Him.

3 But answering, He said to them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses allowed “to write a bill of divorce, and to dismiss.” *Deut. 24:1*

5 And answering, Jesus said to them, With respect to your hardheartedness he wrote this command to you.

6 But from *the* beginning of creation “God made them male and female.” *Gen. 1:27*

7 “Because of this, a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife,

8 and the two shall be one flesh;” so that they no longer are two, but one flesh. *Gen. 2:24*

9 Therefore, what God yoked together, let not man put apart.

10 And again, in the house His disciples asked Him about the same.

11 And He said to them, Whoever shall dismiss his wife and marry another commits adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall dismiss her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.

13 ¶ And they brought children to Him, that He might touch them. But the disciples were rebuking those carrying *them*.

14 But seeing, Jesus was indignant. And He said to them, Allow the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them. For of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Truly I say to you, Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a child may not enter into it, not *ever*.

16 And having taken them in *His* arms, laying hands on them, He blessed them.

17 ¶ And He having gone out into *the* highway, running up and kneeling down to Him, one questioned Him, Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 But Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One, God.

19 You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not commit murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do

not defraud, honor your father and mother.
Ex. 20:12-16

20 And answering, he said to Him, Teacher, I observed all these from my youth.

21 And looking at him, Jesus loved him, and said to him, One *thing* is lacking to you. Go, sell as many things as you have, and give to the poor. And you will have treasure in Heaven. And come, follow Me, taking up the cross.

22 But being sad at the Word, he went away grieving; for he had many possessions.

23 And having looked around, Jesus said to His disciples, How hardly those having riches will enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were astonished at His Words. And answering again, Jesus said to them, Children, how hard it is for The *ones* trusting on riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier *for* a camel to pass through the eye of the needle, than *for* a rich *one* to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were exceedingly astonished, saying to themselves, And who is able to be saved?

27 But looking at them, Jesus said, From men *it is* impossible, but not from God. For all things are possible from God.

28 And Peter began to say to Him, Behold, we left all and followed You.

29 But answering, Jesus said, Truly I say to you, There is no one who forsook house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or fields, for My sake and the gospel,

30 that will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the coming age, eternal life.

31 But many first shall be last, and the last *shall be* first.

32 ¶ And they were in the highway, going up to Jerusalem. And Jesus was going before them, and following they were astonished and were afraid. And taking the Twelve again, He began to tell them the things about to happen to Him:

33 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be given over to

the chief priests and to the scribes. And they will condemn Him to death and will give Him over to the nations.

34 And they will mock Him and will scourge Him and will spit at Him, and will kill Him. And on the third day He will rise again.

35 And coming up to Him, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, said, Teacher, we desire that whatever we may ask You would do for us.

36 And *He* said to them, What do you desire for Me to do for you?

37 And they said to Him, Give us that we may sit one on *the* right of You and one on *the* left of You in Your glory.

38 But Jesus said to them, You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup which I drink, and to be baptized *with* the baptism I am baptized *with*?

39 And they said to Him, We are able. But Jesus said to them, Indeed you will drink the cup which I drink, and you will be baptized *with* the baptism *with* which I am baptized.

40 But to sit on My right and on My left is not Mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared.

41 And hearing, the ten began to be indignant about James and John.

42 But having called them near, Jesus said to them, You know that The *ones* seeming to rule the nations lord it over them, and The *ones* great among them exercise authority over them.

43 But it shall not be so among you, but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

44 And whoever of you desires to become first, *he* shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life *as* a ransom instead of many.

46 ¶ And they come into Jericho. And He and His disciples and a considerable crowd having gone out from Jericho, a son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus the blind, sat beside the highway begging.

47 And hearing that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and to say, Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!

48 And many warned him that he be quiet. But he much more cried out, Son of David have mercy on me!

49 And standing still, Jesus said for him to be called. And they called the blind *one*, saying to him, Have courage, rise up, He calls you.

50 And throwing away his garment, rising up, he came to Jesus.

51 And answering, Jesus said to him, What do you desire I should do to you? And the blind *one* said to Him, My Lord, that I may see again.

52 And Jesus said to him, Go, your faith has healed you. And instantly he saw again, and followed Jesus in the highway.

Mark 11

1 Christ rides into Jerusalem: 12 curses the fruitless tree: 20 and exhorts His disciples to steadfastness of faith.

1 ¶ And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, toward the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples,

2 and said to them, Go into the village opposite you. And going into it, at once you will find a young ass tied, on which no one of men has sat. Loosing it, bring it.

3 And if anyone says to you, Why do you do this? say, The Lord has need of it. And he will at once send it here.

4 And they departed and found the young ass tied at the door outside, by the crossway; and they loosed it.

5 And some of those standing there said to them, What are you doing, loosing the young ass?

6 And they said to them as Jesus commanded, and they let them go.

7 And they led the young ass to Jesus. And they threw their garments on it, and He sat on it.

8 And many spread their garments on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading *them* into the road.

9 And those going before, and those following after, were crying out, saying, Hosanna! "Blessed is the *One* coming in the name of the Lord!" *Psa. 118:26*

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple. And having looked around at all things, the hour already being late, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

12 ¶ And on the morrow, they going out from Bethany, He hungered.

13 And seeing afar off a fig tree having leaves, He went *toward it*, if perhaps He would find anything on it. And coming on it, He found nothing except leaves, for it was not the season of figs.

14 And answering, Jesus said to it, Let no one eat fruit of you any more to the age. And His disciples heard.

15 And they came to Jerusalem. And entering into the temple, Jesus began to throw out those selling and buying in the temple; also He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling the doves.

16 And *He* did not allow any to carry a vessel through the temple.

17 And *He* taught, saying to them, Has it not been written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations." "But you have made it a den of plunderers."? *Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11*

18 And the scribes and the chief priests heard. And they sought how they might destroy Him, for they feared Him, because all the crowd was astonished at His doctrine.

19 And when evening came, He went outside the city.

20 And passing along early, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.

21 And remembering, Peter said to Him, Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.

22 And answering, Jesus said to them, Have faith of God.

23 For truly I say to you, Whoever says to this mountain, Be taken up and be thrown into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be to him, whatever he says.

24 Therefore I say to you, All things, as many *things* as you ask, praying, believe that you *will* receive, and it will be to you.

25 And when you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive *it*, so that your Father in Heaven may also forgive your deviations.

26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in Heaven forgive your deviations.

27 ¶ And they come again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him.

28 And they said to Him, By what authority do You do these things? And who gave You this authority that You do these things?

29 And answering, Jesus said to them, I will also ask you one thing, and answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things:

30 The baptism of John, was *it* from Heaven, or from men? Answer Me.

31 And they were reasoning to themselves, saying, If we say, From Heaven, He will say, Why then did you not believe him?

32 But if we say, From men, they feared the people. For all held that John truly was a prophet.

33 And answering, they said to Jesus, We do not know. And answering, Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mark 12

1 The parable of the vineyard. 13 Christ avoids snare of the Pharisees about paying tribute: 41 and commends the poor widow for her two coins.

1 ¶ And He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard," and set a fence around *it* and dug a winevat, "and built a tower." And *he* rented it to vinedressers and went abroad. *Isa. 5:1, 2*

2 And at the season, he sent a slave to the vinedressers, that he might receive from the vinedressers the fruit of the vineyard.

3 But taking him, they beat *him*, and sent *him* away empty.

4 And again he sent to them another slave; stoning that one, they struck *him* in the head and sent *him* away, dishonoring him.

5 And again, he sent another, and they killed that one; also many others, indeed beating these, and killing these.

6 Yet having one son, his own beloved, therefore he sent him to them also, last *of all*, saying, They will respect my son.

7 But those vinedressers said to themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him and the inheritance will be ours.

8 And taking *him*, they killed him and threw *him* outside the vineyard.

9 What, therefore, will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and will destroy the vinedressers and will give the vineyard to others.

10 Have you not even read this Scripture: *The* "Stone which the builders rejected, this One came to be Head of *the* Corner;

11 this came about from *the* Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? *Psalms 118:22, 23; Acts 4:11*

12 And they sought to seize Him, and feared the crowd. For they knew that He spoke the parable against them. And leaving Him, they went away.

13 ¶ And they sent some of the Pharisees and of the Herodians to Him, that they might catch Him in a word.

14 And coming, they said to Him, Teacher, we know that You are true, and there is not a care to You about anyone, for You do not look to *the* face of men, but teach the way of God *in* truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

15 Should we give, or should we not give? But knowing their hypocrisy, He said to them, Why do you tempt Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see.

16 And they brought *one*. And He said to them, Whose image and inscription is this? And they said to Him, Caesar's.

17 And answering, Jesus said to them, Give back the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God. And they marveled at Him.

18 ¶ And Sadducees came to Him, who say there is no resurrection. And they questioned Him, saying,

19 Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a brother of anyone should die and leave behind a wife, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife and raise up seed to his brother. *Deut. 25:5*

20 Then there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and dying, *he* left no seed.

21 And the second took her, and died, and neither did he leave seed; and the third likewise.

22 And the seven took her and left no seed. Last of all the woman also died.

23 Therefore in the resurrection, when they rise again, of which of them will she be the wife? For the seven had her as wife.

24 And answering, Jesus said to them, Do you not err because of this, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God?

25 For when they rise again from *the* dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in Heaven.

26 But concerning the dead, that they are raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, as God spoke to him at the Bush, saying, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? *Ex. 3:6*

27 He is not the God of *the* dead, but God of *the* living. Therefore, you greatly err.

28 ¶ And coming near, one of the scribes, hearing them arguing, knowing that He answered them well, he questioned Him, What is *the* first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is: "Hear, Israel. *The* Lord our God is one Lord,

30 and you shall love *the* Lord your God out of all your heart, and out of all your soul" and out of all your mind, "and out of all your strength." This is the first commandment. *Deut. 6:4, 5*

31 And *the* second is like this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is not another commandment greater than these. *Lev. 19:18*

32 And the scribe said to Him, You say well, Teacher. You have spoken according to truth, "that God is one," and "there is no other except Him;" *Deut. 4:35; 6:4, 5*

33 "and to love Him from all the heart," and from all the understanding, "and from all the soul, and from all the strength;" and "to love one's neighbor as oneself" is more than all the burnt offerings and the sacrifices. *Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:4, 5*

34 And seeing that he answered wisely, Jesus said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And no one dared to question Him any more.

35 ¶ And teaching in the temple, answering, Jesus said, How do the scribes say that Christ is the son of David?

36 For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on My right until I place Your enemies as a footstool for Your feet." *LXX-Psa. 109:1; MT-Psa. 110:1*

37 Then David himself calls Him Lord. And from where is He his son? And the large crowd heard Him gladly.

38 And He said to them in His teaching, Watch out from the scribes, the *ones* desiring to walk about in long robes, and *desiring* greetings in the marketplaces,

39 and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief couches in the dinners,

40 those devouring the houses of widows, and for a pretense praying at length. These will receive more abundant judgment.

41 ¶ And sitting down opposite the treasury, Jesus was watching how the crowd is throwing copper *coins* into the treasury. And many rich ones threw in much.

42 And coming, one poor widow threw in two lepta (which is a kodrantes).

43 And having called His disciples near, He said to them, Truly I say to you that this poor widow has thrown *in* more than all of those casting into the treasury.

44 For all threw *in* out of that abounding to them, but she out of her poverty threw *in* all, as much as she had, her whole livelihood.

Mark 13

1 Christ foretells the destruction of the temple: 10 that the gospel must be preached to all nations: 14 and that great calamities shall happen to the Jews.

1 ¶ And as He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, Teacher, Behold! What kind of stones and what kind of buildings!

2 And answering, Jesus said to him, Do you see these great buildings? Not a stone shall be left, not a stone on a stone which will not be thrown down, not *one*.

3 And *as* He was sitting in the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew questioned Him privately:

4 Tell us when these things shall be? And what *is* the sign when all these things are about to be done?

5 ¶ And Jesus answering to them began to say, Watch out not anyone you lead astray.

6 For many will come in My name, saying, I AM! And they will lead many astray.

7 But when you hear *of* wars and rumors of wars, do not be disturbed, for it must occur; but the end *is* not yet.

8 For nation will be raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be earthquakes in *many* places. And there shall be famines and tumults. These things *are* the beginnings of birth-pangs.

9 But you watch yourselves, for they will give you over to sanhedrins and to synagogues. You will be beaten, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.

10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all the nations.

11 But whenever they lead you away, giving you over, do not be anxious beforehand, what you should say, nor ponder. But whatever is given to you in that hour, speak that. For you are not the *ones* speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

12 And a brother will give over a brother to death, and a father the child. And children will rise up on parents and will put them to death.

13 And you will be hated by all on account of My name. But the *one* enduring to the end, this *one* will be kept safe.

14 ¶ But when you see “the abomination of desolation,” the *one* spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not (he reading, let him understand), then let those in Judea flee into the mountains. *Dan. 11:31; 12:11*

15 And he on the housetop, let him not go down into the house, *and* not go in to take a thing out of his house.

16 And the one in the field, let him not return to the things behind to take his garment.

17 But woe to *those* holding a *babe* in womb, and to *those* giving suck in those days!

18 And pray that your flight will not be in winter;

19 for there will be affliction *in* those days such as has not been the like, not from *the* beginning of creation which God created until now, and not will be.

20 And if *the* Lord had not cut short the days, not any flesh would be saved; but because of the elect whom He elected, He has cut short the days.

21 And then if anyone says to you, Behold, here *is* the Christ! Or, Behold, there! You shall not believe.

22 For false christs and false prophets will be raised, and they will give *miraculous* signs and wonders in order to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

23 But you watch out. Behold, I have foretold you all things.

24 ¶ But in those days, after that affliction, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light;

25 and the stars of the heaven will be falling, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with much power and glory. *Dan. 7:13*

27 And then He will send His angels and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from *the* end of earth to *the* end of *the* heaven.

28 ¶ And from the fig tree learn the parable: When its shoot already becomes tender and puts out leaves, you know the summer is near.

29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near, at *the* doors.

30 Truly I say to you, This generation will not pass away, not until all these things occur.

31 The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away, not *ever*!

32 But concerning that day and the hour, no one has known, not the angels in Heaven, nor the Son, except the Father.

33 Watch! Be wakeful, and pray. For you do not know when the time is.

34 As a man going away, having left his house, and giving his slaves authority, and to each his work (and he commanded the doorkeeper, that he watch),

35 Therefore be wakeful, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, *at* evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or early;

36 so that, coming suddenly, he not find you sleeping.

37 And what I say to you, I say to all. Be wakeful!

Mark 14

1 A conspiracy against Christ. 3 Precious ointment is poured on His head by a woman.

10 Judas sells his Master for silver. 22 Christ institutes His supper. 26 Peter's denial. 43 Judas gives Him over to the Jews 46 He is taken, falsely accused, and condemned by the Jews' council.

1 ¶ And it was the Passover, and *the Feast of Unleavened Bread* after two days. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how, having seized Him by guile, they might kill Him.

2 But they said, Not during the Feast, lest there will be a tumult of the people.

3 And He being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, He reclining, a woman came, having an alabaster vial of pure, costly ointment of nard. And breaking the alabaster vial, she poured *it* down on His head.

4 And some were being indignant within themselves, and saying, For what has this waste of the ointment occurred?

5 For this could be sold *for* over three hundred denarii, and to be given to the poor. And they were very angry *with* her.

6 But Jesus said, Let her alone. Why do you cause her troubles? She worked a good work toward Me.

7 For you have the poor with you always, and when you wish, you can do well *toward* them. But you do not have Me always.

8 What this one had, she did. She took beforehand to anoint My body for the burial.

9 Truly I say to you, Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in all the world, what this *one* did will also be spoken of for a memorial of her.

10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went away to the chief priests, that he might give Him over to them.

11 And hearing, they rejoiced and promised to give him silver. And he sought how he might opportunely give Him over.

12 ¶ And on the first day of the Unleavened *Bread*, when they killed the Passover, His disciples said to Him, Where do You desire *that* going we may prepare that You may eat the Passover?

13 And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, Go into the city. And you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him.

14 And wherever he goes in, say to the housemaster, The Teacher says, Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?

15 And he will show you a large upper room, having been spread *and* made ready. Prepare for us there.

16 And His disciples went out and came into the city and found *it* as He told them. And they prepared the Passover.

17 And evening having come, He comes with the Twelve.

18 And as they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, Truly I say to you, One of you will give Me over, the *one* eating with Me.

19 And they began to be grieved, and to say to Him one by one, No, not I, *is it?* And another, No, not I, *is it?*

20 But answering, He said to them, *It* is one from the Twelve, the *one* dipping in the dish with Me.

21 Truly the Son of Man goes as it has been written concerning Him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is given over! It were good for him if that man had not been born.

22 And *as* they *were* eating, Jesus taking a loaf, blessing, He broke and gave to them. And He said, Take, eat, this is My body.

23 And taking the cup, giving thanks, He gave to them. And they all drank out of it.

24 And He said to them, This is My blood, that of the New Covenant, which is poured out concerning many.

25 Truly I say to you, No more, I may not drink from the produce of the vine, not until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God!

26 And singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus said to them, All of you will be stumbled in Me in this night, because it has been written: "I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." *Zech. 13:7*

28 But after the raising up of Me, I will go before you into Galilee.

29 But Peter said to Him, Even if all are being stumbled, yet not I.

30 And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you that today, in this night, before a cock sounds twice, you will deny Me three times.

31 But rather he said more fervently, If I must die with You, I will not deny You, not *ever!* And likewise also they all said.

32 ¶ And they came to a place which *was* named Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, Sit here while I pray.

33 And He took along Peter and James and John with Him. And He began to be much amazed and to be deeply distressed

34 And *He* said to them, My soul is deeply grieved, unto death. Remain here and stay awake.

35 And going forward a little, He fell on the ground and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

36 And He said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible to You; take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You *will*.

37 And He comes and finds them sleeping. And *He* says to Peter, Simon, do you sleep? Were you not strong enough to keep awake one hour?

38 Keep awake and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

39 And going away again, He prayed, saying the same thing.

40 And returning, He found them sleeping again, for their eyes were heavy. And they did not know what to answer Him.

41 And He came a third time, and said to them, Sleep on now, and rest. It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is given over into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go. Behold, the *one* giving Me over has drawn near.

43 ¶ And at once, He yet speaking, Judas arrives, being one of the Twelve. And with him *was* a great crowd with swords and

clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 And the *one* giving Him over had given them a signal, saying, Whomever I kiss, *it* is He; seize Him and lead *Him* away safely.

45 And coming, at once drawing near to Him, he said, Rabbi, Rabbi! And *he* ardently kissed Him.

46 And they laid their hands on Him and seized Him.

47 But a certain one of those standing by, drawing a sword, struck the slave of the high priest and took off his ear.

48 And answering, Jesus said to them, Did you come out with swords and clubs to take Me, as against a plunderer?

49 According to a day I was with you teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But *it is* that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.

50 And leaving Him, all fled.

51 And one, a certain young man, was following Him, having thrown a linen cloth about *his* naked *body*. And the young men seized him.

52 But leaving behind the linen cloth, he fled from them naked.

53 ¶ And they led Jesus away to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together to him.

54 And Peter followed Him from a distance, to the inside of the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the under-officers, also warming himself toward the light.

55 And the chief priests and the whole sanhedrin sought testimony against Jesus, to put Him to death, and *were* not finding.

56 For many falsely testified against Him, but the testimonies were not identical.

57 And standing up, some falsely testified against Him, saying,

58 We heard Him saying, I will throw down this temple made with hands, and through three days I will build another not made with hands.

59 And neither in this was their testimony identical.

60 And standing in the middle, the high priest questioned Jesus, saying, Do you not answer? Nothing? What *do* these testify against you?

61 But He was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest questioned Him, and said to Him, Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I AM! And you will see the Son of Man sitting at *the right hand* of power, and coming with the clouds of the heaven. *Psa. 110:1; Dan. 7:13*

63 And tearing his garments, the high priest said, What need do we still have of witnesses?

64 You heard the blasphemy. What does it appear to you? And they all adjudged Him liable of death.

65 And some began to spit at Him, and to cover His face, and to beat Him with a fist, and to say to Him, Prophecy! And the under-officers struck Him with slaps.

66 ¶ And Peter being in the courtyard below, one of the high priest’s female slaves comes.

67 And seeing Peter warming himself, looking at him, she said, You also were with Jesus the Nazarene.

68 But he denied, saying, I do not know nor understand what you say. And he went out into the forecourt. And a cock sounded.

69 And seeing him again, the female slave began to say to those standing by, This *one* is of them.

70 And again he denied. And after a little, those standing by again said to Peter, Truly you are from them, for you are both a Galilean and your speech is like *theirs*..

71 But he began to curse and to swear, I do not know this man of whom you speak.

72 And a second time a cock sounded. And Peter remembered the word Jesus said to him, Before a cock sounds twice, you will deny Me three times. And thinking on *it*, he wept.

Mark 15

1 Jesus accused before Pilate. 15 The murderer Barabbas is freed, and Jesus given over to be crucified. 17 He is crowned with thorns, 19 and mocked, 27 and is crucified 43 and is buried.

1 ¶ And immediately in the early *morning*, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and all the sanhedrin having made a council, having bound Jesus, *they led Him* away and gave *Him* over to Pilate.

2 And Pilate questioned Him, Are you the king of the Jews? And answering, He said to him, You say *it*.

3 And the chief priests accused Him *of* many things. But He answered nothing.

4 But Pilate again questioned Him, saying, Do You not answer? Nothing? Behold, how many things they testify against You.

5 But Jesus answered no more, nothing, so as *for* Pilate to marvel.

6 And at a feast, he released to them one prisoner, whomever they asked.

7 And there was *one* called Barabbas, having been bound with the fellow-insurrectionists, who *all* in the insurrection had committed murder.

8 And crying aloud, the crowd began to beg *him to do* as he always did for them.

9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Do you desire I should release to you the king of the Jews?

10 For he knew that the chief priests had given Him over through envy.

11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, that rather he should release Barabbas to them.

12 But answering again, Pilate said to them, What then do you desire I do to *him* whom you call king of the Jews?

13 And again they cried out, Crucify Him!

14 But Pilate said to them, For what *bad thing* did He do? But they much more cried out, Crucify Him!

15 ¶ And having decided to do the easiest *to* the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. And having scourged *Him*, he gave over Jesus, that He might be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led Him away inside the courtyard, which is *the* praetorium. And they called together all the cohort.

17 And they clothed Him *with* purple, and having plaited a crown of thorns, they put *it* around Him.

18 And they began to salute Him, Hail, king of the Jews!

19 And they struck His head with a reed, and spat at Him. And placing the knees, *they did* homage to Him.

20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His own garments on Him. And they led Him out, that they might crucify Him.

21 And they compelled one passing by, Simon, a Cyrenian, coming from a field, the father of Alexander and Rufus, that he might bear His cross.

22 ¶ And they brought Him to Golgotha Place, which translated is, Of a Skull Place.

23 And they gave Him wine spiced with myrrh to drink. But He did not take *it*.

24 And having crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting a lot on them, who should take what. *Psa. 22:18*

25 And it was *the* third hour, and they crucified Him.

26 And the inscription of His accusation was written over *Him*, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And they crucified two plunderers with Him, one at *the* right, and one at *the* left of Him.

28 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with *the* lawless." *Isa. 53:12*

29 And those passing by blasphemed Him, shaking their heads, and saying, Aha! *You* razing the temple, and in three days building *it*,

30 save Yourself and come down from the cross.

31 And also the chief priests and the scribes mocking to one another said likewise, He saved others; He is not able to save Himself.

32 Let come down the Christ, the king of Israel now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe Him. And the ones crucified with Him were reviling Him.

33 ¶ And *it* being *the* sixth hour, darkness came over all the land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? (Which being translated is, "My God, My God, why did You forsake Me?") *Psa. 22:1*

35 And hearing, some of those standing by said, Behold, He calls Elijah.

36 And one running up, and filling a sponge with vinegar, and putting *it* on a reed, was giving Him to drink, saying, Leave alone, let us see if Elijah comes to take Him down. *Psa. 69:21*

37 And letting out a cry, Jesus breathed out *His* spirit.

38 And the veil of the temple was torn into two, from top to bottom.

39 And the centurion standing near across from Him, seeing that *He* crying out so He breathed out *His* spirit, *he* said, Truly, this Man was Son of God.

40 And also women were watching from afar, among whom also was Mary Magdalene; also Mary the mother of James the younger, and of Joses, and Salome,

41 who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee; and many other *women* who came up to Jerusalem with Him.

42 ¶ And it becoming evening already, since it was *the* preparation, that is, *the* day before sabbath,

43 Joseph from Arimathea came, an honorable councillor, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. And taking courage, he went in to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marveled if He had already died. And calling the centurion he asked him if He died long ago.

45 And knowing from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

46 And having bought a linen cloth, and having taken Him down, he wrapped *Him* in the linen, and laid Him in a tomb which was cut out of rock. And *he* rolled a stone against the mouth of the tomb.

47 And Mary Magdalene, and Mary of Joses, beheld where He was laid.

Mark 16

1 An angel declares the resurrection of Christ to three women 9 Christ appears to Mary Magdalene: 12 to two going to the country: 14 then to the apostles, 15 whom He sends forth to preach the gospel.

1 ¶ And the sabbath passing, Mary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of James and Salome, bought spices, so that coming they might anoint Him.

2 And very early on the first of the sabbaths, the sun having risen, they came upon the tomb.

3 And they said to themselves, Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?

4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; for it was very great.

5 And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, having been clothed *in* a white robe. And they were much amazed.

6 But he says to them, Do not be much-amazed. You seek Jesus the Nazarene who has been crucified. He was raised. He is not here. Behold! The place where they put Him.

7 But go, say to the disciples and to Peter, He goes before you into Galilee. You will see Him there, even as He told you.

8 And going out quickly, they fled from the tomb. And trembling and ecstasy took hold of them. And they told no one, not a thing, for they were afraid.

9 ¶ And having risen early on the first of the sabbath, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

10 Going, that *one* reported to those having been with Him, mourning and weeping.

11 And they having heard that He lives, and was seen by her, they did not believe.

12 And after these things, He was revealed in a different form to two of them walking *and* going into the country.

13 And going, they reported to the rest; not even did they believe those.

14 ¶ Afterward, as they reclined, He was revealed to the Eleven. And *He* reproached their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe the *ones* who had seen Him, having been raised.

15 And He said to them, Going into all the world, proclaim the gospel to all the creation.

16 The *one* believing and being baptized will be saved; but the *one* not believing will be condemned.

17 And *miraculous* signs will follow to those believing these things: they will cast out demons in My name; they will speak new languages;

18 they will take up snakes; and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them, not *any*; they will lay hands on *ones* being infirm, and they will be well.

19 ¶ Then indeed, after speaking to them, the Lord was taken up into Heaven, and sat at *the* right of God. *Psa. 110:1*

20 And going out, they preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the Word through the *miraculous* signs following after.

Amen

The Gospel According to **LUKE**

Luke 1

1 The preface of Luke. 5 The conception of John the Baptist, 26 and of Christ. 39 The prophecy of Elizabeth, and of Mary, concerning Christ. 57 The nativity and circumcision of John. 67 The prophecy of Zacharias.

1 ¶ Since many have undertaken to draw up in order an account concerning the matters having been borne out among us,

2 even as the *ones* from *the* beginning gave over to us, becoming eye-witnesses and ministers of the Word,

3 it seemed good also to me, having traced out all things accurately from the first, to write in order to you, most excellent Theophilus,

4 that you may know the certainty concerning the words which you were taught.

5 ¶ In the days of Herod the king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of *the* daily course of Abijah. And his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless .

7 And no child was *born* to them, because Elizabeth was barren. And both were advanced in age in their days.

8 And it happened in his serving as priest in the order of his course before God,

9 according to the custom of the priests, entering into the Holy Place of the Lord, *it was Zacharias' lot* to burn incense.

10 And all the multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

11 And an angel of *the* Lord appeared to him, standing on *the* right of the altar of incense.

12 And seeing *this*, Zacharias was troubled, and fear fell on him.

13 But the angel said to him, Do not fear, Zacharias, because your prayer was heard,

and your wife Elizabeth will bear a son to you, and you shall call his name John.

14 And he will be joy and exultation to you, and many will rejoice over his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the eyes of the Lord, and he shall not drink wine or strong drink. And he will be filled of *the* Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

16 And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to *the* Lord their God.

17 And he will go ahead before Him in *the* spirit and power of Elijah "to turn *the* hearts of fathers to *their* children," and disobedient ones to *the* wisdom of *the* just, to make ready a people having been prepared for *the* Lord. *Mal. 4:5, 6*

18 And Zacharias said to the angel, By what shall I know this? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in her days.

19 And answering, the angel said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands before God, and I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you *the* good news of these things.

20 And behold, you shall be silent and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people were expecting Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple.

22 But coming out, he was not able to speak to them, and they recognized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he was making signs to them and remained mute.

23 And it happened when the days of his service were fulfilled, he went away to his house.

24 And after these days his wife Elizabeth conceived. And she hid herself five months, saying,

25 So has the Lord done to me in *the* days in which He looked on *me* to take away my reproach among men.

26 ¶ And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

27 to a virgin who had been betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of *the* house of David; and the virgin's name was Mariam (*Mary*).

28 And entering, the angel said to her, Rejoice *Mary*, *one* having received grace! The Lord *is* with you. You *are* blessed among women!

29 And seeing *this*, she was disturbed at his word, and considered what kind of greeting this might be.

30 And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mariam (*Mary*), for you have found grace from God.

31 And behold! You will conceive in *your* womb and bear a Son, and you will call His name Jesus.

32 This One will be great and will be called Son of *the* Most High. And the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob to the ages, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

34 But Mariam (*Mary*) said to the angel, How will this be since I do not know a man?

35 And answering, the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and *the* power of the Most High will overshadow you, and on account of this the Holy *One* being born of you will be called Son of God.

36 And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth! She also conceived a son in her old age, and this *is* the sixth month to her who was called barren;

37 for not will be impossible with God every thing.

38 And Mariam (*Mary*) said, Behold, the slave woman of *the* Lord! May it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

39 ¶ And rising up in these days, Mariam (*Mary*) went into the hill country with haste to a city of Judah.

40 And *she* entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it happened, as Elizabeth heard Mariam's (*Mary's*) greeting, the babe in her womb leaped, and Elizabeth was filled of the Holy Spirit.

42 And *she* cried out with a loud voice and said, Blessed *are* you among women and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

43 And why *is* this to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

44 For behold, as the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped in exultation.

45 And blessed *is* she believing, because there will be a completion to the things spoken to her from *the* Lord.

46 And Mariam (*Mary*) said, My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit exulted in God my Savior.

48 For He looked upon the lowliness of His slave woman. For, behold, from now on all generations will count me blessed. *ISam. 1:11*

49 For the Mighty One did great things to me, and holy *is* His name.

50 And His mercy *is* to generations of generations to those fearing Him. *Psa. 103:17*

51 He performed mightily with His arm; He scattered proud ones *in the* thought of their heart.

52 He put down powerful ones from thrones, and lifted up lowly ones.

53 He filled *the* hungry with good things, and He sent *the* rich away empty.

54 He helped His servant Israel in order to remember mercy,

55 even as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed to the age.

56 And Mariam (*Mary*) remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

57 ¶ And the time was fulfilled to Elizabeth *for* her to bear, and she bore a son.

58 And the neighbors and her relatives heard that *the* Lord magnified His mercy with her, and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it happened on the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child and were calling it by his father's name, Zacharias.

60 And his mother answered, saying, Not so, but he shall be called John.

61 And they said to her, No one is among your kindred who is called by this name.

62 And they signaled to his father, what he might desire him to be called.

63 And asking for a writing tablet, he wrote, saying, John is his name. And all marveled.

64 And instantly his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, blessing God.

65 And fear came on all those living around them. And in all the hill country of Judea all these things were talked about.

66 And all who heard laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What then will this child be? And the hand of *the* Lord was with him.

67 ¶ And his father Zacharias was filled of *the* Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be *the* Lord, the God of Israel, because He visited and worked redemption for His people.

69 And *He* raised up a Horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David;

70 even as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from the age *before*:

71 Salvation from the hostile *ones* of us, and from *the* hand of all the *ones* hating us,

72 to execute mercy with our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant,

73 *the* oath which He swore to our father Abraham, to give to us,

74 *that we* being delivered out of the hand of hostile *ones* of us , in order to serve Him without fear,

75 in consecration and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

76 And you, child, will be called Prophet of *the* Most High, for you will go before *the* face of *the* Lord to prepare His ways, *Mal. 3:1*

77 to give a knowledge of salvation to His people by remission of their sins,

78 through *the* tender bowels of mercy of our God, in which *the* Dayspring from on high will visit us,

79 to shine on those sitting in darkness and *in* shadow of death, to direct our feet into *the* way of peace. *Isa. 9:2*

80 And the child grew, and became strong in spirit. And he was in deserted *places* until *the* day of his showing to Israel.

Luke 2

1 Augustus registers the Roman empire. 6 The nativity of Christ. 8 An angel relates it to the shepherds. 21 Christ is circumcised.

1 ¶ And it happened in those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus for all the habitable world to be registered.

2 This registration first occurred *under* the governing of Syria *by* Cyrenius.

3 And all went to be registered, each to *his* own city.

4 And Joseph also went from Galilee, out of *the* city of Nazareth to Judea, to *the* city of David which is called Bethlehem, because of his being of *the* house and family of David,

5 to be registered with Mariam (*Mary*), the *one* having been betrothed to him as wife, *she* being pregnant.

6 And it happened as they were there, the days were fulfilled *for* her to bear.

7 And she bore her son, the First-born. And she wrapped Him and laid Him in the manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 ¶ And shepherds were in the same country living in the fields and keeping guard over their flock *by* night.

9 And, behold, an angel of *the* Lord came on them. And *the* glory of *the* Lord shone around them. And they feared a great fear.

10 And the angel said to them, Do not fear. For, behold, I proclaim good news to you, a great joy, which will be to all people,

11 because today a Savior, who is Christ *the* Lord, was born to you in *the* city of David.

12 And this *is* the sign to you: You will find a babe having been wrapped, lying in the manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of *the* heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will among men.

15 And it happened as the angels departed from them into the heaven, even the men, the shepherds, said to one another, Indeed, let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this thing occurring, which the Lord made known to us.

16 And hurrying, they came and sought out both Mariam (*Mary*) and Joseph, and the Babe lying in the manger.

17 And seeing, they publicly told about the Word spoken to them about this Child.

18 And all those hearing marveled about the things spoken to them by the shepherds.

19 And Mariam (*Mary*) kept all these words, meditating in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all things which they heard and saw, even as was spoken to them.

21 ¶ And when eight days were fulfilled to circumcise the child His name was called Jesus, *the name* called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

22 And when were fulfilled the days of her cleansing according to the Law of Moses they took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord,

23 as it has been written in *the* Law of the Lord: Every male opening a womb shall be called holy to the Lord; *Ex. 13:2*

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that said in the Law of *the* Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two nestlings of doves. *Lev. 12:8*

25 ¶ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon. And this man *was* righteous and devout, eagerly expecting *the* Consolation of Israel. And *the* Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And *it was said* to him, having been alerted by the Holy Spirit, *that he was* not to see death before he would see *the* Christ of *the* Lord.

27 And by the Spirit he came into the temple. And *as* the parents *were* bringing in the child Jesus *for* them to do according to the custom of the Law concerning Him,

28 even *Simeon* received Him into his arms. And *he* blessed God and said,

29 Now, Master, You will let Your slave go in peace according to Your Word;

30 because my eyes saw Your Salvation, 31 which You prepared before *the* face of all the peoples;

32 a Light for revelation *to the* nations, and *the* Glory of Your people Israel.

33 And Joseph was marveling, also His mother, at the things being said concerning Him.

34 And Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mariam (*Mary*), Behold, this One is set for *the* fall and rising up of many in Israel, and for a sign spoken against;

35 yea, a sword also will go through the soul of you, *yourself*, so that *the* thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was Anna, a prophetess, a daughter of Phanuel, of *the* tribe of Asher.

She was advanced in many days, having lived seven years with a husband from her virginity;

37 and she *was* a widow of eighty four years, who did not depart from the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

38 And coming on at the very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke concerning Him to all those in Jerusalem eagerly expecting redemption.

39 And as they finished all things according to *the* Law of *the* Lord, they returned to Galilee, to Nazareth their city.

40 And the Child grew, and became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom. And the grace of God was upon Him.

41 ¶ And His parents went into Jerusalem year by year at the Feast of the Passover.

42 And when He was twelve years *old*, they, going up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast,

43 and fulfilling the days, in their returning, the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know.

44 But supposing Him to be in the company, they went a day on the way. And they looked for Him among the relatives and friends.

45 And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him.

46 And it happened after three days they found Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, even hearing them and questioning them.

47 And all the *ones* hearing Him were amazed at His intelligence and His answers.

48 And seeing Him, they were astounded. And His mother said to Him, Child, why did You do so to us? Behold, Your father and I were looking for You, greatly distressed.

49 And He said to them, Why did you look for Me? Did you not know that I must be *busy* in the *affairs* of My Father?

50 And they did not understand the Word which He spoke to them.

51 And He went with them and came to Nazareth and was being subject to them. And His mother carefully kept all these words in her heart.

52 And Jesus progressed *in* wisdom and stature and favor before God and men.

Luke 3

1 The preaching and baptism of John. 20 Herod imprisons John. 21 Christ baptized, receives testimony from Heaven. 23 The genealogy of Christ.

1 ¶ And in *the* fifteenth year of the government of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate governing Judea, and Herod ruling as tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruling as tetrarch of Iturea and *the* Trachonitis country, and Lysanias ruling as tetrarch of Abilene,

2 upon *the* high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, a word of God came on John the son of Zacharias in the deserted *place*.

3 And he came into the region around the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance for remission of sins,

4 as it has been written in *the* scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "*the* voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of *the* Lord, make His paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked places shall be made into straight, and the rough into smooth ways;"

6 "and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." *Isaiah 40:3-5*

7 Then he said to the crowds going out to be baptized by him, Offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

8 Then bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham out of these stones.

9 And also the axe is already laid to the root of the trees; therefore, every tree not producing good fruit is being cut down and being thrown into the fire.

10 And the crowd asked him, saying, What then shall we do?

11 And answering, he says to them, The one that has two tunics, let him share with him that has not. And the one that has food, let him do the same.

12 And tax collectors also came to be baptized. And they said to him, Teacher, what shall we do?

13 And he said to them, Exact nothing more than that commanded to you.

14 And also ones serving as soldiers asked him, saying, And we, what shall we do? And he said to them, Do not forcibly extort anyone nor accuse falsely, and be satisfied with your wages.

15 ¶ But the people were expecting, and all reasoning in their hearts about John, lest perhaps he is the Christ,

16 John answered all, saying, I indeed baptize you with water; but He stronger than I comes, of whom I am not fit to loose the thong of His sandals. He will baptize you in *the* Holy Spirit and fire,

17 whose sifting fan *is* in His hand; and He will fully purge His threshing-floor, and will gather the wheat into His storehouse, but the chaff He will burn up with fire that cannot be put out.

18 And then indeed exhorting many different things, he preached the gospel to the people.

19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him concerning Herodias, the wife of his brother, Philip, and concerning all *the* evil things Herod did,

20 he also added this above all, he even shut up John in the prison.

21 ¶ And it happened, in the baptizing of all the people, Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened;

22 and the Holy Spirit came down in a bodily form as a dove upon Him. And there was a voice out of Heaven, saying, You are My Son, the Beloved; in You I am well-pleased. *Psa. 2:7; Gen 22:2; Isa. 42:1*

23 And Jesus Himself *was* beginning to be about thirty years *of age*, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the *son* of Heli,

24 the *son* of Matthat, the *son* of Levi, the *son* of Melchi, the *son* of Janna, the *son* of Joseph,

25 the *son* of Mattathias, the *son* of Amos, the *son* of Nahum, the *son* of Esli, the *son* of Naggai,

26 the *son* of Maath, the *son* of Mattathias, the *son* of Semei, the *son* of Joseph, the *son* of Judah,

27 the *son* of Joannas, the *son* of Rhesa, the *son* of Zerubbabel, the *son* of Shealtiel, the *son* of Neri,

28 the *son* of Melchi, the *son* of Addi, the *son* of Cosam, the *son* of Elmodam, the *son* of Er,

29 the *son* of Joses, the *son* of Eliezer, the *son* of Jorim, the *son* of Matthat, the *son* of Levi,

30 the *son* of Simeon, the *son* of Judah, the *son* of Joseph, the *son* of Jonan, the *son* of Eliakim,

31 the *son* of Melea, the *son* of Menan, the *son* of Mattatha, the *son* of Nathan, the *son* of David,

32 the *son* of Jesse, the *son* of Obed, the *son* of Boaz, the *son* of Salmon, the *son* of Nahshon,

33 the *son* of Amminadab, the *son* of Aram, the *son* of Hezron, the *son* of Pharez, the *son* of Judah,

34 the *son* of Jacob, the *son* of Isaac, the *son* of Abraham, the *son* of Terah, the *son* of Nahor,

35 the *son* of Serug, the *son* of Reu, the *son* of Peleg, the *son* of Eber, the *son* of Salah,

36 the *son* of Cainan, the *son* of Arphaxad, the *son* of Shem, the *son* of Noah, the *son* of Lamech,

37 the *son* of Methuselah, the *son* of Enoch, the *son* of Jared, the *son* of Mahalaleel, the *son* of Cainan;

38 the *son* of Enos, the *son* of Seth, the *son* of Adam, the *son* of God.

Luke 4

1 The temptation and fasting of Christ. 13 He overcomes the devil: 14 begins to preach.

33 He cures one possessed of a devil, 38 Peter's mother-in-law, 40 and other sick persons.

1 ¶ And full of the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the deserted *place*, forty days, being tried by the devil. And He ate nothing in those days, and they being ended, He afterwards hungered.

3 And the devil said to Him, If You are Son of God, speak to this stone that it become a loaf.

4 And Jesus answered to him, saying, It has been written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every Word of God." *Deut. 8:3*

5 And leading Him up into a high mountain, the Devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the Devil said to Him, I will give all this authority and their glory to You, because it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 Therefore if You worship before me, all will be Yours.

8 And answering, to him, Jesus said, Go behind Me, Satan! For it has been written: "You shall worship *the* Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." *Deut. 6:13*

9 And he led Him to Jerusalem, and stood Him on the wing of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;

10 for it has been written: "He will command His angels about You, even to protect You,"

11 and, "that on *their* hands they shall lift You up, that you not strike Your foot against a stone." *LXX-Psa. 90:11, 12; MT-Psa. 91:11, 12*

12 And answering, Jesus said to him, It has been said: "You shall not tempt *the* Lord your God." *Deut. 6:16*

13 And having finished every temptation, the devil departed from Him until a time.

14 ¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee. And a report went out through all the surrounding region about Him.

15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

16 And He came to Nazareth where He was brought up. And as was His custom, He went in on the day of the sabbaths, into the synagogue, and *He* stood up to read.

17 And *the* scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to Him. And unrolling the scroll, He found the place where it was written:

18 "*The* Spirit of *the* Lord is upon Me. Because of this He anointed Me to proclaim the gospel to *the* poor *ones*; He has sent Me" to heal those being broken in heart, "to proclaim freedom to captives, and to the blind *ones* to see again," to send away in freedom *the ones* being crushed,

19 "to preach an acceptable year of *the* Lord." *Isa. 61:1, 2*

20 And rolling up the scroll, returning to the attendant, He sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were looking intently on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words coming out of His mouth. And they said, Is this not the son of Joseph?

23 And He said to them, All you will speak this parable to Me, Physician, heal yourself. As many things as *we* heard *were* happening in Capernaum, do also here in your fatherland.

24 But He said, Truly I say to you that no prophet is acceptable in his fatherland.

25 But on a truth I say to you, Many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah when the heaven was shut up over three years and six months, when a great famine came on all the land;

26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to Zarephath of Sidon, to a woman, a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Israel during the *time* of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was made clean except Naaman the Syrian.

28 And all were filled *with* anger, hearing these things in the synagogue.

29 And rising up, they threw Him outside the city, and *they* brought Him up to the brink of the hill on which their city was built, in order to throw Him down.

30 But He went away, passing through their midst.

31 ¶ And He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the sabbaths.

32 And they were astonished at His doctrine, because His Word was with authority.

33 And in the synagogue was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,

34 saying, Ah! What is to us and to You, Jesus, Nazarene? Did You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of God.

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent, and come out from him! And throwing him into the midst, the demon came

out from him, not harming him.

36 And astonishment came on all. And they spoke with one another, saying, What Word *is* this, that He commands the unclean spirits with authority and power, and they come out?

37 And a report about Him went out into every place of the surrounding region.

38 And rising up from the synagogue, He went into the house of Simon. And the mother-in-law of Simon was being seized with a great fever. And they asked Him concerning her.

39 And standing over her, He rebuked the fever; and it left her. And rising up instantly, she served them.

40 And the setting of the sun, all, as many as had sick ones with various diseases, brought them to Him. And laying hands on each one of them, He healed them.

41 And also demons came out from many, crying out and saying, You are the Christ, the Son of God! And rebuking *them*, He did not allow them to speak, for they knew Him to be the Christ.

42 And day having come, going out, He went into a deserted place. And the crowds looked for Him, and came up to Him, and held Him fast, not to pass on from them.

43 But the *One* said to them, Also to the other citie, it is necessary *for* Me to proclaim the gospel *of* the kingdom of God, because to this I was sent.

44 And He was proclaiming in the synagogues of Galilee.

Luke 5

1 Christ teaches the people from Peter's boat. 4 A miraculous taking of fish. 12 Christ cleanses the leper: 27 calls Matthew the tax collector: 29 eats with sinners:

1 ¶ And it happened that the crowd was pressing on Him to hear the Word of God. And He was standing by Lake Gennesaret.

2 And He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets.

3 And entering into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, He taught the crowds from the boat.

4 And as He stopped speaking, He said to Simon, Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a haul.

5 And answering, Simon said to Him, Master, laboring all through the night we took nothing. But at Your word I will let down the net.

6 And doing this, they netted a great multitude of fish; and their net was being torn.

7 And they signaled the partners, those in the other boat, to come help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they were sinking.

8 And seeing, Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord.

9 For astonishment took hold of him, and all those with him, at the haul of fish which they took;

10 and in the same way also, James and John, *the* sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Do not fear. From now on you will be taking men alive.

11 And bringing the boats down onto the land, forsaking all things, they followed Him.

12 ¶ And it happened, in His being in one of the cities, and behold, a man full of leprosy! And seeing Jesus, falling on *his* face, he begged Him, saying, Lord, if You be willing, You are able to cleanse me.

13 And stretching out the hand, He touched him, saying, I will! Be cleansed! And instantly the leprosy departed from him.

14 And He charged him to tell no one. But going away, show yourself to the priest and offer concerning your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

15 But the word about Him spread even more. And large crowds were coming to hear and to be healed from their infirmities by Him.

16 But He was drawing back in the deserted *places*, and praying.

17 ¶ And it happened on one of the days, even He was teaching. And Pharisees and teachers of *the* Law were sitting by, who were coming out of every village of Galilee and Judea, and Jerusalem. And *the* power

of *the* Lord was there, for the curing of them.

18 And, behold, men carrying on a cot a man who was paralyzed. And they sought to bring him in, and to lay *him* before Him.

19 And not finding a way through *which* they might bring him in through the crowd, going up on the housetop, they let him down through the tiles with the cot, into the midst, in front of Jesus.

20 And seeing their faith, He said to him, Man, your sins have been remitted to you.

21 And the scribes and Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to remit sins except God alone?

22 But knowing their thoughts, answering Jesus said to them, Why do you reason in your hearts?

23 Which is easier, to say, Your sins have been remitted to you, or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to remit sins, He said to the *one* having been paralyzed, I say to you, Rise up, and take your cot *and* go to your house.

25 And rising up at once before them, taking up *that* on which he was lying, he went to his house glorifying God.

26 And amazement seized all, and they glorified God, and were filled *with* fear, saying, We saw wonderful things today.

27 ¶ And after these things, He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And *He* said to him, Follow Me!

28 And leaving all, rising up he followed Him.

29 And Levi made a great feast for Him in his house. And there was a crowd of many tax collectors reclining, and of others who were with them.

30 And the scribes and the Pharisees murmured at His disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?

31 And answering, Jesus said to them, The *ones* who are sound have no need of a healer, but the *ones* badly having *illness*.

32 I did not come to call the righteous ones, but sinners to repentance.

33 But they said to Him, Why do John's disciples fast often, and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but the *ones close* to You eat and drink?

34 But He said to them, You are not able to make the sons of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them.

35 But days will come, even when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then in those days they will fast.

36 And He also told a parable to them: No one puts a piece of a new garment on an old garment; otherwise both the new will tear, and *the old* will not agree *with the piece* from the new.

37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be poured out, and the wineskins will perish.

38 But new wine is to be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved together.

39 And no one drinking old *wine* immediately desires new; for he says, The old is better.

Luke 6

1 Christ reproves the Pharisees' blindness about the observation of the sabbath: 13 chooses twelve apostles. 27 How we must love our enemies.

1 ¶ And it happened on the second chief sabbath, He passed along through the sown fields. And His disciples plucked the heads and were eating, rubbing with the hands.

2 But some of the Pharisees said to them, Why do you do that which is not lawful to do on the sabbaths?

3 And answering, Jesus said to them, Have you never read this, what David did when he hungered, and the *ones* being with him?

4 How he went into the house of God, and he took the Loaves of Presentation, and ate, and even gave to the *ones* with him, which it is not lawful to eat, except only the priests?

5 And He said to them, The Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath also.

6 And it also happened on another sabbath, He going into the synagogue and teaching. And a man was there, and his right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and the Pharisees kept close by Him, *to see* if He would heal on the sabbath, so that they might find a charge against Him.

8 But He knew their reasonings. And *He* said to the man having the withered hand, Rise up and stand in the middle! And rising up, he stood.

9 Then Jesus said to them, I will ask you something, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbaths, or to do evil, to save a life, or to destroy *it*?

10 And having looked around at them all, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he did so. And his hand was restored sound as the other.

11 But they were filled *with* mindless rage and talked to one another *as to* what they might do to Jesus.

12 ¶ And it happened in these days, He went out into the mountain to pray. And He was in prayer of God through the night.

13 And when it became day, He called His disciples, also choosing out twelve from them, whom He also named apostles:

14 Simon, whom He also named Peter; and his brother Andrew; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

15 Matthew and Thomas; James the *son* of Alpheus, and Simon, the one being called Zealot;

16 Judas *brother* of James; and Judas Iscariot, who also became *the one* giving *Him* over.

17 And coming down with them, He stood on a level place. And a crowd of His disciples, and a great multitude of the people were there from all Judea and Jerusalem, and *from* the coast country of Tyre and Sidon. These came to hear Him, and to be healed from their diseases,

18 and the *ones* being troubled by unclean spirits; and they were healed.

19 And all the crowd sought to touch Him, because power went out from Him and healed all.

20 ¶ And lifting up His eyes to His disciples, He said: Blessed *are* the poor *ones*, for the kingdom of God is yours.

21 Blessed *are* those hungering now, for you will be filled. Blessed *are* the *ones* weeping now, for you will laugh.

22 Blessed *are* you when men hate you, and when they cut you off, and will reproach *you*, and will cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man;

23 rejoice in that day, and leap for joy; for, behold, your reward *is* much in Heaven! For their fathers did according to these things to the prophets.

24 But woe to you, rich ones, for you have your comfort!

25 Woe to you, The *ones* having been filled, for you will hunger! Woe to you, The *one* laughing now, for you will mourn and lament!

26 Woe to you when all men speak well *of* you, for their fathers did according to these things to the false prophets!

27 ¶ But I say to you, the *ones* hearing: Love the hostile *ones* of you, do well to the *ones* hating you.,

28 bless those cursing you and pray for those insulting you.

29 *To* him striking you on the cheek, turn the other also. And from him taking your garment, do not keep back the tunic also. And to everyone asking you, give. And from the *one* taking your things, do not ask back.

31 And according as you desire that men should do to you, you also do the same to them.

32 And if you love the *ones* who love you, what thanks is there to you? For even sinners love the *ones* who love them.

33 And if you do good to the *ones* who do good to you, what thanks is there to you? For even the sinners do the same.

34 And if you lend *to those* from whom you hope to receive, what thanks is there to you? For the sinners lend to sinners so that they may receive the equal *things*.

35 But love the *ones* hostile *to* you, and do good, and lend, causing no one to despair, and your reward will be much; and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the unthankful and evil *ones*.

36 Therefore, be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful.

37 ¶ Judge not, and not be judged, not ever. Do not condemn, and not you will be condemned, not ever. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

38 Give, and *it* will be given to you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, they will give into your bosom. For the same measure which you measure, it will be measured back to you.

39 And He spoke a parable to them: A blind *one* is not able to guide a blind *one*. Will they not both fall into a pit?

40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who has been perfected will be like his teacher.

41 But why do you look on the chip in your brother's eye, but do not consider the beam in *your* own eye?

42 Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, allow me to take out the chip in your eye, yourself not seeing the beam in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the beam out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the chip in your brother's eye.

43 For there is not a good tree that produces corrupt fruit, nor a corrupt tree that produces good fruit.

44 For each tree is known from *its* own fruit. For they do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

45 The good man brings forth the good *thing* out of the good treasure of his heart. And the evil man brings forth the evil *thing* out of the evil treasure of his heart, for his mouth speaks out of the abundance of his heart.

46 And why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say?

47 Everyone coming to Me and hearing My words, and doing them, I will show you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man building a house, who dug and deepened, and laid a foundation on the rock. And a flood occurring, the river burst against that house and had not strength to shake it, for it had been founded on the rock.

49 But he who hears and did not perform, *he* is like a man having built *his* house on the earth without a foundation, on which the river burst, and it immediately fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Luke 7

1 Christ finds a greater faith in the centurion than in any of the Jews: 10 heals his servant being absent: 11 raises from death the widow's son at Nain: 36 and shows, through Mary Magdalene, how he is a friend to believing sinners.

1 ¶ And when He had completed all His words in the ears of the people, He went into Capernaum.

2 And a certain slave of a centurion, *one* dear to him, badly having *illness*, was about to die.

3 And having heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, asking Him that He might come *to* restore his slave.

4 And coming to Jesus, they earnestly begged Him, saying, He to whom You give this is worthy.

5 For he loves our nation, and he built the synagogue for us.

6 And Jesus went with them. But He being yet not far away from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, Lord, do not trouble, for I am not worthy that You come under my roof.

7 For this reason I did not count myself worthy to come to You. But say a word, and let my servant be healed.

8 For I also am a man having been set under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, Go! And he goes. And to another, Come! And he comes. And to my slave, Do this! And he does *it*.

9 And hearing these things, Jesus marveled at him. And turning to the crowd following Him, He said, I say to you, I did not find such faith in Israel.

10 And the *ones* being sent, returning to the house, found the slave well, *the one* being sick.

11 ¶ And it happened on the next day, He went into a city being called Nain. And many of His disciples went with Him; also a great crowd.

12 And as He drew near to the gate of the city, even behold, one having died was being borne, an only son born to his mother; and she was a widow. And a considerable crowd of the city was with her.

13 And seeing her, the Lord had compassion on her and said to her, Do not weep.

14 And coming up, He touched the bier; and those carrying *it* stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, Arise!

15 And the dead *one* sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother.

16 And fear took hold of all; and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has risen up among us; and, God has visited His people.

17 And this word about Him went out in all Judea, and in all the region around.

18 And his disciples reported to John about all these things.

19 ¶ And having called near a certain two of his disciples, John sent to Jesus, saying, Are You the *One* coming? Or should we expect another?

20 And having come to Him, the men said, John the Baptist sent us to You, saying, Are You the *One* coming, or should we expect another?

21 And in the same hour He healed many from diseases and plagues and evil spirits. And He gave to many blind *ones ability* to see.

22 And answering, Jesus said to them, Going, report to John what you saw and heard; that blind *ones are* seeing again, lame *ones are* walking about, leprous *ones are* being cleansed, deaf *ones are* hearing, dead *ones are* being raised, poor *ones are* preached the Gospel. *Isa. 35:5, 6; 61:1*

23 And blessed is *he*, whoever is not stumbled in Me.

24 And John's messengers going away, He began to speak to the crowds about John: What did you go out to the deserted *place* to see? A reed being shaken by the wind?

25 But what did you go out to see? A man being dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those in splendid clothing and being in luxury are in royal *palaces*.

26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, Even more than a prophet.

27 This is he about whom it has been written: "Behold, I send My messenger" before Your face, who "will prepare Your way before You." *Mal. 3:1*

28 For I say to you, Among *those* born of a woman, no prophet is greater than John the Baptist. But the least *one* in the kingdom of God is greater than he is.

29 And all the people and the tax collectors hearing, *they* justified God, having been baptized *with* the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers set aside God's counsel as to themselves, not being baptized by him.

31 And the Lord said, Then to what shall I compare the men of this generation? And to what are they like?

32 They are like children sitting in a marketplace and calling to one another, and saying, We piped to you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep.

33 For John the Baptist has come neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, He has a demon.

34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, Behold, a man, a glutton and a wine drinker, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.

35 But wisdom was justified from all of her children.

36 ¶ And a certain one of the Pharisees asked Him that He eat with him. And going into the Pharisee's house, He reclined.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, who was a sinner, knowing that He reclined in the Pharisee's house, taking an alabaster vial of ointment,

38 and standing by His feet, weeping behind *Him*, she began to wash His feet with tears. And she was wiping with the hairs of her head. And *she* ardently kissed His feet and was anointing *them* with the ointment.

39 But seeing, the Pharisee who invited Him spoke within himself, saying, This One, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what the woman who touches Him *is*; for she is a sinner.

40 And answering, Jesus said to the man, Simon, I have a thing to say to you. And he said, Teacher, speak.

41 There were two debtors to a certain creditor: the one owed five hundred denarii and *the* other fifty.

42 But they not having *a thing* to pay, he freely forgave both. Therefore which of them do *you* say will love him most?

43 And answering, Simon said, I suppose *the one* to whom he freely forgave the most. And He said to him, You have judged rightly.

44 And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give water for My feet, but she washed My feet with tears and wiped *them* off with the hairs of her head.

45 You gave Me no kiss, but she from *when* I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet.

46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with ointment.

47 For this reason I say to you, Her many sins are remitted, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.

48 And He said to her, Your sins are remitted.

49 And those reclining with *Him* began to say within themselves, Who is this who even remits sins?

50 But He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

Luke 8

3 Women minister to Christ. 4 The parable of the sower, 16 and of the candle. 22 Christ rebukes the winds: 37 is rejected of the Gadarenes: 49 and raises Jairus' daughter.

1 ¶ And it happened afterwards, and He traveled in every city and village, preaching and announcing the gospel of the kingdom of God. And the Twelve *were* with Him;

2 also certain women who were healed from evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, having been called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

3 and Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who were ministering to Him of their possessions.

4 ¶ And a great crowd coming together, and the *ones* in each city coming to Him, He spoke through a parable:

5 The *one* sowing went out to sow his seed. And in his sowing, some indeed fell beside the way, and was trampled; and the birds of the heaven ate it.

6 And other fell on the rock; and growing, it dried up because of not having moisture.

7 And other fell in the middle of the thorn-bushes, and growing up with it, the thorn-bushes choked it.

8 And other fell on the good earth, and growing it produced fruit a hundredfold. Saying these things, He cried out, The one having ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And His disciples questioned Him, saying, What might this parable be?

10 And He said, To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that seeing they might not see, and hearing, they might not understand. *Isa. 6:9*

11 And this is the parable: The seed is the Word of God.

12 And those by the roadside are those who hear, then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their heart, lest believing they may be saved.

13 And the *ones* on the rock *are* those who, when they hear, receive the Word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a time, and in time of trial draw back.

14 And the *one* falling in the thorn-bushes, these are the *ones* hearing, but under cares and riches and pleasures of life, moving along, they are choked, and do not bear to maturity.

15 And the *one* in the good earth, these are *the ones* who in a right and good heart, hearing the Word, they hold *it* and bear fruit in patience.

16 But no one lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts *it* underneath a couch, but sets *it* on a lampstand, that the *ones* coming in may see the light.

17 For nothing is hidden which will not be visible, nor secret which will not *be* known and come to *be* visible.

18 Then observe how you hear; for whoever has, it will be given to him; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.

19 And His mother and *His* brothers came to Him, and were not able to come up with Him through the crowd.

20 And it was told to Him, saying Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside wishing to see You.

21 And answering, He said to them, My mother and My brothers are these: the *ones* hearing the Word of God, and doing it.

22 ¶ And it happened on one of the days that He and His disciples entered into a boat. And He said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the lake. And they set sail.

23 And they sailing, He fell asleep. And a storm of wind came onto the lake, and they were being filled and were in danger.

24 And coming up they awakened Him, saying, Master! Master! We are perishing! And being awakened, He rebuked the wind and the roughness of the water; and they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 And He said to them, Where is your faith? And being afraid, they marveled, saying to one another, Who then is this One, that He commands even the wind and the water, and they obey Him?

26 And they sailed down to the country of the Gadarenes, which is across from Galilee.

27 And He going out onto the land, a certain man out of the city met Him, who had demons from a long time. (And he put no garment on; and he did not stay in a house, but among the tombs).

28 And seeing Jesus, and crying out, he fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, What to me and to You, Jesus, Son of God the Most High? I beg You, do not torment me.

29 For He charged the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him, and he was bound with chains and fetters, being guarded. And tearing apart the bonds, he was driven by the demons into the deserted *places*.

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is your name? And he said, Legion (because many demons entered into him).

31 And they implored Him that He not order them to go away into the abyss.

32 And there was a herd of many pigs feeding there in the mountain. And they implored Him that He would allow them to enter into those. And He allowed them.

33 And coming out from the man, the demons entered into the pigs; and the herd rushed down the precipice into the lake and was choked.

34 And seeing the thing having been done, the *ones* feeding the *pigs* fled. And leaving, *they* reported to the city and to the farms.

35 And they went out to see the thing happening, and came to Jesus. And *they* found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and of sound mind. And they were afraid.

36 And also the *ones* who had seen related to them how the *one* having been demon-possessed was healed.

37 And all the multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes were seized with a great fear, and asked Him to depart from them. And entering into the boat, He returned.

38 And the man from whom the demons had gone out begged Him, *desiring* to be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 Go back to your house and tell what God did to you. And he went away proclaiming through all the city as many *things* as Jesus did to him.

40 ¶ And it happened *as* Jesus returned, the crowd gladly received Him, for they were all waiting for Him.

41 And, behold, a man named Jairus came, and this one was a synagogue ruler. And falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged Him to come into his house,

42 because an only daughter was born to him, about twelve years *of age*; and she was dying. And in His going, the crowds pressed on Him.

43 And a woman being in a flow of blood from twelve years, who had spent her whole living on physicians, *and* could not be cured by anyone,

44 coming up behind she touched the fringe of His garment. And instantly the flow of her blood stopped.

45 And Jesus said, Who *was* touching Me? And all denying *it*, Peter and the *ones* with Him said, Master, the crowds are pressing You together and are pressing hard. And do You say, Who *was* touching Me?

46 But Jesus said, Someone touched Me, for I knew power *was* going from Me.

47 And seeing that she was not hidden, the woman came trembling and falling down before Him she declared to Him before all the people for what reason she touched Him, and how she was instantly cured.

48 And He said to her, Daughter, be comforted. Your faith has healed you. Go in peace.

49 As He was yet speaking, someone came from the synagogue ruler's, saying to him, Your daughter has died. Do not trouble the Teacher.

50 But hearing, Jesus answered him, saying, Do not fear; only believe and she will be healed.

51 And coming into the house, He did not allow anyone to enter, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

52 And all were weeping and bewailing her. But He said, Do not weep. She has not died, but is sleeping.

53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she died.

54 But putting all outside, and taking hold of her hand, He called out, saying, *Little* girl, arise!

55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He ordered that she be given *something* to eat .

56 And her parents were amazed. But He charged them to tell no one of that which occurred.

Luke 9

1 Christ sends his apostles to preach: 17 feeds five thousand: 22 foretells his passion. 28 The transfiguration. 37 He casts out a demon.

1 ¶ And having called together His twelve disciples, He gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases.

2 And *He* sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to heal the ones being sick.

3 And He said to them, Take nothing for the way, neither staffs, nor moneybags, nor bread, nor silver, nor each to have two tunics.

4 And into whatever house you enter, remain there, and go out from there.

5 And as many as may not receive you, going out from that city even shake off the dust from your feet, for a testimony against them.

6 And going out, they passed through the villages, having announced the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 And Herod the tetrarch heard all the things happening by Him, and was perplexed, because of the saying by some that John had been raised from *the* dead,

8 and by some that Elijah had appeared. And others *said*, A prophet, one of the ancients rose again.

9 And Herod said, I beheaded John, but who is this about whom I hear such things? And he sought to see Him.

10 ¶ And having returned, the apostles told Him as many *things* as they did. And taking them, He went out privately to a deserted place of a city called Bethsaida.

11 But knowing *this*, the crowds followed Him. And having received them, He spoke to them about the kingdom of God. And He cured the *ones* having need of healing.

12 But the day began to decline. And coming up, the Twelve said to Him, Send away the crowd that going to the surrounding villages and farms they may lodge and find food, because here we are in a deserted place.

13 But He said to them, You give them to eat. But they said, *there* is not to us more than five loaves and two fish, unless going we buy food for all this people.

14 For they were about five thousand men. And He said to His disciples, Cause them to recline in groups, by fifties.

15 And they did so, and made all recline.

16 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, looking up to Heaven, He blessed them, and broke, and gave to the disciples to set before the crowd.

17 And they ate and were all filled. And twelve baskets of fragments of that left over to them were taken up.

18 ¶ And it happened *as* He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him. And He questioned them, saying, Whom do the crowds say Me to be?

19 And answering, they said, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and others that some prophet of the ancients has risen again.

20 And He said to them, But whom do you say Me to be? And answering, Peter said, The Christ of God.

21 And strictly warning them, He ordered no one to tell this,

22 saying, The Son of Man must suffer

many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

23 And He said to all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily. And let him follow Me.

24 For whoever desires to save his life, he will lose it. But whoever loses his life for My sake, this one will save it.

25 For what is a man profited gaining the whole world but destroying himself or suffering loss?

26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that one when He comes in His glory, and *that* of the Father, and of the holy angels.

27 But truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God, not *at all*.

28 ¶ And it was about eight days after these sayings, also taking Peter and John and James, He went up into the mountain to pray.

29 And in His praying, the appearance of His face *became* different, and His clothing *was* dazzling white.

30 And, behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

31 who, appearing in glory, spoke of His exodus, which He was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and the *ones* with him were weighed down with sleep. But fully awakening, they saw His glory, and the two men standing with Him.

33 And it happened in their parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for *us* to be here. And, Let us make three tents, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah, not knowing what he said.

34 And he saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. And they feared *as* they entered into the cloud.

35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved; hear Him! *Psa. 2:7; Isa. 42:1; Deut. 18:15*

36 And as the voice occurred, Jesus was found alone. And they were quiet. And *they* reported to no one in those days, nothing

which they had seen.

37 ¶ And it happened on the next day, they coming down from the mountain, a large crowd met Him.

38 And, behold, a man called aloud from the crowd, saying, Teacher, I beg You, look upon my son, because he is my only born.

39 And, behold, a spirit takes him, and *he* suddenly cries out, and *it* throws him into convulsions, with foaming. And *it* departs from him with pain, bruising him.

40 And I begged Your disciples, that they cast it out. And they were not able.

41 And answering, Jesus said, O unbelieving generation, and being perverted, until when shall I be with you and endure you? Bring your son here.

42 But as *he* was yet coming near, the demon tore him and violently convulsed *him*. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

43 ¶ And all were astonished at the majesty of God. And as all were marveling at all things which He did, Jesus said to His disciples,

44 You lay into your ears these sayings, for the Son of Man is about to be given over into *the* hands of men.

45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they might not perceive it. And they feared to ask Him about this word.

46 But there arose among them a reasoning, who But might be *the* greater of them.

47 And seeing the reasoning of their heart, taking a child, Jesus stood it beside Himself,

48 and said to them, Whoever receives this child on My name receives Me. And whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For the one being least among you all, this one shall be great.

49 And answering, John said, Master, we saw someone casting out demons on Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.

50 And Jesus said to them, Do not forbid *them*, for whoever is not against us is for us.

51 ¶ And it happened in the fulfilling of the days of His taking up, even He set His face to go to Jerusalem.

52 And *He* sent messengers before His face. And going they went into a village of Samaritans, so as to make ready for Him.

53 And they did not receive Him, because His face was going toward Jerusalem.

54 And seeing, His disciples, James and John, said Lord, do You desire *that* we tell fire to come down from Heaven, and to consume them even as Elijah did? 2 K. 1:10-12

55 But turning He rebuked them. And He said, You do not know of what spirit you are.

56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's souls, but to save. And they went to another village.

57 ¶ And it happened as they were going in the way, one said to Him, I will follow You wherever You may go, Lord.

58 And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere He may lay *His* head.

59 And He said to another, Follow Me. But he said, Lord, allow me to go first to bury my father.

60 But Jesus said to him, Leave the dead to bury their dead, but going out, you announce the kingdom of God.

61 And also another said, I will follow You, Lord, but first allow me to take leave of the *ones* in my house.

62 But Jesus said to him, No one putting his hand on the plow, and looking at the things behind, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 10

1 Christ sends out at once seventy disciples:

17 admonishes them to be humble: 25 teaches the lawyer how to attain eternal life: 41 disappoints Martha, and commends Mary her sister.

1 ¶ And after these things, the Lord also appointed seventy others, and sent them each by two before His face into every city and place, even *to* where He was about to come.

2 Therefore He said to them, Indeed, the harvest *is* much, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore, pray *to* the Lord of the harvest, that He send out workers into His harvest.

3 Go! Behold, I send you out as lambs in *the* midst of wolves.

4 Do not carry a money bag, nor a provision bag, nor sandals; and greet no one by the way.

5 And into whatever house you may enter, first say, Peace to this house.

6 And if the son of peace is truly there, your peace shall rest on it; but if not so, it shall return to you.

7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking the things *shared* by them; for the laborer is worthy of his wage. Do not move from house to house.

8 And into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat the things set before you.

9 And heal the sick in it, and say to them, The kingdom of God has drawn near to you.

10 But into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, going out into its streets, say,

11 Even the dust clinging to us out of your city, we shake off against you! Yet know this, that the kingdom of God has drawn near to you!

12 And I say to you that it shall be more bearable for Sodom in that day than for that city!

13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the works of power which had been done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago sitting in sackcloth and ashes!

14 But it will be more bearable *for* Tyre and Sidon in the Judgment than *for* you.

15 And you, Capernaum, the *one* exalted to the heaven? "To Hades you will be thrust down!" *Isa. 14:13, 15*

16 The *one* hearing you hears Me, and the *one* rejecting you also rejects Me, and the *one* rejecting Me *also* rejects the *One* having sent Me.

17 ¶ And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us through Your Name.

18 And He said to them, I saw Satan falling out of Heaven as lightning!

19 Behold, I have given you the authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and on all the power of the hostile *one*, and nothing shall hurt you, not *ever*!

20 But do not rejoicing in this, that the *evil* spirits are subject to you but, rather

rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.

21 In the same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit, and said, I praise You, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, that You hid these things from *the* sophisticated and learned and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, because so it was pleasing before You.

22 All things were given over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is if not the Father; and who is the Father, if not the Son, and he to whom the Son may desire to reveal *Him*.

23 And having turned to the disciples alone, He said, Blessed *are* the eyes seeing what you see.

24 For I say to you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear.

25 ¶ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, testing Him and saying, Teacher, what *by* doing shall I inherit eternal life?

26 And He said to him, Which has been written in the Law? How do you read *it*?

27 And answering, he said, "You shall love *the* Lord your God out of all your heart, and out of all your soul, and out of all your strength," and out of all your mind, and "your neighbor as yourself." *Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18*

28 And He said to him, You have answered rightly; do this, and you shall live.

29 But desiring to justify himself, he said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

30 And taking *it* up, Jesus said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among plunderers, who both stripping him and laying on blows, went away, leaving *him* being half dead.

31 And by a coincidence, a certain priest was going on that road; and seeing him, he passed on the opposite *side*.

32 And in the same way, a Levite, also being at the place, coming and seeing *him*, he passed on the opposite *side*.

33 But a certain traveling Samaritan came upon him, and seeing him, he was filled with pity.

34 And coming near, *he* bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and putting him on his beast, *he* brought him to an inn and cared for him.

35 And going forth on the morrow, taking out two denarii, he gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, Care for him, and whatever more you spend, on my return I will repay you.

36 Which, therefore, of these three seems to you to have become a neighbor to the *one* having fallen among the plunderers?

37 And he said, The *one* doing the *deed* of mercy with him. Then Jesus said to him, Go, and you do likewise.

38 And it happened in their entering in, He also entered into a certain village. And a certain woman, Martha by name, received Him into her house.

39 And to this *one* was a sister being called Mary, who also was sitting alongside, at the feet of Jesus, and heard His Word.

40 But Martha was distracted about much serving. And coming up she said, Lord, *is it* not a care to You that my sister left me alone to serve? Therefore tell her that she should help me.

41 But answering Jesus said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,

42 But there is need of *only one*; and Mary chose the good part, which shall not be taken from her.

Luke 11

1 Christ teaches to pray. 14 He, casting out a dumb devil, rebukes the blasphemous Pharisees: 29 and preaches to the people.

1 ¶ And it happened as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And He said to them: When you pray, say, Our Father who *is* in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done on earth as *it* also *is* in Heaven.

3 Give us our needful bread according to a day;

4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil.

5 And He said to them, Who out of you shall have a friend, and will come to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves.

6 For a friend of mine arrived to me from a journey, and I do not have what I may set before him.

7 And answering from within that one may say, Do not cause me troubles. The door has already been shut, and my children are in bed with me. I cannot rise up to give to you.

8 I say to you, Even if rising up he will not give to him because he is a friend, yet because of his shameless insisting, rising up he will give him as many as he needs.

9 And I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone asking receives, and the *one* seeking finds, and to the one knocking, it will be opened.

11 And what father of you, *if* the son asks for bread, will he give him a stone? And if a fish, will he give him a snake instead of a fish?

12 And if he should ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

13 Then if you being evil know to give good gifts to your children, how much more the Father out of Heaven will give the Holy Spirit to the *ones* asking Him.

14 ¶ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute *one*. And it happened as the demon was going out, the mute *one* spoke. And the crowds marveled.

15 But some of them said, He casts out the demons by Beelzebul the chief of the demons.

16 And tempting *Him*, others were seeking a *miraculous* sign from Heaven from Him.

17 But knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is made a desolate *one*, and a house against a house falls.

18 And also if Satan is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out the demons by Beelzebul.

19 And if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast out? Because of this they shall be your judges.

20 But if I cast out the demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 When the strong *one*, having been armed, guards the dwelling of himself, in peace are the *things* belonging to him.

22 But as soon as the Stronger than he having come, *He* overcomes him; He takes away all his armor on which he trusted, and gives over his arms.

23 The *one* not being with Me is against Me. And the *one* not gathering with Me scatters.

24 When the unclean spirit goes out from the man, he goes through waterless places seeking rest. And not finding, *he* says, I will return to my house from where I came out.

25 And coming, he finds *it* having been swept and having been adorned.

26 Then he goes and takes along seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering he dwells there. And the last things of that man become worse than the first.

27 ¶ And it happened in His saying these things, lifting up *her* voice out of the crowd a certain woman said to Him, Blessed *is* the womb having borne You and *the* breasts which You sucked.

28 But He said, No; rather, blessed *are* the *ones* hearing the Word of God, and keeping it.

29 ¶ But the crowds pressing on *Him*, He began to say, This generation is evil. It seeks a *miraculous* sign, and a sign will not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

30 For even as Jonah became a *miraculous* sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

31 *The* queen of *the* south will be raised in the Judgment with the men of this generation and will condemn them because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And, behold, a Greater-than-Solomon *is* here.

32 Men, Ninevites will rise up in the Judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah. And, behold, a Greater-than-Jonah *is* here.

33 But no one having lit a lamp places *it* in secret, nor under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand, that the *ones* entering may see the light.

34 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore when your eye is sound, also all your body is light. But when it is evil, also your body *is* dark.

35 Mark, therefore, that the light in you is not darkness.

36 If, then, your whole body *is* light, not having any part dark, all will be light, as when the lamp enlightens you with *its* shining.

37 ¶ And *as He* was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked Him that He would dine with him. And going in, He reclined.

38 But seeing, the Pharisee marveled that He did not first wash before dinner.

39 But the Lord said to him, Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but your inside is full of robbery and evil.

40 Fools! Did not He who made the outside also make the inside?

41 But give merciful *gifts* of the things which are within, and see all things *are* clean to you.

42 But woe to you, Pharisees, for you pay tithes of the mint, and the rue, and every plant, and pass by the judgment and the love of God. It was right to do these things, but not to leave aside those.

43 Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the chief seat in the synagogues and the greetings in the marketplaces.

44 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees! Hypocrites! For you are as the unseen tombs, and the men walking over *them* do not know.

45 And answering, one of the lawyers said to Him, Teacher, saying these things You also insult us.

46 And He said, Woe to you also, lawyers! Because you burden men with burdens hard to bear, and *you* yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe to you! Because you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 So you bear witness and consent to the works of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.

49 And because of this, the wisdom of

God said, I will send prophets and apostles to them, and they will kill and drive out *some* of them,

50 that the blood of all the prophets which has been shed from *the* foundation of the world may be required from this generation,

51 from the blood of Abel until the blood of Zechariah *who* perished between the altar and the House. Yea, I say to you, It will be required from this generation.

52 Woe to you, lawyers! Because you took the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter in, and you hindered the ones entering in.

53 And as He was saying these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be terribly angry, and to draw *Him* out concerning many things,

54 lying in ambush for Him, and seeking to catch something out of His mouth that they might accuse Him.

Luke 12

I Christ preaches to his disciples to avoid hypocrisy: 13 warns the people to beware of covetousness. 36 We must be ready at a knock to open to our Lord.

1 ¶ At which time the myriads of the crowd being gathered together, so as to trample on one another, He began to say to His disciples first, Take heed to yourselves of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 But there is nothing which has been completely concealed which will not be uncovered, nor hidden which will not be known.

3 Therefore, as many *things* as you said in the darkness will be heard in the light; and whatever you spoke in the ear in the secret rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

4 But I say to you, My friends, stop being afraid of the ones killing the body, and after these things not having anything more *they can* do.

5 But I will warn you whom you should fear; fear the One who after killing has authority to cast into hell; yea, I say to you, Fear that One!

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria? And not one of them has been forgotten before God.

7 But even the hairs of your head have all been numbered. Therefore stop being afraid; you differ from many sparrows.

8 But I say to you, Everyone who may confess Me before men, the Son of Man will also confess him before the angels of God.

9 But the *one* denying Me before man shall be denied before the angels of God.

10 And everyone who shall say a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but the *one* blaspheming against the Holy Spirit, *it* will not be forgiven.

11 But when they bring you in before synagogues and rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you shall reply, or what you should say;

12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in the same hour what you must say.

13 ¶ And one from the crowd said to Him, Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.

14 But He said to him, Man, who appointed Me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And He said to them, Beware, and be on guard from covetousness; for one's life is not in the abundance of the things belonging of him.

16 And He spoke a parable to them, saying of a man, The land of a certain rich man produced well.

17 And he reasoned within himself, saying, What should I do, for I have nowhere I may gather my fruits?

18 And he said, I will do this; I will tear down my storehouses and I will build larger; and I will gather there all my produce and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid *up* for many years; take rest, eat, drink, *and* be glad.

20 But God said to him, Fool! This night they demand your soul from you; and that which you prepared, to whom will it be?

21 So *is* he treasuring up for himself, and not being rich toward God.

22 ¶ And He said to His disciples, Because of this I say to you, Do not be anxious as to your life, what you should eat; nor as to the body, what you should put on.

23 The life is more than food and the body than clothing.

24 Consider the ravens, for they do not sow, nor do they reap; to which there is no storeroom nor storehouse, and God feeds them. How much rather you differ from the birds!

25 And who of you *by* being anxious is able to add one cubit to his stature?

26 Then if you are not able *to do* even *the* least, why are you anxious about the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they do not labor, nor do they spin, but I say to you, Not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed as one of these.

28 But if God so dresses the grass, which today being in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, little-faiths?

29 And you, do not seek what you shall eat, or what you shall drink, and stop being in anxiety.

30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need these things.

31 But seek the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you.

32 Do not fear, little flock, because your Father was pleased to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell the *things* belonging of you and give merciful *gifts*. Make for yourselves purses that do not grow old, an unfailing treasure in Heaven, where a thief cannot come near, nor moth can ruin.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 Let your loins be girded about, and the lamps burning,

36 and you *be* like men awaiting their lord when he returns from the wedding feast, so that *he* coming and knocking, they will at once open to him.

37 Blessed *are* those slaves whom the lord will find awake when *he* comes. Truly I say to you that he will gird himself and will make them recline, and coming near *he* will serve them.

38 And if he comes in the second watch, or he comes in the third watch, and finds *it* so, blessed are those slaves.

39 But know this, that if the housemaster had known *in* what hour the thief is coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be dug through.

40 And therefore you be ready, for *in* which hour you think not the Son of man comes.

41 ¶ And Peter said to Him, Lord, do You speak this parable to us, or also to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and wise steward whom the lord will appoint over his service, to give the portion of food in season?

43 Blessed *is* that slave *when* his lord comes *and* will find *him* so doing.

44 Truly I say to you, He will set him over all things belonging of him .

45 But if that slave should say in his heart, My lord delays to come, and should begin to beat the men servants and the female servants, and to eat and to drink and be drunk,

46 the lord of that slave will come in the day in which he does not expect, and in an hour which he does not know. And He will cut him in two and will put his portion with the unbelievers.

47 But that slave knowing the will of his lord, and not preparing, nor doing according to his will, will be beaten with many *stripes*.

48 But he not knowing, and doing *things* worthy of stripes, will be beaten with few. And everyone given much, much will be demanded from him. And to whom much was committed, more exceedingly they will ask *of* him.

49 I came to hurl fire into the earth, and what will I if it already was kindled?

50 But I have an immersion to be immersed in, and how am I pressed until it is finished!

51 Think you that I came to give peace in the earth? No, I say to you, But rather division.

52 For from now on five in one house will have been divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 Father will be divided against son, and son against father; mother against the daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against the bride, "and *the* bride against her mother-in-law." *Mic. 7:6*

54 ¶ And He also said to the crowd, When you see the cloud rising up from the west, you immediately say, A storm is coming; and it happens so.

55 And when a south wind *is* blowing, you say, There will be heat; and it occurs.

56 Hypocrites! You know to discern the face of the earth and of the heaven, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?

57 And why do you not judge the right even of yourselves?

58 For as you go with your adversary to a magistrate, give pains in the way to be freed from him, that he not drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

59 I say to you, Not you will go out from there, not until you pay back even the last lepton.

Luke 13

1 Christ preaches repentance on the punishment of the Galileans. 6 The fruitless fig tree. 11 He heals a woman who was unable to stand erect: 24 and exhorts to enter in at the narrow gate.

1 ¶ And some were present at the same time reporting to Him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate mixed with their sacrifices.

2 And answering, Jesus said to them, Do you think that these Galileans were sinners beyond all the Galileans, because they suffered such things?

3 No, I say to you, But if you do not repent, you will all perish likewise.

4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, do you think that these were sinners above all men living in Jerusalem?

5 No, I say to you, But if you do not repent, you will all likewise perish.

6 ¶ And He spoke this parable: A certain one had planted a fig tree in his vineyard. And he came looking for fruit on it and did not find *any*.

7 And he said to the vinedresser, Behold, three years I come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and not he did find *any*. Cut it down, and why does it waste the ground?

8 And the vinedresser said to him, Sir, leave it also this year until I shall dig around it and throw manure;

9 and *see* if it indeed makes fruit. But if not, in the coming *year* you may cut it down.

10 ¶ And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on *one of* the sabbaths.

11 And, behold, there was a woman having a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent together and was not able to be erect to the complete *straightness*.

12 And seeing her, Jesus called *her* near and said to her, Woman, you have been loosed from your infirmity.

13 And He laid hands on her. And instantly she was made erect and glorified God.

14 But answering, being angry that Jesus healed on the sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the crowd, There are six days in which it is right to work. Therefore, coming in these, be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 Then the Lord answered him and said, Hypocrite! Each *one of* you on the sabbath, does he not loose his ox or ass from the manger, and leading *it* away, give *it* drink?

16 And this one being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, behold, eighteen years, ought *she* not to be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17 And on His saying these things, all the *ones* opposing Him were ashamed. And all the crowd rejoiced over all the glorious things being done by Him.

18 ¶ And He said, To what is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I liken it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard which a man having taken threw into his garden. And it grew and became a great tree, and the birds of the heaven dwelt in its branches.

20 And again He said, To what shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which taking, a woman hid in three measures of meal until all was leavened.

22 And He went through cities and villages, teaching and making progress toward Jerusalem.

23 ¶ And one said to Him, Lord, *are* the ones being saved few? But He said to them,

24 Strive to enter in through the narrow gate, for I say to you that many will seek to enter in and will not have strength.

25 From the time the Master of the house shall have risen up, and He shuts the door,

and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. And answering, He will say to you, I do not know you, from where you are.

26 Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.

27 And He will say, I tell you I do not know you, from where you are. "Stand back from Me all workers of unrighteousness!" *Psa. 6:8*

28 There will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrust outside.

29 And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last *ones* who will be first, and there are first *ones* who will be last.

31 ¶ In the same day, certain Pharisees came, saying to Him, Go out and go on from here, for Herod desires to kill You.

32 And He said to them, Going, say to that fox, Behold, today and tomorrow I cast out demons and I complete cures, and the third *day* I will be finished.

33 But today and tomorrow and on the following *day* I must travel on. For it is not accepted *for* a prophet to perish outside Jerusalem.

34 Jerusalem! Jerusalem! The *one* killing the prophets, and stoning the *ones* having been sent to her, how often I desired to gather your children in the way a hen *gathers* her brood under the wings, and you did not desire *it*.

35 "Behold, your house is left to you desolate. And truly I say to you, You shall not at all see Me until it comes when you say, "Being blessed *is* the *One* coming in *the* name of *the* Lord."

Luke 14

2 Christ heals the dropsy on the sabbath. 15 The parable of the great supper.

1 ¶ And it occurred, on His going into a house of one of the Pharisee leaders on a sabbath to eat bread, and they were closely observing Him.

2 And behold, a certain man was dropsical before Him.

3 And answering, Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath?

4 And they were silent. And taking *the man*, He healed him and sent him away.

5 And answering to them He said, Whose ass or ox of yours shall fall into a pit, and he will not at once pull it up on the sabbath day?

6 And they were not able to reply to Him against these things.

7 ¶ And He spoke a parable to the *ones* who had been invited, noting how they were choosing the chief seats, saying to them,

8 When you are invited by anyone to wedding feasts, do not recline at the chief seat lest *one* more honorable *than* you be invited by him,

9 and coming, he who invited you and him will say to you, Give this one place. And then you begin with shame to take the last place.

10 But when you are invited, going, recline at the last place, so that when he who has invited you comes, he *may* say to you, Friend, go up higher. Then glory will be to you before those reclining with you.

11 For everyone exalting himself will be humbled, and the one humbling himself will be exalted.

12 And He also said to him having invited Him, When you make a dinner or supper, do not call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also should invite you in return, and it become a repayment to you.

13 But when you make a banquet, call the poor *ones*, the crippled *ones*, the lame *ones*, the blind *ones*;

14 and you will be blessed, for they have nothing to repay you. For it will be repaid to you in the resurrection of the just.

15 ¶ And one of those reclining with *Him*, hearing these things, *he* said to Him, Blessed *is* *he* who eats bread in the kingdom of God.

16 But He said to him, A certain man made a great supper and invited many.

17 And he sent his slave at the supper hour to say to the *ones* who had been invited, Come, for now all is ready.

18 And all with one *mind* began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, I have bought a field, and I have need to go out and see it; I ask you, have me excused.

19 And another said, I bought five yoke of oxen and I am going to try them out; I ask you, have me excused.

20 And another said, I married a wife, and because of this I am not able to come.

21 And having come near that slave reported these things to his lord. Then being angry, the housemaster said to his slave, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor *ones* and crippled *ones*, and lame *ones* and blind *ones*.

22 And the slave said, Sir, *it* has been done as you ordered, and still there is room.

23 And the lord said to the slave, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled.

24 For I say to you that not one of those men who had been invited shall taste of my supper.

25 ¶ And great crowds came together to Him. And turning, He said to them,

26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers and sisters, and besides, even his *own* life, he cannot be My disciple.

27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me, he cannot be My disciple.

28 For who of you desiring to build a tower does not first sit down *and* count the cost, whether he has the things to finish;

29 that having laid a foundation, and not having strength to finish, all those seeing begin to mock him,

30 saying, This man began to build, and did not have strength to finish.

31 Or what king going to encounter another king in war does not first sit down *and* take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet those coming upon him with twenty thousand?

32 But if not, he being yet far off, sending a delegation, he asks the things for peace.

33 So then every one of you who does not separate from all his possessions is not able to be My disciple.

34 The salt *is* good, but if the salt becomes tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?

35 Neither for soil nor for manure is it fit; they throw it out. The *one* having ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 15

1 The parable of the lost sheep: 8 of the piece of silver: 11 and of the prodigal son.

1 ¶ And all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to Him, to hear Him.

2 And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This one receives sinners and eats with them.

3 And He spoke to them this parable, saying,

4 What man of you having a hundred sheep, and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the deserted *place* and go after the lost *one* until he finds it?

5 And finding *it*, he puts *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And coming to the house, he calls together the friends and neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that had been lost.

7 I say to you that so is joy in Heaven over one sinner repenting, than over ninety nine righteous ones who have no need of repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma does not light a lamp and sweep the house, and seek carefully until she finds it?

9 And finding *it*, she calls together the friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I lost.

10 I say to you, So there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner repenting.

11 ¶ And He said, A certain man had two sons.

12 And the younger of them said to the father, Father give me *that* part of the property falling *to me*. And he divided the living to them.

13 And not many days after, gathering up all things, the younger son went abroad to a distant country. And there he squandered his property, living dissolutely.

14 But having spent all his things, a severe famine occurred throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

15 And going, he was joined to one of the citizens of that country. And he sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

16 And he longed to fill his stomach from the husks which the pigs ate, and no one gave to him.

17 But coming to himself he said, How many servants of my father abound in bread, and I am perishing with famine.

18 Rising up, I will go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I sinned against Heaven and before you,

19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants.

20 And rising up, he came to his father. But he yet being far away, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. And running, *he* fell on his neck and fervently kissed him.

21 And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you, and no longer am I worthy to be called your son.

22 But the father said to his slaves, Bring out the best robe and clothe him, and give a ring to his hand and sandals to *his* feet.

23 And bring the fattened calf, slaughter and let us eat and be merry;

24 for this son of mine was dead, and lived again, and was lost, and was found. And they began to be merry.

25 But the son of him, the elder *one*, was in *the* field. And as coming, he drew near to the house, he heard music and dances.

26 And having called one of the servants, he inquired what these things may be.

27 And he said to him, Your brother came, and your father slaughtered the fattened calf, because he received him back in health.

28 But he was angry and not would go in. Therefore coming out, his father begged him.

29 But answering, he said to the father, Behold, so many years I serve you, and I have never transgressed a command of you. And you never gave a goat *to me*, so that I might be merry with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours came, the one devouring your living with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.

31 But he said to him, Child, you are always with me, and all of my things are yours.

32 But to be merry and it was right to rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead, and lived again; and being lost, also *he* was found.

Luke 16

1 The parable of the unjust steward. 14 Christ reproves the hypocrisy of the covetous Pharisees.

1 ¶ And He also said to His disciples, A certain man was rich; *and he* had a steward, and this one was accused to him as dissipating his goods.

2 And calling him, he said to him, What *is* this I hear about you? Give the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.

3 And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, for my lord is taking away the stewardship from me? I am not able to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

4 I know what I will do, that when I am removed *from* the stewardship, they will receive me into their houses.

5 And having called to him each one of the debtors of his lord, he said to the first, How much do you owe my lord?

6 And he said, A hundred baths of oil. And he said to him, Take your statements and sitting quickly write fifty.

7 Then he said to another, And you, how much do you owe? And he said, a hundred cors of wheat. And he said to him, Take your statement and write eighty.

8 And the lord praised the unrighteous steward, because he acted prudently. For the sons of this age are more prudent than the sons of light themselves are in their generation.

9 And I say to you, Make to yourselves friends by the unrighteous wealth, that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles.

10 He faithful in *the* least is also faithful in much. And he unrighteous in the least is also unrighteous in much.

11 Therefore if you were not faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true to you?

12 And if you were not faithful in that of another, who will give to you that *which is yours*?

13 No servant is able to serve two lords; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cling to one, and he will despise the other. You are unable to serve God and wealth.

14 And being lovers of money, the Pharisees also heard all these things; and they derided Him.

15 And He said to them, You are the *ones* justifying yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for the thing highly prized among men is an abomination before God.

16 The Law and the Prophets *were* until John; from then the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is entering into it by force.

17 But it is easier *for* the heaven and the earth to pass away than one point of the Law to fail.

18 Everyone putting away his wife, and marrying another, commits adultery. And everyone marrying her having been put away from a husband commits adultery.

19 ¶ And a certain man was rich; and dressed *in* a purple robe and fine linen, being merry *living* luxuriously according to a day.

20 And there was a certain poor *one*, Lazarus by name, who had been thrown at his doorway, being covered with sores,

21 and longing to be filled from the crumbs that were falling from the table of the rich *one*. But coming, even the dogs licked his sores.

22 And it came to be, the poor *one* died and was carried away by the angels into the bosom of Abraham. And the rich *one* also died and was buried.

23 And being in torments in hell, lifting up his eyes, he sees Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And calling he said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water

and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Child, remember that you fully received your good things in your lifetime, and Lazarus likewise the bad things, and you are tormented.

26 And besides all these things, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those desiring to pass from here to you are not able, nor can they pass from there to us.

27 And he said, Therefore I ask you, father, that you send him to my father's house;

28 (for I have five brothers, so that he may witness to them, that they not also come to this place of torment).

29 Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them.

30 But he said, No, Father Abraham, but if one should go from dead *ones* to them, they will repent.

31 And he said to him, If they will not hear Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone from dead *ones* should rise.

Luke 17

1 Christ teaches to avoid occasions of offense.

3 One to forgive another. 6 The power of faith.

7 How we are bound to God, and not He to us.

1 ¶ And He said to the disciples, It is impossible that the stumbling-blocks should not come, but woe *to him* through whom they come!

2 It is profitable for him if a millstone turned by an ass is put around his neck, and he be thrown into the sea, than that he should stumble one of these little ones.

3 Take heed to yourselves. And if your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 And if seven times in the day he sins against you, and seven times in the day returns to you saying, I repent, you shall forgive him.

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, Give more faith to us.

6 But the Lord said, If you had faith as a grain of mustard, you may say to this sycamine tree, Be rooted up and be planted in the sea! And it would obey you.

7 But which of you having a slave plowing or shepherding will say at once *to him* coming out of the field, Coming, recline?

8 But will he not say to him, Prepare something I may eat, and having girded yourself, serve me until I eat and drink, and after these things you shall eat and drink?

9 *Does* he have thanks to that slave because he did the things commanded him? I think not.

10 So also you, when you have done all things commanded you, say, We are unprofitable slaves, what we ought to do we have done.

11 ¶ And it happened in His going to Jerusalem even He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And He entering into a certain village, ten leprous men met Him, who stood afar off.

13 And they lifted *their* voice, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And seeing *them*, He said to them, Going, show yourselves to the priests. And it happened in their going they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, seeing that he was cured, returned glorifying God with a loud voice,

16 and fell on *his* face at His feet, thanking Him. And he was a Samaritan.

17 And answering, Jesus said, Were not the ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine?

18 Were not *any* found returning to give glory to God except this foreigner?

19 And He said to him, Rising up, go! Your faith has cured you.

20 ¶ And being questioned by the Pharisees *as to* when the kingdom of God comes, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

21 nor will they say, Behold, here! Or, Behold, there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And He said to the disciples, Days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and will not see.

23 And they will say to you, Behold, here! Or, Behold, there! Do not go away, nor

follow.

24 For as the lightning lighting up out of *one part* under heaven to *one part* under heaven shines, so also will the Son of Man be in His day.

25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected from this generation.

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so also it will be in the days of the Son of Man.

27 They were eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, until *the* day Noah went into the ark. And the flood came and destroyed all.

28 And likewise, as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building;

29 but on *the* day Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from the heaven and destroyed all.

30 According to those things, it will be in the day the Son of Man is revealed.

31 In that day, *he* who will be on the housetop, let him not go down to take his goods *from* the house. And likewise, he in the field, let him not return to the things behind.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whoever seeks to save his life, *he* will lose it. And whoever will lose it, he will preserve it.

34 I say to you, In that night two will be on one bed; the one will be taken and the other will be left.

35 Two will be grinding at the same *thing*; one will be taken and the other will be left.

36 Two will be in the field, the one will be taken and the other will be left.

37 And answering, they said to Him, Where, Lord? And He said to them, Where the body *is*, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Luke 18

1 The importunate widow. 15 Children brought to Christ. 31 He foretells His death.

1 ¶ And He also spoke a parable to them *to teach that* it is always necessary to pray, and not to be wearied

2 saying, A certain judge was in a certain city, not fearing God and not respecting man.

3 And a widow was in that city, and she came to him, saying, Avenge me from my adversary.

4 And for a time he would not. But after these things he said to himself, Even if I do not fear God, and do not respect man,

5 yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will avenge her, that not coming to *the* end, she wear me down.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says;

7 and will God no not execute the avengement of His elect, those crying to Him day and night, also being long-suffering over them?

8 I say to you that He will carry out the avengement of them speedily. But the Son of Man coming, really will He find faith on the earth?

9 ¶ And He also spoke this parable to some of those relying on themselves, that they are righteous, and despising the rest:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee *was* standing, praying these things to himself: God, I thank You that I am not as the rest of men, rapacious *ones*, unrighteous *ones*, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 I fast twice *on* the sabbath; I tithe things, as many as I get.

13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not even lift up *his* eyes to Heaven, but smote on his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me, the sinner!

14 I say to you, This one went down to his house having been justified, *rather* than that one. For everyone exalting himself will be humbled. And the *one* humbling himself will be exalted.

15 ¶ And they brought infants to Him also, that He might touch them. But seeing, the disciples rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them near, saying, Allow the children to come to Me, and do not stop them. For of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Truly I say to you, Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child, will not enter into it, *not ever*

18 ¶ And a certain ruler asked Him saying, Good Teacher, what may I do to inherit eternal life?

19 But Jesus said to him, Why do you say Me *to be* good? No one *is* good, except One: God.

20 You know the commandments: “Do not commit adultery,” “do not murder,” “do not steal,” “do not bear false witness,” “honor your father and your mother.” *Ex. 20:12-16*

21 And he said, I have kept all these from my youth.

22 And hearing these things, Jesus said to him, Yet one *thing* is lacking to you: sell all, as much as you have, and distribute to the poor *ones* ; and you will have treasure in Heaven. And come, follow Me.

23 But hearing these things, he became very much grieved, for he was an extremely rich *one*.

24 And seeing him becoming very grieved, Jesus said, How hardly those having riches shall enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier *for* a camel to go in through a needle’s eye than for a rich *one* to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And the *ones* hearing, And who is able to be saved?

27 But He said, The things impossible with men are possible with God.

28 And Peter said, Behold, we left all and followed You.

29 And He said to them, Truly I say to you, There is no one who has left house, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

30 who shall not receive many times more not in this time, not *ever*, and in the age, the *one* coming, everlasting life.

31 ¶ And taking aside the Twelve, He said to them, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things will be fulfilled which have been written through the prophets to the Son of Man.

32 For He will be delivered up to the nations, and will be mocked, and will be insulted, and will be spat upon.

33 And scourging *Him*, they will kill Him. And on the third day He will rise again.

34 And they understood none of these things! And this saying had been hidden

from them, and they did not know the things being said.

35 ¶ And it happened *as* He drew near to Jericho, a certain blind *one* sat by the highway, begging.

36 And hearing a crowd passing through, he asked what this might be.

37 And they reported to him that Jesus the Nazarene is passing by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And those going before rebuked him, that he be quiet. But he much more cried out, Son of David, Have mercy on me!

40 And standing still, Jesus commanded him to be brought to Him. And he drawing near, He asked him,

41 saying, What do you desire I do to you? And he said, Lord, that I may see again.

42 And Jesus said to him, See again! Your faith has healed you.

43 And instantly he saw again. And *he* followed Him, glorifying God. And seeing, all the people gave praise to God.

Luke 19

1 Of Zacchaeus, a tax collector. 11 The ten pieces of money. 28 Christ rides into Jerusalem with triumph: 41 weeps over it: 45 drives the buyers and sellers out of the temple.

1 ¶ And going in, He passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, a man called by name Zacchaeus; and he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

3 And he was seeking to see Jesus, who He is. And he was not able, because of the crowd, and because he was little in stature.

4 And running ahead, he went up onto a sycamore tree, so that he might see Him; for He was going to pass through that *way*.

5 And as He came to the place, looking up, Jesus saw him, and said to him, Zacchaeus, hurry, come down, for today I must stay in your house.

6 And hurrying, he came down and welcomed Him, rejoicing.

7 And having seen, all murmured, saying, He has gone in to lodge with a sinful man.

8 But standing, Zacchaeus said to the Lord, Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I give to the poor *ones*. And if in

anything I accused anyone falsely, I give *it* back fourfold.

9 And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, for he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the thing having been lost.

11 ¶ But as they were hearing these things, adding, He spoke a parable, because He was near to Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God was immediately to be revealed.

12 Therefore He said: A certain wellborn man went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and to return.

13 And calling ten of his slaves, He gave to them ten minas and said to them, Trade until I come.

14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, We do not desire this one to reign over us.

15 And it happened as he returned, having received the kingdom, he even said *for* those slaves to be called to him, those to whom he gave the silver, that he might know what each had gained by trading.

16 And the first came, saying, Lord, your mina has gained ten minas.

17 And he said to him, Well *done*, good slave! Because you were faithful in a least thing, have authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, your mina has made five minas.

19 And he said to this one also, And you be over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold your mind which I have stored up in a facecloth.

21 For I feared you, because you are an exacting man, taking what you did not lay down, and reaping what you did not sow.

22 But he said to him, I will judge you out of your own mouth, wicked slave. You knew that I am an exacting man, taking what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow.

23 And why did you not give my silver on the *bank* table? And coming, I might have exacted it with interest.

24 And to those standing by, he said, Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.

25 And they said to him, Lord, he has ten minas.

26 For I say to you, To everyone who has, it will be given. And from the *one* who does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

27 But these hostile *ones* of me, the *ones* not desiring me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter *them* before me.

28 ¶ And saying these things, He went in front, going up to Jerusalem.

29 And it happened as He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany toward the Mount being called Of Olives, He sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, Go into the opposite village in which having entered you will find a young ass being tied, on which no one of men ever yet sat. Loosing it, bring *it*.

31 And if anyone asks, Why do you loose *it*? you shall say to them, The Lord has need of it.

32 And going, the *ones* having been sent found as He told them.

33 And *as* they were loosing the young ass, its owners said to them, Why do you loose the young ass?

34 And the *ones* said, The Lord has need of it.

35 And they led it to Jesus. And throwing their garments on the young ass, they set Jesus on *it*.

36 And as He went, they were spreading their garments in the way.

37 And as He was already drawing near to the descent of the Mount of Olives, all the multitude of the disciples began rejoicing, to praise God with a loud voice concerning all *the* works of power which they saw,

38 saying, "Blessed *is* the coming King in the name of the Lord," Peace in Heaven, and glory in *the* highest! (See *Psa. 118:26*)

39 And some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Him, Teacher, rebuke your disciples.

40 And answering, He said to them, I say to you, If these should be silent, the stones will cry out.

41 ¶ And as He drew near, seeing the city, He wept over it,

42 saying, If you had known, even you, even at least in this day of yours, the things for your peace! But now they were hidden from your eyes.

43 For the days will come on you, and hostile *ones* to you will raise up a rampart to you and will surround you and will keep you in on all sides,

44 and will tear you down, and your children in you, and will not leave in you a stone on a stone, because of which *things* you did not know the time of your visitation.

45 And entering into the temple, He began to throw out the *ones* selling in it and *those* buying,

46 saying to them, It has been written, "My house is a house of prayer," but you made it "a den of plunderers." *Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11*

47 And He was teaching according to a day in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief men of the people sought to kill Him.

48 And *they* were not finding what they might do; for all the people were hanging on Him, hearing.

Luke 20

1 Christ's authority. 9 The parable of the vineyard.

19 Of giving tribute to Caesar. 27 Christ convinces the Sadducees that denied the resurrection.

1 ¶ And it happened on one of those days, *with* Him teaching the people in the temple and proclaiming the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came up with the elders,

2 and spoke to Him, saying, Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who is the *one* giving you this authority?

3 And answering, He said to them, I will also ask you one thing, and you tell me:

4 The baptism of John, was it from Heaven, or from men?

5 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, From Heaven, He will say, Why then did you not believe him?

6 But if we say, From men, all the people will stone us, for they are being convinced *that* John was a prophet.

7 And they answered *claiming* not to know from where.

8 And Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

9 ¶ And He began to speak this parable to the people: A certain man planted a vineyard and gave it out to vinedressers, and went abroad for considerable times. *Isa. 5:1, 2*

10 And in *harvest* time, he sent a slave to the vinedressers, that they might give him the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers sent him away empty, beating *him*.

11 And he again sent another slave. But they also sent that one away empty, beating and dishonoring *him*.

12 And he added to send a third. But they also threw this one out, wounding *him*.

13 And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Perhaps, having seen this one, they will respect *him*.

14 And seeing him, the vinedressers reasoned to themselves, saying, This is the heir. Come let us kill him so that the inheritance may become ours.

15 And throwing him out of the vineyard, they killed *him*. Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do to them?

16 He will come and will destroy these vinedressers and will give the vineyard to others. And hearing this, they said, Let it not be!

17 And looking at them He said, What then is this which has been written, “*The Stone that the ones building rejected, this One came to be for the Head of the Corner*”? *Psa. 118:22*

18 Everyone falling on that Stone will be crushed, but on whomever It falls, *It* will pulverize him.

19 And the chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on Him in the same hour. And *they* feared the people, for they knew that He told this parable against them.

20 ¶ And watching carefully, they sent spies, pretending themselves to be righteous *ones*, in order that they might seize upon a word of His, so as to deliver Him up to the power and to the authority of the governor.

21 And they questioned Him, saying, Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly and do not receive a face, but You teach the way of God in truth.

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar or not?

23 But perceiving their slyness, He said to them, Why do you tempt Me?

24 Show Me a denarius. Whose image and superscription does it have? And answering, they said, Of Caesar.

25 And He said to them, Therefore give back the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God.

26 And they were not able to lay hold of His speech before the people. And marveling at His answer, they were silent.

27 ¶ And some of the Sadducees coming up, those speaking against a resurrection, *that it was* not to be, they questioned Him,

28 saying, Teacher, Moses wrote to us, If anyone’s brother dies having a wife, and this one should die childless, that his brother should take the wife and raise up seed to his brother. *Deut. 25:5*

29 So there were seven brothers. And the first having taken a wife, died childless.

30 and the second took the wife, and this one died childless.

31 And the third took her, and likewise also the seven, and also did not leave children, and died.

32 And last of all the woman also died.

33 Therefore in the resurrection, of which of them does she become wife? For the seven had her *as* wife.

34 And answering, Jesus said to them, The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.

35 But those counted worthy to obtain that age, and the resurrection from *the* dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage.

36 For they are not able to die *any* more; they are equal to angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

37 But that the dead *ones* are raised, even Moses pointed out at the Bush, when he calls *the* Lord “the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” *Ex. 3:6*

38 But He is not God of *the* dead *ones*, but of *the* living, for all live to Him.

39 ¶ And answering, some of the scribes said, Teacher, you speak well.

40 And they did not dare to question Him any more, not a thing.

41 And He said to them, How do they say the Christ is David's son?

42 Even David himself said in *the* Book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right *hand*

43 until I place the hostile *ones* to You as a footstool of Your feet." *LXX-Psa. 109:1; MT-Psa. 110:1*

44 David, then, calls Him Lord. And how is He his son?

45 And as all the people were hearing, He said to His disciples,

46 Be on guard from the scribes, the *ones* desiring to walk about in long robes, and loving greetings in the markets, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief couches in the suppers,

47 who devour the houses of the widows, and under pretense pray long. These will receive a more abundant judgment.

Luke 21

1 Christ commends the poor widow. 5 He foretells the destruction of the temple, and of Jerusalem. 34 He warns them to be watchful.

1 ¶ And having looked up, He saw the rich *ones* putting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And He also saw a certain poor widow putting two lepta there.

3 And He said, Truly I say to you, This poor widow put *in* more than all.

4 For all these out of their abundance put into the gifts of God, but she out of her poverty put *in* all the living which she had.

5 ¶ And as some were speaking about the temple, that it had been adorned with beautiful stones and gifts, He said,

6 *As* to these things that you see, days will come in which a stone will not be left on a stone, which will not be thrown down.

7 And they asked Him, saying, Teacher, then when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when these things are about to happen?

8 And He said, Watch that you not be led astray. For many will come on My name, saying, I am! Also, The time has come! Do not then go after them.

9 And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified. For these things must first occur, but the end *is* not at once.

10 Then He said to them, Nation will be lifted up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 Also there will be great earthquakes in *various* places, and famines, and plagues. And also there will be terrors and great signs from Heaven.

12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you, and will persecute *you*, giving *you* over into the synagogues and prisons, being led away before kings and governors on account of My name.

13 But it will turn out to you for a testimony.

14 Therefore put into your hearts not to premeditate to make a defense.

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all the *ones* opposing you will not be able to speak against nor withstand.

16 But you will be given over also by parents, and brothers, and relatives, and friends. And they will put *some* of you to death.

17 And you will be *as ones* being hated by all because of My name.

18 And a hair from your head shall not perish, not *ever!*

19 In your patience you will gain your souls.

20 ¶ And when you see Jerusalem being encircled by army camps, then recognize that its destruction has come near.

21 Then let the *ones* in Judea flee into the mountains; and the *ones* in its midst of her, let them go out. And the *ones* in the outer spaces, let them not go into her.

22 For these are days of vengeance *when* all things that have been written are to be fulfilled.

23 But woe to the *ones* having a *babe* in womb, and the ones suckling in those days; for great distress will be on the earth and wrath on this people.

24 And they will fall by *the* mouth of *the* sword and will be led captive into all the nations. And Jerusalem will be trodden down by nations, until *the* times of *the* nations are fulfilled.

25 And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars. And on the earth *will be* anxiety of nations in perplexity, roaring of sea and of billows,

26 men fainting from fear, and expectation of the things coming on the earth. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. *Dan. 7:13*

28 But these things beginning to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.

29 ¶ And He spoke a parable to them: You see the fig tree and all the trees.

30 Now when they sprout leaves, seeing *it*, you will know from yourselves that now the summer is near.

31 So also when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 Truly I say to you, No, not will this generation pass away until all *these* things shall occur.

33 The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away, not *ever!*

34 But take heed to yourselves that your hearts not be loaded down with headaches, and drinking, and anxieties of life, and that day come suddenly upon you.

35 For as a snare it will come in on all the *ones* sitting on *the* face of all the earth. *Isa. 24:17*

36 Therefore keep awake in every time, praying that you be counted worthy to escape all these things, the things being about to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.

37 And *in* the days, He was teaching in the temple. And going out *in* the nights, He lodged in the mountain, the *one* being called *Mount* of Olives.

38 And all the people came early to Him in the temple, to hear Him.

Luke 22

1 The Jews conspire against Christ. 7 The apostles prepare the passover. 19 Christ institutes His holy supper. 39 He prays in the mount, and sweats blood, 47 is betrayed with a kiss: 50 He heals Malchus' ear, 54 Peter denies Christ thrice.

1 ¶ And the Feast of Unleavened *Bread* drew near, being called Passover.

2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how *they* might kill Him; for they feared the people.

3 And Satan entered into Judas, the *one* being called Iscariot, being of the number of the Twelve.

4 And going, he talked with the chief priests and the commanders *as to* how he might give Him over to them.

5 And they exulted, and they fully agreed to give him silver.

6 And he fully agreed and sought opportunity to give Him over to them, away from *the* crowd.

7 ¶ And the day of the Unleavened *Bread* came, on which the Passover must be killed.

8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, Having gone, prepare for us the Passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said to Him, Where do You desire that we prepare?

10 And He said to them, Behold, you going into the city, you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house where he goes in.

11 And you will say to the housemaster of the house, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?

12 And that one will show you a large upper room *which* has been spread. Prepare there.

13 And having gone, they found as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

14 And when the hour came, He reclined, and the twelve apostles with Him.

15 And He said to them, With desire I desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer..

16 For I say to you that no more, I will not eat of it until when it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God, not ever!

17 And having received a cup, having given thanks, He said, Take this and divide *it* among yourselves.

18 For I say to you that I will not drink from the produce of the vine until the kingdom of God comes, not ever!

19 And having taken a loaf, having given thanks, He broke, and gave to them, saying, This is My body being given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

20 And in like manner the cup, after having supped, saying, This cup *is* the New

Covenant in My blood, which is being poured out for you.

21 ¶ But, behold, the hand of the *one* giving Me over on the table with Me!

22 And, indeed, the Son of Man goes according as was determined, but woe to that man by whom He is given over!

23 And they began to discuss with themselves who then it may be of them, the *one* being about to do this.

24 And there came to be also a dispute among them, who of them should be accounted to be greater.

25 And He said to them, The kings of the nations lord it over them, and those exercising authority over them are called benefactors.

26 But you *be* not so, but the greater among you, let him be as the younger *one*; and the *one* governing as the *one* serving.

27 For who *is* greater, the *one* reclining, or the *one* serving? *Is it* not the *one* reclining? But I am in your midst as *One* serving.

28 But you are the *ones* having continued with Me in My trials

29 And I appoint to you, even as My Father appointed to Me, a kingdom,

30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked for you, to sift *you* as wheat;

32 but I prayed for you, that your faith not fail. And you, when turning back, make firm your brothers.

33 And he said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go both to prison and to death with You.

34 But He said, I say to you, Peter, A cock not will sound today, not before that you will deny knowing Me three times.

35 And He said to them, When I sent you without a money-bag, and a wallet, and sandals, did you lack anything? And they said, Nothing.

36 Then He said to them, But now, the *one* having a money bag, let him take *it*; likewise also a wallet. And he not having, let him sell his garment, and let him buy a sword.

37 For I say to you that this that has been written must yet be fulfilled in Me: "And He was numbered with the lawless." *Isa. 53:12* For the thing concerning Me also has an end.

38 And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And He said to them, It is enough.

39 ¶ And going out, He went, according to *His* custom, to the Mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him.

40 And having come on the place, He said to them, Pray *that you do* not enter into temptation.

41 And He was withdrawn from them, about a stone's throw. And having placed the knees, He prayed,

42 saying, Father, if You purpose *it*, take away this cup from Me; but let not be My will, but Yours be done.

43 And an angel from Heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

44 And coming to be in agony, He prayed more intently. And His sweat came to be as drops of blood falling down onto the earth.

45 And rising up from the prayer, coming to His disciples, He found them sleeping from grief.

46 And *He* said to them, Why do you sleep? Rising up, pray, that you do not enter into temptation.

47 ¶ And *as* He was yet speaking, behold, a crowd! And the *one* called Judas, one of the Twelve, came in front of them and drew near to Jesus in order to kiss Him.

48. But Jesus said to him, do you give over the Son of Man with a kiss?

49 And those around Him seeing that about to occur, said to Him, Lord, shall we strike with the sword?

50 And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 And answering, Jesus said, Allow *it* until this. And touching his ear, He healed him.

52 And Jesus said to those coming upon Him, chief priests, and commanders of the temple, and elders, As against a plunderer have you come out with swords and clubs?

53 According to a day, *I* being with you in the temple, you did not stretch forth your

hands on Me. But this is your hour and the authority of the darkness.

54 ¶ And having seized Him, they led Him away and brought Him into the house of the high priest. And Peter followed at a distance.

55 And lighting a fire in the midst of the courtyard, and they sitting down together, Peter sat in the midst of them.

56 And a certain female slave seeing him sitting near the light, and gazing at him, she said, And this one was with Him.

57 But he denied Him, saying, Woman, I do not know Him.

58 Also after a short while, another seeing him said, You also are of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about an hour intervening, a certain other one firmly declared,

60 saying, On truth this one also was with Him, for he also is a Galilean.

60 And Peter said, Man, I do not know what you say. And immediately, while he yet spoke, the cock sounded.

61 And turning, the Lord looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He told him, Before a cock would crow, you will deny Me three times.

62 And going outside, Peter wept bitterly.

63 ¶ And the men having Jesus in charge mocked Him, beating Him.

64 And covering over Him, they were striking His face and questioning Him, saying, Prophesy, who is the one striking You?

65 And many other things, blaspheming, they said to Him.

66 And as it came to be day, the body of elders of the people, both the chief priests and scribes, was assembled, and led Him away into their sanhedrin, saying,

67 If you are the Christ, tell us. And He said to them, Not if I tell you, you will not believe.

68 And also if I ask, you will not answer Me, nor release Me.

69 From now the Son of Man will be sitting at the right of the power of God. *Psa. 110:1*

70 And they all said, Are You, then, the Son of God? And He said to them, You say it, because I AM!

71 And they said, Why do we yet have need of witness? For we ourselves heard it from His mouth.

Luke 23

1 Jesus is accused before Pilate, and sent to Herod.

8 Herod mocks him. 13 Barabbas is desired of the people, and is freed by Pilate, and Jesus is given to be crucified. 34 He prays for his enemies. 46 His death. 50 His burial.

1 ¶ And rising up, all the multitude of them led Him to Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, we found this man perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying Himself to be Christ, a king.

3 And Pilate questioned Him, saying, Are You the king of the Jews? And He answering him, said, You say it.

4 And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, I find no cause of death in this Man.

5 But they insisted, saying, He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to here.

6 And Pilate, hearing Galilee, asked if the man is a Galilean.

7 And knowing that He is from Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him up to Herod, He also being in Jerusalem in these days.

8 And Herod, seeing Jesus, greatly rejoiced, for he was wanting to see Him for a considerable time, because he wished to hear many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miraculous sign being done by Him.

9 And he questioned Him in many words. But He answered him not a thing.

10 And the chief priests and the scribes stood vehemently accusing Him.

11 And Herod having despised Him with his soldiery, and having mocked Him by putting around Him luxurious clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate.

12 And on that same day, both Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for they before were at enmity between themselves.

13 ¶ And Pilate, having called together the chief priests and the leaders and the people,

14 said to them, You brought this Man to me as perverting the people. And, behold, examining Him before you, I found no cause of death in this Man regarding that which you bring charge against Him.

15 But neither did Herod, for I sent you up to him; and, behold, nothing worthy of death is done by Him.

16 Then scourging Him, I will release Him.

17 And he had to release to them one at the Feast.

18 And they all together cried out, saying, Take this One, and release to us Barabbas

19 (who was, due to some insurrection occurring in the city, and murder, thrown into prison.)

20 Therefore Pilate again called to them, desiring to release Jesus.

21 But they shouted, saying, Crucify! Crucify Him!

22 And a third time he said to them, For what evil thing did this man do? I found nothing as cause of death in Him; therefore scourging Him, I will release Him.

23 But with loud voices they were urgent, asking for Him to be crucified. And their voices, and that of the chief priests, prevailed.

24 And Pilate adjudged their request to be done.

25 And he released to them the one having been thrown into prison due to revolt and murder, for whom they asked. But he gave over Jesus to their will.

26 ¶ And as they led Him away, having laid hold on Simon, a certain Cyrenian, coming from a field, they put the cross on him, to bear it behind Jesus.

27 And a great multitude of people were following Him, and of women who also were bewailing and lamenting Him.

28 And turning to them, Jesus said, Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep over Me, but weep over yourselves and over your children.

29 For behold, days will come in which they will say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that did not bear, and breasts that did not give suck.

30 "Then they will begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us! And to the hills, Cover us!" Hosea 10:8

31 For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry tree?

32 ¶ And also others, two criminals, were led with Him to be put to death.

33 And when they came on the place being called Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one at the right, and one at the left.

34 And Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. And dividing His garments, they cast a lot. Psa. 22:18

35 And the people stood watching. And the rulers with them also scoffed, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if this One is the Christ, the Elect of God.

36 And coming near, the soldiers also mocked Him and were offering vinegar to Him,

37 and saying, If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself.

38 And also an inscription was written over Him, in letters, Greek and Latin and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 And one of the hanged criminals blasphemed Him, saying, If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.

40 But answering, the other rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, for you are in the same judgment?

41 And we indeed justly, for we receive things worthy of what we did. But this One did nothing amiss.

42 And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when You come in Your kingdom.

43 And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you will be with Me in Paradise.

44 ¶ And it was about the sixth hour, and darkness came to be over all the land until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn apart in the middle.

46 And crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, Father, "into Your hands I commit My spirit." And saying this, He expired. Psa. 31:5

47 And the centurion, seeing the thing happening, glorified God, saying, Truly, this Man was righteous.

48 And all the crowd arriving together at this sight, watching the things happening, beating their breasts, they returned.

49 And all those known to Him stood at a distance, and *the* women, the *ones* having accompanied Him from Galilee, *were* seeing these things.

50 ¶ And, behold, a man, Joseph by name, being a councillor, a good and righteous man.

51 This one was not assenting to their counsel and action (*he was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews), and who also himself was eagerly expecting the kingdom of God,

52 this *one*, coming near to Pilate, asked *for* the body of Jesus.

53 And taking it down, he wrapped it in linen, and placed it in a tomb hewn in stone, where no one was ever yet laid.

54 And it was Preparation Day, and a sabbath was coming on.

55 And having followed, also *the* women who were accompanying Him out of Galilee, watched the tomb, and how His body was placed.

56 And returning, *they* prepared spices and ointments. And indeed they rested *on* the sabbath, according to the commandment.

Luke 24

1 Christ's resurrection is declared by two angels.

13 He himself appears to the two disciples that went to Emmaus: 36 he appears to the apostles, and reproves their unbelief: 49 promises the Holy Spirit: 51 and so ascends into heaven.

1 ¶ And the first of the sabbaths, *at* early dawn, they came on the tomb, carrying spices which they prepared; and some were with them.

2 And they found the stone having been rolled away from the tomb.

3 And going in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it happened, as they were perplexed about this, even behold, two men in shining clothing stood by them.

5 And they, becoming terrified, and bowing *the* face to the earth, they said to them, Why do you seek the living 'One with the dead?

6 He is not here, but was raised. Remember how He spoke to you, yet being in Galilee,

7 saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into *the* hands of sinful men, and to be crucified, and the third day to rise again.

8 And they remembered His words.

9 And returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven, and to all the rest.

10 And they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *mother* of James, and the rest with them, who told these things to the apostles.

11 And their words seemed like nonsense before them, and they did not believe them.

12 But Peter, rising up, ran to the tomb, and bending down he *saw* the linen lying alone. And *he* went away wondering to himself *at what* had happened.

13 ¶ And, behold, two of them were going on the same day to a village being sixty stadia distant from Jerusalem, which was named Emmaus.

14 And they talked to each other about all these things taking place.

15 And it happened, in the *need of* them to converse and to discuss, Jesus Himself, coming near, also traveled with them.

16 But their eyes were held *so as* not to recognize Him.

17 And He said to them, What words *are* these which you exchange with each other *while* walking, and are sad of face?

18 And answering, one of them whose name was Cleopas, said to Him, Are You alone sojourning in Jerusalem, and do not know the things happening in it in these days?

19 And He said to them, What things? And they said to Him, The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people;

20 and how the chief priests and our rulers gave Him over to *the* judgment of death, and crucified Him.

21 But we were hoping that He is the *One* going to redeem Israel. But yet with all these *things*, this third day comes today since these things happened.

22 But also some of our women astounded us, having been early at the tomb,

23 and not finding His body, *they* came saying also to have seen a vision of angels, who were saying Him to live.

24 And some of those with us went to the tomb, and found *it* so, even as the women also said; but they did not see Him.

25 And He said to them, O foolish *ones*, and slow of heart to believe on all things which the prophets spoke!

26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into His glory?

27 And beginning from Moses, and from all the prophets, He explained to them, in all the Scriptures, the things about Himself.

28 And they drew near to the village where they were going, and He seemed to be going further.

29 And they constrained Him, saying, Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and the day has declined. And He went in to stay with them.

30 And it happened *as* He reclined with them, having taken the bread, He blessed, and having broken He gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him. And He became invisible from them.

32 And they said to one another, Was not our heart burning within us as He spoke to us in the way, and as He opened up to us the Scriptures?

33 And rising up in the same hour, they went back to Jerusalem, and found, having been gathered together, the Eleven, and those with them,

34 saying, The Lord really was raised and appeared to Simon.

35 And they related the things in the way, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the loaf.

36 ¶ And as they were saying these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, Peace to you!

37 But being terrified, and being filled with fear, they thought they beheld a spirit.

38 And He said to them, Why are you troubled? And why do reasonings come up in your hearts.

39 See My hands and My feet, that I am *Myself*? Feel Me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see Me having.

40 And saying this, He showed them *His* hands and feet.

41 But yet they not believing from the joy, and marveling, He said to them, Have you *anything* edible here?

42 And they gave a part of a broiled fish to Him, and from a honeycomb.

43 And taking, He ate before them.

44 And He said to them, These *are* the words which I spoke to you yet being with you, that all the things must be fulfilled having been written in the Law of Moses, and *the* Prophets, and *the* Psalms, concerning Me.

45 Then He opened up their mind to understand the Scriptures,

46 and said to them, Thus it is written, and so the Christ must suffer, and to rise from *the* dead the third day. *No OT passage*

47 And repentance and remission of sins *must* be preached on His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send forth the promise of My Father on you. But you sit in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from the height.

50 ¶ And He led them out as far as to Bethany. And lifting up His hands, He blessed them.

51 And it happened in *the way for* Him to bless them, He was parted from them and was carried into Heaven.

52 And they, worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

53 and were through all in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel According to the Apostle JOHN

John 1

1 The divinity, humanity, and office of Jesus Christ.

15 The testimony of John.

1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men;

5 ¶ and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

6 There was a man having been sent from God; his name was John.

7 He came for a witness, that he might witness concerning the Light, that all might believe through Him.

8 That man was not the Light, but that he might witness concerning the Light;

9 He was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave authority to become children of God, to the ones believing into His name,

13 who were generated not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but were generated of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, glory as of an only begotten One from the Father, full of grace and of truth.

15 ¶ John witnesses about Him, and has cried out, saying, This One was He of whom I said, The One coming after me has been before me, for He was first of me.

16 And out of His fullness we all received, and grace for grace.

17 For the Law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, the One being into the bosom of the Father, that One declared Him.

19 ¶ And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem that they might ask him, Who are you?

20 And he confessed and did not deny; and he confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What, then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then they said to him, Who are you, that we may give an answer to the ones sending us? What do you say about yourself?

23 He said, "I am a voice crying in the wilderness;" "Make straight" "the way of the Lord," as Isaiah the prophet said. *Isa. 40:3*

24 And the ones having been sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him and said to him, Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize in water, but One has stood in your midst whom you do not know;

27 He it is the One coming after me, who come to be before me, of whom I am not worthy that I should loose the thong of His sandal.

28 These things took place in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 ¶ On the next day, John sees Jesus coming toward him and said, Behold! The Lamb of God, the One taking away the sin of the world!

30 It is He about whom I said, After me comes a Man who has come to be before me, for He was first of me.

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31 And I did not know Him; but that He might be revealed to Israel; on account of this I came baptizing in water.

32 And John witnessed, saying, I have seen the Spirit coming down as a dove out of Heaven, and He abode on Him.

33 And I did not know Him, but the *One* having sent me to baptize in water, that *One* said to me, On whomever you see the Spirit coming down and abiding on Him, this is the *One* baptizing in the Holy Spirit.

34 And I have seen and have witnessed that this *One* is the Son of God.

35 Again *on* the next day, John and two from his disciples stood.

36 And looking at Jesus walking, he says, Behold, the Lamb of God!

37 ¶ And the two disciples heard him speaking, and they followed Jesus.

38 But turning having seen them following, Jesus said to them, What do you seek? And they said to Him, Rabbi (which being translated is called Teacher), where do You stay?

39 He said to them, Come and see. They came and saw where He stays, and *they* stayed with Him that day. And *the* hour was about the tenth.

40 Andrew the brother of Simon Peter was one of the two, the *ones* hearing from John, and following Him.

41 This *one* first finds *his* own brother Simon and says to him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being translated, the Christ).

42 And he led him to Jesus. And looking at him, Jesus said, You are Simon the son of Jonah; you shall be called Cephas (which is translated Peter).

43 ¶ *On* the next day, Jesus desired to go out into Galilee. And He finds Philip, and says to him, Follow Me!

44 And Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and of Peter.

45 Philip finds Nathanael and said to him, We have found the *One* of whom Moses wrote in the Law and the Prophets, Jesus the son of Joseph, the *One* from Nazareth.

46 And Nathanael said to him, Can any good thing be out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and says concerning him, Behold, truly an Israelite in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael said to Him, From where do You know me? Jesus answered and said to him, Before Philip called, you being under the fig tree, I saw you.

49 Nathanael answered and says to Him, Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said to him, Because I said to you I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater *things* than these.

51 And He says to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, From now on you will see Heaven opened, and “the angels of God ascending and descending” on the Son of Man. *Gen. 28:12*

John 2

1 Christ turns water to wine, 12 departs to Capernaum, and to Jerusalem. 19 He foretells his death and resurrection.

1 ¶ And the third day a marriage took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 And Jesus and His disciples also were invited to the marriage.

3 And *they* lacking wine, the mother of Jesus says to Him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus says to her, What is that to Me and to you, woman? My hour has not yet come.

5 His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do.

6 And there were six waterpots of stone lying, according to the purification of the Jews, each containing two or three measures.

7 Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them to *the* top.

8 And He says to them, Now draw out and carry to the master of the feast. And they carried it.

9 But when the master of the feast tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know from where it was (but the servants drawing the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 and *he* says to him, Every man first sets on the good wine, and when they have drunk freely, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of the *miraculous* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and revealed His glory, and His disciples believed into Him.

12 ¶ After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples. And He remained there not many days.

13 And the Passover of the Jews was near. And Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found those selling oxen and sheep and doves in the temple, and the money changers sitting.

15 And having made a whip out of ropes, He threw all out of the temple, both the sheep, and the oxen, and the money changers, poured out the coin and overturned the tables.

16 And to the ones selling the doves, He said, Take these things from here! Not do make My Father's house a market-house.

17 And His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house has consumed Me." *Psa. 69:9*

18 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, What sign do You show to us, since these things You do?

19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then the Jews said, This temple was forty-six years being built, and do You raise it up in three days?

21 But He spoke about the temple of His body.

22 Then when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this to them. And they believed the Scripture, even the Word that Jesus said.

23 ¶ And as He was in Jerusalem, at the Passover, at the Feast, many believed into His name, seeing the signs which He did.

24 But Jesus Himself did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all,

25 and because He had no need that anyone should witness concerning man, for He knew what was in man.

John 3

1 Christ teaches Nicodemus the necessity of regeneration. 14 Of faith in His death.

1 ¶ But there was a man from the Pharisees, Nicodemus his name, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This one came to Jesus by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that You have come *as* a teacher from God. For no one is able to do these *miraculous* signs which You do, except God be with Him.

3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, If one is not generated from above, he is not able to see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus said to Him, How is a man able to be generated, being old? He is not able to enter into his mother's womb a second *time* and be generated.

5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, If one is not generated out of water and Spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God.

6 The *thing* having been generated out of the flesh is flesh, and that having been generated out of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not wonder because I said to you, You must be generated from above.

8 The Spirit breathes where He desires, and you hear His voice; but you do not know from where He comes, and where He goes; so is everyone having been generated from the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How are these things able to occur?

10 Jesus answered and said to him, You are the teacher of Israel, and you do not know these things?

11 Truly, truly, I say to you, That what we know, we speak; and that which we have seen, we testify. And you do not receive our witness.

12 If I tell you earthly things, and you do not believe, how will you believe if I told you heavenly things?

13 And no one has gone up into Heaven, except He having come down out of Heaven, the Son of Man who is in Heaven.

14 And even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that everyone believing into Him should not perish, but may have everlasting life.

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone believing into Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world that He might judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 The *one* believing into Him is not condemned; but the *one* not believing has already been condemned, for he has not believed into the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness more than the Light, for their works were evil.

20 For everyone practicing wickedness hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, that his works may not be exposed.

21 But the *one* doing the truth comes to the Light, that his works may be revealed, that they are being worked in God.

22 ¶ After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea. And He stayed there with them and was baptizing.

23 And John was also baptizing in Aenon, near Salim, for many waters were there. And they were coming and were being baptized.

24 For John had not yet been thrown into the prison.

25 Then a questioning from John's disciples arose with the Jews about purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, Teacher, *He* who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have witnessed, behold, this *One* baptizes, and all are coming to Him.

27 John answered and said, A man is able to receive nothing if it is not given to him from Heaven.

28 You yourselves witness to me that I said, I am not the Christ, but that having been sent, I am before that One.

29 The *one* having the bride is *the* bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, standing and hearing him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. Then this my joy has been fulfilled.

30 That One must increase, but me to decrease.

31 The *One* coming from above is above all. The *one* being of the earth is of the earth, and speaks of the earth. The *One* coming out of Heaven is above all.

32 And what He has seen and heard, this He testifies, and no one receives His testimony.

33 The *one* receiving His testimony has sealed that God is true.

34 For *the One* whom God sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

36 The *one* believing into the Son has everlasting life; but the *one* disobeying the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 4

1 Christ talks with a woman of Samaria, and reveals Himself to her. 27 His disciples marvel.

39 Many Samaritans believe in Him. 43 He heals the ruler's son.

1 ¶ Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees heard that Jesus is making more disciples and baptizing *more* than John 2 (though truly Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

3 He left Judea and went away into Galilee again.

4 ¶ And it was needful for Him to pass through Samaria.

5 And He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the piece of land which Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 And Jacob's well was there. Then being wearied by the journey, Jesus sat thus on the well. *The* hour was about *the* sixth.

7 A woman comes out of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give Me to drink.

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city that they might buy foods.

9 Then woman said to Him the woman, the Samaritan, *How is it that* You, being a Jew, ask to drink from me, *I* being a Samaritan woman? For Jews do not use *things* together with Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who is the *One* saying to you, Give Me to drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.

11 The woman said to Him, Sir, You have no thing to draw with. From where, then, do You have living water?

12 Not You are greater *than* our father, Jacob, who gave us the well, and he drank out of it, and his sons and his livestock *also*?

13 Jesus answered and said to her, Everyone drinking of this water will thirst again;

14 but whoever may drink of the water which I will give him will not thirst, not *ever*! But the water which I will give to him will become a fountain of water in him, springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.

16 Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband and come here.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, Well did you say, I have no husband.

18 For you have had five husbands, and now *he* whom you have is not your husband. This *thing* truly you have said.

19 The woman said to Him, Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.

21 Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, because salvation is of the Jews.

23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such, the *ones* worshiping Him.

24 God *is* spirit, and the *ones* worshiping Him must worship in spirit and truth.

25 The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, the *One* being called Christ. When that One comes, He will announce to us all things.

26 Jesus said to her, I AM! the *One* speaking to you.

27 ¶ And upon this, His disciples came and marveled that He was speaking with a woman. However, no one said, What do You seek? Or, Why do You speak with her?

28 Then the woman left her waterpot and went away into the city and says to the men,

29 Come, see a Man who told me all things, as many as I did. Is not this the Christ?

30 Therefore they went out from the city and were coming to Him.

31 But in the meantime the disciples were as King Him, saying, Rabbi, eat.

32 But He said to them, I have food to eat which you do not know.

33 Then the disciples said to one another, Not did someone bring Him *food* to eat?

34 Jesus said to them, My food is that I should do the will of *Him* having sent Me, and *that* I may finish His work.

35 Do you not say, It is yet four months and the harvest comes? Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes and behold the fields, for they are already white to harvest.

36 And the *one* reaping receives wages, and gathers fruit to everlasting life, so that both the *one* sowing and the *one* reaping may rejoice together.

37 For in this the word is true, that another *is* the *one* sowing, and another the *one* reaping.

38 I sent you to reap what you have not labored over. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.

39 And many of the Samaritans out of that city believed into Him, because of the word of the woman testifying, He told me all things, as many as I did.

40 Then as the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to remain with them. And He remained there two days.

41 And many more believed through His Word.

42 And they were saying to the woman, We no longer believe because of your speech; for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this One is truly the Savior of the world, the Christ.

43 ¶ But after the two days, He went out from there, and *He* went into Galilee.

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in *his* own fatherland.

45 Then when He came into Galilee, the Galileans received Him, seeing all things which He did in Jerusalem at the Feast. For they also went to the Feast.

46 Then Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He made the water wine. And

there was a certain royal *nobleman* whose son was sick in Capernaum.

47 This one, hearing that Jesus has come from Judea into Galilee, went out to Him and asked Him that He would come down and heal his son, for he was about to die.

48 Then Jesus said to him, Unless you see *miraculous* signs and wonders, you will not believe, not *ever*.

49 The royal *nobleman* said to Him, Sir, come down before my child dies.

50 Jesus said to him, Go! Your son lives. And the man believed the Word which Jesus said to him, and went away.

51 But already, as he was going down, his slaves met him and reported, saying, Your child lives.

52 He then asked from them the hour in which he had *become* better. And they said to him, Yesterday, *at the* seventh hour, the fever left him.

53 Then the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, Your son lives. And he himself, and his whole household, believed.

54 This, again, *is the* second *miraculous* sign Jesus did, coming from Judea into Galilee.

John 5

1 Jesus cures a man diseased thirty eight years on the sabbath. 10 The Jews persecute Him for it.

17 He answers for Himself by the testimony of His Father, 32 of John, 36 of His works, 39 of the scriptures, who He is.

1 ¶ After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 And in Jerusalem is a pool at the Sheep Gate, the *one* called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these was a great multitude of the *ones* being infirm lying, blind *ones*, lame *ones*, withered *ones*, awaiting the stirring of the water.

4 For an angel at a *certain* time descended in the pool and agitated the water. Therefore the *one* first entering after the agitation of the water became well, whatever disease he was held by.

5 But a certain man was there, having *been* in infirmity thirty-eight years.

6 Jesus, seeing this *one* lying, and knowing that he had already *spent* much time, *He* said to him, Do you desire to become well?

7 The *one* being infirm answered Him, Lord, I do not have a man, that when the water is agitated he may throw me into the pool; but while I am coming, another goes down before me.

8 Jesus said to him, Rise up, Take up your pallet and walk!

9 And instantly the man became well, and took up his pallet and walked. And it was a sabbath that day.

10 Therefore the Jews said to the *one* having been healed, It is sabbath. It is not lawful for you to lift up the pallet.

11 He answered them, The One making me well, that *One* said to me, Lift up your pallet and walk.

12 Then they asked him, Who is the man who told you, Lift up your pallet and walk?

13 But the *one* having been healed did not know who it is, for a crowd being in that place, Jesus had withdrawn.

14 After these things, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, Behold, you have become well, sin no more that a worse thing not happen to you.

15 The man went away and told the Jews that Jesus is the *One* making him well.

16 And because of this the Jews were persecuting Jesus and were seeking to kill Him, because He did these things on a sabbath.

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father works until now, and I work.

18 Because of this, therefore, the Jews were seeking the more to kill Him, for not only did He break the sabbath, but also called God His own Father, making Himself equal to God.

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son is not able to do anything from Himself, except what He may see the Father doing; for whatever that One does, these things also the Son does likewise.

20 For the Father loves the Son and shows to Him all things which He does. And He will show Him greater works than these in order that you may wonder.

21 For even as the Father raises the dead, and makes alive, so also the Son makes alive whom He wills.

22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,

23 so that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. The *one* not honoring the Son does not honor the Father who has sent Him.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, The *one* who hears My Word, and believing the *One* having sent Me, has everlasting life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

25 Truly, truly, I say to you that an hour is coming, and now is, when the dead ones will hear the voice of the Son of God, and the *ones* hearing will live.

26 For even as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave also to the Son to have life in Himself.

27 And He also gave authority to Him to execute judgment, for He is *the* Son of Man.

28 Marvel not *at* this, for an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice.

29 And will come out, the *ones* having done good *things*, into a resurrection of life; and the *ones* having practiced evil things into a resurrection of judgment.

30 I am not able to do *anything* of Myself, nothing! Just as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My will, but the will of the Father having sent Me.

31 ¶ If I witness about Myself, My witness is not true;

32 it is Another that witnesses about Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses about Me is true.

33 You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

34 But I do not receive witness from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

35 That one was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to exult in his light for an hour.

36 But I have the witness greater than the *one* of John, for the works which the Father has given Me, that I should finish them, the works which I do themselves, witness concerning Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 And the Father, the *One* having sent Me, has Himself borne witness about Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor have you seen His form.

38 And you do not have His Word abiding in you, for *the One* whom that One sent, this *One* you do not believe.

39 You search the Scriptures, for you think in them you have everlasting life. And they are the *ones* witnessing concerning Me.

40 And you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

41 I do not receive glory from men;

42 but I have known you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 I have come in the name of My Father, and you do not receive Me. If another comes in *his* own name, you will receive that one.

44 How are you able to believe, *you who* receive glory from one another, and the glory which *is* from the only God you do not seek?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is *one* accusing you, Moses, in whom you have hoped.

46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for that one wrote about Me.

47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?

John 6

1 Christ feeds five thousand men with five loaves and two fish. 16 Withdrawing Himself, He walked on the sea to His disciples: 32 declares Himself to be the bread of life to believers.

1 ¶ After these things, Jesus went away over the Sea of Galilee, the Tiberian Sea.

2 And a great crowd followed Him, for they saw His *miraculous* signs which He did on the *ones* being sick.

3 And Jesus went up into the mountain and sat there with His disciples.

4 And the Passover was near, the feast of the Jews.

5 Then Jesus lifting up *His* eyes and seeing that a great crowd is coming to Him, He said to Philip, From where may we buy bread that these may eat?

6 But He said this to test him, for He knew what He was about to do.

7 Philip answered Him, Bread for two hundred denarii are not enough for them, that each of them may receive a little.

8 One of His disciples said to Him, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter,

9 There is one little boy here who has five barley loaves and two small fish; but what are these among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men to recline. And much grass was in the place. Then the men reclined, the number was about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves of bread, and giving thanks distributed to the disciples, and the disciples likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

12 And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather up the fragments left over, that not anything be lost.

13 Then they gathered and filled twelve baskets of fragments from the five barley loaves of bread which were left over to the *ones* having eaten.

14 Then the men, seeing what *miraculous* sign Jesus did, said, This is truly the Prophet, the *One* coming into the world.

15 ¶ Therefore knowing that they were about to come and seize Him, that they might make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain Himself alone.

16 And when it became evening, His disciples went down on the sea.

17 And entering into the boat, they were going across the sea to Capernaum. And darkness had already occurred, and Jesus had not come to them.

18 And the sea was aroused by a great wind blowing.

19 Then having rowed about twenty five or thirty stadia, they saw Jesus walking on the sea, and becoming near the boat, they were afraid.

20 But He said to them, I AM! Do not fear.

21 Then they desired to take Him into the boat. And the boat was instantly at the land to which they were going.

22 ¶ The next day, the crowd, the *one* standing across the sea had seen that no other little boat was there except one, that one into which His disciples entered, and

that Jesus did not go in with His disciples into the small boat, but *that* the disciples went away alone.

23 But other small boats came from Tiberias near the place where they ate the bread, the Lord having given thanks.

24 Therefore, when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there nor His disciples, they themselves also stepped into the boats and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

25 And finding Him across the sea, they said to Him, Rabbi, when did you come here?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Truly, truly, I say to you, You seek Me not because you saw *miraculous* signs, but because you ate of the loaves of bread and were satisfied.

27 Do not work *for* the food, the *one* perishing, but for the food, the *one* enduring to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give to you; for God the Father sealed Him.

28 ¶ Then they said to Him, What may we do that we may work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe into *Him* whom that One sent.

30 Therefore they said to Him, Then what *miraculous* sign do You do that we may see and may believe You? What do You work?

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, even as it is written "He gave them bread out of the heaven to eat." *LXX-Psa. 77:24; MT-Psa. 78:24*

32 Then Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread out of the heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of Heaven.

33 For the bread of God is the *One* coming down out of the heaven and giving life to the world.

34 Then they said to Him, Lord, always give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of life; the *one* coming to Me will not hunger, not *ever*; and the *one* believing into Me will not thirst, not *ever*

36 But I said to you that you also have seen Me and do not believe.

37 All who the Father gives to Me shall come to Me, and the *one* coming to Me I will not cast out, not *ever*,

38 for I have come down out of Heaven, not that I should do My will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

39 And this is the will of the Father sending Me, that of all that He has given Me, I shall not lose *any* of it, but shall raise it up in the last day.

40 And this is the will of the *One* having sent Me, that everyone seeing the Son and believing into Him should have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 Therefore the Jews murmured about Him, because He said, I am the Bread coming down out of Heaven.

42 And they said, Is this not Jesus the son of Joseph, of whom we know the father and the mother? How, then, does this *One* now say, I have come down out of Heaven?

43 Therefore Jesus answered and said to them, Do not murmur with one another.

44 No one is able to come to Me if not the Father, the *One* having sent Me, draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day.

45 It is being written in the Prophets, They “shall” all “be taught of God.” Therefore every *one* hearing and having learned from the Father comes to Me; *Isa. 54:13*

46 not that anyone has seen the Father, except He being from God, this *One* has seen the Father.

47 Truly, truly, I say to you, The *one* believing into Me has everlasting life.

48 I am the Bread of life.

49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and died.

50 This is the Bread, the *One* coming down out of Heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.

51 I am the Living Bread, the *One* having come down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live to the age. And indeed the bread which I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 Therefore the Jews argued with one another, saying, How can this *One* give us *His* flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, If you do not eat the flesh of

the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves.

54 The *one* eating My flesh and drinking My blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For My flesh is truly food, and My blood is truly drink.

56 The *one* eating My flesh and drinking My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 Even as the living Father sent Me, and I live through the Father; also the *one* eating Me, even that one will live through Me.

58 This is the Bread which came down out of Heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna and died; the *one* partaking of this Bread will live to the age.

59 He said these things teaching in a synagogue in Capernaum.

60 ¶ Then many of His disciples having heard, *they* said, This Word is hard; who is able to hear it?

61 But knowing in Himself that His disciples were murmuring about this, He said to them, Does this cause you to stumble ?

62 Then *what* if you see the Son of Man going up where He was before?

63 It is the Spirit, the *One* making alive. The flesh does not profit, nothing! The words which I speak to you are spirit and are life.

64 But there are some of you who are not believing. For Jesus knew from *the* beginning who *they* are, the *ones* not believing, and who is the *one* giving Him over.

65 And He said, Because of this, I have told you that no one is able to come to Me if it is not given to him from My Father.

66 From this *time* many of His disciples went away into the things behind, and no longer walked with Him.

67 Therefore, Jesus said to the Twelve, Do you not also wish to go?

68 Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have *the* words of everlasting life.

69 And we have believed and have known that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jesus answered them, Did I not choose you, the Twelve? Yet one *of* you is a devil!

71 But He spoke *of* Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, for this *one* was going to give Him over, being one of the Twelve.

John 7

1 *Jesus reproves the ambition and boldness of His kinsmen: 14 teaches in the temple. 40 Differing opinions of Him among the people..*

1 ¶ And after these things Jesus was walking in Galilee; for He did not desire to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

2 And the Feast of the Jews, The *Feast of Tabernacles* was near.

3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, Depart from here and go to Judea, that Your disciples will also see Your works which You are doing,

4 for no one does anything in secret and himself seeks to be in openness. If You do these things, reveal Yourself to the world.

5 For not even His brothers believed into Him.

6 Therefore Jesus said to them, My time is not yet present, but your time is always ready.

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I witness about it, that its works are evil.

8 You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet been fulfilled.

9 And saying these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

10 But when His brothers went up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as in secret.

11 Then the Jews sought Him in the feast, and said, Where is that One?

12 And much murmuring about Him was in the crowds. Some indeed said, He is a good *One*; but others said, No, but He deceives the crowd.

13 However, no one freely spoke about Him, because of the fear of the Jews.

14 ¶ But the feast now being in the middle, Jesus went up to the temple and taught.

15 And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this One know letters, not having learned?

16 Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but of the *One* who sent Me.

17 If anyone desires to do His will, he will know concerning the doctrine, whether it is of God, or I speak from Myself.

18 The *one* speaking from himself seeks his own glory. But the *one* seeking the glory of the *One* who sent Him, this *One* is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.

19 Has not Moses given you the Law, and not one of you does the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?

20 The crowd answered and said, You have a demon. Who seeks to kill You?

21 Jesus answered and said to them, I did one work, and you all marvel.

22 Because of this Moses has given you circumcision; (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers); and *on* a sabbath, you circumcise a man.

23 If a man receives circumcision *on* a sabbath, that the Law of Moses is not broken, are you angry with Me because I made a whole man healthy on a sabbath?

24 Do not judge according to sight, but judge righteous judgment.

25 Therefore some of the Jerusalemites said, Is it not this *One* whom they are seeking to kill?

26 And, behold, He speaks freely, and they say nothing to Him. Perhaps the rulers truly knew that this is truly the Christ?

27 But we know this *One*, from where He is. But when the Christ comes, no one knows from where He is.

28 Therefore teaching, Jesus cried out in the temple, and saying, You both know Me, and you know from where I am. And I have not come from Myself, but He is true, the *One* having sent Me, whom you do not know.

29 But I know Him, because I am from Him; and that *one* sent Me.

30 Therefore they sought to seize Him; yet no one laid *a* hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

31 But many of the crowd believed into Him, and said, The Christ, when He comes will He do more *miraculous* signs than these which this One did?

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things about Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers, that they might seize Him.

33 Then Jesus said to them, Yet a little while I am with you, and I go to the *One* having sent Me.

34 You will seek Me, and you will not find Me; and where I am, you are not able to come.

35 Therefore the Jews said amongst themselves, Where is this *One* about to go that we will not find Him? Is He about to go to the Dispersion of the Greeks, and to teach the Greeks?

36 What is this word which He said, You will seek Me and will not find Me, and, Where I am, you are not able to come?

37 ¶ And in the last great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If any one thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 The *one* believing into Me, as the Scripture said, Out of his belly will flow rivers of living water. *See John 4:14*

39 But He said this about the Spirit, whom the *ones* believing into Him were about to receive; for *the* Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 Then hearing the Word, many of the crowd said, This is truly the Prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But others said, For the Christ does not come out of Galilee, *does He?*

42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? *Mic. 5:2*

43 Therefore a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

44 And some of them desired to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 ¶ Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And those *men* said to them, Why did you not bring Him?

46 The officers answered, Never did a man so speak as does this man.

47 Therefore the Pharisees answered them, Have you also been deceived?

48 Not any from the rulers or from the Pharisees believed into Him?

49 But this crowd, not knowing the Law, is cursed.

50 Nicodemus said to them, the *one* coming by night to Him, being one of them.

51 Our Law does not judge the man if not it hear from him first, and know what he does?

52 They answered and said to him, Are you also from Galilee? Search and see that a prophet has not been raised out of Galilee.

53 And they each one went to his house.

John 8

1 Christ receives the woman taken in adultery.

12 He speaks, saying, He is the Light of the world.

1 ¶ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 And at dawn, He again arrived into the temple; and all the people came to Him. And having sat down, He was teaching them.

3 And the scribes and the Pharisees bring to Him a woman having been taken in adultery. And standing her in *the* midst,

4 they said to Him, Teacher, this woman was taken in the very act, committing adultery.

5 And in the Law, Moses commanded that such should be stoned. You, therefore, what do You say?

6 But they said this, testing Him, that they may have *reason* to accuse Him. But bending down, Jesus was writing with the finger in the earth, not appearing to *hear*.

7 But as they continued questioning Him, bending back up, He said to them, The *one* among you without sin let him cast a stone at her first.

8 And bending down again, He wrote in the earth.

9 But they hearing, and being convicted by the conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the older *ones*, until the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in *the* midst.

10 And Jesus bending back up, and having seen no one but the woman, He said to her, Woman, where are those, the accusers of you? Did not one give judgment against you?

11 And she said, No one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, Neither do I give judgment against you. Go, and sin no more.

12 ¶ Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, I am the Light of the world. The *one* following Me will not walk in the darkness, not *ever*, but will have the light of life.

13 Therefore the Pharisees said to Him, You witness about Yourself; Your witness is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said to them, Even if I witness about Myself, My witness is true; for I know from where I came, and where I go. But you do not know from where I came, and where I go.

15 You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one.

16 But even if I judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I and *the* Father sending Me.

17 And in your Law it has been written that the witness of two men is true. *Deut. 19:15*

18 I am the One witnessing about Myself, and He sending Me, *the* Father, witnesses concerning Me.

19 Then they said to Him, Where is Your father? Jesus answered, You neither know Me, nor My Father. If you had known Me, then you also would have known My Father.

20 Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, teaching in the temple; and no one seized Him, for His hour had not yet come.

21 ¶ Then Jesus said to them again, I go, and you will seek Me. And you will die in your sin. Where I go, you are not able to come.

22 Therefore the Jews said, Will He not kill Himself, because He says, Where I go, you are not able to come?

23 And He said to them, You are from below; I am from above. You are from this world; I am not from this world.

24 Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins.

25 Then they said to Him, Who are You? And Jesus said to them, *At* the Beginning, what I also said to you.

26 I have many things to say and to judge concerning you; but the *One* sending Me is true, and what I heard from Him, these things I say to the world.

27 They did not know that He spoke to them *of* the Father.

28 Therefore Jesus said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM; and from Myself I do

nothing; but as My Father taught Me, these things I speak.

29 And the *One* having sent Me is with Me. The Father did not leave Me alone, for I do the things pleasing to Him always.

30 As He spoke these things, many believed into Him.

31 ¶ Then Jesus said to the Jews having believed into Him, If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples.

32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed, and we have been in slavery to no one, ever! How do You say, You will become free?

34 Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Everyone practicing sin is a slave of sin.

35 But the slave does not remain into the house to the age; the son remains to the age.

36 Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.

37 I know that you are Abraham's seed, but you seek to kill Me, because My Word is not given place in you.

38 ¶ I speak what I have seen with My Father. And you therefore do what you have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said to Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said to them, If you were children of Abraham, you would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has spoken the truth to you, which I heard alongside *of* God. Abraham did not do this.

41 You do the works of your father. Then they said to Him, We were not generated of fornication; we have one father, God.

42 Therefore Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I went forth and have come from God. For I have not come from Myself, but that One sent Me.

43 Why do you not know My speech? *It is* because you are not able to hear My Word.

44 You are of the devil as father, and the lusts of your father you desire to do. That one was a murderer from *the* beginning,

and he has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from *his own things*, because he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 ¶ Who of you reproves Me concerning sin? But if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 The *one* who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear, because you are not of God.

48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, Do we not say well that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?

49 Jesus answered, I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 But I do not seek My glory; *there is One* who seeks and judges.

51 ¶ Truly, truly, I say to you, If anyone keeps My Word, he will not see death, into the age, not *ever*!

52 Then the Jews said to Him, Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets, and You say, If anyone keeps My Word, he will not taste of death into the age, not *ever*!

53 Are You greater than our father Abraham who died? And the prophets died! Whom do You make Yourself?

54 Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, whom you say is your God.

55 And you have not known Him; but I know Him, And if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be like you, a liar. But I know Him, and I keep His Word.

56 Your father Abraham leaped for joy that he should see My day, and he saw and was glad.

57 Then the Jews said to Him, You do not yet have fifty years, and have You seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came to be, I AM!

59 Because of this, they picked up stones that they might throw *them* on Him. But Jesus was hidden, and went forth out of the temple, going through *the* midst of them, and so passed by.

John 9

1 *The man who was born blind is made to see.*

13 *The Pharisees excommunicate him: 35 But he is received by Jesus.*

1 ¶ And passing by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, Teacher, who sinned, this *one*, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither this *one* nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God might be revealed in him.

4 It is necessary *for* Me to work the works of the *One* having sent Me while it is day. Night comes when no one is able to work.

5 While I am in the world, I am *the* Light of the world.

6 Saying these things, He spat on the ground and made clay out of the spittle, and anointed clay on the eyes of the blind *one*.

7 And He said to him, Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which translated is Sent. Then he went and washed, and came seeing.

8 ¶ Therefore the neighbors and the *ones* formerly seeing him, that he was blind, said, Is this *one* not the *one* sitting and begging?

9 Others said, It is he; and others, He is like him. That one said, I am.

10 Therefore they said to him, How were your eyes opened?

11 That one answered and said, A man being called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and told me, Go to the pool of Siloam and wash. And having gone and having washed I saw anew.

12 Then they said to him, Where is that *One*? He said, I do not know.

13 ¶ They lead him to the Pharisees, the *one* once blind.

14 And it was a sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

15 Then also the Pharisees again asked him how he saw anew. And he said to them, He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because He does not keep the sabbath. Others said, How can a man, a sinful *man*, do such *miraculous*

signs? And there was a division among them.

17 They said to the blind *one* again, What do you say about Him, because He opened your eyes? And he said, He is a prophet.

18 Therefore the Jews did not believe about him, that he was blind and saw anew, until they called the parents of him, the *one* seeing anew.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, whom you say that he was born blind? Then how does he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind.

21 But how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age, ask him. He will speak about himself.

22 His parents said these things because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him *as* Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue.

23 Because of this, his parents said, He is of age, ask him.

24 Therefore a second time they called the man who was blind, and *they* said to him, Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.

25 Therefore he answered and said, Whether He is a sinner, I do not know. *One thing* I do know; that being blind, now I see.

26 And they said to him again, What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?

27 He answered them, I told you already, and you did not hear. Why do you want to hear again? Do you also want to become disciples of Him?

28 Then they reviled him and said, You are a disciple of that *One*, but we are disciples of Moses.

29 We know that God has spoken by Moses, but this *One*, we do not know from where He is.

30 The man answered and said to them, For this is a marvelous *thing*, that you do not know from where He is, and He opened my eyes.

31 But we know that God does not hear sinful *ones*, but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears that *one*.

32 From *the beginning* of the age it was never heard that anyone opened the eyes of *one* having been born blind.

33 If this *One* was not from God, He could not do *a thing*, nothing

34 They answered and said to him, You were born wholly in sins, and do you teach us? And they threw him out outside.

35 ¶ Jesus heard that they threw him out outside, and finding him, He said to him, Do you believe into the Son of God?

36 And he answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I may believe into Him?

37 And Jesus said to him, Even you have seen Him, and He speaking with you is that *One*.

38 And he said, I believe, Lord! And he worshiped Him.

39 ¶ And Jesus said, I came into this world for judgment, that the *ones* who do not see may see, and the *ones* seeing may become blind.

40 And *those* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, Are we also blind?

41 Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, We see; therefore, your sin remains.

John 10

1 Christ is the door, and the Good Shepherd.

30 He tells them that He and the Father are one.

1 ¶ Truly, truly, I say to you, The *one* not entering through the door into the sheepfold, but going up by another way, that *one* is a thief and a plunderer.

2 But the *one* entering through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To this *one* the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls *his* own sheep by name, and leads them out.

4 And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes on in front of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 But they will not follow a stranger, not *ever*! But *they* will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of a stranger.

6 Jesus spoke this allegory to them, but those *ones* did not know what it was which He spoke to them.

7 Then Jesus again said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you that I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before Me are thieves and plunderers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in, and will go out, and will find pasture.

10 The thief does not come except that he may steal, and kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life and may have *it* abundantly.

11 I am the Good Shepherd! The Good Shepherd lays down His life on behalf of the sheep.

12 But the hireling, not even being a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and forsakes the sheep and flees. And the wolf seizes them, and scatters the sheep.

13 But the hireling flees because he is a hireling, and there is not a care to him concerning the sheep.

14 I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those that *are* Mine, and I am known by the *ones that are* Mine.

15 Even as the Father knows Me, I also know the Father; and I lay down My life on behalf of the sheep.

16 And I have other sheep which are not of this fold. I must also lead those, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock, one Shepherd.

17 Because of this My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, that I may take it again.

18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This command I received from My Father.

19 ¶ Therefore a division occurred again among the Jews, because of these words.

20 And many of them said, He has a demon and is raving. Why do you listen to Him?

21 Others said, These are not words of one having been possessed by a demon. Is a demon able to open *the* eyes of blind *ones*?

22 ¶ And *the Feast* of Dedications occurred in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's Porch.

24 Then the Jews encircled Him, and said to Him, Until when do You lift up our soul? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and you did not believe. The works which I do in the name of My Father, these bear witness about Me.

26 But you do not believe, for you are not of My sheep, even as I said to you.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 And I give eternal life to them, and they shall not perish to the age, not *ever*! And not anyone shall snatch them out of My hand.

29 My Father who has given *them* to Me is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

30 I and the Father are One!

31 Then again the Jews took up stones, that they might stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, I showed you many good works from My Father. On account of which work of them do you stone Me?

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, We do not stone You concerning a good work, but concerning blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Has it not been written in your Law, "I said, you are gods"? *Psa. 82:6*

35 If He said those *to be* gods to whom the Word of God was, and the Scripture cannot be broken,

36 do you say *of Him* whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, You blaspheme, because I said, I am Son of God?

37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me.

38 But if I do, even if you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may perceive and may believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him.

39 ¶ Then again they sought to seize Him. And He went forth from their hand.

40 And He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John was at first baptizing and remained there.

41 And many came to Him and said, John indeed did no *miraculous* sign, but as many things as John said concerning this *One* were true.

42 And many believed into Him there.

John 11

*1 Christ raises Lazarus. 45 Many Jews believe.
49 Caiaphas prophesies.*

1 ¶ And there was a certain sick *one*, Lazarus from Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 And it was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 Then the sisters sent to Him, saying, Lord, behold, *the one* whom You love is sick.

4 And hearing, Jesus said, This is not sickness to death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God be glorified by it.

5 And Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 Therefore, when He heard that he is sick, then, indeed, He remained in the place where He was two days.

7 Then after this He said to the disciples, Let us go to Judea again.

8 The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, just now the Jews were seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble because he sees the light of this world.

10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles because the light is not in him.

11 He said these things. And after this, He said to them, Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going that I may awaken him.

12 Then His disciples said, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.

13 But Jesus had spoken about his death, but they thought that He spoke of the resting of sleep .

14 Therefore, then Jesus said to them plainly, Lazarus has died.

15 And I rejoice because of you, in order that you may believe, that I was not there. But let us go to him.

16 Then Thomas, the *one* having been called Twin, said to the fellow disciples, Let us also go, so that we may die with Him.

17 ¶ Therefore coming, Jesus found him already having *been* in the tomb four days.

18 And Bethany was near Jerusalem, *about* fifteen stadia from *it*.

19 And many of the Jews had come to the *ones* around Martha and Mary, that they might console them concerning their brother.

20 Then when Martha heard that Jesus is coming, she *went and* met Him; but Mary was sitting in the house.

21 Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You were here, my brother would not have died.

22 But even now I know that as many things

as You may ask God, God will give You.

23 Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again.

24 Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day.

25 Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life. The *one* believing into Me, though he die, he shall live.

26 And everyone living and believing into Me shall not die to the age, not *ever*! Do you believe this?

27 She said to Him, Yes, Lord, I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God who comes into the world.

28 And saying these things, she went away and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, The Teacher is here and calls you.

29 That *one*, when she heard, rose up quickly and came to Him.

30 And Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met Him.

31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, seeing that Mary quickly rose up and went out, *they* followed her, saying, She is going to the tomb so that she may weep there.

32 Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was, seeing Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You were here, my brother would not have died.

33 ¶ Therefore when He saw her weeping, and the Jews who came down with her weeping, Jesus groaned in the spirit and troubled Himself.

34 And *He* said, Where have you put him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Therefore the Jews said, See how He loved him!

37 But some of them said, Was He, the *One* opening the eyes of the blind *one*, not able to have caused that this one should not die?

38 Then groaning again within Himself, Jesus came to the tomb. And it was a cave, and a stone was lying on it.

39 Jesus says, Lift the stone. Martha, the sister of the *one* having died, said to Him, Lord, he already smells, for it is *the* fourth day.

40 Jesus said to her, Not did I say to you that if you would believe you will see the glory of God?

41 Then they lifted the stone where was lying the *one* having died. And Jesus lifted *His* eyes upward and said, Father, I thank You that You heard Me.

42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd standing around, I said *it*, that they might believe that You sent Me.

43 And saying these things, He cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus! Here! Outside!

44 And the *one* who had died came out, the feet and the hands having been bound with sheets, and his face being bound with a cloth. Jesus said to them, Loose him and allow *him* to go.

45 ¶ Therefore many of the Jews, the *ones* coming to Mary, and having seen what Jesus did, believed into Him.

46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled a sanhedrin, and said, What are we doing? For this man does many *miraculous* signs?

48 If we leave Him *alone* thus, all will believe into Him, and the Romans will come and will take away from us both our place and the nation.

49 But a certain *one* of them, Caiaphas being high priest of that year, said to them, You know nothing,

50 nor do you consider that it is profitable for us that one man should die for the people, and not all the nation should perish.

51 But he did not say this from himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was about to die on behalf of the nation,

52 and not only on behalf of the nation, but that He also might gather the children into one, the *ones* having been scattered.

53 Therefore from that day, they took counsel that they might kill Him.

54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked freely among the Jews, but went away from there into the country near *the* deserted *place*, into a city being called Ephraim, and stayed there with His disciples.

55 And the Passover of the Jews was near. And many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, that they might purify themselves.

56 Then they were seeking Jesus, and were speaking with one another, standing in the temple, What does it seem to you? That He does not come to the Feast, not *at all*?

57 And all the chief priests and the Pharisees had given command that if anyone knew where He is, he should inform so that they might seize Him.

John 12

1 Jesus excuses Mary's anointing His feet. 10 The high priests consult to kill Lazarus. 12 Christ rides triumphantly into Jerusalem.

1 ¶ Therefore six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, the *one* having died, whom He raised from *the* dead.

2 Then they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving. But Lazarus was one of the *ones* reclining with Him.

3 Then taking a pound of ointment of genuine, very costly spikenard, Mary anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped off His feet with her hair

. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

4 Then Simon's *son*, one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, the *one* going to give Him over, said,

5 Why was this ointment not sold *for* three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?

6 But he said this, not that he was caring for the poor *people*, but that he was a thief and held the money bag and carried away the things being put *in*.

7 Then Jesus said, Allow her, for she has kept it for the day of My burial.

8 For you always have the poor *people* with yourselves, but you do not always have Me.

9 Then a great crowd of the Jews knew that He is there. And they came, not because of Jesus only, but that they also might see Lazarus whom He raised from *the* dead.

10 But the chief priests took counsel that they might kill Lazarus also,

11 because through him many of the Jews went away and believed into Jesus.

12 ¶ On the next day a great crowd, the *one* coming to the Feast, hearing that Jesus is coming to Jerusalem,

13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to a meeting with Him, and *they* were crying out, Hosanna! "Being blessed is the *One* coming in the name of *the* Lord, the King of Israel!" *Psa. 118:26*

14 And having found a little ass *colt*, Jesus sat on it, even as it is written,

15 "Do not fear," "daughter of Zion. Behold, your King comes" "sitting on" "*the* colt of an ass." *Isa. 40:9; Zech. 9:9*

16 But His disciples did not know these things at the first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written on Him, and *that* they did these things to Him.

17 Therefore the crowd were testifying, the *ones* being with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him out of dead *ones*.

18 On account of this also the crowd met Him, because it heard Him to have done this *miraculous* sign..

19 Therefore the Pharisees said to themselves, You see that you profit nothing. Behold, the world *has* gone after Him.

20 ¶ And there were some Greeks among the *ones* going up, that they might worship at the Feast.

21 Then these *people* came to Philip, the *one* from Bethsaida of Galilee, and they asked him, saying, Sir, we desire to see Jesus.

22 Philip comes and says to Andrew, and again Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23 But Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, If the grain of wheat falling into the earth does not die,

it remains alone. But if it die, it bears much fruit.

25 The *one* loving his life will lose it, and the *one* hating his life in this world will keep it to everlasting life.

26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will also be. And if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

27 ¶ Now My soul is agitated, and what may I say? Father, save Me out of this hour? But on account of this I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came out of the heaven: I both glorified *it*, and I will glorify *it* again.

29 Therefore the crowd, the *one* standing and hearing, said thunder to have occurred. Others said, An angel has spoken to Him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice has not happened on account of Me, but on account of you.

31 Now is *the* judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself.

33 But He said this, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

34 The crowd answered Him, We heard out of the Law that the Christ remains unto the age. And how do You say it is necessary that the Son of Man be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?

35 Therefore Jesus said to them, Yet a little while the Light is with you. Walk while you have the Light, that darkness not overtake you. And the *one* walking in the darkness does not know where he is going.

36 While you have the Light, believe into the Light, that you may become sons of Light. Jesus spoke these things, and going away *He* was hidden from them.

37 ¶ But He having done so many *miraculous* signs before them, they did not believe into Him,

38 so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he said, "Lord, who believed our report? And the arm of the Lord, to whom was it revealed?" *Isa. 53:1*

39 Because of this they could not believe, because Isaiah said again,

40 "He has blinded their eyes" and "has hardened their heart," "that they might not

see with the eyes” and “understand with the heart,” “and turn back,” “and I should heal them.” *Isa. 6:10*

41 Isaiah said these things when he saw His glory, and spoke about Him.

42 ¶ Yet, however, even out of the rulers, many did believe into Him. But because of the Pharisees, they were not confessing, so that they not be put out of the synagogue.

43 For they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

44 ¶ But Jesus cried out and said, The *one* believing into Me does not believe into Me, but into the *One* having sent Me.

45 And the *one* seeing Me sees the *One* having sent Me.

46 I have come *as* a Light to the world, that every *one* who believes into Me may not remain in the darkness.

47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come that I might judge the world, but that I might save the world.

48 The *one* who rejects Me and does not receive My words has the *one* judging him: the Word which I spoke, that will judge him in the last Day.

49 For I did not speak from Myself, but He having sent Me, *the* Father, He has given Me command, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Then what things I speak, as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.

John 13

1 Jesus washes the disciples' feet. 18 He foretells that Judas should give Him over to the priests : 36 and forewarns Peter of his denial.

1 ¶ And before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should pass from this world to the Father, having loved *His* own in the world, He loved them to *the* end.

2 And supper having occurred, the devil already having put into the heart of Judas, *the son* of Simon Iscariot, that he should give Him over,

3 Jesus knowing that the Father has given all things into *His* hands, and that He came out from God, and He goes to God,

4 He rises up from the supper and lays aside *His* garments. And taking a towel, He girded Himself.

5 Then He put water into the basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe off with the towel with which He was girded.

6 He then comes to Simon Peter. And that one said to Him, Lord, do You wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said to him, What I am doing, you do not yet know. But you will know after these things.

8 Peter said to Him, You may not wash my feet unto the age, not *ever!* Jesus answered him, If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.

9 Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also the hands and the head.

10 Jesus said to him, The *one* having been bathed has no need *other* than to wash the feet, but is wholly clean. And you are clean, but not all *of you*.

11 For He knew the *one* giving Him over. On account of this He said, You are not all *of you* clean.

12 When, therefore, He washed their feet and took His garments, reclining again, He said to them, Do you know what I have done to you?

13 You call Me the Teacher, and, the Lord. And you say well, for I AM.

14 Therefore if I washed your feet, the Lord and the Teacher, you also ought to wash the feet of one another.

15 For I gave you an example, that as I did to you, you also should do.

16 Truly, truly, I say to you, A slave is not greater than his master, nor a messenger greater than the *one* having sent him.

17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

18 ¶ I do not speak concerning all of you; I know whom I chose out; but that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “The *one* eating the bread with Me lifted up his heel against Me.” *Psa. 41:9*

19 From now I tell you before *it* happens, that when it happens you may believe that I AM.

20 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone I may send, the *one* who receives *that one*

receives Me; and the *one* receiving Me receives the *One* having sent Me.

21 Saying these things, Jesus was agitated in spirit and testified and said, truly, truly, I tell you that one of you will give Me over.

22 Therefore the disciples looked upon one another, being perplexed of whom He spoke.

23 But there was one of His disciples reclining at the bosom of Jesus, whom Jesus loved.

24 Therefore Simon Peter nods to this *one* to ask whom it might be of whom He spoke.

25 And that one lying on the breast of Jesus said to Him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jesus answers, It is that one to whom I, having dipped the morsel, shall give *it*. And dipping the morsel, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon.

27 And after the morsel, then Satan entered into that one. Then Jesus says to him, What you do, do quickly.

28 But no one of the *ones* reclining knew this, for what He spoke to him;

29 for some thought, since Judas held the money bag, that Jesus was saying to him, Buy what things we have need *of* for the feast; or that he should give something to the poor *ones*.

30 Then, having received the morsel, he immediately went out. And it was night.

31 ¶ Then when he went out, Jesus said, Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him.

32 If God was glorified in Him, God also will glorify Him in Himself, and immediately will glorify Him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me; and, as I said to the Jews, Where I go, you are not able to come; I also say to you now.

34 I give a new commandment to you, that you should love one another; according as I loved you, you should also love one another.

35 By this all shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love among one another.

36 ¶ Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where do You go? Jesus answered him,

Where I go you are not able to follow Me now, but afterwards you shall follow Me.

37 Peter said to Him, Lord, why am I not able to follow You now? I will lay down my life for You!

38 Jesus answered him, Will you lay down your life for Me? Indeed, I tell you truly, not a cock will sound, until you deny Me three times, not *at all*.

John 14

I Christ comforts His disciples: 6 professes Himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and one with the Father: 16 promises the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, 27 and leaves His peace with them.

1 ¶ Do not let your heart be troubled; you believe into God, believe also into Me.

2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places. But if not *so*, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you!

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.

4 ¶ And where I go you know, and the way you know.

5 Thomas says to Him, Lord, we do not know where You go, and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus says to him, I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father if not through Me.

7 If you had known Me, you know My Father also; and from now on you do know Him, and have seen Him.

8 And Philip says to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.

9 Jesus says to him, Am I so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? The *one* having seen Me has seen the Father! And how do you say, Show us the Father?

10 Do you not believe that I *am* in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words which I speak to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father, the *One* abiding in Me, He does the works.

11 Believe Me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father *is* in Me; but if not, believe Me because of the works themselves.

12 ¶ Truly, truly, I say to you the *one* believing into Me, the works which I do, that

one shall do also, and greater than these he will do, because I am going to My Father.

13 And whatever you may ask in My Name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My Name, I will do *it*.

15 ¶ If you love Me, keep My commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, that He may remain with you to the age,

17 the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him; but you know Him, for He abides with you and shall be in you.

18 ¶ I will not leave you orphans; I am coming to you.

19 Yet a little *while* and the world no longer sees Me, but you see Me. Because I live, you also shall live.

20 In that day you shall know that I *am* in My Father, and you *are* in Me, and I *am* in you.

21 the *one* having My commandments and keeping them, that one is the *one* loving Me; and the *one* loving Me shall be loved by My Father, and I shall love him and will reveal Myself to him.

22 Judas says to Him, not the Iscariot, Lord, what has happened that You are about to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?

23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father shall love him. And We will come to him and will make an abode with him.

24 The *one* not loving Me does not keep My words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father, the *One* having sent Me.

25 ¶ I have spoken these things to you, abiding with you;

26 but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and shall remind you *of* all things that I said to you.

27 Peace I leave to you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives I give to you. Let not your heart be agitated, nor let *it* be fearful.

28 ¶ You heard that I said to you, I am going away, and I come *again* to you. If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced that I said I am going to the Father; for My Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before *it is* to happen, that when *it is* to happen you may believe.

30 I shall no longer speak many things with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, even as the Father commanded Me, so I do. Rise up, let us go from here.

John 15

1 The mutual love between Christ and His members, under the parable of the vine. 26 The office of the Holy Spirit, and of the apostles.

1 ¶ I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me not bearing fruit, He takes it away; and every *branch* bearing fruit, He prunes, so that it may bear more fruit.

3 You are already pruned because of the Word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch is not able to bear fruit of itself, if not it abide in the vine, so neither *can* you if not you abide in Me.

5 I am the Vine; you *are* the branches. The *one* abiding in Me, and I in him, this one bears much fruit, because without Me you are not able to produce, not one *thing*.

6 If not one abides in Me, he *is* cast out as the branch and is dried up; and they gather them, and they throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, whatever you desire you will ask, and it will be done to you.

8 In this My Father is glorified, that you should bear much fruit; and you will be disciples to Me.

9 ¶ As the Father loved Me, I also loved you; continue in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments you will continue in My love, as I have kept My Father's commandments and continue in His love.

11 I have spoken these things to you that My joy may abide in you, and your joy may be made full.

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I loved you.

13 Greater love *than* this has no one, that someone should lay down his soul for his friends.

14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

15 I no longer call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master does. But I called you friends, because all things which I heard from My Father I made known to you.

16 You have not chosen Me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and should bear fruit, and your fruit remain, that whatever you may ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

18 ¶ If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before you.

19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

20 Remember the Word which I said to you, A slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they also will persecute you. If they kept My Word, they also will keep yours.

21 But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know the *One* having sent Me.

22 If I had not come and had not spoken to them, they had no sin. But now they have no excuse as to their sin.

23 The *one* hating Me also hates My Father.

24 If I did not do the works among them which no other did, they had no sin. But now they both have seen and also have hated Me and My Father.

25 But that may be fulfilled the Word that has been written in their Law, "They hated Me undeservedly. *Psalms 69:4*

26 But when the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, that One will witness concerning Me.

27 And you also witness, because from *the* beginning you are with Me.

John 16

1 Christ comforts His disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit: 23 assures prayers made in His name to be acceptable to His Father.

1 ¶ I have spoken these things to you so that you may not be made to stumble

2 They will make you *to be* expelled from *the* synagogue, but an hour is coming that every *one* killing you will think to he offers a divine service before God.

3 And they will do these things to you because they do not know the Father nor Me.

4 But I have spoken these things to you so that when the hour comes you may recall them, that I told you. But I did not say these things to you from *the* beginning because I was with you.

5 But now I am going to the *One* having sent Me. And not one of you asks Me, Where are You going?

6 But because I have said these things to you, grief has filled your heart.

7 But I speak the truth to you, *it is* profitable *for* you that I should go; for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.

8 And having come, that *One* will convict the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment;

9 concerning sin, truly, because they do not believe into Me;

10 and concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you no longer see Me;

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 I have yet many things to tell you, but you are not able to bear *them* now.

13 But when that *One* comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you into all Truth, for He will not speak from Himself, but as many things as He hears, He will speak; and He will announce the coming things to you.

14 That *One* will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will announce to you.

15 All things, as many as the Father has are Mine. Because of this I said that He will take from Mine, and will announce to you.

16 ¶ A little *while* and you do not see Me. And again a little, and you will see Me, because I go away to the Father.

17 Then *some* of His disciples said to one another, What is this which He says to us, A little and you do not see me; and again, A little and you will see Me? And, Because I go away to the Father?

18 Therefore they said, What is this that He says, The little? Not we know what He says.

19 Therefore Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him. And *He* said to them, Are you inquiring with one another about this, because I said, A little *while*, and you do not see Me; and again a little and you will see Me?

20 Truly, truly, I say to you that you will weep and will lament, but the world will rejoice. And you will be grieved, but your grief will become joy.

21 The woman has grief when she bears, because her hour came, but when she bears the child, she no longer remembers the distress, because of the joy that a man was born into the world.

22 And you, therefore, truly have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy from you.

23 ¶ And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, As many things as you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give you.

24 Until now you asked nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be filled.

25 I have spoken these things to you in allegories. An hour comes when I will no longer speak to you in allegories, but concerning the Father I will plainly announce to you.

26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father about you;

27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 ¶ I came out from the Father and have come into the world; Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

29 His disciples said to Him, Behold, now You speak openly and You say not one allegory.

30 Now we know that You know all things and have no need that anyone ask You. By this we believe that You came out from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do you believe now?

32 Behold, an hour is coming, and now has come, that you will be scattered, each *one* to his own things, and you will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 I have spoken these things to you that you may have peace in Me. You have distress in the world; but have courage, I have overcome the world.

John 17

I Christ prays to his Father. 20 to give them glory, and all other believers with Him in heaven.

1 ¶ Jesus spoke these things and lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may also glorify You,

2 Even as You gave to Him authority *over* all flesh, so that to all which You gave to Him, He may give to them everlasting life.

3 And this is everlasting life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, *the One* whom You sent.

4 I have glorified You on the earth. finishing the work that You have given to Me, that I should do.

5 And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world *was* to be.

6 ¶ I revealed Your name to the men whom You have given to Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to Me; and they have kept Your Word.

7 Now they have known that all things, as many as You have given to Me, are from You.

8 For the words which You have given to Me, I have given to them. And they received and truly knew that I came out from beside You, and they believed that You sent Me.

9 I ask concerning them; I do not ask concerning the world, but concerning *the ones* whom You have given to Me, because they are Yours.

10 And all My things are Yours, and Yours *are* Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 ¶ And no longer am I in the world, yet these are in the world; and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the*

ones whom You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I was keeping them in Your name; I guarded the ones whom You have given to Me, and no one of them has been lost, if not the son of eternal destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now I am coming to You, and I speak these things in the world, that they may have My joy having been fulfilled in them.

14 I have given them Your Word, and the world hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 ¶ Sanctify them in Your Truth; Your Word is Truth.

18 As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world,

19 and I sanctify Myself on behalf of them, that they also may be sanctified in Truth.

20 ¶ And I do not ask concerning these only, but also concerning the ones who will believe into Me through their word;

21 that all may be one, as You are in Me, Father, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be one, as We are one:

23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected in one; and that the world may know that You sent Me and You loved them, just as You loved Me.

24 ¶ Father, I desire that the ones whom You have given Me, that where I am, those also may be with Me, that they may behold My glory which You gave Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 Righteous Father, indeed the world did not know You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

26 And I made known to them Your name, and will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

John 18

1 Judas gives Jesus over. 10 Peter smites off Malchus' ear. 15 Peter's denial. 28 The arraignment of Jesus before Pilate.

1 ¶ Having said these things, Jesus went out with His disciples across the torrent Kidron, where there was a garden into which He and His disciples entered.

2 And Judas, the one giving Him over, also knew the place, because Jesus many times assembled there with His disciples.

3 Therefore Judas, having taken the cohort and under-officers from among the chief priests and the Pharisees, comes there with lights and torches and weapons.

4 Therefore, knowing all the things coming upon Him, going forth, Jesus said to them, Whom do you seek?

5 They answered Him, Jesus the Nazarene. Jesus said to them, I AM! And Judas, the one giving Him over, also stood with them.

6 Therefore as He said to them, I AM, they went away into the rear and fell to the earth.

7 Therefore again He asked, Whom do you seek? And they said, Jesus the Nazarene.

8 Jesus answered, I told you that I AM; therefore if you seek Me, allow these to go,

9 (that the Word might be fulfilled which He said, "Of those whom You have given to Me, I lost not one of them, no one)."

10 Then having a sword, Simon Peter drew it and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. And there was a name to the slave, Malchus.

11 Therefore Jesus said to Peter, Put your sword into the sheath: the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it, not at all?

12 Then the cohort, even the chiliarch and the under-officers of the Jews together, seized Jesus and bound Him.

13 ¶ And they led Him away first to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest of that year.

14 And Caiaphas was the one who had given counsel to the Jews that it was profitable for one man to perish on behalf of the people.

15 And Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus, and that disciple was known to the high priest and entered together with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,

16 but Peter stood at the door outside. Therefore the other disciple who was known to the high priest went out and spoke to the portress, and brought Peter in.

17 Then the slave woman, the portress, said to Peter, Are you not also of the disciples of this man? That one said, I am not.

18 Now the slaves and the under-officers stood, and they were warming themselves, having made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and Peter was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and about His doctrine.

20 Jesus answered him, I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogue and in the temple where the Jews always come together, and I spoke nothing in secret.

21 Why do you question Me? Question the *ones* hearing what I spoke to them: behold, these know what I said!

22 But *on* His having said these things, one of the under-officers standing by gave Jesus a slap, saying, Do You answer the high priest thus?

23 Jesus answered him, If I spoke badly, bear witness about the bad *thing*; but if well, why do you smite Me?

24 Then having bound *Him*, Annas sent Him forth to Caiaphas the high priest.

25 And Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Therefore they said to him, Are you not also of His disciples? That one denied and said, I am not.

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative *of the one* whose ear Peter cut off, says, Did I not see you in the garden with Him?

27 Then again Peter denied, and immediately a cock sounded.

28 ¶ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the praetorium, and it was early. And they did not enter into the praetorium that they might not be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

29 Then Pilate went out to them and said, What accusation do you bring against this man?

30 They answered and said to him, If this one were not an evildoer, then we would not have given Him over to you.

31 Then Pilate said to them, You take Him and judge Him according to your own Law. Then the Jews said to him, It is not lawful for us to kill, no one,

32 (that the Word of Jesus which He said might be fulfilled, signifying by what kind *of death* He was about to die).

33 Then Pilate again entered into the praetorium and called Jesus, and said to Him, Are You the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, Do you say this from yourself, or did others tell you about Me?

35 Pilate answered, Not, am I a Jew? Your nation, even the chief priests gave You over to me! What did You do?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom was of this world, My servants would have fought that I might not be given over to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not from here.

37 Then Pilate said to Him, Therefore, then are you not a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this *purpose* I have been born, and for this *purpose* I have come into the world, that I might witness to the Truth. Everyone being of the Truth hears My voice.

38 Pilate says to Him, What is truth? And saying this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, I do not find not even *one cause of death* in Him!

39 But there is a common custom to you that I should release one *prisoner* to you at the Passover. Then do you will *that* I should release the King of the Jews to you?

40 Then all cried out again, saying, Not this *one*, but Barabbas! But Barabbas was a plunderer.

John 19

1 Christ is scourged, crowned with thorns, and beaten. 28 He dies. 38 He is buried by Joseph.

1 ¶ Therefore, then, Pilate took Jesus and scourged *Him*.

2 And having plaited a wreath out of thorns, the soldiers put *it* on His head. And they threw a purple garment around Him, 3 and said, Hail, King of the Jews! And they were giving Him slaps.

4 Then Pilate went outside again and said to them, Behold, I bring Him out to you

that you may know that I find not even *one cause of death* in Him!

5 Then Jesus came outside, wearing the thorny wreath and the purple garment. And he says to them, Behold, the Man!

6 Therefore when the chief priests and the under-officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify! Crucify! Pilate says to them, You take Him and crucify *Him*, for I find not even *one cause of death* in Him!

7 Then the Jews answered him, We have a law, and according to our Law He ought to die because He made Himself Son of God!

8 Therefore when Pilate heard this word, he was more afraid.

9 And *he* entered into the praetorium again and said to Jesus, From where are You? But Jesus did not give him an answer.

10 Then Pilate says to Him, Do You not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to crucify You, and I have authority to release You?

11 Jesus answered, You would not have authority against Me, not even *any* if it was not being given to you from above. Because of this the one giving Me over to you has a greater sin.

12 From this, Pilate sought to release Him. But the Jews were crying out, saying, If you release this *one*, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone making himself a king speaks against Caesar.

13 Then hearing this word, Pilate led Jesus out. And *he* sat down on the judgment seat, at a place called *The Pavement*, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 And it was *the Preparation* of the Passover, and about *the sixth hour*. And he says to the Jews, Behold, your King!

15 But they cried out, Away, Away! Crucify Him! Pilate said to them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We do not have a king except Caesar.

16 ¶ Therefore, then, he gave Him over to them, that He might be crucified. And they took Jesus and led *Him* away.

17 And He went out bearing His cross, to the place called *Of a Skull* (which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha),

18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, from here and from there, and Jesus in the middle.

19 ¶ And Pilate also wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And having been written, it was: JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 Therefore, this title many of the Jews read, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, in Latin.

21 Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Do not write, The King of the Jews, but that One said, I am King of the Jews.

22 Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written.

23 Then when they crucified Jesus, the soldiers took His garments and made four parts, a part to each soldier, also the tunic. And the tunic was seamless, woven from the top through all.

24 Then they said to one another, Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots about it, whose it will be (that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided My garments among them,” and “they threw a lot *for My garment*”). Then indeed the soldiers did these things. *LXX-Psa. 21:19; MT-Psa. 22:18*)

25 And there stood His mother, and His mother’s sister Mary, the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene by the cross of Jesus.

26 Therefore Jesus, seeing *His* mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, *He* says to His mother, Woman, behold your son!

27 Then He says to the disciple, Behold, your mother! And from that hour, the disciple took her into his own *home*.

28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things have now been finished that the Scripture be fulfilled, *He* says, I thirst.

29 Then a vessel full of vinegar was set, and having filled a sponge *with* vinegar, and putting hyssop around, they brought *it* to His mouth. *Psa. 69:21*

30 Therefore when Jesus took the vinegar, He said, It has been finished. And bowing *His* head, *He* gave over the spirit.

31 ¶ Therefore, since it was Preparation, that the bodies not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for great was the day of that sabbath, the Jews asked Pilate

that their legs might be broken and they be taken away.

32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first *man*, and of the other *one* crucified with Him.

33 But *on* coming to Jesus, when they saw Him having died already, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers took a spear and pierced His side, and at once blood and water came out.

35 And the *one* having seen has borne witness and the witness of him is true; and that *one* knows that he says true *things*, that you may believe.

36 For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." *Ex. 12:46; Psa. 34:20*

37 And again, a different Scripture says, "They shall look at *Him* whom they have pierced." *Zech. 12:10*

38 ¶ And after these things, Joseph, the *one* from Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but having been hidden because of fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave permission. Then he came and took the body of Jesus.

39 And Nicodemus also came, the *one* coming at first to Jesus by night, bearing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred *Roman* pounds.

40 Then they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen strips, with the spices, just as is *the* custom with the Jews *in* burying.

41 And there was a garden in the place where He was crucified, and a new tomb in the garden, in which no one yet had been put, not one.

42 There, then, because of the Preparation of the Jews, because the tomb was near, they put Jesus.

John 20

1 Mary comes to the tomb. 11 Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, 19 and to His disciples.

24 Thomas will not believe what the disciples say.

1 ¶ But on the first of the sabbaths, Mary Magdalene came early in the morning to the tomb, *it* yet being dark. And *she* sees the stone having been taken away from the tomb.

2 Therefore she runs and comes to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, They took away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they laid Him.

3 Then Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

4 And the two were running together, and the other disciple ran in front more quickly *than* Peter and he came first to the tomb.

5 And stooping to look *in* he sees the linen strips lying; however, he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter comes following him, and went into the tomb and he sees the linen strips lying.

7 And the face cloth which was on His head *was* not lying with the linen strips, but was *lying* separately, having been wrapped up in one place.

8 Then, therefore, the other disciple also entered, the *one* having come first to the tomb, even he saw and believed.

9 For they did not yet know the Scripture, that it was necessary for Him to rise from *the* dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again to themselves.

11 ¶ But Mary stood outside at the tomb, weeping. Therefore as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

12 And *she* sees two angels in white, sitting one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And those *ones* say to her, Woman, why do you weep? She says to them, Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they put Him.

14 And having said these things, she turned to the things behind and sees Jesus standing, and did not know that it is Jesus.

15 Jesus says to her, Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek? Thinking that it was the gardener, she says to Him, Sir, if You carried Him away, tell me where You put Him, and I will take Him away.

16 Jesus says to her, Mary! Turning around, she says to Him, Rabboni! (which is to say, Teacher).

17 Jesus says to her, Do not take hold of *Me*, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and say to them,

I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene comes reporting to the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He said to her these things.

19 ¶ Then it being evening on that day, the first of the sabbaths, and the doors having been locked where the disciples were gathered together because of fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and says to them, Peace to you.

20 And saying this, He showed them *His* hands and side. Then seeing the Lord, the disciples rejoiced.

21 Therefore Jesus said to them again, Peace to you. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.

22 And saying this, He breathed on *them* and said to them, Receive *the* Holy Spirit.

23 Of whomever you may remit the sins, they are remitted to them. Of whomever you hold, they have been held.

24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the *one* called Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 Therefore the other disciples said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, If I do not see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe, not *at all!*

26 ¶ And after eight days, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. The door having been locked, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said, Peace to you.

27 Then He says to Thomas, Bring your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put *it* into My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God!

29 Jesus says to him, Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed *are* the *ones* not seeing, and believing.

30 Then truly Jesus also did many other *miraculous* signs in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 21

1 Christ appears again to his disciples, 15 earnestly commands Peter to feed His lambs and sheep: 18 and foretells the death of Peter:

1 ¶ After these things, Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. And thus He revealed *Himself*.

2 *There* were together Simon Peter, and Thomas, the *one* being called Twin, and Nathanael from Cana of Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples.

3 Simon Peter says to them, I am going away to fish. They say to him, We also are coming with you. They went out and went up into the boat at once. And in that night, they caught nothing.

4 But early morning now having become, Jesus stood onto the shore. However, the disciples did not know that it is Jesus.

5 Then Jesus says to them, Children, do you not have any thing for eating? They answered Him, No.

6 And He said to them, Cast the net into the right side of the boat and you will find. Therefore they cast, and they no longer had *the* strength to draw, from the multitude of the fish.

7 Therefore the disciple whom Jesus loved says to Peter, It is the Lord. Then Simon Peter hearing that it is the Lord, having girded on *his* outer garment (for he was unclad) and he threw himself into the sea.

8 And the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, from about two hundred cubits, dragging the net of the fish.

9 Then when they came down onto the land, they saw a coal fire lying, and a fish lying on *it*, and bread.

10 Jesus says to them, Bring from the little fish which you caught now.

11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net onto the land, full of great fish, a hundred and fifty three. And *though* being so many, the net was not torn

12 Jesus says to them, Come, break fast. But no one of the disciples dared to ask Him, Who are You? knowing that it is the Lord.

13 Then Jesus comes and takes the bread, and gives to them, and the little fish likewise.

14 This *was* now a third *time* Jesus was revealed to His disciples, He having been raised from *the* dead *ones*.

15 ¶ Therefore when they broke fast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more *than* these? He says to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He says to him, Feed My lambs!

16 Again He says to him a second *time*, Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me? He says to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He says to him, Feed My sheep!

17 He says to him a third *time*, Simon *son* of Jonah, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him a third *time*, Do you love Me? And he said to him, Lord, You perceive all things, You know that I love You! Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep!

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, When you were younger, you girded yourself, and you walked where you desired. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you, and will carry you where *you* do not desire.

19 But He said this signifying by what death he would glorify God. And having said this, He says him, Follow Me.

20 ¶ But turning, Peter sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*, who also leaned on His breast at the Supper, and said, Lord, who is the *one* giving You over?

21 Seeing this *one*, Peter said to Jesus, Lord, and what *of* this one--?

22 Jesus says to him, If I desire him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me.

23 Therefore, this word went out to the brothers *that* that one, that disciple does not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he does not die, but, If I desire him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you?

24 This is the disciple, the *one* witnessing about these things, and having written these things. And we know that his witness is true.

25 And there are many other things, as many as Jesus did, which if they were written by one I suppose the world not even have room for the books being written. Amen.

THE ACTS

of the Apostles

Acts 1

1 Christ commands his apostles to expect the Holy Spirit. 9 After His ascension 12 they return, and choose Matthias apostle in the place of Judas.

1 ¶ Indeed, O Theophilus, I made the first report concerning all things which Jesus began both to do and to teach,

2 until the day He was taken up, having given directions to the apostles whom He had chosen, through *the* Holy Spirit,

3 to whom also He presented Himself living after His suffering, by many infallible proofs, being seen by them through forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God.

4 And assembling together with *them*, He charged them not to leave Jerusalem, but to await the promise of the Father, “which you heard of Me;

5 for John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in *the* Holy Spirit not many days after.”

6 ¶ Then, indeed, having come together they questioned Him, saying, Lord, do You restore the kingdom to Israel at this time?

7 And He said to them, It is not yours to know times or seasons which the Father placed in His own authority;

8 but you will receive power, the Holy Spirit having come upon you, and you will be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to *the* end of the earth.

9 And having said these things, *as* they looked on, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him from their eyes.

10 And as they were intently looking into the heaven, He having gone, even behold, two men in white clothing stood by them,

11 who also said, Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking up to the heaven? This Jesus, the *One* being taken from you into the heaven, will come in the way you saw Him going into the heaven.

12 ¶ Then they returned to Jerusalem from *the* Mount, the *one* being called Of Olive Grove, which is near Jerusalem, having a journey of a sabbath.

13 And when they went in, they went up to the upper room where they were waiting: both Peter and James, and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alpheus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the brother* of James.

14 These all were continuing steadfastly in prayer and in supplication with one mind, with *the* women, and with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

15 ¶ And in these days, standing up in *the* midst of the disciples, (and *the* number of names together *being* about a hundred and twenty), Peter said,

16 Men, brothers, it was necessary *for* this Scripture to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke before through David’s mouth concerning Judas, the *one* having become guide to the *ones* seizing Jesus;

17 for he was numbered with us, and obtained the portion of this ministry.

18 Indeed, then, this one bought a field out of the reward of unrighteousness; and falling headlong, he burst in the middle, and all his bowels poured out.

19 And it became known to all the *ones* living in Jerusalem, so as that field to be called in their own dialect, Akel Dama, this is, Field of Blood.

20 For it is written in *the* Book of Psalms, “Let his dwelling become deserted, and he not be living in it.” And, “Let another take his office of overseer.” *LXX-Psa. 68:26; Psa. 108:8; MT-Psa. 69:25; Psa. 109:8*

21 Therefore, it is necessary *that* of the men accompanying us all *the* time in which the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us, for one of these to become a witness of His resurrection with us.

23 And they set two: Joseph, the *one* being called Barsabas, who was called Justus, and Matthias.

24 And having prayed, they said, You, Lord, knower of all hearts, show which one You chose from these two,

25 to take the share of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned aside to go to *his* own place.

26 And they gave their lots. And the lot fell on Matthias; and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

Acts 2

1 The apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, speak other languages. 14 Peter shows that they spoke by the power of the Holy Spirit. 43 They work many miracles.

1 ¶ And in the *day* to be fulfilled, the day of Pentecost, they were all with one mind upon the same *place and purpose*.

2 And suddenly a sound came out of the heaven, as being borne along by a violent wind! And it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed, and it sat on each *one* of them.

4 And they were all filled of the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave to them to speak.

5 ¶ Now *there* were Jews dwelling in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation of the *ones* under the heaven.

6 But this sound occurring, the throng came together and were confounded, because they were each one hearing them speaking in *his* own dialect.

7 And all were amazed and marveled, saying to one another, Behold, *are* not all these, the *ones* speaking, Galileans?

8 And how do we hear each *one* in our own dialect in which we were born,

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and those living in Mesopotamia, both Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 both Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the regions of Libya over against Cyrene, and the sojourning Romans, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabians; in our own languages we hear them speaking the great deeds of God?

12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, What wishes this to be?

13 But ridiculing, others said, They are filled of sweet new wine.

14 ¶ But standing up with the Eleven, Peter lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, Men, Jews, and all the *ones* living in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words:

15 For these are not drunk, as you assume, for it is *the* third hour of the day.

16 But this is that having been spoken by the prophet Joel,

17 “And it shall be” in the last days, God says, “I will pour from My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy;” “and your young men shall see visions;” “and your old men shall dream dreams;”

18 “and also I will pour out My Spirit on My slaves and slave women in those days;” and they shall prophesy.

19 “And I will give wonders in the heaven above,” and *miraculous* signs “on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the” “coming of the great and glorious” “day of *the* Lord.”

21 “And it shall be *that* everyone who shall call on *the* name of the Lord will be saved.” *Joel 2:28-32*

22 Men, Israelites, hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man from God, having been exhibited among you by works of power and wonders and *miraculous* signs, which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know,

23 this One given up by the before-determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, *you* having taken by lawless hands, having crucified *Him*, you killed *Him*.

24 *But* God raised *Him* up, loosening the throes of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

25 For David said *as* to Him, “I foresaw the Lord before Me through all, because He is at My right *hand*, that I not be shaken.

26 Because of this My heart rejoiced, and My tongue exulted; and My flesh also will dwell on hope,

27 because You will not abandon My soul in Hades, nor will You give Your Holy One to see corruption.

28 You revealed to Me paths of life; You will fill Me with joy with Your face.” *LXX-Psa. 15:8-11; MT-Psa. 16:8-11*

29 Men, brothers, it is permitted to say to you with boldness concerning the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is among us until this day.

30 Being a prophet, therefore, and knowing that God swore with an oath to him that of *the* fruit of his loin, as concerning flesh, to raise the Christ to sit down on his throne, *see Psa. 132:11*

31 foreseeing, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, “that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.” *LXX-Psa. 15:10; MT-Psa. 16:10*

32 This Jesus, God raised up, of which we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore having been exalted to the right *hand* of God, and receiving the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

34 For David did not ascend into Heaven, but he says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right *hand*

35 until I place *the* hostile *ones* to You as a footstool to Your feet.” *LXX-Psa. 109:1; MT-Psa. 110:1*

36 Therefore assuredly, let all *the* house of Israel acknowledge that God made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

37 But hearing this, they were pierced in the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men, brothers, what shall we do?

38 And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, each *one* of you on the name of Jesus Christ to remission of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all the *ones* unto far off, as many as *the* Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words he earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation.

41 Truly, then, the *ones* gladly welcoming his words were baptized. And about three thousand souls were added that day.

42 ¶ And they were continuing steadfastly in the doctrine of the apostles, and in fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came to be to every soul, and many wonders and *miraculous* signs occurred through the apostles.

44 And all the believing *ones* were on the same *place* and had all things common.

45 And they sold possessions and belongings and divided them to all, according as anyone had need.

46 And according to a day continuing steadfastly with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they shared food in great joy and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to the assembly the *ones* being saved according to a day.

Acts 3

1 Peter, preaching to the people that came to see a lame man restored, 19 tells them by repentance and faith to seek remission of their sins.

1 ¶ And on the same *day* Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth.

2 And a certain man, being lame from his mother’s womb, was being carried, whom they put according to a day at the door of the temple, the *one* being called Beautiful, to ask merciful *gifts* from the *ones* going into the temple;

3 who seeing Peter and John being about to go into the temple, asked merciful *gifts*.

4 But Peter, together with John, gazing intently toward him, Peter said, Look toward us!

5 And he attended to them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, There is no silver and gold to me, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk about!

7 And laying hold of the right hand of him, he raised *him* up. And immediately his feet and ankle-bones were made firm.

8 And leaping up, he stood and walked about, and went with them into the temple, walking about and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking about and praising God.

10 And they recognized him, that it was the *one* who was sitting for merciful *gifts* at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. And they were filled *with* amazement and ecstasy at the *thing* having happened to him.

11 And the healed lame *one* was holding to Peter and John, *and* all the people ran together to them on the porch called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

12 ¶ And seeing *this*, Peter answered to the people, Men, Israelites, why do you marvel at this *one*? Or why do you stare *at* us, as *if* by our own power or piety we have made him to walk about?

13 The "God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob," "the God of our fathers," *Ex. 3:15* glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you gave over, and denied Him to *the* face of Pilate, judging to set that *One* free.

14 But you denied the Holy and Just *One*, and asked for a man, a murderer, to be granted to you.

15 And the Author of Life you killed, whom God raised up from *the* dead, of which we are witnesses.

16 And on the faith of His name, this *one* whom you see and know was made firm *by* His name, and the faith which came through Him gave to him this complete soundness before you all.

17 And now, brothers, I know that you acted according to ignorance, as also *did* your rulers.

18 But what things God before proclaimed through the mouth of all His prophets, *that* the Christ should suffer, He fulfilled in this way.

19 Therefore, repent, and turn back, for the blotting out of your sins, so that times of refreshing may come from *the* face of the Lord,

20 and that He may send forth the *One* proclaimed to you before, Jesus Christ,

21 whom Heaven truly needs to receive until *the* times of restoration of all things, of which God spoke through *the* mouth of all His holy prophets from *the* age.

22 For Moses indeed said to the fathers, "The Lord your God will raise up to you a Prophet from among your brothers, *One*

like me; you shall hear Him according to all *things*," as many as He may speak to you. *Deut. 18:15-16*

23 And it shall be, every soul, whoever should not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

24 And also all the prophets, from Samuel and the *ones* in order, as many as spoke, also before announced these days.

25 You are sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made to our fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your Seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed." *Gen. 22:18*

26 Having raised up His Servant Jesus, God sent Him first to you, blessing you in turning away each *one* from your iniquities.

Acts 4

1 The rulers of the Jews, offended with Peter's sermon, 4 imprison him and John. 18 They command him and John to preach no more in the name of Jesus.

1 ¶ And *as they* were speaking to the people, the priests, and the temple commander, and the Sadducees,

2 being distressed because of their teaching *of* the people, and *continuing* to proclaim in Jesus the resurrection from *the* dead.

3 And *they* laid hands on *them*, and put *them* into custody until the morrow, for it was already evening.

4 But many of the *ones* hearing the Word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 ¶ And it happened on the next day that the rulers and elders and scribes gathered into Jerusalem;

6 also Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of *the* high priestly family.

7 And standing them in the midst, they were inquiring, By what sort of power, or by what kind of name did you do this?

8 Then being filled of *the* Holy Spirit, Peter said to them, Rulers of the people and elders of Israel,

9 if we are being examined today on a good work of an infirm man, by what this *one* has been healed,

10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of

Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised up from *the dead ones*, in this *name* this *one* stands before you whole.

11 "This One is the Stone" having been despised by you, the *ones* building, the *One* coming to be into "*the Head of the Corner*;" *Psa. 118:22*

12 and there is salvation in no other One, for neither is *there* another name under Heaven having been given among men by which it is necessary *for* us to be saved.

13 But beholding the boldness of Peter and John, and having perceived that they are uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they recognized them, that they were with Jesus.

14 But seeing the man standing with them, the *one* having been healed, they had nothing to speak against *him*.

15 ¶ But commanding them to go outside the sanhedrin, they conferred together with one another,

16 saying, What may we do to these men? For that a known *miraculous* sign indeed has occurred through them is evident to all the *ones* living in Jerusalem, and we are not able to deny *it*.

17 But that it may not be spread abroad further to the people, let us threaten them with a threat *that* they no longer speak on this name, to no one of men.

18 And calling them, they ordered them not at all to speak, nor to teach on the name of Jesus.

19 But answering them Peter and John said, Whether it is right before God to listen to you rather than God, you judge.

20 For we are not able not to speak what we saw and heard.

21 But having threatened them again, they released them, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people, because all glorified God on the thing happening.

22 For the man on whom this *miraculous* sign of healing had occurred was more than forty years of *age*.

23 ¶ And being set free, they came to *their* own and reported to them as many *things* as the chief priests and elders said.

24 And hearing *they* with one passion lifted voice to God and said, Master, You *are the God*, the *One* "making the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all things in them," *Ex. 20:11*

25 who through the mouth of Your servant David said, "Why did the nations rage, and the peoples meditate vain things?"

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were assembled on the same *day* against the Lord, and against His Anointed *One*." *Psa. 2:1, 2*

27 For on a truth both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the nations and *the* peoples of Israel, were assembled against Your holy Servant, Jesus, whom You anointed,

28 to do as many *things* as Your hand and Your purpose before determined to occur.

29 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings and give to Your slaves to speak Your Word with all boldness,

30 in Your hand to stretch out unto healing and *miraculous* signs and wonders to happen through the name of Your holy Servant, Jesus.

31 And they having petitioned, the place in which *they* were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled *with the Holy Spirit* and spoke the Word of God with boldness.

32 ¶ And of the multitude of those who believed, the heart and the soul were one. And no one said any of the possessions belonging *to* him to be *his* own, but all things were common to them.

33 And with great power the apostles gave testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 For neither was anyone needy among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses, selling *them*, they brought the value of the *things* being sold,

35 and laid *them* at the feet of the apostles. And it was distributed to each *one* according as any had need.

36 And Joses, the *one* being named Barnabas by the apostles, which being translated is, Son of Consolation, a Levite, a Cypriot by nation,

37 a field being his, having sold *it*, he brought the money and placed *it* by the feet of the apostles.

Acts 5

1 After Ananias and Sapphira his wife at Peter's rebuke had fallen down dead, 17 the apostles are again imprisoned, 19 but delivered by an angel.

1 ¶ But a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a property,

2 and kept back for himself from the price, his wife also being aware of it, and bringing a certain part, he placed it at the feet of the apostles.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why did Satan fill your heart for you to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself from the price of the land?

4 Remaining, did it not remain yours? And being sold, was it not in your authority? Why is it you put this thing into your heart? You did not lie to men, but to God!

5 And hearing these words, Ananias falling down, he expired. And great fear came on all the ones hearing these words.

6 And rising up the young men wrapped him, and carrying out, they buried him.

7 And it happened, about an interval of three hours, not knowing the thing having happened, his wife also came in.

8 And Peter answered her, Tell me if you gave over the land for so much? And she said, Yes, of so much.

9 And Peter said to her, Why was it that it was agreed with you to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of the ones burying your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.

10 And she immediately fell by his feet and expired. And coming in, the young men found her dead, and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.

11 And great fear came on all the assembly and on all the ones hearing these things.

12 ¶ And through the hands of the apostles many miraculous signs and wonders among the people took place. And they were all with one mind in Solomon's Porch.

13 But of the rest, no one dared to be joined to them, but the people magnified them.

14 And more believing ones were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and of women,

15 so as to bring out the sick ones along the streets, and to place them on pallets and mattresses, that at the coming of Peter, if even his shadow might overshadow some one of them.

16 And also the multitude came together from the round about cities, bringing sick ones into Jerusalem, and ones being disturbed by unclean spirits, who were all being healed.

17 ¶ And rising up, the high priest and all the ones with him, which is the sect of the Sadducees, were filled of jealousy,

18 and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them publicly in custody.

19 But an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison during the night, and leading them out, he said,

20 Go! And standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this Life.

21 And hearing, they went into the temple about daybreak and were teaching. But having come near, the high priest and the ones with him called together the sanhedrin and all the eldership of the sons of Israel. And they sent to the jail to have them brought.

22 But having come near, the officers did not find them in the prison. And returning, they reported,

23 saying, Indeed we found the jail having been shut in all security, and the guards outside standing before the doors. But opening it, we found no one inside.

24 And when they heard these words, both the priest and the temple commander and the chief priests were perplexed about them, what this might come to be.

25 But having come, someone reported to them, saying, Behold, the men whom you put in the prison are in the temple, standing and teaching the people.

26 ¶ Then the commander going with the officers, they brought them, not with force, for they feared the people, that they might not be stoned.

27 And bringing them, they stood them in the sanhedrin. And the high priest asked them,

28 saying, Did we not command you by a command that you not teach on this name? And, behold, you have filled Jerusalem with

your doctrine and intend to bring on us the blood of this man.

29 But answering Peter and the apostles said, It is right to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you seized, hanging *Him* on a tree.

31 This One God *has* exalted as a Ruler and Savior to His right *hand*, to give to Israel repentance and remission of sins.

32 And we are His witnesses of these things, and also the Holy Spirit, whom God gave to the *ones* obeying Him.

33 But the *ones* hearing were cut through, and they took counsel to kill them.

34 But a certain *one* standing up in the sanhedrin, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law honored by all the people, commanded the apostles to be put outside a little while.

35 And he said to them, Men, Israelites, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do on these men.

36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming himself to be somebody, to whom was joined a number of men, about four hundred, who were killed, and all, as many as were persuaded by him, were dispersed and came to nothing.

37 After this, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the Registration. And *he* drew considerable people after him. Yet that one perished, and all were scattered, as many as were persuaded by him.

38 And now I say to you, stand off from these men and leave them alone; because if this counsel is of men, or this work, it will be destroyed.

39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to destroy it, lest even you will be found fighting against God.

40 And they were persuaded by him. And calling the apostles, *and* having scourged them, they charged *them* not to speak on the name of Jesus, and set them free.

41 Then they indeed departed from *the* face of the sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were deemed worthy to be dishonored on behalf of His name.

42 And every day they did not cease teaching and preaching the gospel *of* Jesus the Christ in the temple, and according to *each* house.

Acts 6

1 The apostles, desirous to have the poor regarded,
3 appoint the office of deaconship to seven chosen men.

1 ¶ But in those days, the disciples having multiplied, a murmuring of the Hellenists toward the Hebrews occurred, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving.

2 And having called near the multitude of the disciples, the Twelve said, It is not pleasing *to* us, having left the Word of God, to serve tables!

3 Then brothers, be looking for men among you receiving testimony, seven *men* full of *the* Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint over this need.

4 But we shall continue steadfastly in prayer and the service of the Word!

5 And the saying *was* pleasing before all the multitude. And they chose out Stephen, a man full of faith and *the* Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

6 *each of* whom they made stand before the apostles. And having prayed, they placed *their* hands on them,

7 And the Word of God was growing, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem was multiplying exceedingly. Even a great crowd of the priests were obeying the faith!

8 ¶ And Stephen, full of faith and power, was doing wonders and great signs among the people.

9 But some of the *ones* of the synagogue being called of *the* Libertines, rose up, also *some* Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and *some* of the *ones* from Cilicia and Asia Minor, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they had no strength to stand against the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

11 Then they suborned *some* men *to be* saying, We have heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God!

12 And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes. And coming on, they together seized him and led him into the sanhedrin.

13 And they stood up false witnesses, *who were* saying, This man does not cease speaking blasphemous words against this holy place and the Law;

14 for we have heard him saying that this One, Jesus the Nazarene, will destroy this place and will change the customs which Moses gave over to us.

15 And having looked intently at him, all the *ones* having sat in the sanhedrin, saw his face as if *it were* the face of an angel.

Acts 7

1 Stephen shows that Abraham worshipped God rightly, and how God chose the fathers 20 before Moses was born: 37 that Moses himself witnessed of Christ. 54 He is stoned to death.

1 ¶ And the high priest said, *Tell me* then if you thus hold these things?

2 And he said, Men, brothers, and fathers, listen! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, being in Mesopotamia before he lived in Haran,

3 and said to him, “Go out from your land and from your kindred,” “and come into a land which I will show to you.” *Gen. 12:1*

4 Then going out from *the* land of the Chaldeans, he lived in Haran. And after his father died, *God* moved him from there into this land in which you now live.

5 And He did not give to him an inheritance in it, not even a step of a foot. And *He* promised to give it to him for a possession and to his seed after him, there being no child to him. *Gen. 17:8*

6 And God spoke thus, that his seed would be an alien in a strange land, and they would enslave it and mistreat *it* four hundred years. *Gen. 15:13*

7 And God said, I will judge the nation to which you will be in bondage.” And, After these things they will come out and will serve Me in this place. *Gen. 15:14; Ex. 3:12*

8 And He gave to him a covenant of circumcision; and so he *fathered* Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day. And Isaac *fathered* Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.

9 And being jealous of Joseph, the patriarchs gave *him* over into Egypt; and God was with him,

10 and plucked him out from all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh *the* king of Egypt. And *Pharaoh* appointed him to be ruling over Egypt and all his household.

11 But a famine came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction. And our fathers did not find food.

12 But hearing grain was in Egypt, Jacob sent our fathers out first.

13 And at the second *time*, Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh.

14 And sending, Joseph called his father Jacob and all his kindred, seventy-five souls in *all*. *See Gen. 46:27*

15 And Jacob went down into Egypt and expired, he and our fathers.

16 And they were carried into Shechem, and were put in the tomb which Abraham bought *for* a price of silver from the sons of Hamor of Shechem.

17 ¶ But as the time of the promise drew near, which God swore to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt, 18 until “another king rose up” “who did not know Joseph.” *Ex. 1:8*

19 Dealing slyly with our family, this one mistreated our fathers, causing their infants *to be* exposed *so as* not to be kept alive.

20 In which time Moses was born and was truly fair to God; who was reared three months in his father’s house.

21 And he being exposed, Pharaoh’s daughter took him up and reared him for a son to her.

22 And Moses was instructed in all *the* wisdom of Egyptians and was powerful in words and in works.

23 And when a time of forty years was fulfilled to him, it arose in his heart to look upon his brothers, the sons of Israel.

24 And seeing one being wronged, he defended *him*, and he avenged the *one* being oppressed, striking the Egyptian.

25 And he thought his brothers *would* perceive that God would give them deliverance by his hand. But they did not perceive.

26 And on the following day he appeared to them *while* fighting. And he urged them to peace, saying, Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong one another?

27 But the *one* wronging the neighbor thrust him away, saying, Who appointed you a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Do you not want to kill me *in* what way you killed the Egyptian yesterday? *Ex. 2:14*

29 “And Moses fled” at this word. “And he became an alien in *the* land of Midian,” where he fathered two sons. *Exodus 2:15-22*

30 ¶ And forty years being fulfilled to him, *the* Angel of *the* Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire of a bush in the desert of Mount Sinai.

31 And seeing, Moses marveled at the sight. And he coming up to closely observe, a voice of *the* Lord came to him:

32 “I *am* the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” *Ex. 3:6, 15* But becoming trembling, Moses did not dare to closely look.

33 And the Lord said to him, “Loose the sandal from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

34 “Seeing, I saw the mistreatment of My people in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and I came down to deliver them. And now, come, I will send you to Egypt. “*Ex. 3:5, 7, 10*

35 This Moses, whom they denied, saying, Who appointed you a ruler and a judge, this *one* God has sent as ruler and redeemer by *the* hand of *the* Angel who appeared to him in the Bush.

36 This *one* led them out, having worked wonders and *miraculous* signs in *the* land of Egypt and in *the* Red Sea, and forty years in the wilderness.

37 This is the Moses, the *one* who said to the sons of Israel, “*The* Lord your God will raise up a Prophet to you from your brothers, *One* like me.” You shall hear Him. *Deut. 18:15*

38 This is the one who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him in Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, who received living words to give to us,

39 to whom our fathers did not desire to give ear, but thrust *him* away, and turned their hearts back to Egypt,

40 saying to Aaron, “Make for us gods which will go before us; for this Moses who led us out of *the* land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.” *Ex. 32:1*

41 And they made a calf in those days, and brought up a sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands.

42 ¶ But God turned and gave them over to serve the host of the heaven, as it is written in *the* book of the Prophets: “*Did you* not bring victims and sacrifices to Me forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

43 And you took up the tent of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, the figures which you made” “in order to worship them. And I will remove you beyond” Babylon. *Amos 5:25-27*

44 The tent of the testimony was among our fathers in the wilderness, even as the *One* commanded, speaking to Moses to make it according to the pattern which he had seen,

45 which also was brought in, our fathers having inherited with Joshua, in the taking of possession of the nations, whom God thrust out from the face of our fathers, until the days of David,

46 who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob; 47 but Solomon built Him a house.

48 But the Most High does not dwell in temples made by hand, as the prophet says, 49 “Heaven *is* My throne, and the earth a footstool of My feet; what sort of house will you build Me,” “says *the* Lord,” “or what the place of My rest?”

50 “Did not My hand make all these things?” *Isa. 66:1, 2*

51 ¶ *Oh* stiffnecked and uncircumcised *ones* in heart and in the ears! You always fall against the Holy Spirit. As your fathers *did*, you also *do*.

52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed the *ones* before proclaiming concerning the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become betrayers and murderers,

53 who received the Law by the ordinances of angels, and did not keep *it*.

54 ¶ And hearing these things, they were cut to their hearts and gnashed the teeth on him.

55 But being full of *the* Holy Spirit, looking intently into the heaven, he saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right of God.

56 And *he* said, Behold, I see the heavens having been opened, and the Son of man standing at the right of God!

57 And crying out with a loud voice, they held their ears and rushed on him with one mind.

58 And throwing *him* outside the city, they stoned *him*. And the witnesses put off their garments at the feet of a young man called Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, *he* calling on *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And placing the knees, he cried out with a loud voice, Lord, do not make this sin stand *against* them. And having said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8

1 The church being planted in Samaria by Philip,

14 Peter and John come to confirm and enlarge it. 26 The angel sends Philip to baptize the Ethiopian eunuch.

1 ¶ And Saul was consenting to the killing of him. And in that day a great persecution took place on the assembly, the *one* in Jerusalem; and all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 But devout men together carried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.

3 But Saul ravaged the assembly, having entered, going in according to the houses; dragging away men and women, he gave *them* over into prison.

4 ¶ Then, indeed, the *ones* being scattered, *were* going about, preaching the gospel, the Word.

5 And going down to a city of Samaria, Philip proclaimed Christ to them.

6 And with one mind the crowds heeded that being said by Philip in their hearing, and seeing the many *miraculous* signs which he did.

7 For many of the *ones* having unclean spirits, crying with a great voice, *they* came out. And many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.

8 And great joy was in that city.

9 But a certain man, Simon by name, had long been doing magic in the city and amazing the nation of Samaria, claiming himself to be someone great;

10 to whom all were paying attention to *him*, from small to great, saying, This *one* is the great power of God.

11 And they were paying attention to him because for a long time *he* had amazed them *with his* doing magic.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the gospel, the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 And Simon himself also believed, and being baptized was continuing steadfastly with Philip. And seeing *miraculous* signs and mighty works happening, he was amazed.

14 ¶ And the apostles in Jerusalem, hearing that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

15 who going down prayed concerning them so that they may receive *the* Holy Spirit;

16 for He had not yet fallen on no one of them, but they were only being baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received *the* Holy Spirit.

18 But Simon having seen that the Holy Spirit is given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, he offered them money,

19 saying, Give to me also this authority that to whomever I may lay on the hands he may receive *the* Holy Spirit.

20 But Peter said to him, May your silver be with you into perdition, because you thought to get the gift of God through money.

21 There is neither part nor lot to you in this matter, for your heart is not upright before the face of God.

22 Repent, therefore, from this wickedness of you, and petition God if perhaps you will be forgiven the thought of your heart.

23 For I see you being into *the* gall of bitterness and the bond of unrighteousness.

24 And answering Simon said, You petition to the Lord for me, so that nothing of the *things* which you have spoken may come on me.

25 Then indeed having earnestly testified and having spoken the Word of the Lord,

they returned to Jerusalem, even having preached the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

26 ¶ But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Rise up and go along south on the way going down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a deserted place.

27 And rising up he went. And, behold, a man, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a potentate with Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship!

28 And he was returning. And sitting on his chariot he read the prophet Isaiah.

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and join yourself to this chariot.

30 And running near Philip heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, Then, indeed, do you know what you are reading?

31 But he said, How should I be able except someone shall guide me? And he called Philip near, coming up, to sit with him.

32 And the content of the Scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep to slaughter, and as a lamb is voiceless before the one shearing it, so He does not open His mouth.

33 In His humiliation His judgment was taken away. And who will recount His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth." Isa. 53:7, 8

34 And answering the eunuch said to Philip, I ask you, about whom does the prophet say this? About himself, or about some other one.

35 And opening his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, Philip preached the gospel to him, Jesus.

36 And as they were going along the way they came on some water. And the eunuch said, Behold, water! What prevents me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If you believe from all the heart, it is lawful. And answering he said, I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away

Philip. And the eunuch did not see him any more; for he went his way rejoicing.

40 And Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through he preached the gospel to all the cities until his coming to Caesarea.

Acts 9

1 Saul, going towards Damascus, 4 is stricken to the earth, 10 is called to the apostleship, 18 and is baptized by Ananias. 33 Peter heals Aeneas' paralysis, 36 and restores Tabitha to life.

1 ¶ But Saul, still breathing threat and murder toward the disciples of the Lord, coming to the high priest,

2 he asked from him letters to Damascus, to the synagogues, so that if he found any being of the Way, both men and women, they having been bound, he might bring them to Jerusalem.

3 But in the going it happened for him to draw near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the heaven shone around him.

4 And falling on the earth he heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting Me?

5 And he said, Sir, who are You? And the Lord said, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; it is hard for you to kick against the goads.

6 Both trembling and being astonished he said, Lord, what do You desire me to do? And the Lord said to him, Rise up and go into the city, and it will be told you what you must do.

7 But the men traveling with him had been standing speechless, indeed hearing the sound, but seeing no one.

8 And Saul was lifted up from the earth, but his eyes having been opened he saw no one. And leading him by the hand they brought him to Damascus.

9 And he was three days not seeing, and did not eat or drink.

10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple in Damascus, Ananias by name. And the Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias! And he said, Behold, Lord, I am here.

11 And the Lord said to him, Rising up go along on the street, the one being called Straight, and seek a Tarsian, Saul by name, in the house of Judas. For, behold, he is praying.

12 And *he* has seen in a vision a man, Ananias by name, coming in and putting a hand on him, so that he may see again.

13 And Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how many bad things he did to Your saints in Jerusalem.

14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all the *ones* calling on Your name.

15 And the Lord said to him, Go, for this one is a vessel of election to Me, to bear My name before nations and kings and *the* sons of Israel.

16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My name.

17 And Ananias went away and entered into the house. And putting hands on him *he* said, Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me, Jesus, the *One* who appeared to you in the way which you came, that you may see again and be filled of *the* Holy Spirit.

18 And instantly fell away from his eyes as if *it were* scales. And rising up, *he* was baptized.

19 And taking food he was strengthened. And Saul was with the disciples in Damascus some days.

20 And at once in the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that this *One* is the Son of God.

21 And all the *ones* hearing were amazed and said, Not this one is the *one* destroying the *ones* calling on this Name in Jerusalem, and he had come here for this, that he might take *them*, having been bound, before the chief priests?

22 But Saul was more filled with power, and *he* confounded the Jews, the *ones* living in Damascus, proving that this *One* is the Christ.

23 ¶ And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews plotted together to kill him.

24 But their plot was known to Saul. And they carefully watched the gates both by day and by night so as to kill him.

25 But taking him by night, the disciples let him down through the wall, lowering in a basket.

26 And Saul arriving into Jerusalem, he tried to be joined to the disciples. And all feared him, not believing that he is a disciple.

27 But taking hold of him, Barnabas led *him* to the apostles and told them how he

saw the Lord in the way, and that He spoke to him, and how in Damascus he spoke boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them, entering in and going out in Jerusalem, and speaking boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus.

29 And he spoke and disputed with the Hellenists, and they took him in hand to kill him.

30 But knowing, the brothers led him down to Caesarea and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then, indeed, the assemblies throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, had peace, being built up and going on in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplying.

32 ¶ And it happened, *that* Peter, passing through all *those parts*, also came down to the saints, the *ones* dwelling in Lydda.

33 And he found there a certain man, Aeneas by name, who had been lying on a pallet eight years, who was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, Aeneas! Jesus the Christ heals you; rise up and spread for yourself. And instantly he rose up.

35 And all the *ones* dwelling in Lydda and the Sharon Plain saw him, who *then* turned to the Lord.

36 ¶ And in Joppa was a certain disciple Tabitha by name, which translated is called Dorcas (*Gazelle*). She was full of good works and of merciful deeds which she did.

37 And it happened in those days, being feeble, she died. And bathing her, they put *her* in an upper room.

38 And Lydda being near to Joppa, the disciples hearing that Peter is in it, they sent two men to him, entreating *him* not to delay to come to them.

39 And rising up Peter went with them, whom arriving they led *him* to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him, weeping and showing tunics and garments how many *things* Dorcas made *while* being with them.

40 And having put all out, placing the knees, Peter prayed. And turning to the body he said, Tabitha, Arise! And she opened her eyes; and seeing Peter she sat up.

41 And giving her a hand he raised her up. And calling the saints and the widows he presented her living.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa. And many believed on the Lord.

43 And it was considerable days *that* he remained in Joppa with one Simon, a tanner.

Acts 10

1 Cornelius, a devout man, 5 being commanded by an angel, sends for Peter. 44 The Holy Ghost falls on the company, 48 and they are baptized.

1 ¶ But a certain man, Cornelius by name, was in Caesarea, a centurion of a cohort. the *one* being called Italian,

2 a devout *one* and fearing God, with all his household, both doing many merciful deeds to the people and praying to God through all.

3 About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming to him, and saying to him, Cornelius!

4 And he was staring at him, and becoming terrified he said, What is it, Lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and your merciful deeds went up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa and call for Simon who is being called Peter.

6 This *one* is lodged with a certain Simon, a tanner, to whom is a house by *the* sea. This *one* will tell you what you must do.

7 And went away the angel, the *one* speaking to Cornelius, *who* calling two of his servants and a devout soldier of the *ones* continually waiting on him,

8 and explaining all things to them, he sent away them to Joppa.

9 ¶ And on the next day, those *ones* traveling on *the* road, and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray about *the* sixth hour.

10 And he became hungry and wished to taste *food*. But as they *were* preparing, an ecstasy fell on him.

11 And he saw the heaven having been opened and a certain vessel like a great sheet coming down on him, being bound by four corners, and let down onto the earth;

12 in which were all the four-footed animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the reptiles, and the birds of the heaven.

13 And a voice came to him, Rise up, Peter, slay and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not at all, Lord, because I never did eat anything common or unclean.

15 And again a voice *came* to him a second *time*, What things God made clean, you do not make common.

16 And this happened three *times*, and the vessel was taken up into the heaven again.

17 And as Peter was perplexed within himself what the vision which he saw might be, even behold, the men, the *ones* having been sent from Cornelius, having inquired for the house of Simon, stood on the porch.

18 And calling out, they inquired if Simon being called Peter is lodged here.

19 ¶ And *as* Peter pondered concerning the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold, three men are seeking you.

20 But rising up, go down and go with them, not discriminating, because I have sent them.

21 And going down to the men, the *ones* being sent from Cornelius to him, Peter said, Behold, I am *the one* whom you seek. What is the cause for which you are here?

22 And the *ones* said, Cornelius, a centurion, a just man and *one* fearing God, and being testified to by all the nation of the Jews, was divinely warned by a holy angel to call you to his house and to hear words from you.

23 Then calling them in, he lodged *them*. And on the next day Peter went out with them. And some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And on the next day they entered Caesarea. And Cornelius was awaiting them, having called together his relatives and *his* intimate friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, meeting him, Cornelius fell at *his* feet and worshiped.

26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, Stand up! I myself am also a man.

27 And talking with him, he went in and found many having come together.

28 And he said to them, You know how unlawful it is *for* a man, a Jew, to unite with or to come near to one of another nation. Yet God showed to me not to call a man, not one, common or unclean.

29 Therefore, I also came without objecting, having been sent for. Therefore I ask for what reason did you send for me?

30 And Cornelius said, From *the* fourth day until this hour I was fasting, and the ninth hour

I was praying in my house. And, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing.

31 And he said, Cornelius, your prayer was heard and your merciful deeds were remembered before God.

32 Therefore, send to Joppa and call for Simon who is called Peter; this *one* is lodged in *the* house of Simon, a tanner, by *the* sea; who coming, *he* will speak to you.

33 Therefore at once I sent to you, and you did well *to* come. Now then, we are all present before God to hear all the things having been commanded you by God.

34 ¶ And opening *his* mouth, Peter said, Truly I see that God is not a respecter of faces,

35 but in every nation the *one* fearing Him and working righteousness is acceptable to Him.

36 The Word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ, this One is Lord of all.

37 You know the thing that happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed,

38 Jesus the *One* from Nazareth, how God anointed Him with *the* Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all the *ones* having been oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did, both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem, whom they killed, hanging *Him* on a tree.

40 God raised up this *One* the third day and gave to Him to become visible;

41 not to all the people, but to witnesses, the *ones* having been before hand-picked by God, to us who ate and drank with Him after His rising again from *the* dead.

42 And He commanded us to proclaim to the people and to witness solemnly that it is *He* Himself who has been marked out by God *to be* Judge of *the* living and *the* dead.

43 To this *One* all the Prophets witness, *so that* through His name everyone believing into Him *will* receive remission of sins.

44 ¶ As Peter was yet speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all the *ones* hearing the Word.

45 And were amazed the *ones* of faithful circumcision, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the nations also.

46 For they heard them speaking in languages and magnifying God. Then Peter answered,

47 Not is able anyone to forbid the water that these not be baptized, who the Holy Spirit received, even as we also?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to remain some days.

Acts 11

1 Peter, accused for going in to the nations, 5 makes his defense. 19 The gospel being spread into Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, Barnabas is sent to confirm them.

1 ¶ And the apostles and the brothers, the *ones* who were throughout Judea, heard that the nations also received the Word of God.

2 And when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the *ones* of the circumcision disputed with him,

3 saying, You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them.

4 But beginning, Peter set out to them in order, saying,

5 I was being in *the* city of Joppa, praying. And in an ecstasy, I saw a vision: a certain vessel was coming down, like a great sheet, being let down by four corners out of the heaven; and it came as far as me.

6 into which gazing, looking intently, even I saw the four-footed *animals* of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the reptiles, and the birds of the heaven.

7 And I heard a voice saying to me, Peter, rise up, slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not at all, Lord, because every *thing* common or unclean never entered into my mouth.

9 But a voice answered me the second *time* out of the heaven, What *things* God made clean, you must not make common.

10 And this took place three *times*, and all things were pulled up into the heaven again.

11 And, behold, at once three men stood at the house in which I was, having been sent from Caesarea to me.

12 And the Spirit said to me to go with them, not discriminating. And these six brothers also *were* with me, and we went into the man's house.

13 And he told us how he saw an angel in his house, standing and saying to him, Send men to Joppa and call for Simon, being called Peter,

14 who will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.

15 And in my beginning to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as also on us in *the* beginning.

16 And I recalled the Word of *the* Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized in *the* Holy Spirit.

17 Then if God gave the same gift to them as also to us, believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and I, who was I to be able to hinder God?

18 And hearing these things, they were silent and glorified God, saying, Then God also gave to the nations repentance unto life.

19 ¶ Then, indeed, the *ones* who were dispersed by the oppression, the *one* having occurred over Stephen, passed through to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to no one, if not to Jews only.

20 But some men from them, Cypriots and Cyrenians, who entering into Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

21 And *the* hand of *the* Lord was with them, and a great number believing turned to the Lord.

22 And the Word was heard into the ears of the assembly in Jerusalem concerning them. And they sent out Barnabas to go through as far as Antioch;

23 who having come, and seeing the grace of God, rejoiced. And he exhorted all with purpose of heart to abide near the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of *the* Holy Spirit and of faith. And a considerable crowd was added to the Lord.

25 And Barnabas went out to Tarsus to seek Saul.

26 And finding him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened that *for* them to be assembled to them in the assembly a whole year. And they taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

27 ¶ And in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem into Antioch.

28 And rising up one of them, Agabus by name, signified through the Spirit that a

great famine was about to be over all the inhabited earth, which also happened on Claudius Caesar's *time*.

29 And according as any was prospered, the disciples, each of them, determined to send for ministry to the brothers living in Judea,

30 which they also did, sending to the elders through *the* hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 12

1 King Herod persecutes the Christians, kills James, 6 and imprisons Peter. 20 In his pride, he is stricken by an angel, and dies miserably.

1 ¶ And at that time Herod the king put on the hands to mistreat some of the *ones* from the assembly.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with a sword.

3 And seeing that it was pleasing to the Jews, he added also to seize Peter (and they were *the* days of Unleavened *Bread*),

4 whom capturing *him also*, he put *him* into prison, giving *him over* to four sets of four soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him up to the people after the Passover.

5 ¶ Therefore Peter was indeed kept in the prison, but fervent prayer was made by the assembly to God on his behalf.

6 But when Herod was about to bring him out, in that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, having been bound with two chains, also guards were before the door keeping the prison.

7 And, behold! An angel of *the* Lord stood by, and a light shone in the building. And striking Peter's side, he aroused him, saying, Rise up in haste! And the chains fell off from *his* hands.

8 And the angel said to him, Gird yourself, and bind on your sandals. And he did so. And he said to him, Throw around your garment and follow me.

9 And going out, he followed him, and did not know that this happening through the angel was true, but he thought he saw a vision.

10 And going through a first and a second guard, they came on the iron gate leading into the city, which opened to them of itself. And going out, they went on one street; and instantly the angel withdrew from him.

11 And Peter coming to be within himself said, Now I know truly that *the* Lord

sent out His angel and delivered me out of Herod's hand, and *out* of all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And comprehending, he came onto the house of Mary the mother of John, the *one* being called Mark, where many were gathered together, and praying.

13 And Peter knocking *at* the door of the porch, a servant girl, Rhoda by name, came near to answer.

14 And recognizing Peter's voice, from joy she did not open the porch, but running in she reported Peter to stand before the porch.

15 But the *ones* said to her, You are raving. But she insisted, holding *it* to be so. And the *ones* said, It is his angel.

16 But Peter was continuing knocking. And opening, they saw him and were amazed.

17 And signaling to them with the hand to be silent, he told them how the Lord led him out of the prison. And he said, Report these things to James and the brothers. And going out, he went to another place.

18 And day having come, there was not a little disturbance among the soldiers, *saying*, What, then, became of Peter?

19 And searching for him, and not finding *him*, examining the guards, Herod commanded them to be led away. And going down from Judea to Caesarea, *he* spent time *there*.

20 ¶ And Herod *was* very angry with *the* Tyrians and Sidonians. But with one mind they came to him. And persuading Blastus, the *one* over the king's bedroom, they begged peace, because their country was fed from the royal *bounty*.

21 And on a set day, having put on regal clothing, and sitting on the tribunal, Herod made a speech to them.

22 And the people cried out, The voice of a god, and not of a man!

23 And instantly an angel of *the* Lord struck him, because he did not give the glory to God. And having been eaten of worms, he breathed out his soul.

24 But the Word of God grew and increased.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, having fulfilled the ministry, and having taken with *them* the *one* being called Mark.

Acts 13

1 Paul and Barnabas go to the nations 7 Of Sergius Paulus, and Elymas the magician. 14 Paul preaches at Antioch, that Jesus is the Christ.

42 The nations believe; 45 but the Jews gainsay and blaspheme; 46 so they turn to the nations..

1 ¶ And in Antioch some among the existing assembly were prophets and teachers: both Barnabas and Simeon, the *one* being called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 And *they* doing service to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Now separate both Barnabas and Saul to Me, for the work to which I have called them.

3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and placing hands on them, they let *them* go.

4 ¶ Then these indeed sent out by the Holy Spirit went down to Seleucia, and from there sailed away to Cyprus.

5 And coming unto Salamis, they preached the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they also had John as a helper.

6 And passing through the island as far as Paphos, they found a certain magician, a false prophet, a Jew named Bar-jesus,

7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This *one* calling Barnabas and Saul to him, he sought to hear the Word of God.

8 But Elymas, the magician, withstood them (for so his name is translated) seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 But Saul, the *one* also *is* Paul, being filled with *the* Holy Spirit, and looking intently on him,

10 said, O son of the devil, full of all deceit and of all villainy, hostile *to* all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the right ways of *the* Lord?

11 And now, behold, *the* hand of the Lord *is* on you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun until a time. And instantly a mist and darkness fell on him, and going about he sought *some* to lead *him* by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul seeing the thing happening, he believed, being astounded at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 And setting sail from Paphos *with* those around *him*, Paul came to Perga of

Pamphylia. But John departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

14 ¶ But going through from Perga, they came to Antioch-Pisidia, and going into the synagogue on the day of the sabbaths, they sat down.

15 And after the reading of the Law, and of the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent to them, saying, Men, brothers, if there is a word of exhortation to the people, speak.

16 And rising up, and signaling with his hand, Paul said, Men, Israelites, and the *ones* fearing God, hear.

17 The God of this people Israel chose out our fathers, and lifted up the people in the sojourn in *the* land of Egypt. And with a high arm, He led them out of it.

18 And *for* about forty years time, He endured them in the wilderness. *Deut. 1:31*

19 And *He* pulled down seven nations in Canaan land, and gave their land to them as an inheritance. *Deut. 7:1*

20 And after these things, about four hundred and fifty years, He gave judges until Samuel the prophet.

21 And from there they asked *for* a king. And God gave Saul *the* son of Kish to them, a man of *the* tribe of Benjamin, *for* forty years.

22 And removing him, He raised up to them David *for* a king, to whom He also said, witnessing, I found David *the* son of Jesse “*to be* a man according to My own heart,” who will do all My will. *1 Samuel 13:14; Psa. 89:20;*

23 From the seed of this one, according to promise, God raised up to Israel a Savior, Jesus;

24 John going before to proclaim before the face of His entrance a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John fulfilled the course, he said, Whom do you suppose me to be? Not I AM, but, behold, “He comes after me, *One* of whom I am not worthy to loose the sandal of *His* feet.” *John 1:27*

26 Men, brothers, sons of *the* race of Abraham, and the *ones* among you fearing God, to you the Word of this salvation was sent.

27 For the *ones* dwelling in Jerusalem, and their rulers, not knowing this *One*, and

the voices of the prophets, the *ones* being read according to every sabbath, condemning *Him*, they fulfilled *the* Scriptures.

28 And finding no cause of death, they asked Pilate to kill Him.

29 And when they finished all the things having been written concerning Him, taking *Him* down from the tree, they laid *Him* in a tomb.

30 But God raised Him from *the* dead;

31 who appeared for many days to the *ones* coming up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are witnesses of Him to the people.

32 And we preach the gospel to you, the promise to the fathers having come into being,

33 that this God has fulfilled to us, their children, raising up Jesus; as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” *Psa. 2:7*

34 And that He raised Him from *the* dead, no more being about to return to corruption, therefore He has said, “I will give You” “the faithful and holy things of David.” *Isaiah 55:3*

35 Therefore He also said in another, “You will not give Your Holy One to see corruption.” *LXX-Psa. 15:10; MT-Psa. 16:10*

36 For having served *his* own generation by the purpose of God, David truly fell asleep and was added to his fathers and saw corruption. *1 Kings. 2:10*

37 But *He* whom God raised up, *He* did not see corruption.

38 Therefore let it be known to you, men, brothers, that through this *One* is proclaimed to you remission of sins.

39 And from all the things from which you could not be justified in the Law of Moses, in this *One* every *one* believing is justified.

40 Therefore watch *that* the things spoken in the Prophets may not come on you:

41 “Behold, the despisers,” “and marvel,” “and perish, because I work a work in your days,” a work which you will “not believe, not *even* if someone fully declares *it* to you,” not *one*. *Hab. 1:5*

42 ¶ But the Jews going out of the synagogue, the nations begged that these words be spoken to them unto the next sabbath.

43 And the synagogue being broken up, many of the Jews and of the devout pros-

elytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who speaking *to them* persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 But on the coming sabbath, almost all the city was gathered to hear the Word of God.

45 And the Jews seeing the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things being spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 But speaking boldly, Paul and Barnabas said, It was necessary *for* the Word of God to be spoken first to you; but since you indeed thrust it away and judge yourselves not worthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the nations.

47 For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have set You for a Light of nations, that You be for salvation to *the* end of the earth." *Isa. 49:6*

48 And hearing, the nations rejoiced and glorified the Word of the Lord. And as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

49 And the Word of the Lord was borne through all the country.

50 But the Jews incited the devout and honorable women, and the first *ones* of the city, and raised up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out from their borders.

51 But these shaking off the dust of their feet on them, they came into Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy and *the* Holy Spirit.

Acts 14

1 Paul and Barnabas are persecuted. 8 At Lystra Paul heals a cripple, 19 and is stoned. 26 At Antioch, the disciples report what God had done.

1 ¶ And it happened in Iconium, according to the same they entered into the synagogue of the Jews, and spoke thus, so that a large multitude of both Jews and Greeks *came* to believe.

2 But the unbelieving Jews excited and embittered the souls of the nations against the brothers.

3 Therefore, they stayed a considerable time, speaking boldly on the Lord, witnessing to the Word of His grace, and *He* giving *miraculous* signs and wonders to occur through their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided; and the *ones* were with the Jews, but the *other ones* with the apostles.

5 And when a rush of the nations occurred, and both the Jews with their rulers *came* to treat shamefully and to stone them,

6 perceiving *it* all, they fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the region around.

7 And there they were preaching the gospel.

8 And a certain man was sitting in Lystra, powerless in the feet, being lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 This *one* heard Paul speaking, who, looking intently at him, and seeing that he had faith to be cured,

10 *he* said with a great voice, Stand up erect on your feet! And he leaped up and walked about.

11 And seeing what Paul did, the crowd lifted up their voice in Lycaonian, saying, The gods have come down to us, becoming like men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the *one* leading in the word.

13 And the priest of Zeus being before their city, bringing bulls and garlands to the gates, *he* wished to sacrifice along with the crowds.

14 But Paul and Barnabas, the apostles, hearing, tearing their garments, they leaped out into the crowd, crying out,

15 and saying, Men, why do you do these things? We also are men of like feelings to you, preaching the gospel to you to turn *you* from these vain *things* to the living God, who "made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all the things in them," *Ex. 20:11*

16 who in the generations having passed allowed all the nations to go in their *own* ways.

17 And yet He did not leave Himself without witness, doing good, giving rain and fruitful seasons to us from heaven, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And saying these things, they hardly settled down the crowds, *that they* not sacrifice to them.

19 ¶ But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the

crowds, and having stoned Paul, they dragged *him* outside the city, supposing him to have died.

20 But the disciples surrounding him, arising he entered into the city. And on the next day he went out with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And having preached the gospel to that city, and having made considerable disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch,

22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting to continue in the faith, and that through many afflictions we must enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And having hand-picked elders for them in every assembly, having prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed.

24 And passing through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And speaking the Word in Perga, they came down to Attalia,

26 and from there they sailed away to Antioch, from where they were being given over to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And arriving, and gathering the assembly, they reported as many things God did with them and that He opened a door of faith to the nations.

28 And they remained there not a little time with the disciples.

Acts 15

1 Dissension arises touching circumcision. 39 Paul and Barnabas fall at strife, and depart asunder.

1 ¶ And some, coming down from Judea, were teaching the brothers, *saying*, If you are not circumcised *in* the custom of Moses, you are not able to be saved.

2 Therefore strife and not a little discussion with them occurring by Paul and Barnabas, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and some others of them to go up into Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this question.

3 Therefore, indeed, being sent forward by the assembly they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, relating in detail the conversion of the nations. And they caused great joy *among* all the brothers.

4 And arriving into Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the assembly and the apostles and the elders. And *they* reported as many things as God did with them.

5 But some of the *ones* rose up from the sect of the Pharisees, having believed, saying, It is necessary to circumcise them and to command *them* to keep the Law of Moses.

6 ¶ And the apostles and the elders were assembled to see about this matter.

7 And much discussion having occurred, rising up Peter said to them: Men, brothers, you recognize that from ancient days, God chose among us *that* through my mouth the nations *should* hear the Word of the gospel, and to believe.

8 And God, the knower of hearts, testified to them, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as also to us.

9 And He distinguished in nothing between both us and them, having purified their hearts by faith.

10 Now, therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we had strength to bear?

11 But through the grace of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, we believe to be saved, according to which manner those also *believed*.

12 And all the multitude was silent and were hearing Barnabas and Paul recounting as many things as God did through them among the nations, *even* the *miraculous* signs and wonders.

13 And after they were silent, James answered, saying, Men, brothers, hear me:

14 Simon recounted *how* even as *at* first God oversaw to take a people out from *among* the nations for His name.

15 And with this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written,

16 After these things “I” will return and “will build again the tabernacle of David, the *one* having fallen,” “and I will build again the things ” being destroyed of it, and I will set it up, *Amos 9:11, 12*

17 so that the remaining *ones* of men may seek the Lord, “even all the nations on whom My name has been called, says the Lord, the *One* doing all these things.” *Amos 9:11, 12*

18 Known to God from eternity are all His works.

19 For this reason I judge not to cause trouble to the *ones* from the nations turning to God,

20 but to write to them to hold back from the pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* the strangled *thing*, and blood.

21 For in according to a city from ancient generations Moses has the *ones* proclaiming him, being read in the synagogues according to every sabbath.

22 ¶ Then it seemed *good* to the apostles and the elders, with all the assembly, to send men being chosen from them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, Judas, the *one* being called Barsabas, and Silas, men leading among the the brothers,

23 writing by their hand these things: The apostles and the elders and the brothers, to the brothers throughout Antioch, and Syria, and Cilicia, the *ones* from the nations: Greeting.

24 Since we heard that some of us going out have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, Be circumcised and keep the Law, to whom we gave no command;

25 it seemed *good* to us, having become of one mind, to send men being chosen out to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 men who have given over their souls on behalf of the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

27 Therefore, we have sent Judas and Silas, they by word also announcing the same things.

28 For it seemed *good* to the Holy Spirit and to us to put on you no more burden except these necessary *things*:

29 To hold back from idol sacrifices, and *from* blood, and *from* the strangled *thing*, and *from* fornication; from which carefully keeping yourselves, you will do well. Farewell.

30 Then they indeed being let go, they came to Antioch. And having assembled the multitude, *they* delivered the letter.

31 And reading *it*, they rejoiced at the comfort.

32 And Judas and Silas, themselves also being prophets, exhorted the brothers through much speech, and confirmed *them*.

33 And having made time, they were let go with peace from the brothers to the apostles.

34 But it seemed good to Silas to remain there.

35 And Paul and Barnabas spent time in Antioch, teaching and preaching the gospel, the Word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 ¶ And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, Indeed, Returning, let us look after our brothers throughout every city in which we proclaimed the Word of the Lord, how they have *fared*.

37 But Barnabas purposed to take John with *them*, the *one* being called Mark.

38 But Paul thought it fitting, *he* having withdrawn from them from Pamphylia, and not going with them to the work, not to take this *one* with *them*.

39 Therefore sharp contention happened, so as to be separated them from each other. And taking Mark, Barnabas sailed away to Cyprus.

40 But choosing Silas, Paul went out, being given over to the grace of God by the brothers,

41 and he went through Syria and Cilicia, making the assemblies strong.

Acts 16

1 Paul having circumcised Timothy, 14 Lydia believes. 16 He casts out a spirit of divination.

19 He and Silas are beaten and imprisoned.

1 ¶ And he arrived in Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple by name Timothy was there, *the* son of a certain believing Jewish woman, but *his* father was a Greek.

2 who was testified to by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium.

3 Paul desired this *one* to go forth with him, and taking *him* *he* circumcised him, because of the Jews being in those places. For they all knew his father, that he was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they gave over to them to keep the decrees, the *ones* having been decided by the apostles and the elders in Jerusalem.

5 Therefore, indeed, the assemblies were being made stronger in the faith, and increased in number according to a day.

6 ¶ And passing through Phrygia and the Galatian region, being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the Word in Asia,

7 coming against Mysia, they attempted to go alongside Bithynia, and the Spirit did not allow them.

8 And passing by Mysia, they came down into Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul during the night: a certain man of Macedonia *was* standing, entreating him and saying, Passing over into Macedonia, help us!

10 And when he saw the vision, we immediately sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel *to* them.

11 Therefore setting sail from Troas, we ran a straight course into Samothrace, and on the next *day* into Neapolis,

12 and from there into Philippi, which is the first city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were in this city, spending some days.

13 And on the day of the sabbaths, we went outside the city beside a river, where was supposed to be a place of prayer. And sitting down, we spoke to the women having come together *there*.

14 And a certain woman, Lydia by name, a seller of purple of *the* city of Thyatira, *one* worshiping God, heard *us*, whose heart the Lord opened thoroughly to pay attention to the things being spoken by Paul.

15 And as she and her household were baptized, she entreated *Paul*, saying, If you have judged me to be a believing *one* in the Lord, entering into my house, remain. And she strongly urged us.

16 ¶ And it happened, *as* we were going into *a place of* prayer, a certain slave girl having a Pythonic spirit met us, whose divining brought much profit to her masters.

17 Following after Paul and us, she cried out, saying, These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to us a way of salvation!

18 And she did this over many days. But becoming distressed, and turning around to the *demonic* spirit, Paul said, In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out from her! And it came out in the very hour.

19 And seeing that the hope of their profit went out, taking hold of Paul and Silas, her masters dragged *them* into the marketplace before the rulers.

20 And bringing them near to the magistrates, *they* said, These men are completely disturbing our city, being Jews,

21 and they are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, nor to do, being Romans.

22 And the crowd rose up against them. And tearing off their clothes, the magistrates ordered *men* to beat *them* with a rod.

23 And laying on them many strokes, they threw *them* into prison, charging the prison-keeper to keep them securely,

24 who, receiving such a charge, threw them into the inner prison, and locked their feet in the stocks.

25 ¶ And about midnight Paul and Silas were praying *and* singing praise to God, and the prisoners listened to them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and all of the bonds were loosed.

27 And becoming awake, and seeing the doors of the prison being opened, drawing a sword, the prison-keeper was about to kill himself, supposing the prisoners to have escaped.

28 But Paul called out with a great voice, saying, Do no harm *to* yourself! For we are all here.

29 And asking for lights, he rushed in. And becoming trembling, he fell before Paul and Silas.

30 And bringing them outside, he said, Sirs, what must I do that I may be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.

32 And they spoke the Word of the Lord to him, and *to* all the *ones* in his household.

33 And taking them in that hour of the night, he washed from *their* strokes. And he and all the *ones* of him were baptized at once.

34 And bringing them up to the house, he set a table before *them*, and exulted wholehousefully, believing God.

35 ¶ And *it* becoming day, the magistrates sent the rod-carriers, saying, Set those men free.

36 And the prison-keeper announced these words to Paul, The magistrates have sent that you be set free. Now, therefore, going out, go in peace.

37 But Paul said to them, Having beaten us publicly, being Romans and uncondemned

men, they threw *us* into prison. And now do they throw us out secretly? No, indeed! But coming themselves, let them bring us out.

38 And the rod-carriers reported these words to the magistrates. And hearing that they were Romans, they were afraid.

39 And coming, they begged *them*. And bringing *them* out, *they* asked *them* to go out of the city.

40 And going out from the prison, *they* went into the *house of Lydia*. And seeing the brothers, they exhorted them, and went out.

Acts 17

1 Paul preaches at Thessalonica and Berea.

13 Being persecuted at Thessalonica, 15 he comes to Athens, and preaches, 34 whereby many are converted.

1 ¶ And traveling through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2 And according to Paul's custom, he went in to them, and on three sabbaths *he* reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

3 opening and setting forth that the Christ must have suffered, and to have risen from *the* dead, and that this is the Christ, Jesus, whom I proclaim to you.

4 And some of them were persuaded and joined themselves to Paul and Silas, both a great multitude of the worshiping Greeks, and of the first *ones* of the women, not a few.

5 But becoming jealous, and taking some wicked men of the market loafers, and gathering a crowd, the disobeying Jews set the city into an uproar. And coming on the house of Jason, *they* sought to bring them on to the assembled people.

6 But not finding them, they dragged Jason and some brothers before the city judges, crying, The *ones* disturbing the inhabited earth have come here, too;

7 whom Jason has received. And these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus.

8 And hearing these things, they agitated the crowd and the city judges.

9 And taking security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 ¶ But the brothers at once sent away both Paul and Silas to Berea during the

night; who having arrived went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 And these were more noble than the *ones* in Thessalonica, who received the Word with all readiness, according to a day examining the Scriptures if these things might have *been* so.

12 Therefore truly many of them believed, and of the honorable Greek women and men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica knew that the Word of God was also proclaimed in Berea by Paul, they came there also, shaking up the crowds.

14 And immediately, then, the brothers sent away Paul, to go as far as to the sea. But both Silas and Timothy remained there.

15 But the *ones* conducting Paul brought him as far as Athens. And receiving a command to Silas and Timothy that they come to him as quickly as possible, they went out.

16 ¶ But awaiting them in Athens, Paul's spirit was provoked within him, seeing the city utterly idolatrous.

17 Therefore, indeed, he addressed the Jews in the synagogue, and the *ones* worshiping, also in the marketplace according to every day, to the *ones* happening by.

18 And some of the Epicurean and of the Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, What may this seed-picker wish to say? And these *others*, He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign demons (because he proclaimed Jesus and the resurrection to them).

19 And taking hold of him, they led *him* to the Ares Hill, saying, Are we able to know what *is* this new doctrine being spoken by you?

20 For you bring some surprising things to our ears. We are minded, therefore, to know what these things wish to be.

21 And all Athenians and the strangers dwelling *there* have leisure for nothing else than to say and to hear newer *things*.

22 ¶ And standing in *the* midst of the Arceopagus, Paul said, Men, Athenians, I see how you in everything *are* gods-fearing *ones*;

23 for passing through and looking up at the objects of your worship, I also found an altar on which had been written, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, not

knowing *Him* whom you worship, I proclaim this *One* to you.

24 God, the *One* who made the world and all things in it, this *One* being Lord of Heaven and of earth, does not dwell in temples made by hand,

25 nor is served by hands of men, *as* having need of anything. *For* He is giving life and breath and all things to all.

26 And He made every nation of men of one blood, to live on all the face of the earth, having determined fore-appointed seasons and boundaries of their dwelling,

27 to seek the Lord, if perhaps they might feel after Him and might find *Him*, though indeed *He* not being far from each one of us.

28 For in Him we live and move and exist, as also some of the poets among you have said, For we are also His offspring.

29 Therefore being offspring of God, we ought not to suppose that the Deity is like gold or silver or stone, engraved by art and the imagination of man.

30 Indeed, therefore, God overlooking the times of ignorance, now strictly commands all men everywhere to repent,

31 because He set a day in which "He is going to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness," by a Man whom He appointed; having offered faith to all, having raised Him up from *the* dead. *Psa. 9:8*

32 ¶ And hearing *of* a resurrection of *the* dead, the *ones* indeed ridiculed, but said, We will hear you again concerning this.

33 And so Paul went out from their midst.

34 But some men believed, joining themselves to him, among whom also *were* both Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Acts 18

3 Paul labors with his hands, and preaches at Corinth. 9 The Lord encourages him in a vision.

1 ¶ And after these things, departing from Athens, Paul came to Corinth.

2 And finding a certain Jew, Aquila by name, of Pontus by race, having recently come from Italy *with* his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome, he came to them.

3 And because *of his* being of the same trade, he lived and worked with them; for they were tentmakers by trade.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue according to every sabbath, persuading both Jews and Greeks.

5 And when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was pressed by the Spirit, earnestly testifying to the Jews *that* Jesus *is* the Christ.

6 But *they* resisting, and blaspheming, having shaken *his* garments, he said to them, Your blood *be* on your head. I *am* pure *from it*; from now *on* I will go to the nations.

7 ¶ And having gone over from there, he went into *the* house of a certain one, Justus by name, *one* worshiping God, whose house was being next door to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the synagogue ruler, was believing the Lord along with all his household. And hearing, many of the Corinthians were believing and were being baptized.

9 And the Lord said to Paul through a vision in *the* night, Do not fear, but speak, and do not keep silence;

10 because I am with you, and no one shall set on you to oppress you; because there is much people to Me in this city.

11 And he remained a year and six months teaching the Word of God among them.

12 ¶ But Gallio *being* proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rushed against Paul with one mind and led him to the tribunal,

13 saying, This one persuades men to worship God contrary to the Law.

14 But Paul being about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, If, indeed, then, it was some wrong or wicked criminality, O Jews, according to reason I would endure you.

15 But if it is a question about a word, and names, and the law according to you, you will see to *it* yourselves; for I do not wish to be a judge of these things.

16 And he drove them from the tribunal.

17 And all the Greeks having seized Sosthenes the ruler of the synagogue, they beat *him* before the tribunal. And not one of these things mattered to Gallio.

18 ¶ And having remained considerable days more, bidding farewell to the brothers, Paul sailed to Syria, having shorn *his*

head in Cenchrea, for he had a vow. And Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and he left those *two* there. But he having entered into the synagogue, he reasoned with the Jews.

20 And they asking *him* to remain over a longer time with them, he did not consent,

21 but bid farewell to them, saying, I must by all means to make the coming feast, the *one* at Jerusalem; but I will come again to you, God willing. And he set sail from Ephesus.

22 And landing at Caesarea, having gone up and greeted the assembly, he went down to Antioch.

23 And spending some time, he went out, in order passing through the Galatian *region* and Phrygia, making strong all the disciples.

24 ¶ But a certain Jew, Apollos by name, an Alexandrian by people, an eloquent man, came into Ephesus, being powerful in the Scriptures.

25 This one having been taught by mouth in the way of the Lord, and glowing in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things about the Lord, understanding only the baptism of John.

26 And this one began to speak boldly in the synagogue. And hearing him Priscilla and Aquila took him and more accurately expounded the way of God to him.

27 And he having intended to go through into Achaia, having been encouraged, the brothers wrote to the disciples to welcome him; who, arriving, helped much the *ones* who were believing through grace.

28 For he powerfully confuted the Jews publicly, proving through the Scriptures Jesus to be the Christ.

Acts 19

6 *The Holy Spirit is given by Paul's hands. 11 His doctrine is confirmed by miracles. 24 Demetrius raises an uproar against him.*

1 ¶ And it happened, in the *time* Apollos was in Corinth, Paul *was* passing through the higher parts to come to Ephesus. And finding some disciples,

2 he said to them, Having believed, if you received *the* Holy Spirit? And the *ones* said to him, We did not even hear whether *the* Holy Spirit is.

3 And he said to them, Then into what were you baptized? And the *ones* said, To the baptism of John.

4 And Paul said, John indeed baptized *with* a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe into the *One* coming after him, that is, into the Christ, Jesus.

5 And hearing, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And Paul laying hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in languages and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 ¶ And going into the synagogue, he spoke boldly over three months, having reasoned with *them*, and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

9 But when some were hardened, and did not obey, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, going away from them, he separated the disciples, conversing according to a day in the school of a certain Tyrannus.

10 And this happened over two years, so that all the *ones* living in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God did uncommon works of power through the hands of Paul,

12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin to be brought onto the *ones being* sick, and the diseases to be released from them, and the evil spirits to go out from them.

13 ¶ But certain from the going about Jewish exorcists undertook to name the name of the Lord Jesus over the *ones* having evil spirits, saying, We adjure you *by* Jesus whom Paul preaches.

14 And there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, the *ones* doing this.

15 But answering the evil spirit said, I know Jesus, and I comprehend Paul, but who are you?

16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, and having subdued them, *he* was strong against them, and having been wounded and naked, *they* fled out of that house.

17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, the *ones* living in Ephesus. And fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many of the *ones* having believed came confessing, and reporting their practices.

19 And a considerable *number* of the *ones* practicing the magical *arts*, bringing together the books, burned *them* before all. And they counted the prices of them, and found *it to be* fifty thousands of silver.

20 So with might, the Word of the Lord was growing and was strong.

21 ¶ And when these things were fulfilled, passing through Macedonia and Achaia, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have come there, I must also see Rome.

22 And having sent into Macedonia two of the *ones* who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he stayed a time in Asia.

23 And at that time there came to be no small disturbance about the Way.

24 For a certain silversmith, Demetrius by name, *was* making silver shrines of Artemis, providing no little trade *for* the craftsmen,

25 whom assembling the workmen about such things, *he* said, Men, you understand that from this trade our wealth is.

26 And you see and hear that not only Ephesus, but this Paul has persuaded almost all of Asia, perverting a considerable crowd, saying that they are not gods, the *ones* being made by hands.

27 And not only this is in danger to us, *lest our* part come to *be in* contempt, but also the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be counted nothing, and her majesty is also about to be brought down, whom all Asia and the world worships.

28 And hearing, and becoming full of anger, they cried out, saying, Great *is* Artemis of the Ephesians!

29 And all the city was filled with confusion. And they rushed with one mind into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, traveling companions of Paul.

30 And Paul purposing to go in to the assembled people, the disciples did not allow him.

31 And also some of the Asiarchs, being his friends, sending to him begged *him* not to give himself into the theater.

32 Then others indeed *were* crying out something different, for the assembly was confused, and the majority did not know on what account they came together.

33 But out of the crowd they put forward Alexander, the Jews thrust him forward. And signaling *with his* hand, Alexander desired to defend himself to the assembled people.

34 But recognizing that he is a Jew, one voice came to be from all, as *they were* crying out over two hours, Great *is* Artemis of the Ephesians!

35 And quieting the crowd, the town clerk said, Men, Ephesians, for what man is there who does not know the city of the Ephesians to be temple keepers of the great goddess Artemis, and of the *image* Fallen from Zeus?

36 Therefore, these things being undeniable, it is necessary for you, being calmed, to be *so*, and to do nothing rash.

37 For you brought these men, *being* neither temple-robbers nor blaspheming your goddess.

38 If then, indeed, Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a matter against anyone, the courts lead, and there are pro-consuls. Let them accuse one another.

39 But if you seek concerning other things, it will be settled in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be accused of insurrection concerning today, there being no cause about which we will be able to give account of this crowding together.

41 And saying these things, he dismissed the assembly.

Acts 20

1 Paul goes to Macedonia. 10 Eutychus is raised to life. 17 At Miletus Paul calls the elders together, 36 prays with them, and goes his way.

1 ¶ And after the ceasing of the tumult, calling and greeting the disciples, Paul went away to go into Macedonia.

2 And passing through those parts, and exhorting them with much speech, he came into Greece.

3 And having acted three months *there*, a plot by the Jews having occurred *against* him, being about to sail into Syria, he was *of a* mind to return through Macedonia.

4 And was accompanying him as far as Asia Sopater, a Berean; and Aristarchus and

Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Asians Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 These *men* having gone ahead awaited us in Troas.

6 But we sailed along after the days of Unleavened *Bread* from Philippi, and came to them at Troas within five days, where we stayed seven days.

7 ¶ And on the one of the sabbaths, the disciples being assembled to break bread, Paul was discoursing to them, being about to depart on the next day, Paul discoursed to them. And he continued his speech until midnight.

8 And many lamps were in the upper room where they were gathered.

9 And a certain young man. Eutychus by name, *was* sitting on the window *sill* being overborne by deep sleep, Paul discoursing for a longer *time*, having been overborne by the sleep, he fell down from the third floor and was taken up dead.

10 But going down Paul fell on him, and embracing *him*, he said, Do not be troubled, for his soul is in him.

11 And going up, and breaking bread, and eating, and conversing over a considerable *time*, until daybreak, he went out thus.

12 And they brought the boy alive and were comforted not a little.

13 ¶ But going before onto the ship, we set sail for Assos, being about to take up Paul in there; for so it was arranged, he being about to go on foot.

14 And when he met us in Assos, taking him up we came to Mitylene.

15 And sailing away from there, on the next *day* we arrived off Chios, and on the next we crossed to Samos. And staying in Trogyllium, the following *day* we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had decided to sail by Ephesus, so as it might not happen to him to spend time in Asia; for he hastened if it were possible for him to be into Jerusalem *on* the day of Pentecost.

17 ¶ And having sent to Ephesus from Miletus, he called for the elders of the assembly.

18 And when they came to him, he said to them: You understand, from *the* first day

on which I set foot in Asia, how I was with you all the time,

19 serving the Lord with all humility, and many tears and trials happening to me, the *ones* by the plots of the Jews;

20 as I drew nothing back of the *things* profiting you, *so as* not to declare and to teach you publicly, and according to houses,

21 earnestly testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, being bound by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing the things going to meet me in it,

23 but that the Holy Spirit according to *each* city solemnly testifies, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

24 But I make account of nothing, nor do I hold my life precious to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to solemnly testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that you all will see my face no more, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom of God.

26 Therefore I testify to you in this very day that I *am* clean from the blood of all.

27 For I did not draw back from declaring to you all the counsel of God.

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit placed you *as* overseers, to shepherd the assembly of God which He purchased through *His* own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departure unsparing wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and out of you *yourselves* will rise up men speaking perverting *things* in order to draw away the disciples after themselves.

31 Therefore, be alert, remembering that I did not cease admonishing each one with tears night and day *for* three years.

32 And now, brothers, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, the *One* being able to build up and to give you inheritance among all the *ones* having been sanctified.

33 I have desired *the* silver, or gold, or clothing of no one.

34 But you yourselves know that these hands ministered to my needs, and to the *ones* who were with me.

35 I showed you by all things that working hard in this way it is needful to help the *ones* being feeble, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 ¶ And having said these things, placing his knees, he prayed with them all.

37 And there was much weeping of all; and falling on the neck of Paul, they tenderly kissed him,

38 most of all grieving for the word which he said, that they were going to see his face no more. And they went with him to the ship.

Acts 21

1 Paul will not be dissuaded from going to Jerusalem. 27 He is rescued, and arrested, 31 is permitted to speak to the people.

1 ¶ And when it was *time* to sail, we tearing away *ourselves* from them, sailing a straight course we came to Cos, and on the next *day* to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

2 And finding a ship crossing over to Phoenice, going on board we set sail:

3 and sighting Cyprus, and leaving it on the left, we sailed to Syria, and came down to Tyre; for the ship was unloading the cargo there.

4 And having found disciples, we remained there seven days; who told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.

5 But when it was *time for* us to finish out the days, having gone out, we traveled. *And they*, with all *the* women and children went with us as far as outside the city. And placing the knees on the shore, we prayed.

6 And having given parting greetings to one another, we went up into the ship, and those went back to their own *homes*.

7 And completing the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais. And having greeted the brothers, we remained one day with them.

8 ¶ And on the next day, the *ones* around Paul going out, *we* came to Caesarea. And going into Philip the evangelist's house, *he* being of the Seven, we remained with him.

9 And to this *one* there were four virgin daughters who prophesied.

10 And we remaining more days, a certain prophet from Judea, Agabus by name, came down.

11 And coming to us, and taking Paul's girdle-band, and binding his hands and feet, he said, The Holy Spirit says these *things*: In Jerusalem the Jews will bind in this way the man whose girdle-band this is, and will give *him* over into the hands of *the* nations.

12 And when we heard these things, both we and the resident *saints* begged him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 But Paul answered, What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For not only am I ready to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And he not being persuaded, we were silent, saying, The will of the Lord be *done*.

15 ¶ And after these days, having packed up, we went up to Jerusalem.

16 And also *some* of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing Mnason, a certain Cypriot, an old disciple, with whom we might lodge.

17 And we being in Jerusalem, the brothers joyfully received us.

18 And on the next *day*, Paul went in with us to James. And all the elders arrived.

19 And having greeted them, he related according to each one what things God had worked among the nations through his ministry.

20 And hearing, they glorified the Lord, and said to him, You see, brother, how many myriads there are of Jews, the *ones* having believed, and all are zealots of the Law.

21 And they have been informed about you, that you are teaching falling away from Moses, telling all the Jews throughout the nations, saying not to circumcise *their* children, nor to walk in the customs.

22 What is it, then? Certainly a multitude must come together, for they will hear that you have come.

23 Therefore, do this, which we say to you: There are four men who have a vow on themselves;

24 taking these, be purified with them, and be at expense on them, that they may shave the head. And all shall know that all what they have been told about you is nothing, but you yourself walk by rule, and yourself keeping the Law.

25 And as to the believing nations, we wrote, having judged them to observe no such thing, except to keep themselves from both idol sacrifice, and *from* the blood, and *from* a thing strangled, and *from* fornication.

26 Then having taken the men on the following day, having been purified with them, Paul went into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of the purification, until the offering should be offered for each one of them.

27 ¶ But when the seven days were about to be completed, having seen him in the temple, the Jews from Asia were stirring up all the crowd, and *they* laid hands on him,

28 crying out, Men, Israelites, help! This is the man, the *one* teaching all everywhere against the people and the Law and this place. And even more, *he* also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.

29 For they were seeing before Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, whom they supposed that Paul brought into the temple.

30 And the whole city was stirred up and there was a running together of people. And laying hands on Paul, they drew him outside of the temple, and at once the doors were shut.

31 But as they *were* seeking to kill him, a report came up to the chiliarch of the cohort, that all Jerusalem has been stirred up.

32 *He* at once ran down to them, taking soldiers and centurions. And seeing the chiliarch and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

33 Then going near, the chiliarch laid hold of him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains. And *he* asked who he might be, and what he is doing.

34 But others cried the other *thing* in the crowd, and not being able to know the certain *thing* because of the uproar, he commanded him brought into the barracks.

35 But when he came on the stairs, it happened *for* him to be borne by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd.

36 For the multitude of the people followed, crying out, Take him away!

37 But being about to be brought into the barracks, Paul said to the chiliarch, Is it lawful for me to say a thing to you? And he said, Do you know Greek?

38 Then are you not the Egyptian, the *one* before these days caused a riot, and led four thousand men of the assassins out into the desert?

39 But Paul said, Indeed I am a man, a Jew of Tarsus, of Cilicia, a citizen *of* a not insignificant city. And I beg you, allow me to speak to the people.

40 And he allowing him, standing on the stairs, Paul signaled with *his* hand to the people. And much silence taking place, he spoke in the Hebrew dialect, saying,

Acts 22

1 Paul declares how he was converted. 22 At the mention of the nations, the people seek his death.

1 ¶ Men, brothers, and fathers, hear my defense now to you.

2 And hearing that he spoke in the Hebrew dialect to them, they showed more quietness. And he said:

3 ¶ Indeed I am a man, a Jew having been born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but having been brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, having been trained according to the exactness of the ancestral law, being a zealot of God, even as you all are today.

4 *I* persecuted this Way as far as death, binding and giving over both men and women to prisons,

5 as also the high priest, and all the elderhood witnesses to me. And receiving letters from *them* to the brothers, I was going, also bringing to Jerusalem the *ones* being bound there, in order that they might be punished.

6 And it happened to me, going and drawing near to Damascus: suddenly, about midday, a considerable light out of the heaven shone around me.

7 And I fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

8 And I answered, Who are you, Sir? And He said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene whom you persecute.

9 But the *ones* being with me indeed beheld the light, and were terrified, but did not hear the voice of the *One* speaking to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Rising up, go into Damascus, and there you will be told about all things which has been appointed to you to do.

11 And as I was not seeing, from the glory of that light, being led by the hand by the *ones* being with me, I went into Damascus.

12 And a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the Law, being testified to by all the Jews living *there*,

13 coming to me and standing by, *he* said to me, Brother Saul, see again. And in the same hour I saw again to him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers has beforehand chosen you to know His will, and to see the Righteous *One*, and to hear a voice out of His mouth;

15 for you shall be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.

16 And now what are you going *to do*? Rising up, be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it happened to me, having returned to Jerusalem and praying in the temple, for me coming to be in an ecstasy,

18 and I saw Him saying to me, Hurry and go out quickly from Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.

19 And I said, Lord, they understand that I was imprisoning and beating the *ones* believing on You throughout the synagogues.

20 And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was poured out, I myself also was standing by and consenting to the murder of him, and guarding the garments of the *ones* killing him.

21 And He said to me, Go, for I will send you to the nations afar off.

22 ¶ And they heard him as far as this word, and lifted up their voice, saying, Take away such a one from the earth, for it is not fitting that he should live!

23 And they *were* shouting, and casting off *their* garments, and throwing dust into the air,

24 the chiliarch ordered to bring him into the barracks, saying for him to be examined with scourges, that he may know for what crime they cried out so against him.

25 But as they stretched him with the thongs, Paul said to the centurion standing by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man, a Roman not found guilty?

26 And hearing, coming near the centurion reported to the chiliarch, saying, Watch what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman.

27 And coming up, the chiliarch said to him, Tell me, are you a Roman? And he said, Yes.

28 And the chiliarch answered, I bought this citizenship with a *great* sum of *money*. And Paul said, But I even was born *free*.

29 Then at once the *ones* being about to examine him stood away from him. And the chiliarch also feared, fully knowing that he was a Roman, and that he had bound him.

30 And on the next day, purposing to know the certain *thing* as to why he was accused by the Jews, he freed him from the bonds. And *he* commanded the chief priests and all their sanhedrin to come. And having brought Paul down, *he* stood *him* among them.

Acts 23

1 As Paul pleads his cause, 2 Ananias commands them to smite him. 11 God encourages him.

14 The Jews' laying wait for Paul 20 is revealed to the chiliarch. 23 He sends him to Felix.

1 ¶ And looking intently at the sanhedrin, Paul said, Men, brothers, I in all good conscience have conducted myself toward God until this day.

2 But Ananias the high priest ordered those standing by him to strike his mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, God is going to strike you, whitewashed wall! And do you sit judging me according to the Law, and breaking the Law command me to be stricken?

4 And the *ones* standing by said, Do you revile the high priest of God?

5 And Paul said, Brothers, I did not know that he is high priest; for it has been written, "You shall not speak badly" "of a ruler of your people." Ex. 22:28

6 ¶ But knowing that the one part consisted of Sadducees, and the other of Pharisees, Paul cried out in the sanhedrin, Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am being judged concerning hope and resurrection of *the* dead!

7 And *he* speaking this, there was a discord between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the multitude was divided.

8 For the Sadducees indeed say there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit. But Pharisees confess both the things.

9 And there was a great cry. And the scribes of the part of the Pharisees rising up, they were contending, saying, We find nothing bad in this man. And, If a spirit spoke to him, or an angel, let us not fight against God.

10 And much discord taking place, fearing lest Paul should be torn apart by them, the chiliarch commanded the soldiers to go down to seize him out of their midst, and to bring *him* into the barracks.

11 And in the following night standing by him the Lord said, Be cheered, Paul, for as you fully testified the things concerning Me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify at Rome.

12 ¶ And *it* becoming day, some of the Jews making a conspiracy bound themselves by an oath, saying neither to eat nor to drink until they should kill Paul.

13 And the *ones* making this plot were more *than* forty;

14 who, having come near to the chief priests and to the elders, said, With a curse we have bound ourselves by an oath to taste of nothing until we shall kill Paul.

15 Now, therefore, you with the sanhedrin inform the chiliarch, so that tomorrow he may bring him down to you, as being about to more accurately determine the things about him. And before his drawing near, we are ready to kill him.

16 But the son of Paul's sister hearing of the ambush, coming, and entering into the barracks, reported to Paul.

17 And calling near one of the centurions, Paul said, Bring this young man to the chiliarch, for he has something to report to him.

18 Therefore, indeed, taking him, he brought *him* to the chiliarch and said, Paul

the prisoner having called me near asked me to bring this young man to you, having a thing to tell you.

19 And taking hold of his hand, and drawing aside to his own *place*, the chiliarch asked, What is *it* that you have to report to me?

20 And he said, The Jews agreed to ask you that tomorrow you bring down Paul into the sanhedrin, as going to learn something more accurate about him.

21 Therefore, you do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty men of them lie in wait for him who bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor to drink until they kill him. And now they are ready, awaiting the promise from you.

22 Then the chiliarch sent away the young man, charging *him*, Tell no one that you made known these things to me.

23 And having called near a certain two of the centurions, he said, Get two hundred soldiers ready, so that they may go to Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, from the third hour of the night;

24 and animals to stand by, so that setting Paul on, they may bring *him* safely to Felix the governor.

25 *For he* was writing a letter, having this form:

26 Claudius Lysias to the most excellent governor, Felix, greeting:

27 This man being seized by the Jews, and being about to be killed by them, coming on with the soldiers I rescued him, learning that he was a Roman.

28 And purposing to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their sanhedrin;

29 I found *him* to be accused concerning questions of their law, and having no accusation worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And it being made known to me that a plot against the man was about to be *executed* by the Jews, I at once sent *him* to you, also commanding the accusers to say the things against him before you. Farewell.

31 Then indeed taking up Paul according to that order given to them, the soldiers brought *him* through the night to Antipatris.

32 And on the next day, allowing the horsemen to go with him, they returned to the barracks.

33 Entering into Caesarea, and giving over the letter to the governor, *they* also presented Paul to him.

34 And having read *it*, the governor asked from what province he is. And having learned that *he was* from Cilicia,

35 he said, I will hear you fully when your accusers arrive. And *he* commanded him to be guarded in the praetorium of Herod.

Acts 24

I Paul, being accused, 10 answers for his life and doctrine. 24 He preaches Christ to the governor and his wife.

1 ¶ And after five days Ananias the high priest came down with the elders, and a certain orator, Tertullus, who made a statement to the governor against Paul.

2 And him being called, Tertullus began to accuse, saying,

3 Obtaining much peace through you and successful achievements having come to this nation due to your forethought, both in every *thing* and everywhere we accept with all thankfulness, most excellent Felix.

4 But that I not hinder you more, I beseech you to hear us briefly in your fairness.

5 For having found this man a pestilence and moving insurrection among all the Jews throughout the world, and a leader of the Nazarene sect;

6 who also attempted to profane the temple, whom we also seized and wished to judge according to our law;

7 but Lysias the chiliarch coming up with much force took *him* away out of our hands,

8 commanding his accusers to come to you, from whom you will be able yourself to know, having examined as to all these things of which we are accusing him.

9 And the Jews also joined in, asserting these things to have *been so*.

10 ¶ But the governor having nodded to him to speak, Paul answered: Understanding you as being a judge to this nation many years, I cheerfully defend myself *as to* the things concerning myself.

11 You *are* able to know that not more

than twelve days are to me since I went worshiping in Jerusalem;

12 and neither did they find me discussing with anyone in the temple, or making a gathering of a crowd, neither in the synagogues, nor throughout the city;

13 nor are they able to prove that about which they now accuse me.

14 But I confess this to you that according to the Way, which they call a sect, so I worship the paternal God, believing all things according to that having been written in the Law and the Prophets,

15 having hope toward God, which these themselves also are awaiting, *of* a resurrection being about to be *of the* dead, both of just and unjust ones.

16 And in this I exercise myself to have always a blameless conscience toward God and men.

17 And through many years I arrived doing merciful deeds and offerings to my nation,

18 among whom they found me purified in the temple, not with a crowd, nor with tumult, *but by* some Jews from Asia,

19 *for* whom it is right to be present before you and to accuse if they have anything against me.

20 Or these themselves say if they found anything unjust in me, I standing before the sanhedrin,

21 than about this one voice which I cried out standing among them, that I am being judged today before you about a resurrection *of the* dead.

22 ¶ And hearing these things, Felix put them off, knowing more accurately about the Way, saying, When Lysias the chiliarch comes down, I will examine the things as to you.

23 And having ordered the centurion to keep Paul, and to have ease, and not to forbid anyone of his own to minister or to come to him, *he dismissed them*.

24 And after some days, Felix having arrived with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess, he sent for Paul. And *he* heard him concerning the faith into Christ.

25 And *Paul* discoursing about righteousness and self control, and the Judgment, the *one* that is about to be, becoming terrified, Felix answered, *For* now having *no time*, go; but taking a time later, I will call for you;

26 but at the same time also hoping that money would be given to him by Paul, that he might free him. Because of this *he* also more frequently sent for him *and* conversed with him.

27 But two years being completed, Felix received a successor, Porcius Festus. And wishing to lay up favors to the Jews, Felix left Paul being bound.

Acts 25

2 *The Jews accuse Paul before Festus. 11 Paul appeals to Caesar. 25 Festus decides that He had done nothing worthy of death.*

1 ¶ Then going into the province, after three days Festus went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea.

2 And the high priest and the first *ones* of the Jews informed to him against Paul, and they entreated him,

3 asking a favor against him, so as he might send for him to Jerusalem, making an ambush to kill him on the way.

4 Then indeed Festus answered *that* Paul *was* to be kept at Caesarea, and *he* himself being about to go shortly.

5 Therefore he said, the powerful *ones* among you going down with *me*. If there is a thing amiss in this man, let them accuse him.

6 And spending among them more than ten days, going down to Caesarea, on the next day sitting on the tribunal, he ordered Paul to be brought.

7 And he arriving, the Jews having come down from Jerusalem stood around, also bringing many and weighty charges against Paul, which they were not able to prove.

8 Defending himself, *Paul* said, Neither against the Law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I sinned in anything.

9 But desiring to lay up a favor to the Jews, answering Paul, Festus said, Going up, are you willing to *go to* Jerusalem to be judged before me there about these things?

10 But Paul said, I am standing before the tribunal of Caesar where I must be judged. I have wronged the Jews *in* nothing, as also you very well know.

11 For if I indeed do wrong and have done anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing of which they

accuse me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.

12 Then conferring with the sanhedrin, Festus answered, You have appealed to Caesar; you shall go before Caesar.

13 ¶ And some days having passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, greeting Festus.

14 And when they remained there more days, Festus set out to the king the things *as to* Paul, saying, A certain man is *here* having been left a prisoner by Felix,

15 about whom, I being in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed, asking judgment against him;

16 to whom I answered, It is not a custom with Romans to give up any man to destruction before the *one* being accused may have the accusers face to face, and may receive place of defense concerning the charge.

17 Therefore, they coming together here, having made no delay, sitting on the tribunal on the next *day*, I commanded the man to be brought;

18 about whom, standing up, the accusers brought no charge of which I supposed,

19 but they had certain questions about *their* own demon worship, and about a certain Jesus dying, whom Paul claimed to be living.

20 And I being perplexed about this inquiry, I said, If he was willing to go to Jerusalem and to be judged there concerning these things?

21 But Paul appealing *for* him to be kept to the examination of Augustus, I commanded him to be held until I might send him to Caesar.

22 And Agrippa said to Festus, I myself also was purposing to hear the man. And he said, Tomorrow you shall hear him.

23 Therefore on the next day, Agrippa and Bernice coming with much pomp and entering into the auditorium, with both the chiliarchs and the men of eminence being of the city, also Festus commanding, Paul was brought out.

24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all the men present with us, you see this *one* about whom all the multitude of the Jews pleaded with me, both here and in Jerusalem, crying out that he ought to live no longer.

25 But I having understood nothing he had done worthy of death, also this *one* himself having appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him;

26 about whom I have nothing certain to write to *my* lord. So I brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so as the examination taking place, I may have something I may write.

27 For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner, and not also to signify the charges against him.

Acts 26

2 Paul, before Agrippa, declares his life, 12 and how he was converted. 24 Festus believes him to be mad. 28 Agrippa almost persuaded to be a Christian.

1 ¶ And Agrippa said to Paul, It is allowed for you yourself to speak. Then Paul made a defense, stretching out the hand:

2 Concerning all of which I am accused by Jews, King Agrippa, I consider myself blessed being about to make defense before you today,

3 you being especially expert, knowing of all the customs and questions also among the Jews. Therefore, I beg you patiently to hear me.

4 Truly, then, all the Jews know my way of life from youth, which from *the* beginning had been in my nation in Jerusalem,

5 who before knew me from the first, if they will testify, that according to the most exact sect of our religion, I lived a Pharisee.

6 And now for *the* hope of the promise having been made by God to the fathers, I stand being judged;

7 to which our twelve tribes hope to arrive, worshiping in earnestness night and day, concerning which hope I am accused by the Jews, King Agrippa.

8 Why is it judged unbelievable by you if God raises *the* dead?

9 Indeed, I then thought to myself that I ought to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus the Nazarene,

10 which I also did in Jerusalem I also shut up many of the saints in prisons, receiving authority from the chief priests; and they being put to death, I cast a vote.

11 And often punishing them through all the synagogues, I compelled *them* to blas-

pheme. And *being* exceedingly furious against them, I even persecuted *them* as far as the outer cities.

12 ¶ In which also traveling to Damascus with authority and permission from the chief priests,

13 at midday along the highway, *O* king, I saw a light from Heaven shining around me above the brightness of the sun, also the *ones* traveling with me.

14 And all *of* us falling to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew dialect, Saul, Saul why are you persecuting Me? *It is* hard for you to kick against the goads.

15 And I said, Who are you, Sir? And He said, I am Jesus whom you are persecuting;

16 but rise up and stand on your feet, for *it is* for this *reason* I appeared to you, to appoint you a servant and a witness both of *the things* which you saw, and *the things* in which I shall appear to you,

17 delivering you from the people and the nations, to whom I now am sending you, 18 to open their eyes, and to turn *them* from darkness into light, and *from* the authority of Satan onto God, *in order for* them to receive remission of sins, and an inheritance among the *ones* being sanctified by faith into Me.

19 For which reason, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 but firstly to the *ones* in Damascus, and Jerusalem, and to all the region of Judea, and to the nations, I proclaimed *the command* to repent and to turn to God, practicing works worthy of repentance.

21 Because of these things, seizing *me* in the temple, the Jews tried to lay violent hands on *me*.

22 Then obtaining help from God, I stand until this day, witnessing both to small and to great, saying nothing except what the prophets and Moses also said was going to happen:

23 whether the Christ *was* liable to suffer, whether first by a resurrection from *the* dead He was going to proclaim a light to the people and to the nations.

24 ¶ And he defending himself *with* these things, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, You rave! Your many letters turns *you* into madness.

25 But he said, Not to rave, most excellent Festus, but I declare words of truth and sanity.

26 For the king understands about these things, to whom I speak, also speaking openly. For I am persuaded not any of these things lie hidden *from* him, nothing. For *the* doing of this is not in a corner.

27 Do you believe the prophets, King Agrippa? I know that you believe.

28 And Agrippa said to Paul, In *but* a little do you persuade me to become a Christian!

29 And Paul said, I would pray to God, both in a little and in much, not only you, but also the *ones* hearing me today to become such as I also am, except *for* these bonds.

30 And he saying these things, the king and the governor and Bernice rose up, and the *ones* sitting with them.

31 And having withdrawn, they spoke to one another saying, This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 And Agrippa said to Festus, This man was able to have been released, if he had not appealed to Caesar.

Acts 27

1 Paul sailing toward Rome, 10 foretells of the danger of the voyage. 14 They are tossed to and fro with a storm, 41 and suffer shipwreck, 22, 34, 44 yet all come safe to land.

1 ¶ And when it was decided for us to sail to Italy, they gave over both Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion by name Julius, of a cohort of Augustus.

2 And boarding a ship of Adramyttium which was about to sail to the places alongside Asia, we set sail, Aristarchus a Macedonian of Thessalonica being with us.

3 And on the next *day* we brought to land at Sidon. And treating Paul kindly, Julius allowed *him*, going to *his* friends to obtain care.

4 And setting sail from there, we sailed close to Cyprus, because of the winds being contrary.

5 And sailing over the sea against Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra of Lycia.

6 And the centurion finding there an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, he put us into it.

7 And in many days, sailing slowly and with difficulty, hardly coming against Cnidus, the wind not allowing us, we sailed close to Crete against Salmone.

8 And sailing along it with difficulty, we came to a certain place being called Fair Havens, near to which was a city, Lasea.

9 And considerable time having passed, and the voyage already being dangerous, because the Fast already had gone by, Paul advised *them*,

10 saying to them, Men, I perceive that the voyage is about to be with hardship and much loss, not only of the cargo and of the ship, but also of our souls.

11 But the centurion was rather persuaded by the helmsman and the ship-owner, than by the things being said by Paul.

12 ¶ And the harbor not being fit for wintering, the majority gave counsel to set sail from there, if somehow they may be able to pass the winter, having arrived at Phoenix, a harbor of Crete looking toward *the* southwest, and *with winds* toward *the* northwest.

13 And a south wind blowing gently, thinking to have gained the purpose, raising *anchor* they sailed by nearer Crete.

14 But not much after, a typhonic wind, being called Euroclydon, smote down *on* it.

15 And the ship being seized, and not being able to face into the wind, giving over we were borne along.

16 But running under an islet being called Clauda, we hardly had strength to get mastery of the boat;

17 which taking, they used helps, undergirding the ship. And fearing lest into the Syrtis *shoals* they fall, lowering the tackle, so they were borne along.

18 But we being violently storm tossed, they made a jettisoning on the next *day*.

19 And on the third *day* we threw *out* the ship's tackle with *our* hands.

20 And neither sun nor stars having appeared over many days, and no small tempest pressing hard, finally all hope *for* us to be saved was taken away.

21 ¶ And there being much abstinence, then standing up in their midst, Paul said, Truly, O men, obeying me *you* ought not to have set sail from Crete, and to spare *yourselves* and this hardship and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be cheered, for there will be not one loss of life from you, except of the ship.

23 For this night an angel of God stood by me, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 saying, Do not fear, Paul, You must stand before Caesar. And, behold, God has granted to you all the *ones* sailing with you.

25 Therefore, be cheered, men, for I believe God, that it will be so according to the way it was spoken to me.

26 But it is necessary *for* us to fall off onto a certain island.

27 And when *the* fourteenth night came, we being carried about in the Adriatic Sea, toward the middle of the night the sailors supposed *us* to be coming near to them some land.

28 And taking soundings, they found *it* to be twenty fathoms; and having gone a little farther, and taking soundings again, they found *it* to be fifteen fathoms.

29 And fearing lest they should fall off onto rough places, and casting four anchors out of *the* stern, they prayed day to come on.

30 But the sailors seeking to flee out of the ship, and lowering the boat into the sea, *as a* pretext to be about to cast out anchors from *the* prow,

31 Paul said to the centurion, and to the soldiers, If not these *men* remain in the ship, you cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let it fall.

33 And until day was about to come on, Paul begged all to receive *a* share of food, saying, Today *is the* fourteenth day you continued waiting *in* abstinence, not having taken anything.

34 Therefore I exhort you to take of food, for this is to your deliverance, for not one hair of your head will fall.

35 And having said these things, and having taken bread, he gave thanks to God before all; and having broken, he began to eat.

36 And all becoming cheered, they also took food.

37 And we were, all the souls in the ship, two hundred seventy-six.

38 And being satisfied *with* food, they lightened the ship, throwing the wheat out into the sea.

39 And when day came on, they did not recognize the land, but they noted a certain bay having a beach, into which they purposed, if they were able, to drive the ship.

40 And casting off the anchors, they left *them* in the sea, at the same time loosening the bands of the rudders, and raising the foresail to the blowing *wind*, they headed to the beach.

41 And having fallen on a place *with an inlet* between two seas, they drove the vessel. And indeed the prow having stuck firmly, *it* remained. But the stern was broken by the violence of the waves.

42 And the mind of *the* soldiers was that they should kill the prisoners, lest any swimming out should escape.

43 But purposing to save Paul, the centurion stopped them *from their* purpose and commanded the *ones* able to swim, first throwing *themselves* down, to go out on the land.

44 And the rest *went*, this *one* indeed on planks, and this *one* on some of the *things* from the ship. And so it happened all to be saved on the land.

Acts 28

1 Paul is kindly entertained by the foreigners.

8 He heals many diseases on the island.

30 He preaches in Rome two years.

1 ¶ And being saved, then they knew that the island is called Melita.

2 And the foreigners were showing not the common kindness to us, for having kindled a fire because of the rain coming on, and because of the cold, they took us all to heart.

3 And Paul gathering a great number of sticks, and putting *them* on the fire, a snake coming out from the heat fastened on his hand.

4 And when the foreigners saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said to one another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom being saved out of the sea, Justice did not permit to live.

5 Then he shaking the beast off into the fire, *he* suffered nothing bad.

6 But they were expecting him to be about to be swollen up, or suddenly to fall down dead. But over much *time*, they expecting and observing nothing out of place hap-

pening to him, changing their minds, they said him to be a god.

7 And in the *parts* about that place were pieces of land to the first *man* of the island, Publius by name. Welcoming us, *he* hosted us three days in a friendly way.

8 And it happened the father of Publius was lying down, suffering from fevers and dysentery; to whom Paul, entering and praying, laying on his hands, healed him.

9 Then, this taking place, the *ones* in the island having infirmities also were coming up, and *they* were healed,

10 who also honored us with many honors. And on *our* setting sail, they laid on *us* such things for *our* need.

11 ¶ And after three months we sailed in a ship having wintered in the island, an Alexandrian marked with an ensign, Twin Brothers.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we remained three days.

13 From where having gone around, we arrived at Rhegium. And after one day, a south wind having come on, on the second we came to Puteoli,

14 where finding brothers, we were entertained by them to remain seven days. And so we went toward Rome.

15 And the brothers from there hearing the *things* about us, *they* came out for a meeting with us, as far as Forum of Appius, and Three Taverns; whom Paul seeing, thanking God, he took courage.

16 And when we went into Rome, the centurion gave over the prisoners to the camp commander. But Paul was allowed to remain by himself, with the soldier guarding him.

17 ¶ And after three days, it happened that Paul *decided* to call together the *ones* being first *ones* of the Jews. And they coming together, he said to them, Men, brothers, I having done nothing hostile to the people, or to the paternal customs, *yet* I was given over a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

18 who examining me were of a mind to let *me* go, because no cause of death was in me.

19 But the Jews speaking against *it*, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not as having anything to accuse my nation.

20 Therefore, because of this, I called for you, to see and to speak to *you*. For I have this chain around *me* for the sake of the hope of Israel.

21 But the *ones* said to him, We neither received letters about you from the Jews, nor arriving has any one of the brothers reported or spoken anything evil about you.

22 But we think *it* fit to hear from you *as to* what you think, for truly as concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.

23 ¶ And having appointed him a day, more came to him in the lodging, to whom he expounded, earnestly testifying the kingdom of God and persuading them the things concerning Jesus, both from the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 And some indeed were persuaded by that being said, but others disbelieved.

25 And disagreeing with one another, they were let go, Paul saying one word: Well did the Holy Spirit speak through the prophet Isaiah to our fathers,

26 saying, "Go to this people and say, In hearing you shall hear, and not at all understand; and seeing you will see, and not at all perceive;

27 for the heart of this people was fattened, and they have heard with the ears heavily; and they closed their eyes lest at any time they see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." *Isa. 6:9, 10*

28 Then let it be known to you that the salvation of God was sent to the nations, and they will hear. *LXX-Psa. 66:3; MT-Psa. 67:2*

29 And he saying these things, the Jews went away, having much discussion among themselves.

30 ¶ And Paul remained two whole years in *his* own rented place, and he welcomed all the *ones* coming in to him,

31 proclaiming the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all freedom *and* without hindrance.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans

Romans 1

1 Paul commends his calling to the Romans, 9 and his desire to come to them. 18 God is angry with all manner of sin.

1 ¶ Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ, a called apostle, having been separated to the gospel of God,

2 which He promised before through His prophets in *the* Holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son, the *One* coming of the seed of David according to flesh,

4 the *One* designated *the* Son of God in power, according to *the* Spirit of holiness, by *the* resurrection of dead *ones*, Jesus Christ our Lord;

5 by whom we received grace and apostleship to obedience of faith among all the nations, for His name's sake,

6 among whom are you also, called of Jesus Christ;

7 to all the *ones* being in Rome, beloved of God, called saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

8 ¶ Firstly, truly, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of in all the world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how without ceasing I make mention of you

10 always at my prayers, if somehow now sometime I shall be successful by the will of God to come to you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, for the establishing of you;

12 and this is to be comforted together among you, through the faith in one another, both yours and mine.

13 But I do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, that often I purposed to come to you, and was kept back until the present, that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among the other nations.

14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to foreign *ones*, both to wise *ones*, and to foolish *ones*,

15 so as far as *lies* in me, I am eager to preach the gospel to you, the *ones* in Rome also.

16 ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is *the* power of God to salvation to every *one* believing, both to Jew first, and to Greek;

17 for in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; even as it is written, "But the just *one* shall live by faith." *Hab. 2:4*

18 For God's wrath is revealed from Heaven on all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, the *ones* holding back the truth in unrighteousness,

19 ¶ because the thing known of God is clearly known within them, for God revealed *it* to them.

20 For the unseen things of Him from *the* creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things made, both His eternal power and divinity, for them to be without excuse.

21 Because knowing God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful. But *they* became vain in their reasonings, and their undiscerning heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise *ones*, they became foolish

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into a likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.

24 Therefore, God gave them over to impurity in the lusts of *their* hearts, their bodies to be dishonored among themselves,

25 who exchanged the truth of God into the lie, and worshiped and served the created thing more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to dishonorable passions, for even their fe-

males changed the natural use to the *use* contrary to nature.

27 And likewise, the males also forsaking the natural use of the female burned in their lust toward one another, males with males working out shamefulfulness, and receiving back within themselves the recompense which is right for their straying away.

28 And even as they did not think fit to have God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to an unfit mind, to do the things not fitting

29 having been filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, iniquity, covetousness, malice, *being* full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, evil habits, *becoming* whisperers,

30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent men, arrogant *ones*, braggarts, devisers of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy *ones*, without affection, implacable *ones*, unmerciful,

32 who having known the ordinance of God, that the *ones* practicing such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but also approve the *ones* practicing *them*.

Romans 2

1 They that sin, though they condemn it in others, cannot excuse themselves, 6 and much less escape the judgment of God. 14 The nations cannot escape, 17 nor yet the Jews, 25 if they keep not the law.

1 ¶ Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, every *one* judging, for in that in which you judge the other, you condemn yourself; for you, the *one* judging, practice the same things.

2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth on the *ones* practicing such things.

3 And, O man, the *one* judging those practicing such things, and doing them, do you think that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, and the forbearance and the long-suffering, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But according to your hardness and your impenitent heart, you are treasuring up to

yourself wrath in *the* day of wrath, and revelation of a righteous judgment of God.

6 who “will give to each according to his works”: *LXX-Psa. 61:13; MT-Psa. 62:12*

7 truly to the *ones* who with patience in good work seeking glory and honor and incorruptibility *and* everlasting life;

8 but to the *ones* truly disobeying the truth out of self-seeking, but obeying unrighteousness, *will be* anger and wrath, 9 trouble and distress on every soul of man fully working evil, both of Jew firstly, and of Greek.

10 But glory and honor and peace *will be* to everyone working the good, both to *the* Jew firstly, and to *the* Greek.

11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 For as many as sinned without Law will also perish without Law. And as many as sinned within Law will be judged through Law.

13 For not the hearers of the Law are just with God, but the doers of the Law shall be justified.

14 For whenever nations not having law do the things of the law, these, not having law, are a law to themselves,

15 who demonstrate the work of the law written in their hearts, witnessing with their conscience and between one another the thoughts accusing or even defending

16 in a day when God judges the hidden things of men, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

17 Behold, you are named a Jew and rest in the Law, and boast in God, and know the will and approve the things excelling, being instructed out of the Law,

18 and you have persuaded yourself to be a guide to blind *ones*, a light to the *ones* in darkness,

20 an instructor of foolish *ones*, a teacher of the child-like, having the form of knowledge and of the truth in the Law.

21 Therefore the *one* teaching another, do you not teach yourself? The *one* preaching not to steal, do you steal?

22 The *one* saying not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? The *one* detesting the idols, do you rob temples?

23 *You* who boast in Law, do you dishonor God through transgression of the Law?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the nations through you, even as it is written. *Isa. 52:5*

25 For indeed circumcision profits if you practice *the* Law, but if you are a transgressor of Law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.

26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keeps the ordinances of the Law, *will* not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

27 And will the uncircumcision by nature, by fulfilling the Law, judge you through *your* letter and circumcision *become* transgressor of Law?

28 For not in the visible *one*, he is a Jew, nor *is* the circumcision in flesh *a* visible *one*;

29 but in the secret *one* is *the* Jew, and circumcision *is* of heart, in spirit, not in letter; of whom the praise *is* not from men, but from God.

Romans 3

1 The Jews' prerogative. 20 No flesh is justified by the law, 28 but all, by faith only, not by works.

1 ¶ What then *is* the superiority of the Jew? Or what the advantage of circumcision?

2 Much according to every way. For firstly, indeed, that they were entrusted with the words of God.

3 For what if some did not believe? *Will* not their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?

4 Let it not be! But let God be true, and every man a liar; even as it is written, "That You should be justified in Your words, and will overcome in Your being judged." *LXX-Psa. 50:6; MT-Psa. 51:4*

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* not God unrighteous inflicting wrath? I speak according to man.

6 Let it not be! Otherwise, how will God judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God abounded by my lie to His glory, why am I yet judged as a sinner?

8 And not (as we are spoken evil of, and as some report us to say), Let us do the bad things so that the good things may come, *the* judgment of whom is just.

9 What then? Do we excel? Not at all! For we before have charged both Jews and Greeks all to be under sin;

10 according as it is written, "*There is not a righteous one, not even one!*"

11 "*There is not one* understanding, *there is not one* seeking God."

12 All turned aside; together *they* became worthless, not *one is* doing goodness, not so much as one!" *LXX-Psa. 13:1-3*

13 "Their throat *is* a tomb being opened;" "they used deceit with their tongues; *the* poison of asps *is* under their lips;

14 whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness.

15 Their feet *are* swift to shed blood;

16 ruin and misery *are* in their ways;

17 and they did not know a way of peace;

18 there is no fear of God before their eyes." *LXX-Psa. 5:10; 139:4; 9:28; Isa. 59:7, 8; Psa. 35:2; MT-Psa. 14:1-3; 5:9; 140:3; 10:7; Isa. 59:7, 8; Psa. 36:1*

19 ¶ But we know that as many *things* as the law says, it says to the *ones* within the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world be accountable to God.

20 Because by works of law not will be justified all flesh before Him, for through law *is* full knowledge of sin. *Psa. 143:2*

21 But now apart from law a righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 even the righteousness of God through faith of Jesus Christ toward all and upon all the *ones* believing; for there is no difference,

23 for all sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified undeservedly by His grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God set forth *as* a propitiation through faith in His blood, for a demonstration of His righteousness through the passing over of the sins that had taken place before, in the forbearance of God,

26 for a demonstration of His righteousness in the present time, for His being just and justifying the *one* that *is* of the faith of Jesus.

27 Then where *is* the boasting? It was shut out. Through what law? Of works? No, but through a Law of faith.

28 Therefore we count a man to be justified by faith without works of Law.

29 Or *is He* the God of Jews only, and not also of the nations? Yes, of the nations also,

30 since *it is* one God who will justify circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Then *is* Law annulled through faith? Let it not be! But we establish *the* Law.

Romans 4

1 Abraham justified by faith. 13 By faith only he and his seed received the promise.

1 ¶ What then shall we say our father Abraham to have found according to flesh?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has a boast, but not with God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? “And Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness.” *Gen. 15:6*

4 But *to one* working, the reward is not imputed according to grace, but according to debt.

5 But to the *one* not working, but believing on the *One* justifying the ungodly, his faith is imputed for righteousness.

6 Even as also David says of the blessing of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed *are they* whose lawlessnesses have been remitted, and whose sins are covered;

8 blessed *is the* man to whom *the* Lord will not impute sin.” *LXX-Psa. 31:1, 2; MT-Psa. 32:1, 2*

9 ¶ *Is* this blessing then on the circumcision, or also on the uncircumcision? For we say the faith “was imputed to Abraham for righteousness.” *Gen. 15:6*

10 How then was it imputed? Being in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision!

11 And he received a sign of circumcision *as* a seal of the righteousness of faith, the *one while* in uncircumcision, for him to be a father of all the *ones* believing through uncircumcision, for righteousness to be imputed to them also,

12 and a father of circumcision to the *ones* not of circumcision only, but also to the *ones* walking in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham, the *one he had* during uncircumcision.

13 For the promise *was* not through Law to Abraham, or to his seed, *for* him to be the heir of the world, but through a righteousness of faith.

14 For if the *ones* of Law *are* heirs, faith has been made void, and the promise has been annulled.

15 For the Law works out wrath; for where no law is, neither *is* transgression.

16 Because of this, *it is* of faith, that *it be* according to grace, for the promise to be confirmed to all the seed, not to the *seed* of the Law only, but also to the *one of the* faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

17 even as it is written, “I have appointed you a father of many nations”; before God, whom he believed, the *One* making the dead *ones* live, and calling the things not being as *if* being, *Gen. 17:5*

18 who beyond hope believed on hope, for him to become a father of many nations, according to what was said, “So shall your seed be.” *Gen. 15:5*

19 And being about a hundred years *old*, not weakening in faith, he did not consider his body already being *as good as* dead, nor yet the dead state of Sarah’s womb,

20 and did not hesitate by unbelief at the promise of God, but was empowered by faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully persuaded that what He has promised, He is also able to do.

22 Therefore “it was also imputed to him for righteousness.” *Gen. 15:6*

23 ¶ But it was not written on account of him only, that it was imputed to him,

24 but also because of us, to whom it is going to be imputed, to the *ones* believing on the *One* having raised our Lord Jesus from *the* dead,

25 who was given over on account of our deviations, and was raised on account of our justification.

Romans 5

1 Being justified by faith, we have peace with God.

12 As sin and death came by Adam, 17 so much more righteousness and life by Jesus Christ.

1 ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have had access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we glory on the hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory also in afflictions, knowing that affliction fully works patient endurance,

4 and patient endurance *fully works* proven character; and proven character, hope.

5 And the hope not puts to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through *the* Holy Spirit, the *One* given to us;

6 ¶ for we yet being without strength, in due time Christ died for ungodly *ones*.

7 For hardly anyone will die on behalf of a righteous *one*, (for perhaps anyone even dares to die for the sake of the good *one*),

8 but God demonstrates His love to us in that we being yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having been justified now by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath through Him.

10 For if *while* being hostile *ones* we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life;

11 and not only *so*, but also glorying in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we now received the reconciliation.

12 Because of this, even as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, so also death passed to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

13 For sin was in *the* world until Law, but sin is not imputed *there* not being law;

14 but death reigned from Adam until Moses, even on the *ones* not sinning on the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of the *One* coming.

15 But not as the deviation, so also is the free gift. For if by the deviation of the one the many died, much more the grace of God, and the gift in grace, which *is* of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to the many.

16 And the gift *is* not as through one having sinned; for indeed the judgment *was* of one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many deviations to justification.

17 For if by the deviation of the one death reigned through the one, much more the

ones receiving the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So therefore, as through one deviation *came* to all men to condemnation, so also through one effected righteousness *came* to all men to justification of life.

19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were constituted sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many shall be constituted righteous.

20 But Law came in besides, that the deviation might abound; but where sin abounded, grace much more abounded,

21 that as sin ruled in death, so also grace might rule through righteousness to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6

1 We may not live in sin. 12 Let not sin reign any more, 23 for death is the wages of sin.

1 ¶ What then shall we say? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Let it not be! We who died to sin, how shall we still live in it?

3 Or are you ignorant that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that as Christ was raised up from *the* dead by the glory of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, so also shall we be in the resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that we no longer serve sin.

7 For the *one* having died has been justified from sin.

8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that also we shall live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ being raised from *the* dead dies no more; death no longer rules Him.

10 For in that He died, He died to sin once for all; but in that He lives, He lives to God.

11 So also you count yourselves to be truly dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, to obey it in its lusts.

13 Neither present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as *one* living from *the* dead, and your members instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For your sin shall not rule over you, for you are not under Law, but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace? Let it not be!

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves to whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or obedience to righteousness?

17 But thanks *be* to God that you were slaves of sin, but you obeyed from *the* heart a form of doctrine to which you were given over.

18 But having been set free from sin, you were enslaved to righteousness.

19 I speak as a man on account of the weakness of your flesh. For as you presented your members *as* slaves to uncleanness and to lawlessness unto lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free to righteousness.

21 Therefore what fruit did you have then over *the things* which you are now ashamed? For the end of those *things is* death.

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having been enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* everlasting life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7

I the law rules over a man as long as he lives.

7 Is the law sin? 12 No, but holy, just, good.

¶ Or are you ignorant, brothers, (for I speak to those knowing *the* law), that the law rules over the man for as long a time as he lives?

2 For the married woman was bound by law to the living husband; but if the husband dies, she is set free from the law of the husband.

3 So therefore, *if* the husband *is* living, she will be called an adulteress if she becomes another man's. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, *so as for* her not to be an adulteress *by* becoming another man's.

4 So that, my brothers, you also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ, for you to become Another's, to *the One* having been raised from *the* dead, so that we may bear fruit to God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sin were working in our members through the law for the bearing of fruit unto death.

6 But now we have been set free from the Law, having died *to that* in which we were held, so as *for* us to serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* oldness of letter.

7 ¶ What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Let it not be! But I did not know sin if not through law; for also I did not know lusting if not the law said, "You shall not lust." *Ex. 20:17*

8 But sin taking opportunity through the commandment worked every lust in me; for apart from law, sin *is* dead.

9 And I lived apart from Law once, but the commandment coming, and sin came alive again, and I died.

10 And the commandment which *was* to life, this was found *to be* death to me;

11 for sin taking opportunity through the commandment deceived me, and through it killed *me*.

12 So indeed the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

13 Then *has* the good become death to me? Let it not be! But sin, that it might appear *to be* sin, having worked out death to me through the good, in order that sin might become excessively sinful through the commandment.

14 ¶ For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, having been sold under sin.

15 For what I fully work I do not know. For what I do not will, this I do. But what I hate, this I do.

16 But if I do what I do not will, I agree with the Law, that *it is* good.

17 But now I no longer fully work it, but the sin dwelling in me.

18 For I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwells no good. For to will is present to me, but to fully work the good I do not find.

19 For what good I will, I do not do. But the evil I do not will, this I do.

20 But if I do what I do not will, *it is* no longer I fully working it, but the sin dwelling in me.

21 I find then the law, to me the *one* willing to do the good, that evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the Law of God according to the inward man;

23 but I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and taking me captive by the law of sin being in my members.

24 O wretched man *that I am!* Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then I myself with the mind truly serve *the* Law of God, but *with* the flesh *the* law of sin.

Romans 8

1 They that are in Christ are free from condemnation. 5, 13 What harm comes of the flesh, 6, 14 and what good of the Spirit.

1 ¶ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to the *ones* in Christ Jesus, not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set me free from the law of sin and of death.

3 For the law *being* powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in *the* likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

4 so that the righteous demand of the Law might be fulfilled in us, the *ones* not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit.

5 For the *ones* being according to flesh are mindful of the things of the flesh. And the *ones* according to Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For the mind of the flesh *is* death, but the mind of the Spirit *is* life and peace.

7 Therefore the mind of the flesh *is* enmity towards God; for it is not being subject to the law of God, for neither can it *be*.

8 And the *ones* being in the flesh are not able to please God.

9 But you are not in *the* flesh, but in *the* Spirit, if indeed *the* Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone has not *the* Spirit of Christ, this one is not His.

10 ¶ But if Christ *is* in you, the body indeed *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of the *One* having raised Jesus from *the* dead dwells in you, the *One* having raised the Christ from *the* dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through the indwelling of His Spirit in you.

12 So, then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to flesh,

13 for if you live according to flesh, you are going to die. But if by *the* Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

14 For as many as are led by *the* Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you received not a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption by which we cry, Abba! Father!

16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

17 ¶ And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of God, and joint-heirs of Christ, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of the time now *are* not worthy *to be compared to* the coming glory to be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was not willingly subjected to vanity, but through the *One* subjecting *it*, on hope;

21 that also the creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that all the creation groans together and travails together until now.

23 And not only *so*, but also we ourselves having the firstfruit of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly awaiting adoption, the redemption of our body;

24 for we were saved by hope, but hope being seen is not hope; for what anyone sees, why does he also hope?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, by patient endurance we eagerly await *it*.

26 ¶ And likewise the Spirit also joins in to help our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray as it is right, but the Spirit Himself intercedes on our behalf with groanings that cannot be uttered.

27 But the *One* searching the hearts knows what *is the* mind of the Spirit, because He petitions on behalf of *the* saints according to God.

28 But we know that *to the ones* loving God all things work together for good, *to the ones* being called out *ones* according to purpose;

29 ¶ because whom He foreknew, He also predestinated *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be *the* First-begotten among many brothers.

30 But whom He predestinated, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31 ¶ What then shall we say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

32 *He* who indeed did not spare His own Son, but gave Him over on behalf of us all, how will He not freely give all things to us with Him?

33 Who will bring any charge against *the* elect *ones* of God? God *is the One* justifying!

34 Who *is the one* condemning? Christ *is the One* having died, but rather also having been raised, who also is at *the right hand* of God, who also intercedes on our behalf.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

36 Even as it is written, “For Your sake we are killed all the day; we are counted as sheep of slaughter.” *Psa. 44:22*

37 But in all these things we are more than a conqueror through Him loving us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor *things* present, nor *things* to come,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Romans 9

1 Paul is grieved for the Jews. 25 The calling of the nations and rejecting of the Jews were foretold.

1 ¶ I say *the* truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience bearing witness with me in *the* Holy Spirit,

2 that my sadness is great, and a never-ceasing grief *is* in my heart,

3 for I myself was wishing to be accursed from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to flesh,

4 who are Israelites, whose *are* the adoption and the glory, and the covenants, and the Lawgiving, and the service, and the promises;

5 whose *are* the fathers, and from whom *is* the Christ according to flesh, He being God over all, blessed to the ages. Amen.

6 ¶ *It is* not, however, that God’s Word has failed. For not all the *ones* of Israel, these *are* of Israel,

7 nor because they are Abraham’s seed *are* all children, but “In Isaac a Seed shall be called to you.” *Gen. 21:12*

8 That is: not the children of flesh *are* children of God, but the children of the promise *are* reckoned for a seed.

9 For the Word of promise *is* this, “According to this time I will come, and a son will be to Sarah.” *Gen. 18:10*

10 And not only so, but also Rebekah having conceived by a man, our father Isaac.

11 for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of the *One* calling,

12 it was said to her, “The greater shall serve the lesser”; *Gen. 25:23*

13 even as it has been written, “I loved Jacob, but I hated Esau.” *Mal. 1:2, 3*

14 ¶ What then shall we say? *Is there* not unrighteousness with God? Let it not be!

15 For He said to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will pity whomever I pity.” *Ex. 33:19*

16 So, then, *it is* not of the *one* willing,

nor of the *one* running, but of the *One* having mercy, of God.

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very thing I raised you up, so that I might show forth My power in you, and so that My name might be publicized in all the earth." *Ex. 9:16*

18 So, then, to whom He wills, He shows mercy; but to whom He wills, He hardens.

19 You will then say to me, Why does He yet find fault? For who has resisted His will?

20 *Nay*, rather, O man, who are you, the *one* answering back to God? Shall the thing formed say to the *One* forming it, Why did You make me like this? *Isa. 29:16*

21 Or does not the potter have authority *over* the clay, out of the same lump to make one vessel to honor, and one to dishonor? *Jer. 18:6*

22 But if God, desiring to display wrath, and to make His power known, endured in much long-suffering vessels of wrath having been fitted out for destruction,

23 and that He make known the riches of His glory on vessels of mercy which He before prepared for glory,

24 whom He also called, not only us, of Jews, but also out of nations.

25 ¶ As also He says in Hosea, I will call the *ones* Not My People, My People! And the *ones* Not Being Loved, Being Loved! *Hosea 2:23*

26 "And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, You are Not My people, there they will be called, "Sons of the Living God." *LXX-Hos. 2:1; MT-Hos. 2:23*

27 But Isaiah cries on behalf of Israel, "If the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved."

28 For *He* is finishing and finishing quickly the matter "in righteousness," "because *the* Lord" "will do a thing having finished quickly" "on the earth." *Isa. 10:22, 23*

29 And as Isaiah predicted, "If not *the* Lord of hosts left a seed to us, we would have become as Sodom, and as Gomorrah we would have been compared." *Isa. 1:9*

30 ¶ What then shall we say? That *the* nations, the *ones* not pursuing righteousness, have taken over righteousness, but a righteousness of faith;

31 but Israel pursuing a law of righteous-

ness did not arrive to a law of righteousness?

32 Why? Because *it was* not of faith, but as of works of Law. For they stumbled at the Stone-of-stumbling,

33 as it has been written, "Behold, I place in" "Zion a Stone-of-stumbling," "and a Rock-of-offense," "and everyone believing on Him will not be shamed." *LXX and MT-Isa. 28:16; MT-Isa. 8:14*

Romans 10

1 The scripture shows the difference between the righteousness of the law, and of faith, 11 and that all, both the Jew and anyone of the nations that believe, shall not be confounded.

1 ¶ Brothers, truly my heart's pleasure and supplication to God on behalf of Israel is unto salvation.

2 For I testify to them that they have zeal to God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For not knowing the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness of God.

4 For the end of the law *is* Christ for righteousness to everyone that believes.

5 For Moses writes *of* the righteousness *which is* of the Law: "The man doing these things shall live by them." *Lev. 18:5*

6 But the righteousness of faith says this: "Do not say in your heart, Who will go up into Heaven?" (that is, to bring down Christ);

7 or, "Who will go down into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from *the* dead.)

8 But what does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith which we proclaim) *Deuteronomy 30:12-14.*

9 Because if you confess *the* Lord Jesus with your mouth, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from *the* dead, you will be saved.

10 For with *the* heart *one* believes unto righteousness, and with *the* mouth *one* confesses unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone believing on Him will not be put to shame." *Isa. 28:16*

12 ¶ For there is no difference both of Jew and of Greek, for the same Lord of

all is rich toward all the *ones* calling on Him.

13 For every *one*, “whoever may call on the name of *the* Lord will be saved.” *Joel 2:32*

14 How then may they call on *One* into whom they have not believed? And how may they believe *One* of whom they have not heard? And how may they hear without preaching?

15 And how may they preach if they are not sent? Even as it is written, “How beautiful” “the feet of the *ones* preaching the gospel of peace, of the *ones* preaching the gospel of good things.” *Isa. 52:7*

16 But not all obeyed the gospel, for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” *Isa. 53:1*

17 Then faith *is* of hearing, and hearing through the Word of God.

18 But I say, Did they not hear? Nay, rather, “into all the earth their voice went out, and to the ends of the world their words.” *LXX-Psa. 18:5; MT-Psa. 19:4*

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First, Moses says, “I will provoke you to jealousy by a non-nation, by an undiscerning nation I will anger you.” *Deut. 32:21*

20 But Isaiah *is* very bold and says, “I was found by the *ones* not seeking Me; I became manifest to the *ones* not inquiring after Me.” *Isa. 65:1*

21 But to Israel He says, “All the day I stretched out My hands to a disobeying and contradicting people.” *Isa. 65:2*

Romans 11

1 God has not cast off all Israel. 16 There is hope of their conversion. 33 God's judgments are unsearchable.

1 ¶ I say then, Did not God thrust away His people? Let it not be! For I also am an Israelite, out of Abraham's seed, of *the* tribe of Benjamin.

2 “God did not put away His people” whom He foreknew. *Psa. 94:14* Or do you not know what the Scripture said in Elijah, how he pleaded with God against Israel, saying,

3 Lord, “they killed Your prophets,” “and they dug down Your altars,” “and only I am left, and they seek my life.” *1 Kg. 19:10*

4 But what does the Divine answer say to him, “I reserved to Myself seven thousand men who did not bow *the* knee to Baal.” *1 Kg. 19:18*

5 So then, also in the present time a remnant according to election of grace has come to be.

6 But if by grace, no longer *is it* of works; else grace no longer becomes grace. But if of works, it is no longer grace; else work is no longer work.

7 What then? What Israel seeks, this it did not obtain, but the election obtained *it*, and the rest were hardened;

8 even as it is written, “God gave to them a spirit of slumber, eyes not seeing and ears not hearing” until today, *this* day. *Isa. 29:10; Deut. 29:4*

9 And David said, “Let their table become for a snare and a trap, and for a stumbling block,” and a recompense to them;

10 “let their eyes be darkened, not to see, and their back through all bent.” *LXX-Psa. 68:23, 24; MT-Psa. 69:22, 23*

11 I say, then, Did not they stumble that they might fall? Let it not be! But by their deviation *came* salvation to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy.

12 But if their deviation *is the* riches of *the* world, and their default *the* riches of *the* nations, how much more their fulfilling?

13 For I speak to you, the nations, inasmuch as I am indeed an apostle of the nations (I glorify my ministry),

14 if *somehow* I may provoke to jealousy my flesh, and may save some of them.

15 For if their casting away *is the* reconciliation of *the* world, what *is* the reception, except life from *the* dead?

16 Now if the firstfruit *is* holy, *so* also the lump. And if the root *is* holy, *so* also *are* the branches.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree,

18 do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *it is* not you *that* bears the root, but the root bears you.

19 You will say then, The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.

20 Well! For unbelief they were broken off. And you stand by faith. Do not *be* highminded, but fear.

21 For if God did not spare the according to nature branches, *fear* lest neither He will spare you.

22 Behold, therefore, *the* kindness and severity of God: On the *ones* having fallen, severity. But on you, kindness, if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise, you will also be cut off.

23 And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut out of the according to nature wild olive *tree*, and against nature were grafted into a cultivated olive *tree*, how much more these, the *ones* according to nature, will be grafted into *their* own olive tree?

25 For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be wise among yourselves, that hardness in part has happened to Israel until the fulfilling of the nations comes in;

26 and so all Israel will be saved, even as it has been written, “The *One* delivering will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

27 And this *is* My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.” *Isa. 59:20, 21*

28 Indeed, as regards the gospel, *ones* hostile toward you, but as regards the election, beloved on account of the fathers.

29 For the free gifts and the calling of God *are* not to be repented of.

30 For as you then also disobeyed God, but now have obtained mercy by the disobedience of these,

31 so also these now have disobeyed, so that they also may obtain mercy by your mercy.

32 For God shut up all into disobedience, that He may show mercy to all.

33 ¶ O *the* depth of *the* riches and of *the* wisdom and *the* knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 “For who has known the mind of *the* Lord? Or who came to be His counselor?” *Isa. 40:13*

35 “Or who first gave to Him, and it will be repaid to him?” *Job 41:11*

36 Because of Him, and through Him, and to Him *are* all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 12

1 *God's mercies must move us to please God.*

9 *Love and many other duties are required of us.*

1 ¶ Therefore, brothers, I call on you through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, in order to prove by you what *is* the good and pleasing and perfect will of God.

3 For through the grace having been given to me, I say to every *one* being among you, not to think too highly beyond what is right to think. But think to be of sound mind, even as God divided a measure of faith to each *one*.

4 For even as we have many members in one body, but all members do not have the same function,

5 so we the many are one body in Christ, and each one members of one another,

6 but having differing gifts according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, according to the proportion of the faith;

7 or ministry, in the ministry; or the *one* teaching, in the teaching;

8 or the *one* exhorting, in the encouragement; the *one* sharing, in simplicity; the *one* leading, in diligence; the *one* showing mercy, in cheerfulness.

9 *Let love be* without hypocrisy, shrinking from the evil, cleaving to the good,

10 in brotherly love toward one another, loving tenderly, going before one another in honor;

11 in diligence, not slothful, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12 in hope, rejoicing; in distress, enduring; in prayer, steadfastly continuing;

13 imparting to the needs of the saints, pursuing hospitality.

14 Bless the *ones* persecuting you; bless, and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with rejoicing *ones*, and weep with weeping ones;

16 be mindful of the same thing toward one another, not being mindful of high things, but be accommodating to the lowly. Do not become wise among yourselves;

17 returning evil for evil to no one; considering beforehand good things before all men. *Prov. 3:4*

18 If possible, from you being in peace with all men;

19 not avenging yourselves, beloved, but giving place to wrath, for it has been written, "Vengeance is Mine," "I will repay," says the Lord. *Deut. 32:35*

20 Then "if a hostile *one* to you hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink; for doing this you will heap coals of fire on his head." *Prov. 25:21, 22*

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome the evil with good.

Romans 13

Subjection, and other duties, we owe to magistrates.

1 ¶ Let every soul be subject to higher authorities having power, for there is no authority except from God, but the existing authorities have been ordained by God.

2 So that the *one* resisting authority has opposed the ordinance of God, and the *ones* opposing will receive judgment to themselves.

3 For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the bad *ones*. And do you desire not to fear the authority? Do the good, and you will have praise from it;

4 for it is a servant of God to you for the good. But if you do the bad *things*, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword in vain; for it is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath to the *one* practicing bad *things*.

5 Therefore *it is* necessary to be subject, not only on account of wrath, but also on account of conscience.

6 For on this account you also pay taxes, for *they* are ministers of God, attending continually to this very thing.

7 ¶ Therefore give over to all *their* dues: to the *one due* tax, the tax; to the *one due* tribute, the tribute; to the *one due* fear, the fear; to the *one due* honor, the honor.

8 Do not continue to owe, no one, nothing, if not to love one another. For the *one* loving the other has fulfilled the Law.

9 For, "Do not commit adultery," "do not murder," "do not steal," do not bear false witness, "do not covet," *Ex. 20:13-15, 17* and if *there is* any other commandment, in this Word it is summed up, in the *words*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." *Lev. 19:18*

10 Love does not work bad to the neighbor. Then the fulfillment of Law *is* love.

11 ¶ Also this, knowing the time, that *it is* now the hour for you to be aroused from sleep, for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.

12 The night *is* advanced, and the day has drawn near; therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of the light.

13 Let us walk becomingly, as in *the* day, not in revelries and drunkenness, not in cohabitations and lustful acts, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not make forethought of the flesh, for *its* lusts.

Romans 14

3 Men may not despise nor condemn one the other, 13 but take heed that they give no offence.

1 ¶ And receive the *one* who is weak in the faith, not to judgments of thoughts.

2 One indeed believes to eat all things, but being weak, *another* one eats vegetables.

3 The *one* eating, do not despise the *one* not eating. And the *one* not eating, do not judge the *one* eating, for God received him.

4 Who are you judging another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. But he will stand, for God is able to make him stand.

5 One indeed judges a day above *another* day; and *another* one judges every day *alike*. Let each one be fully assured in his own mind.

6 The *one* being mindful of the day, he is mindful of *it* to *the* Lord. And the *one* not being mindful of the day, he is not mindful of *it* to *the* Lord. The *one* eating, he eats to *the* Lord; for he gives thanks to God. And the *one* not eating, he does not eat to *the* Lord, and gives thanks to God.

7 For no one of us lives to himself and no one dies to himself.

8 For both if we live, we live to *the* Lord; and if we die, we die to *the* Lord. Therefore both if we live, and if we die, we are the Lord's.

9 For this Christ both died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord over both *the* dead and the living.

10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why, also, do you despise your brother? For all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, that every knee will bow to Me, and every tongue confess to God." *Isa. 45:23*

12 So then each *one* of us will give account concerning himself to God.

13 Therefore let us no longer judge one another, but rather judge this, not to put a stumbling block or a snare toward a brother.

14 I know and have been persuaded in *the* Lord Jesus that nothing by itself is common; except to the *one* deeming anything to be common, *it is* common.

15 But if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you no longer walk according to love. Do not by your food destroy that one for whom Christ died.

16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken evil of.

17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in *the* Holy Spirit.

18 For the *one* serving Christ in these things *is* pleasing to God, and approved by men.

19 So therefore let us pursue the things of peace, and the things for building up one another.

20 Do not for the sake of your food tear down the work of God. Truly, all things *are* clean, but *it is* bad to the man who eats through a stumbling block.

21 *It is* good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *anything* by which your brother stumbles, or is caused to stumble, or is weak.

22 Do you have faith? Have *it* to yourself before God. Blessed *is* the *one* not judging himself in what he approves.

23 But the *one* doubting, if he eats, *he* has been condemned, because it is not of faith; and all which *is* not of faith is sin.

Romans 15

1 *The strong must bear with the weak. 2 We may not please ourselves, 3 for Christ did not so.*

1 ¶ But we, the powerful *ones*, ought to bear the weaknesses of the *ones* not powerful, and not to please ourselves.

2 For let each *one* of us please *his* neighbor for good, to building up.

3 For also Christ did not please Himself, but even as it has been written, "The reproaches of the *ones* reproaching You fell on Me." *LXX-Psa. 68:10; MT-Psa. 69:9*

4 For as many *things* as were written before were written for our instruction, that through the patience and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 ¶ And may the God of patience and encouragement give to you to be mindful of the same thing among one another according to Christ Jesus,

6 that with one accord *and* with one mouth you may glorify *the* God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 ¶ Therefore receive one another as Christ also received us, to *the* glory of God.

8 And I say, Jesus Christ has become a minister of circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises of the fathers,

9 and the nations on behalf of mercy to glorify God, even as it is written, "Because of this I will confess to You among *the* nations, and I will sing praise to Your name." *Psa. 18:49*

10 And again He says, "Rejoice, nations, with His people." *Deut. 32:43*

11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all the nations, and praise Him all the peoples." *Psa. 117:1*

12 And again Isaiah says, "*There shall be the Root of Jesse, and the One rising up to rule the nations; on Him nations will hope.*" *Isa. 11:10*

13 ¶ And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, for you to abound in hope, in power of *the* Holy Spirit.

14 ¶ Now, my brothers, I myself also am persuaded concerning you, that you yourselves also are full of goodness, having been

filled with all knowledge, being able to admonish one another.

15 But I wrote to you more boldly, brothers, as reminding you in part, because of the grace given to me by God,

16 for me to be a minister of Jesus Christ to the nations, sacredly ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the nations might be acceptable, sanctified by *the* Holy Spirit.

17 ¶ Therefore I have glorying in Christ Jesus *as to* the things with regard to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of anything which Christ did not work out through me for *the* obedience of the nations in word and work,

19 in power of *miraculous* signs and wonders, in power of *the* Spirit of God, so as for me to have fulfilled *the preaching of* the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem and in a circle as far as Illyricum.

20 And so eagerly striving to preach the gospel where Christ was not named, so that I should not build on another's foundation,

21 but even as it is written, "They shall see, to whom nothing was announced concerning Him; and the *ones* that have not heard, *they* shall understand." *Isa. 52:15*

22 ¶ On this account I also was much hindered from coming to you,

23 but now having no more place in these regions, and having a longing to come to you for many years,

24 when ever I may go into Spain, I will come to you; for I hope *in* traveling through to see you and to be set forward there by you, if first I may be filled of you in part.

25 But now I am going to Jerusalem, doing service to the saints.

26 For Macedonia and Achaia thought it good to make certain contribution to the poor of the saints in Jerusalem.

27 For they thought it good, and their debtors *they* are; for if the nations shared in their spiritual things, they ought also to minister to them in the fleshly things.

28 Therefore being completed and having sealed this fruit to them, I will go through you into Spain.

29 And I know that I will come to you in the fullness of *the* blessing of the gospel of Christ *when* I come.

30 ¶ But I beseech you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in *your* prayers to God on my behalf,

31 that I be delivered from the *ones* disobeying in Judea, and that my ministry, which is to Jerusalem, may be acceptable to the saints,

32 that *I may* come to you in joy through *the* will of God, and that I may be refreshed with you.

33 And the God of peace *be* with all of you. Amen.

Romans 16

3 Paul wills the brethren to greet many, 17 and advises them to take heed of those which cause dissension and offences.

1 ¶ But I commend our sister Phoebe to you, being a servant of the assembly in Cenchrea,

2 that you may receive her in *the* Lord, *as is* worthy of the saints, and may assist her in whatever thing she may need of you. For she also became a helper of many, and of me myself.

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

4 who laid down their neck for my soul, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the assemblies of the nations.

5 And *greet* the assembly at their house, and my beloved Epenetus, who is a firstfruit of Achaia for Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who did much labor for us.

7 Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and fellow prisoners, noted among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

8 Greet Amplias my beloved in *the* Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus, our helper in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.

10 Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ; Greet those of Aristobulus.

11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet the *ones* of Narcissus, those being in *the* Lord.

12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, the *ones* laboring in *the* Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has labored in many things in *the* Lord.

13 Greet Rufus, the chosen in *the* Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brothers with them.

15 Greet Philologus and Julias, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints with them.

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The assemblies of Christ greet you.

17 ¶ And brothers I exhort you to watch the *ones* making divisions and causes of stumbling contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and turn away from them.

18 For such *ones* do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth speech and fine speeches *they* deceive the hearts of the *ones* without guile. 19 For your obedience reached to all; therefore, I rejoice over you. But I desire you to be truly wise to the good, but simple toward the bad.

20 And the God of peace shall crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

21 ¶ Timothy, my fellow-worker, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, greet you.

22 I, Tertius, the *one* writing the epistle, greet you in *the* Lord.

23 Gaius, the host of all the assembly and me, greets you. Erastus, the steward of the city, and Quartus the brother, greet you.

24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

25 ¶ Now to the *One who is* able to establish you according to my gospel, and the proclaiming of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of *the* mystery having been kept unvoiced during eternal times,

26 but now has been made plain, and by prophetic Scriptures, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known for obedience of faith to all the nations;

27 to *the* only wise God through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the
CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 1

10 He calls for unity. 18 God destroys the wisdom of the wise, 21 by the foolishness of preaching.

1 ¶ Paul, a called apostle of Jesus Christ, by *the* will of God, and Sosthenes the brother,

2 to the assembly of God which is in Corinth, those having been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all the *ones* calling on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours:

3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always concerning you *for* the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, *in* all discourse and all knowledge,

6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

7 so that you *are* not lacking in any gift, awaiting the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who also will confirm you until *the* end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God *is* faithful, through whom you were called into *the* fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

10 ¶ Now I exhort you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you all say the same, and there be no schisms among you, but you be restored to harmony, in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For about you, my brothers, it was shown to me by the *ones* of Chloe that there are contentions among you.

12 But I say this, that each of you says, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ.

13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?

14 ¶ I thank God that I did not baptize one of you, except Crispus and Gaius,

15 that not anyone should say that you were baptized in my name.

16 And I also baptized the house of Stephanas. For the rest, I do not know if I baptized any other.

17 ¶ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ be nullified.

18 For the Word of the cross is foolishness to the *ones* perishing, but to us being saved it is *the* power of God.

19 For it has been written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the understanding *ones*." *Isa. 29:14*

20 Where *is the* wise *one*? Where *is the* scribe? Where *is the* disputer of this world? Did God not make the wisdom of this world to be foolish?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world *by* wisdom did not know God, God was pleased through the foolishness of preaching to save the *ones* believing.

22 And since Jews ask for a sign, and Greeks seek wisdom,

23 we, on the other hand, preach Christ crucified (truly a stumbling block to Jews, and a pitfall to Greeks),

24 but to them, the *ones* called, both to Jews and to Greeks, Christ *is* the power of God and the wisdom of God;

25 because the foolish *thing* of God is wiser *than* men, and the weak *thing* of God is stronger *than* men.

26 For you see your calling, brothers, that *there are* not many wise *ones* according to flesh, not many powerful *ones*, not many wellborn *ones*.

27 But God chose the foolish *things* of the world that the wise might be put to shame, and God chose the weak *things* of the world so that He might put to shame the strong *things*.

28 And God chose the low-born *ones* of the world, and the things being despised, and the things not being, so that He might nullify the things being,

29 so that no flesh might glory in His presence.

30 But of Him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

31 so that even as it has been written, "He that glories, let him glory in" *the* "Lord." *Jer. 9:24*

1 Corinthians 2

Though his preaching bring not excellency of speech, or of human wisdom, yet it consists in the 4 power of God.

1 ¶ And when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with excellency of word or wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God.

2 For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and Him being crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my word and my preaching was not in persuasive words of human wisdom, but in proof of *the* Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith might not be in *the* wisdom of men, but in *the* power of God.

6 ¶ But we speak wisdom among the perfect, but not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, the *ones* being caused to cease.

7 But we speak *the* wisdom of God having been hidden in a mystery, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,

8 which none of the rulers of this age has known. For if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

9 but even as it is written, "The things which an eye did not see, and an ear did not hear," and did not come up on *the* heart of man, the *things* which God has prepared for the *ones* loving Him. *Isa. 64:4*

10 But God revealed *them* to us through His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man within

him? So also no one has known the things of God if not the Spirit of God.

12 But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from God, so that we might know the things freely given to us by God.

13 Which things we also speak, not in words taught in human wisdom, but in *words* taught of *the* Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual *things* with spiritual *things*.

14 But a natural man does not receive the things of *the* Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But the spiritual *one* discerns all things, but he is discerned by no one.

16 For "who has known *the* mind of *the* Lord?" "Who will instruct Him?" But we have *the* mind of Christ. *Isa. 40:13*

1 Corinthians 3

2 Milk is fit for children. 7 He that plants, and he that waters, is nothing. 9 The ministers are God's fellow-workers; a field of God. 11 Christ the foundation.

1 ¶ And, brothers, I was not able to speak to you as to spiritual *ones*, but as to fleshly *ones*, as to babes in Christ.

2 I gave you milk to drink, and not *solid* food, for you were not then able, for neither are you yet able now.

3 For you are yet fleshly *ones*. For where among you *is* jealousy, and strife, and divisions, are you not fleshly *ones* and walking according to man?

4 For when one says, Truly I am of Paul, and another, I of Apollos; are you not fleshly *ones*?

5 ¶ Who then is Paul? And who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, and to each *one* as the Lord gave?

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God the *One* made to grow.

7 So as neither the *one* planting is anything, nor the *one* watering, but God the *One* making to grow.

8 So the *one* planting and the *one* watering are one, and each *one* will receive *his* own reward according to *his* own labor.

9 For of God we are fellow-workers, a field of God, *and* you are a building of God.

10 According to God's grace given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, but another builds on *it*. But let each *one* look how he builds on *it*.

11 ¶ For no one is able to lay another foundation beside the *one* having been laid, which is Jesus, the Christ.

12 And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, straw,

13 the work of each *one* will be revealed; for the Day will make *it* known, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will prove the work of each *one*, what sort it is.

14 If the work of anyone which he built remains, he will receive a reward.

15 If the work of anyone shall be burned down, he shall suffer loss; but he will be saved, but so as through fire.

16 ¶ Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt this *one*; for the temple of God is holy, which you are.

18 ¶ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks to be a wise *one* among you in this age, let him become foolish, that he may become a wise *one*.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God; for it is written, "He is taking the wise *ones* in their *own* craftiness." *Job 5:13*

20 And again, "*The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise ones, that they are useless.*" *LXX-Psa. 93:11; MT-Psa. 94:11*

21 ¶ So then let no one glory in men; for all things are yours,

22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or *the* world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours,

23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

1 Corinthians 4

1 In what account the ministers ought to be had.

9 The apostles spectacles to the world, angels, and men: 15 yet our fathers in Christ.

1 ¶ Let a man count us as under-servants of Christ and stewards of *the* mysteries of God.

2 For the rest, it is sought among stewards that one be found faithful.

3 But to me it is a small thing that I should be judged by you, or by a man's day. But I do not even judge myself.

4 For I know nothing of myself, but I have not been justified by this; but He judging me is *the* Lord.

5 So then do not judge anything before *the* time, until the Lord comes, who will both shed light on the hidden things of darkness and will reveal the purposes of the hearts. And then praise will be to each *one* from God.

6 And, brothers, I transferred these things to myself and Apollos because of you, that in us you may learn not to think above what is written, that you not *be* puffed up one against the other.

7 ¶ For who makes you to differ? And what do you have that you did not receive? And *if* you received *it*, why do you boast as not receiving *it*?

8 You are already being satiated; you already became rich; you reigned without us (and I would that you really did reign, so that we also might reign together with you!)

9 For I think that God pointed us out *as* last, the apostles, as condemned to death, because we became a spectacle to the world, even to angels and to men.

10 We *are* fools for the sake of Christ, but you *are* wise in Christ. We *are* weak, but you *are* strong. You *are* honored, but we *are* not honored.

11 Until the present hour we also hunger and thirst, and are poorly clothed, and are buffeted, and wander homeless,

12 and we labor, working with our own hands. Being cursed, we bless; persecuted, we bear;

13 being defamed, we entreat. We have become as offscouring of the world, dirt wiped off by all until now.

14 ¶ I do not write these things shaming you, but admonishing *you* as my beloved children.

15 For if you should have myriads of tutors in Christ, yet not many fathers; for I fathered you in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

16 Therefore I urge you, be imitators of me.

17 ¶ Because of this I sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved child, and faithful

in *the* Lord, who will remind you *of* my ways in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every assembly.

18 As to my not coming to you now, some were puffed up.

19 But if the Lord wills, I will come to you shortly. And I will know, not the word of the *ones* who have been puffed up, but the power.

20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.

21 What do you desire? *Shall* I come to you with a rod, or *in* love and a spirit of meekness?

1 Corinthians 5

1 *The incestuous person 6 is cause of shame.*

7 *The old leaven is to be purged out.*

1 ¶ Everywhere *it is* heard that fornication *is* among you, and such fornication which is not named among the heathen, so as *for* someone to have *his* father's wife.

2 And you are being puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that did this deed might be taken from your midst.

3 For as being absent in body, but being present in spirit, I have already judged the *one* who has perpetrated this deed, as being present:

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, you being assembled with my spirit also, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 to give over such a one to Satan for destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your boast *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the lump?

7 ¶ Therefore clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For also Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

8 So then let us keep *the* feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of wickedness, but with unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

9 ¶ I wrote to you in the letter not to associate with fornicators;

10 and not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous one, or with rapacious *ones*, or with idolaters, since then you must go out of the world.

11 But now I wrote to you not to associate intimately; if anyone being named a brother *and is* either a fornicator, or a covetous one, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a rapacious *one*, with such a one not to eat.

12 For what *is it* to me also to judge the ones outside? Do you not judge those inside?

13 But God will judge the ones outside. "And take away from yourselves the wicked *one*." *Deut. 17:7*

1 Corinthians 6

1 *Against going to law. 18 Against sensuality.*

1 ¶ Does anyone of you having a matter against another dare to be judged before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy of small judgments?

3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels, not to speak of this life?

4 If, then, you truly have judgments of this life, the *ones* being least esteemed in the assembly, you seat these.

5 For I say *this*, Shame to you. So, is there not a wise *one* among you, not even one in your midst who will be able to judge his brother?

6 But brother is judged with brother, and this before unbelievers!

7 Indeed, therefore, there is already actually a defeat with you, that you have lawsuits with yourselves. Why not instead be wronged? Why not instead be defrauded?

8 But you do wrong, and defraud, and these things to brothers!

9 ¶ Or do you not know that unjust *ones* will not inherit *the* kingdom of God? Do not be led astray, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor boy-abusers, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous ones, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor rapacious *ones* shall inherit *the* kingdom of God.

11 And some were these things, but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 ¶ All things are lawful to me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful to me, but I will not be subjected by any.

13 Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods, but God will destroy both this and these. But the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14 And God both raised up the Lord, and *He* will raise us up through His power.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Then taking the members of Christ, shall I make *them* members of a prostitute? Let it not be!

16 Or do you not know that he being joined to a prostitute is one body? For He says, "The two *shall be* into one flesh." *Gen. 2:24*

17 But the *one* being joined to the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin which a man may do is outside the body, but he doing fornication sins against *his* own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of *the* Holy Spirit in you, which you have from God, and you are not of yourselves?

20 You were bought with a price; then glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are of God.

1 Corinthians 7

2 *He treats of marriage, 10 and shows that the bond should not lightly be dissolved.*

1 ¶ But concerning what you wrote to me, *it is* good for a man not to touch a woman;

2 but because of fornication, let each *one* have his *own* wife, and let each *one* have her own husband.

3 Let the husband give due kindness to the wife, and likewise the wife also to the husband.

4 The wife does not have authority of *her* own body, but the husband. And likewise also the husband does not have authority *over his* own body, but the wife.

5 Do not deprive one another, if not by agreement for a time, that you may devote *yourselves* to fasting and to prayer. And come together again on the same *place*, that Satan may not tempt you through your lack of self-control.

6 But I say this by concession, not by command.

7 But I desire all men also to be as myself. But each *one* has his own gift from God, thus and thus.

8 But I say to the unmarried men, and to the widows, it is good for them if they also remain as I.

9 But if they do not have self control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to be inflamed.

10 ¶ But I command the ones being married (not I, but the Lord), a woman not to be separated from her husband;

11 but if indeed she is separated, remain unmarried, or be reconciled to the husband; and a husband not to let *his* wife go.

12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she consents to live with him, let him not let her go.

13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not let him go.

14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified by the husband; else, then, your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

15 But if the unbelieving *one* separates, let *them* be separated; the brother or the sister is not in bondage in such matters; but God has called us in peace.

16 For what do you know, wife, whether you will save the husband? Or what do you know, husband, whether you will save the wife?

17 ¶ If not as God has apportioned to each, *one*, to each *one* as the Lord has called, so let him walk. So I command in the assemblies.

18 *Was* anyone called having been circumcised? Do not be uncircumcised. Was anyone called in uncircumcision? Do not be circumcised.

19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of God's commands.

20 Each *one* in the calling in which he was called, in this remain.

21 Were you called as a slave? It does not matter to you. But if you are able to be free, rather use *it*.

22 For the *one* having been called as a slave in *the* Lord is a free man of *the* Lord. And likewise, the *one* being called a free man is a slave of Christ.

23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Each *one* in which *state* he was called, brothers, in this remain with God.

25 ¶ But about the virgins, I have no command of *the* Lord. But I give judgment, as having received mercy by *the* Lord to be faithful.

26 Therefore I think this to be good, because of the present necessity: that *it is* good for a man to be so.

27 Have you been bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Have you been released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But if you also marry, you do not sin. And if the virgin marries, she does not sin. But such will have trouble in the flesh; and I am sparing you.

29 But I say this, brothers, that the time having been cut short, the remaining *thing* is, that even the *ones* having wives should be as not having,

30 and the *ones* weeping as not weeping, and the *ones* rejoicing as not rejoicing, and the *ones* buying as not possessing,

31 and the *ones* using this world as not overusing *it*; for the fashion of this world is passing away.

32 But I desire you to be without care. The unmarried *one* cares *for* the things of *the* Lord, how to please the Lord;

33 but the *one* marrying cares *for* the things of the world, how to please the wife.

34 The wife and the virgin *are* different. The unmarried *one* cares *for* the things of *the* Lord, that she be holy in both body and spirit. But the married *one* cares *for* the things of the world, how to please the husband.

35 And I say this for your advantage, not that I put a noose *before* you, but for the fitting thing, and waiting on the Lord without distraction.

36 ¶ But if anyone thinks *he* acts unseemly toward his virgin (if she is beyond *her* prime, and so it ought to be), let him do what he desires; he does not sin; let them marry.

37 But *he* who stands firm in heart, not having necessity, but has authority as to *his* own will, and has judged this in his heart, to keep his virgin; he does well.

38 So that he giving in marriage does well, and he not giving in marriage does better.

39 ¶ A wife is bound by law for as long a time as her husband lives; but if her husband sleeps, she is free to be married to whomever she desires, only in *the* Lord.

40 But she is happier if she remains so, according to my judgment. And I think I also have *the* Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 8

9 We must not abuse our Christian liberty, 11 but bridle our knowledge with charity.

1 ¶ But concerning the sacrifices to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

2 But if anyone thinks to know anything, he still has known nothing as he ought to know.

3 But if anyone loves God, this *one* has been known by Him.

4 ¶ Therefore concerning the eating of idolatrous offerings, we know that an idol *is* nothing in *the* world, and that *there* is no other God except one.

5 For even if *some* are called gods, either in *the* heavens or on the earth; (just as there are many gods, and many lords);

6 but to us *is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we to Him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through Him.

7 ¶ But the knowledge *is* not in all; but some being aware of the idol eat as an idolatrous offering until now; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

8 But food will not commend us to God. For neither if we eat do we excel, nor if we do not eat are we lacking.

9 But watch how this authority of yours may not become a cause of stumbling to the *ones* being weak.

10 For if anyone sees you, the *one* having knowledge, reclining in an idol's temple, will not the weak *one's* conscience be built up so as to eat the idolatrous offering?

11 And on your knowledge the weak brother shall perish, *he* for whom Christ died.

12 But sinning so against *your* brothers, and wounding their conscience, being weak, you sin against Christ.

13 On account of this, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat flesh into

the age, not *ever*, so that I do not cause my brother to stumble.

1 Corinthians 9

1 He shows his liberty, 7 and that the minister ought to live by the gospel. 24 Our life is like a race.

1 ¶ Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen our Lord Jesus Christ? Are you not my work in *the* Lord?

2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet I am indeed to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in *the* Lord.

3 ¶ My defense to those examining me is this:

4 Have we not authority to eat and to drink?

5 Have we not authority to lead about a sister, a wife, as *do* the rest of the apostles also, and Cephas, and the Lord's brothers?

6 Or *is it* only Barnabas and I *who* have no authority not to work?

7 Who serves as a soldier at *his* own wages ever? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat of the milk of the flock?

8 Do I speak these things according to man, or does not the Law say these things also?

9 For it has been written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox threshing grain." *Deut. 25:4* Not *that* it matters to God for the oxen, *is it?*

10 Or does He certainly say *it* because of us? It is written because of us, so that the *one* plowing ought to plow *in* hope, and the *one* threshing *in* hope to partake of hope.

11 If we sowed spiritual things to you, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap of your fleshly things?

12 If others have a share of the authority *over* you, *should* not rather we? But we did not use this authority, but we endured all things, so that we might not give a hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

13 Do you not know that those laboring *about* the holy things of the temple eat? Those attending on the altar share together with the altar.

14 So also the Lord ordained the *ones* proclaiming the gospel to live from the gospel.

15 ¶ But I have not used one of these. And I do not write these things that it be

so in me. For *it is* good to me rather to die than that anyone nullify my glorying.

16 For if I preach the gospel, no glory is to me; for necessity is laid on me, and *it* is woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.

17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if unwillingly, I am entrusted with a stewardship.

18 What then is my reward? That preaching the gospel I may make the gospel of Christ free, so as not to use fully my authority in the gospel.

19 ¶ For being free from all *men* I enslaved myself to all *men*, that I might gain the more.

20 And I became as a Jew to the Jews, that I might gain Jews; to the *ones* under Law as under Law, that I might gain the *ones* under Law;

21 to the *ones* without Law as without Law (not being without Law of God, but under *the* law of Christ), that I might gain *the ones* without Law.

22 I became to the weak *ones* as weak, that I might gain the weak *ones*. To all *people* I have become all things, that in any and every way I might save some.

23 And I do this for the gospel, that I might become a fellow partaker of it.

24 ¶ Do you not know that those running in a stadium indeed all run, but one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain.

25 But everyone striving controls himself *in* all things. Then the *ones* truly that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.

26 Therefore, so I run, as not uncertainly; so I fight, as not beating air;

27 but I buffet my body and enslave *it*, lest having preached to others I myself might be disapproved.

1 Corinthians 10

1 The sacraments of the Jews 6 are types of ours, 7 and their punishments. 11 examples for us.

14 We must flee from idolatry.

1 ¶ And I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the Sea.

2 And all were baptized into Moses in the cloud, and in the Sea,

3 and all ate the same spiritual food.

4 And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of the spiritual rock following, and that Rock was Christ.

5 But God was not well-pleased with most of them, "for they were scattered in the wilderness" *Num. 14:16*

6 ¶ But these things became examples for us, so that we may not be lusters after bad things, even as those indeed lusted.

7 Neither be idolaters, even as some of them, as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play." *Ex. 32:6*

8 Nor should we commit fornication, as some of them fornicated, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

9 Neither over-tempt the Christ, as some of them tempted, and were destroyed by serpents.

10 Neither murmur, as also some of them murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

11 And all these things happened to those *people as* examples, and *it* was written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 So then the *one* thinking to stand, let him watch *that* he not fall.

13 No temptation has taken you if not a human *one*; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able. But with the temptation, *He* will also make the way out, *so as* for you to be able to bear *it*.

14 On account of this, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 ¶ I speak as to prudent *ones*; you judge what I say.

16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is *it* not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is *it* not a communion of the body of Christ?

17 Because we, the many, are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

18 Look at Israel according to flesh; are not those eating the sacrifices sharers of the altar?

19 What then do I say, that an idol is anything, or that an idolatrous offering is anything?

20 But the things the nations sacrifice, "they sacrifice to demons, and not to

God." *Deut. 32:17* But I do not want you to become sharers of demons;

21 Not you are able to drink *the* cup of *the* Lord and a cup of demons; not you are able to partake of *the* table of *the* Lord and a table of demons.

22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

23 ¶ All *things* are lawful to me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful to me, but not all *things* build up.

24 Let no one seek the *thing* of himself, but each *one* the *thing* of the other.

25 Eat everything being sold in a meat market, examining nothing because of conscience,

26 for "the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fullness of it." *Psa. 24:1*

27 And if any of the unbelieving *ones* invite you, and you desire to go, eat everything set before you, examining nothing because of conscience.

28 But if anyone tells you, This is an idolatrous offering, do not eat because of that one disclosing *it*, and the conscience; for "the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fullness of it." *Psa. 24:1*

29 But I say conscience, not the *one* of himself, but the *one* of the other. For why is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

30 But if I partake by grace, why am I evil spoken of because of that *for* which I give thanks?

31 Then whether you eat or drink, or anything you do, do all things to the glory of God.

32 Be not led into sin, both to Jews and Greeks, and to the assembly of God.

33 Even as I also please all *in* all *things*, not seeking *my* own advantage, but that of the many, that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 11

1 *He* reproveth them because in holy assemblies

4 their men prayed with their heads covered,

and 6 women with their heads uncovered,

21 and for profaning with their own feasts the

Lord's supper.

1 ¶ Be imitators of me, as I *am* also of Christ.

2 But I praise you, brothers, that in all *things* you have remembered me, and even

as I gave *them* over to you, you hold fast the traditions.

3 But I want you to know that Christ is *the* head of every man, and *the* man *is* the head of a woman, and God *is the* head of Christ.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having *any covering* on his head shames his head.

5 And every woman praying or prophesying with *the* head uncovered dishonors her head, for it is one and the same *as* being shaved.

6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But *if it* is shameful for a woman to be shorn, or to be shaved, let her be covered.

7 For truly a man ought not to have *the* head covered, being *the* image and glory of God. But woman is *the* glory of man;

8 for man is not of the woman, but woman of man;

9 for also man was not created for the sake of the woman, but woman for the sake of the man;

10 because of this, the woman ought to have authority on the head, because of the angels.

11 But neither is the man apart from woman, nor woman apart from man, in *the* Lord.

12 For as the woman *is* out of the man, so also the man through the woman; but all *things* from God.

13 You judge among yourselves: is it fitting *for* a woman to pray to God uncovered?

14 Or does not nature herself teach you that if a man indeed wears long hair, it is a dishonor to him?

15 But if a woman wears *her* hair long, it is a glory to her; because the long hair has been given to her instead of a covering.

16 But if anyone thinks to be contentious, we do not have such a custom, nor the assemblies of God.

17 ¶ But enjoining this, I do not praise *you*, because you come together not for the better, but for the worse.

18 Indeed, first, I hear divisions to be among you *when* you come together in the assembly. And I believe *it in* some part.

19 For also factions need to be among you, so that the approved *ones* may become revealed among you.

20 Therefore you coming together into one place, it is not to eat *the* Lord's supper.

21 For each *one* takes his own supper first in *order* to eat; and one is hungry, and another drunken.

22 For do you not have houses *in which* to eat and to drink? Or do you despise the assembly of God, and shame the *ones* who have not? What should I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? I do not praise.

23 ¶ For I received from the Lord what I also gave over to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was given over took bread;

24 and having given thanks, He broke and said, Take, eat; this is My body, the *one* being broken on behalf of you; this do in remembrance of Me.

25 In the same way the cup also, after the *order to eat* supper, *He* said, This cup is the New Covenant in My blood; as often as you drink, do this in remembrance of Me.

26 For as often as you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly proclaim the death of the Lord, until He shall come.

27 So then whoever should eat this bread, or drink the cup of the Lord, unworthily, *that one* will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat from the bread, and let him drink from the cup;

29 for the *one* eating and drinking unworthily eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord.

30 Because of this many among you *are* weak and infirm, and a considerable number sleep.

31 For if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged.

32 But being judged, we are chastened by *the* Lord, that we not be condemned with the world.

33 So that, my brothers, coming together to eat, wait for one another.

34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, that you may not come together for judgment. And the remaining things I will set in order whenever I come.

1 Corinthians 12

1 *Spiritual gifts 4 are diverse, 7 yet all to profit.*

8 *And for that end are diversely given.*

1 ¶ But concerning the spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not wish you to be ignorant.

2 You know that *when* you were nations, how you were led, being carried away to voiceless idols.

3 Because of this I make known to you that no one speaking by *the* Spirit of God says, *Jesus is a curse*. And no one is able to say *Jesus is Lord*, if not by *the* Holy Spirit.

4 And there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

5 and there are varieties of ministries, yet the same Lord.

6 And there are varieties of workings, but the same is God, the *One* working all things in all.

7 And to each *one* is given the showing forth of the Spirit to the profiting of each *one*.

8 For through the Spirit is given to one a word of wisdom, and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit;

9 and to another, faith by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing by the same Spirit,

10 and to another; workings of powers; and to another, prophecy; and to another, discerning of spirits; and to another, kinds of languages; and to another, interpretation of languages.

11 But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing separately to each *one* as He purposes.

12 ¶ Even as the body is one, and has many members, but all the members of the one body, being many, *are* one body; so also *is* Christ.

13 For also we all were baptized into one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, even all were given to drink into one Spirit.

14 For also the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot says, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body; because of this, is it not of the body?

16 And if the ear says, Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body, on account of this, is it not of the body?

17 If all the body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If all hearing, where the smelling?

18 But now God set the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.

19 But if all was one member, where *would* the body *be*?

20 But now, indeed, many *are* the members, but one body.

21 And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you; or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 But by much more the members of the body seeming to be weaker are necessary.

23 And those of the body we think to be less honorable, to these we put more abundant honor around *them*. And our unpresentable *members* have more abundant propriety.

24 But our presentable *members* have no need. But God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to the *member* lacking *it*,

25 that there not be division in the body, but *that* the members might have the same care for one another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*. If one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with *it*.

27 ¶ And you are Christ's body, and members in part.

28 And God placed some in the assembly, firstly, apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers; then works of power; then gifts of healing, helps, governings, kinds of languages.

29 *Are* all apostles? All prophets? All teachers? All workers of power?

30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak languages? Do all interpret?

31 But zealously strive after the better gifts. And yet I show you a way according to excellence:

1 Corinthians 13

1 *All gifts, 2,3 however excellent, are worth nothing without love. 4 The praises of it.*

1 ¶ If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become *as* sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have prophecies, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have

all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I give out all my possessions, and if I give over my body that I be burned, but I do not have love, I am profited nothing.

4 ¶ Love patiently endures, is kind; love is not envious; love boasts not itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave unbecomingly, does not seek the *things of itself*, is not *easily* provoked, does not impute evil;

6 does not rejoice over unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth.

7 Love quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 ¶ Love never fails. But if *there are* prophecies, they will be caused to cease; if tongues, they shall cease; if knowledge, it will be caused to cease.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the perfect *thing* comes, then that *which is* in part will be caused to cease.

11 When I was a little child, I spoke as a little child, I thought as a little child, I reasoned as a little child. But when I have become a man, I did away with the *things of the little child*.

12 For now we see through a mirror in dimness, but then face to face. Now I know by part, but then I will fully know even as I also was fully known.

13 And now faith, hope, and love, these three things remain; but the greatest of these *is* love.

1 Corinthians 14

1 Prophecy is commended 2, 3, 4 and preferred before speaking with tongues. 12 Both must be referred to building up 22 as to their true end.

34 Women are forbidden to speak in the church.

1 ¶ Pursue love, and seek eagerly the spiritual *things*, but rather that you may prophesy.

2 For the *one* speaking in a language does not speak to men, but to God; for no one hears, but in spirit he speaks mysteries.

3 But the *one* prophesying to men speaks for building up, and encouragement, and comfort.

4 The *one* speaking in a language builds himself up, but he prophesying builds up an assembly.

5 And I wish all of you to speak in languages, but rather that you may prophesy. For the *one* prophesying *is* greater than the *one* speaking in languages, if not he interpret, that the assembly may receive building up.

6 ¶ But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in languages, what will I profit you, if not I speak to you either in revelation, or in knowledge, or in prophecy, or in teaching?

7 Likewise lifeless *things* giving a sound, whether flute or harp, if they do not give a distinction in the sound, how will it be known what is being fluted or being harped?

8 For also if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will get himself ready for war?

9 So also you, if you do not give a clear word through the language, how will the *thing* being said be known? For you will be speaking into air.

10 So it may be many kinds of sounds are in *the* world, and not one *is* without *distinct* sound.

11 If, then, I do not know the power of the sound, I will be a foreigner to the *one* speaking, and he speaking in me a foreigner.

12 So also you, since you are zealots of spiritual *gifts*, seek to build up the assembly that you may abound.

13 Therefore, the *one* speaking in a language, let him pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a *foreign* language, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

15 ¶ What then is it? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the mind; I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the mind.

16 Else, if you bless in the spirit, the one occupying the place of the unlearned, how will he say the amen at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you say?

17 For you truly give thanks well, but the other *person* is not built up.

18 I thank my God *that* I speak more languages than all of you.

19 But in an assembly I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may also instruct others, than myriads of words in a *foreign* language.

20 Brothers, do not be children in your minds, but in malice act like children, and in your minds be mature.

21 ¶ It is written in the Law, “By other languages” and “by other lips” “I will speak to this people,” “and even so they will not hear” Me, says *the* Lord. *Isa. 28:11, 12*

22 So that languages are not a sign to the *ones* believing, but to the faithless *ones*. But prophecy *is* not to the faithless *ones*, but to the *ones* believing.

23 Then if the whole assembly comes together, and all speak in *foreign* languages, and uninstructed or faithless *ones* come in, will they not say that you rave?

24 But if all prophesy, and some faithless *one* or an uninstructed *one* comes in, he is convicted by all, he is judged by all.

25 And so the secrets of his heart become revealed; and so, falling on *his* face, he will worship God, declaring that God is truly among you.

26 ¶ Then what is it, brothers? When you come together, each *one* of you has a psalm, he has a teaching, he has a language, he has a revelation, he has an interpretation. Let all things be for building up.

27 If one speaks in a language, *let it be* by two or three *at* the most, and in turn, also let one interpret.

28 And if there is no interpreter, let him be silent in *the* assembly, and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 And *if there are* two or three prophets, let them speak, and let the others judge.

30 But if *a revelation* is revealed to another sitting *by*, let the first be silent.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be encouraged.

32 And the spirits of prophets *are* subject to prophets.

33 For God is not *God* of confusion, but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the saints.

34 ¶ Let your women be silent in the assemblies, for it is not allowed to them to speak, but to be in subjection, as also the Law says.

35 But if they desire to learn anything, let them question their husbands at home; for it is a disgraceful *thing* for a woman to speak in an assembly.

36 ¶ Or did the Word of God go out from you? Or did it reach only to you?

37 If anyone thinks to be a prophet, or a spiritual *one*, let him recognize the things

I write to you, that they are commandments of the Lord.

38 But if any be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 So then, brothers, seek eagerly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in languages.

40 And let all things come to be *done* decently and according to order.

1 Corinthians 15

3 *By Christ's resurrection, 12 he proves the necessity of our resurrection.*

1 ¶ Now, brothers, I make known to you the gospel which I preached to you, which you also received, in which you also stand,

2 through which you also are being saved, if you hold fast the Word which I preached to you, except if not you believed in vain.

3 For I gave over to you among the first *things* what I also received, that Christ died in behalf of our sins, according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He has been raised the third day, according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

6 Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, of whom the most remain until now, but some also fell asleep.

7 Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

8 and last of all, even as if to an untimely birth He also appeared to me.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not sufficient to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Assembly of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which *was* toward me has not been fruitless, but I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

11 Whether therefore I or those, so we preach, and so you believed.

12 ¶ But if Christ is being preached, that He has been raised from *the* dead *ones*, how do some among you say *there* is not a resurrection of the dead *ones*?

13 But if there is not a resurrection of *the* dead *ones*, neither has Christ been raised.

14 But if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching *is* worthless, and your faith is also worthless.

15 And also we are found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we witnessed according to God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if then dead *ones* are not raised.

16 For if dead *ones* are not raised, Christ has not been raised.

17 But if Christ has not been raised, your faith *is* vain; you are still in your sins.

18 And then the *ones* that fell asleep in Christ perished.

19 If we only have hope in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.

20 ¶ But now Christ has been raised from the dead *ones*; He became the firstfruit of the *ones* having fallen asleep.

21 For since death *is* through man, also through a Man *is* a resurrection of dead *ones*;

22 for as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

23 But each *one* in *his* own order: Christ, the firstfruit; afterward the *ones* of Christ in His coming.

24 Then *is* the end, whenever He gives over the kingdom to God, even the Father, whenever He causes to cease all rule and all authority and power.

25 For it is right for Him to reign until He puts all the hostile *ones* under His feet; *Psa. 110:1*

26 *the* last hostile *thing* caused to cease *is* death.

27 For "He subjected all things under His feet;" but when He says that all things have been subjected, *it is* evident that *this it* except the *One* having subjected all things to Him. *Psa. 8:6*

28 But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be put in subjection to the *One* who has subjected all things to Him, that God may be all things in all.

29 Otherwise, what will they do, the *ones* being baptized on behalf of the dead *ones*? If *the* dead *ones* are not at all raised, why indeed are they baptized on behalf of the dead *ones*?

30 Why are we also in danger every hour?

31 According to a day I die, by your boasting, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord.

32 If according to man I fought with beasts in Ephesus, what *is* the profit to me if *the* dead *ones* are not raised? ("Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die"). *Isa. 22:13.*)

33 Do not be led astray; bad companionships corrupt good habits.

34 Be sober uprightly, and do not sin; for some have ignorance of God. I speak to your shame.

35 ¶ But someone will say, How are dead *ones* raised? And with what body do they come?

36 Foolish *ones*! What you sow is not made alive if not it dies.

37 And what you sow, you do not sow the body that *is* going to be, but a naked grain, (if it may be of wheat, or of some of the rest),

38 but God gives it a body according as He willed, and to each *one* of the seeds *its* own body.

39 Not every flesh *is* the same flesh, but, indeed, another flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another of fish, and another of birds.

40 And *there are* heavenly bodies, and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly *is* truly different, and the *ones* of the earthly *one* different;

41 another glory of *the* sun, and another glory of *the* moon, and another glory of *the* stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 So also the resurrection of dead *ones*. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body; *there* is a natural body, and *there* is a spiritual body.

45 So also it has been written, "The" first "man", Adam, "became a living soul;" the last Adam a Spirit giving life. *Gen. 2:7*

46 But not the spiritual first, but the natural; afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man *was* out of earth, an earthy *one*. The second Man *was* the Lord out of Heaven. *Gen. 2:7*

48 Such *as is* the earthy *man*, such also *are* the earthy *ones*. And such *as is* the heavenly *Man*, such also *are* the heavenly *ones*.

49 And as we bore the image of the earthy *man*, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

50 And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood are not able to inherit *the* kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 ¶ Behold, I tell a mystery to you: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

52 In a moment, in a glance of an eye, at the last trumpet; for a trumpet will sound, and the dead *ones* will be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *one* must put on immortality.

54 But when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal *one* shall put on immortality, then will come to pass the Word, the *one* having been written, "Death was swallowed up in victory." *Isa. 25:8*

55 "O death, where *is* your sting? Hades, where *is* your victory?" *Hos. 13:14*

56 Now the sting of death *is* sin, and the power of sin *is* the Law;

57 but thanks *be* to God, the *One* giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

58 So that, my beloved brothers, *you* be firm, immovable, abounding in the work of the Lord always, knowing that your your labor is not fruitless in *the* Lord.

1 Corinthians 16

1 He exhorts them to relieve the want of the brethren at Jerusalem. 10 He commends Timothy.

1 ¶ And about the collection, the *one* for the saints, as I charged the assemblies of Galatia, so also you do.

2 On the first of *the* sabbaths, let each *one* of you put by himself, storing up whatever he is prospered, that there not be collections then when I come.

3 And when I arrive, whomever you approve through these epistles, I will send to carry your gift of grace to Jerusalem.

4 And if it is suitable for me to go also, they shall go with me.

5 ¶ But I will come to you when I go through Macedonia. For I am going through Macedonia.

6 And it may be I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may send me forward wherever I may go.

7 For I do not desire to see you now in passage, but I am hoping to remain some time with you, if the Lord permits.

8 But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost.

9 For a door opened to me, great and effective, and many *are* opposing.

10 ¶ But if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear; for he works the work of the Lord, even as I.

11 Therefore do not let anyone despise him, but send him forward in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brothers.

12 And about the brother Apollos, I much urged him that he come to you with the brothers, but it was not at all *his* will that he come now. But he will come when he his opportunity.

13 ¶ Watch! Stand fast in the faith! Be men! Be strong!

14 Let all your things be in love.

15 But I exhort you, brothers. You know the power of sin *is* the Law; house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruit of Achaia, and they appointed themselves to ministry to the saints.

16 *See* that you also may submit to such *ones*, and to everyone working and laboring with *us*.

17 And I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, and of Fortunatus and Achaicus, because these supplied your lack.

18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Then recognize such ones.

19 ¶ The assemblies of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in *the* Lord, with the assembly in their house.

20 The brothers all greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

21 The greeting with my hand, Paul.

22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. The Lord comes!

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.

My love *be* with all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **CORINTHIANS**

2 Corinthians 1

3 *The apostle encourages them against troubles, by the comforts which God had given him.*

15 *He excuses his not coming to them.*

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, through the will of God, and Timothy the brother, to the assembly of God being in Corinth, with all the saints being in all Achaia,

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassions and God of all comfort,

4 *the One* comforting us on all our affliction, for us to be able to comfort the *ones* in every affliction, through the comfort by which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 Because *even as* the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

6 But if we are troubled, *it is* for your comfort and salvation, being worked out in *the* endurance of the same sufferings which we also suffer. If we are comforted, *it is* for your comfort and salvation;

7 ¶ and our hope for you *is* firm, knowing that even as you are sharers of the sufferings, so also of the comfort.

8 For, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant as to our affliction having happened to us in Asia, that we were beyond measure burdened beyond *our* power, so as for us even to despair of living.

9 But we ourselves have the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust on ourselves, but on God, the *One* raising the dead,

10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver; in whom we have hope that He will still deliver *us*,

11 you also laboring together for us in prayer, that the gracious gift by many per-

sons be *the cause* of thanksgiving through many for us.

12 ¶ For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we had our conduct in the world in simplicity and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, and especially toward you.

13 For we do not write other things to you than what you read or even recognize; and I hope that you will recognize even to *the* end,

14 even as you also *in* part recognized us, that we are your glorying, even as also you *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15 ¶ And in this confidence, I purposed to come to you before now, that you might have a second grace,

16 and to go through you into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you and to be set forward by you to Judea.

17 Therefore purposing this, did I indeed use lightness? Or what I purposed, did I purpose according to flesh, that *it* may be with me yes, yes, and no, no?

18 But God *is* faithful, that our word to you did not become yes and no.

19 For Jesus Christ the Son of God, the *One* proclaimed among you by us, through me and Silvanus and Timothy, did not become Yes and No, but has been Yes in Him.

20 For as many promises as *are* of God, in Him *they are* Yes, and in Him *are* Amen, for glory to God through us.

21 But He confirming us and anointing us together with you in Christ *is* God,

22 even He having sealed us, and having given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 And I call God *as* witness to my soul that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

24 Not that we rule over your faith, but we are fellow-workers of your joy. For by faith you stand.

2 Corinthians 2

1 He shows why he did not come to them, 6 he tells them to forgive that excommunicated person, 10 even as he himself also had forgiven him.

1 ¶ But I decided this within myself, not to come to you again in grief.

2 For if I grieve you, who yet will be making me glad, if not the *one* being grieved by me?

3 And I wrote this same thing to you, lest coming I might have grief from *those* of whom I ought to rejoice, trusting in you all that my joy is *the joy* of all of you.

4 For out of much affliction and distress of heart I wrote to you, through many tears, not that you be grieved, but that you know the love which I have especially toward you.

5- ¶ But if anyone has grieved, he has not grieved me, but from *in* part, that I not burden all of you.

6 This punishment by the majority *is* enough for such a one.

7 So that on the contrary, you *ought* rather to forgive and comfort such a one, that *he* not be swallowed up *by* the excessive grief.

8 So I beseech you to confirm *your* love to him.

9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, if you are obedient in all things.

10 But to whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For also if I have forgiven anything, of whom I have forgiven *it*, *it is* for you, in Christ's person,

11 so that we should not be deceitfully coveted by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs.

12 ¶ And coming to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and a door having been opened to me in *the* Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit at my not finding my brother Titus, but taking leave of them, I went out to Macedonia.

14 But thanks *be* to God, the *One* always leading us in triumph in Christ, and *the One* revealing through us the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place.

15 For we are a sweet smell to God because of Christ in the *ones* being saved, and in the *ones* being lost;

16 to the *ones*, an odor of death unto death, and to the *ones*, an odor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as the many, peddling the Word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God. We speak in Christ before God.

2 Corinthians 3

Lest their false teachers should charge him with vainglory, he shows the faith and graces of the Corinthians to be a sufficient commendation of his ministry.

1 ¶ Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we, as some, need commendatory letters to you, or commendatory *ones* from you?

2 You are our letter, having been inscribed in our hearts, being known and being read by all men,

3 *it* being made known that you are Christ's letter, ministered by us, not having been inscribed by ink, but by *the* Spirit of *the* living God, not in tablets of stone, but in fleshly tablets of *the* heart.

4 And we have such confidence through Christ toward God;

5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves to reason out anything as *being* out of ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* of God,

6 ¶ who also made us able ministers of a new covenant, not of letter, but of Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit makes alive.

7 But if the ministry of death having been engraved in letters in stone came to be in glory, so as *that* the sons of Israel could not gaze into "the face of Moses" because of the glory of his face, which was to be caused to cease,

8 how much rather the ministry of the Spirit will be in glory!

9 For if the ministry of condemnation *was* in glory, much rather the ministry of righteousness abounds in glory.

10 For even not has been made glorious the *thing* having been made glorious in this part, because of the surpassing glory.

11 For if the thing done away *was* through glory, much rather the *thing* remaining *is* in glory.

12 ¶ Therefore having such hope, we use much boldness.

13 And not as “Moses put a veil over his face,” for the sons of Israel not to look intently at the end of the *thing* being done away. *Ex. 34:35*

14 But their thoughts were hardened, for until this very day the same veil remains on the reading of the Old Covenant, not being unveiled, that it is being done away in Christ.

15 But until this very day, when Moses is being read, a veil lies on their heart.

16 But whenever it shall have turned to *the* Lord, the veil is taken away. *Ex. 34:34*

17 And the Lord *is* the Spirit; and where the Spirit of *the* Lord *is*, there *is* freedom.

18 But we all with *our* face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of *the* Lord in a mirror, are being transformed *into* the same image from glory to glory, as from *the* Lord Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4

He declares how he has used all sincerity and faithful diligence in preaching the gospel.

1 ¶ Because of this, having this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we do not fail *in heart*.

2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor corrupting the Word of God, but *by* the revelation of the truth commending ourselves to every conscience of men before God.

3 But if even our gospel is being hidden, it has been hidden in the *ones* perishing,

4 in whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the faithless *ones*, *so that* the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, *should* not shine on them.

5 For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves your slaves for the sake of Jesus.

6 Because *it is* God who said, “Out of darkness Light shall shine,” the *One* who shone in our hearts to *give the* illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *Isa. 42:6, 7, 16*

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power may be of God, and not from us;

8 ¶ in every *way* being pressed, but not being constricted; being perplexed, but not utterly despairing;

9 being persecuted, but not being forsaken; being thrown down, but not perishing;

10 alway bearing about the dying of the Lord Jesus in the body, that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body.

11 For we, the *ones* living, are always being given over to death on account of Jesus, that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh;

12 so that death indeed works in us, and life in you.

13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to the *thing* having been written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak, *LXX-Psa. 115:1; MT-Psa. 116:10*

14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

15 For all things *are* for you, that the grace, superabounding through the greater number may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not fail *in heart*, but if indeed our outward man is being consumed, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

17 For the lightness of our present affliction works out for us an eternal weight of glory, surpassing *moment* by surpassing *moment*;

18 we not looking at the things being seen, but the things not being seen; for the things being seen *are* not lasting, but the things not being seen *are* everlasting.

2 Corinthians 5

1 That in his assured hope of immortal glory 9 he labors to keep a good conscience 18 and by his ministry to reconcile others also in Christ to God.

1 ¶ For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle is taken down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in Heaven.

2 For also in this we groan, greatly desiring to be clothed with our dwelling place out of Heaven,

3 if indeed *in* being clothed, we shall not be found naked.

4 For indeed, being in the tabernacle, we groan, having been weighted down, inas-

much as we do not wish to put off *the body*, but *the spiritual* to be put on, so that the mortal may be swallowed up by the life.

5 And the *One* having worked in us for this same thing *is* God, who also *is* giving us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore always being fully confident, and knowing that being at home in the body we are away from home from the Lord

7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight),
8 even we are fully confident, and think it good rather to go away from home out of the body, and to come home to the Lord.

9 Therefore we also are striving to be pleasing to Him, whether being at home, or being away from home.

10 For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each *one* may receive the things *done* through the body, according to what he did, whether good or bad.

11 Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, and we have been made known to God; and I also hope to have been known in your consciences.

12 ¶ For we do not again commend ourselves to you, but are giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that you may have *it* toward the *ones* boasting before the face and not in heart.

13 For if we were out of *our* mind, *it was* to God; if *we are* clear-minded, *it is* for you.

14 For the love of Christ constrains us, judging this, that if One died for all, then the all died;

15 and He died for all, that the living *ones* may live no more to themselves, but to the *One* dying *for* them and having been raised.

16 ¶ So as we now know no one according to flesh, but even if we have known Christ according to flesh, yet now we no longer know *Him so*.

17 So then if anyone *is* in Christ, *that one* is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have come to be new!

18 And all things *are* from God, the *One* having reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and having given to us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 as, that God was in Christ reconciling *the* world to Himself, not charging their

deviations to them, and putting the Word of reconciliation in us.

20 Then on behalf of Christ, we are ambassadors, as God *is* exhorting through us, we beseech on behalf of Christ, Be reconciled to God.

21 For He made the *One* who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become *the* righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 6

1 He has approved himself a faithful minister of Christ, by his exhortations, 3 and by integrity of life, 4 and by patiently enduring all kinds of affliction for the gospel.

1 ¶ But working together, we also call on you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says, "In an acceptable time I heard you, and in a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now *is* the acceptable time! Behold, now *is* the day of salvation! *Isa.* 49:8

3 We are not giving a cause of stumbling, not that the ministry may not be blamed,

4 but in everything commending ourselves as God's servants, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in sleepless *nights*, in fastings,

6 in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unfeigned love,

7 in *the* Word of truth, in *the* power of God, through the weapons of righteousness on the right *hand* and on *the* left,

8 through glory and dishonor, through evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true;

9 as being unknown, and *yet* being well known, as dying, and *yet*, look, we live; as scourged, and *yet* not put to death;

10 as being grieved, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet enriching many; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

11 ¶ Our mouth is opened to you, Corinthians, our heart has been enlarged.

12 You are not constricted in us, but you are constricted in your *own* bowels.

13 But for the same reward, I speak as to children, you also be enlarged.

14 Do not be unequally yoked *with* faithless *ones*. For what partnership does righ-

teousness *have* with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light *have* with darkness?

15 And what agreement does Christ *have* with Belial? Or what part does a believing *one have* with a faithless *one*?

16 And what agreement does a temple of God *have* with idols? For you are a temple of *the* living God, even as God said, “I will” dwell in them and “walk among *them*, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” *Lev. 26:12; Ezek. 37:27*

17 Because of this, “come out from among them” “and be separated,” says *the* Lord, “and do not touch *the* unclean *thing*,” and I will receive you. *Isa. 52:11*

18 “And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons” and daughters to Me, says *the* Lord Almighty. *2 Sam. 7:8, 14; Isa. 43:6*

2 Corinthians 7

1 He exhorts them to purity of life, 5 and declares what comfort he took in his afflictions.

1 ¶ Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilements of flesh and of spirit, perfecting holiness in *the* fear of God.

2 Make room for us. We wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we deceitfully coveted no one.

3 I do not speak to condemnation, for I have said before that you are in our hearts, for dying together and living together.

4 My boldness toward you *is* great. My boasting on your behalf *is* much. I have been filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy on all our affliction.

5 ¶ For, indeed, we coming into Macedonia, *in* our flesh no one had rest, but being troubled in every way, *with* fightings *on the* outside and fears *on the* inside.

6 But the *One* comforting the lowly comforted us by the coming of Titus.

7 And not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was encouraged over you, relating to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal on my behalf, so as for me to rejoice more.

8 For even if I grieved you in the letter, I do not regret, if indeed I did regret, for I see that letter grieved you for an hour.

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved to repentance. For you were grieved according to God, that you might suffer loss in nothing by us.

10 For the grief according to God works repentance to salvation without regret. But the grief of the world works death.

11 For behold this very same thing, you being grieved according to God, how much it fully worked earnestness in you, but *also* defense, but *also* indignation, but *also* fear, but *also* desire, but *also* zeal, but *also* vengeance! In everything you commended yourselves to be clear in the matter.

12 ¶ Then even if I wrote to you, *it was* not for the sake of the *one* doing wrong, nor for the sake of the *one* being wronged, but for the sake of revealing our earnestness on your behalf, for you before God.

13 Because of this we have been comforted over your comfort, and we rather rejoice more abundantly over the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

14 Because if I have boasted anything to him about you, I was not ashamed. But as we spoke all things in truth to you, so also our boasting as to Titus became truth.

15 And his bowels are far greater toward you, remembering the obedience of all of you, as you received him with fear and trembling.

16 Therefore, I rejoice, that in everything I am fully assured in you.

2 Corinthians 8

He stirs them up to a liberal contribution for the poor saints at Jerusalem.

1 ¶ But, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given among the assemblies of Macedonia,

2 that in much testing of trouble, the overflowing of their joy and the depth of their poverty abounded to the riches of their generosity.

3 Because I testify *that* according to *their* ability and beyond *their* ability, of *their* own accord.

4 with much appeal begging us *to* receive of us the grace and the fellowship of the ministry to the saints.

5 And not as we hoped, but *they* gave themselves to the Lord firstly, and to us through *the* will of God,

6 for us to call on Titus, that even as he began before, so also he might complete this grace to you also.

7 ¶ But even as you abound in everything, in faith, and in word, and in knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love in us, that you also should abound in this grace.

8 I do not speak according to command, but through the diligence of others and testing the trueness of your love.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that being rich, He became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich by the poverty of that One.

10 And I give judgment in this, for this is profitable for you, who began before not only to do, but also to be willing from last year.

11 But now also finish the doing *of it*, so that even as *there was* the readiness in the willing, so also the finishing, *giving* out of *what you have*.

12 For if the readiness is present, *it is* acceptable according to *what* one has, not according to *what* one does not have.

13 For *it is* not that *there may be* ease to others, but affliction *to you*;

14 but by equality in the time now, your abundance for the need of those; but also that the abundance of those may be for your need, that there may be equality;

15 even as it is written, “He *gathering* much, he had nothing left over, and he *gathering* little did not lack.” *Ex. 16:18*

16 ¶ But thanks *be* to God, who gives the same earnestness for you in the heart of Titus.

17 For truly he received the appeal, but being more earnest, he went out to you of his own accord.

18 But we sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the assemblies,

19 and not only *so*, but also he having been chosen by the assemblies *as* a traveling companion to us with this gift being ministered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself, and your eagerness,

20 avoiding this, lest anyone should blame us in this bounty being ministered by us;

21 providing right things not only before *the* Lord, but also before men. *Prov. 3:4*

22 And we sent with them our brother whom we often proved in many things to be earnest, and now much more earnest by the great confidence which *I have* toward you.

23 If *any asks* about Titus, *he is* my partner and a fellow worker for you; or *about* our brothers, *they are* messengers of the assemblies, *the* glory of Christ.

24 Then show them a proof of your love and of our boastings on your behalf, even in the face of the assemblies.

2 Corinthians 9

1 He yields the reason why he sent Titus and his brethren beforehand, 6 and stirs them up to a bountiful alms.

1 ¶ For indeed concerning the ministry to the saints, it is beyond necessity for me to write to you.

2 For I know your eagerness, of which I boast to Macedonia on your behalf, that Achaia has made ready from last year, and your zeal arouses the greater number.

3 But I sent the brothers that our boasting which *is* on your behalf should not be made void in this respect, even as I said, you were being ready;

4 lest perhaps if Macedonians come with me and find you not ready, that we (we do not say you) should be ashamed in this assurance of boasting.

5 Therefore, I thought *it* necessary to exhort the brothers, that they go forward to you and arrange beforehand your promised blessing, this to be ready, thus as a blessing and not as by greediness.

6 ¶ And this: the *one* sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the *one* sowing on *hope of* blessings will also reap *of* blessings.

7 Each *one* as he purposes in his heart, not out of grief or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. *Prov. 22:8*

8 And God *is* able to make all grace to abound toward you, that in *everything*, always having all self sufficiency, you may abound to every good work;

9 even as it is written, “He scattered, he gave to the poor, his righteousness abides forever.” *Psa. 112:9*

10 Now He that supplies seed to the sower and bread for eating, may He supply and multiply your seed and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

11 in everything *you* being enriched to all simplicity, which works out thanksgiving to God through us.

12 Because the ministry of this service is not only completely filling up the things lacking of the saints, but also multiplying through many thanksgivings to God,

13 through the proof of this ministry, *they* glorifying God by your subjection to the gospel of Christ, and the simplicity of the fellowship toward them and toward all;

14 and with their petition for you, a longing after you, because of the overflowing grace of God on you.

15 But thanks *be* to God for His unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 10

1 He sets out the spiritual might and authority, with which he is armed against all adversary powers, 7 assuring them that at his coming he will be found as mighty in word, as he is now in writing.

1 ¶ And I myself, Paul, call on you through the meekness and gentleness of Christ I, who indeed according to face am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you;

2 but I ask, not being present, that I may be bold with the confidence which I think to be bold against some, the *ones* reckoning us as walking according to flesh.

3 For walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh;

4 for the weapons of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful to God to the demolition of strongholds,

5 demolishing reasonings and every high thing lifting up *itself* against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ,

6 and having readiness to avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience is fulfilled.

7 ¶ Do you look at things according to face? If anyone has persuaded himself to

be of Christ, let him think this again as to himself, that as he *is* of Christ, so also we *are* of Christ.

8 For even if I also somewhat more abundantly may boast about our authority, which the Lord gave us for building up and not for your destruction, I will not be put to shame,

9 so that I may not seem to terrify you by letters.

10 Because, they say, the letters *are* weighty and strong, but the bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech being despised.

11 Let such a one think this, that such as we *are* in word through letters, being absent, such *we are* also being present in deed.

12 ¶ For we dare not rank or compare ourselves with some of those commending themselves, but they measuring themselves among themselves and comparing themselves to themselves, *are* not perceptive.

13 But we will not boast beyond measure, but according to measure of the rule which the God of measure distributed to us, to reach even as far as to you.

14 For we do not overstretch ourselves as *if* not reaching to you, for even as far as to you we came to you in the gospel of Christ,

15 not boasting beyond measure in the labors of others, but having hope that the growing faith among you will be made larger according to our rule, to overflowing,

16 in order to preach the gospel *to* the *regions* beyond you, not to glory in another's rule in things *made* ready.

17 “But the *one* glorying, let him glory in” *the* “Lord.” *Jer. 9:24*

18 For not the *one* commending himself is the one approved, but *the one* whom the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 11

Out of his jealousy over the Corinthians, he enters into a forced commendation of himself.

1 ¶ I would that you endured me a little *in* foolishness, but, indeed, endure me.

2 For I am jealous *over* you with a jealousy of God. For I have betrothed you to one Man, to present *you* a pure virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your thoughts should be corrupted from the simplicity *which is due* to Christ.

4 For if, indeed, the *one* coming proclaims another Jesus, whom we have not proclaimed, or *if* you receive another spirit which you have not received, or another gospel which you never accepted, you might well endure *these*.

5 ¶ For I reckon *myself* to have been inferior to the exceedingly great apostles *in* nothing.

6 But even if *I am* unskilled in speech, yet not in knowledge. But in every way *I* have been made known to you in all things.

7 Or did I commit sin, humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you freely?

8 I stripped other assemblies, taking wages for the ministry of you.

9 And being present with you and lacking, I was not a burden to anyone. The brothers coming from Macedonia completely made up for my need. And in every way I kept myself without burden *to you*, and I will keep *myself*.

10 The truth of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be silenced in me in the regions of Achaia.

11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows.

12 But what I do, I also will do, that I may cut off the occasion of the *ones* desiring an occasion, so that in that which they boast, they be found also as we.

13 For such *ones are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

14 And *it is* not marvelous, for Satan transforms himself into an angel of light?

15 *It is* not a great thing, therefore, if also his ministers transform themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

16 ¶ Again I say, let not anyone think me to be foolish. But if not, even if as foolish, receive me, that I also may boast a little.

17 What I speak, I speak not according to *the* Lord, but as in foolishness, in this boldness of boasting.

18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast.

19 For you gladly endure the foolish *ones*, *you* being wise.

20 For you endure if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours *you*, if anyone takes away *from you*, if anyone exalts *self*, if anyone beats you in the face.

21 I speak according to dishonor, as if we have been weak. But in whatever anyone dares (I say it in foolishness), I also dare.

22 ¶ Are they Hebrews? I also. Are they Israelites? I also. Are they Abraham's seed? I also.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as beside myself) *I being* beyond *them*: in labors, more abundantly; in stripes, beyond measure; in prisons, much more; in deaths, many times.

24 Five times I received forty *stripes* minus one from the Jews.

25 I was beaten with a rod three times; I was stoned once; I was shipwrecked three times; I have *spent* a night and a day in the deep.

26 *I have been* in travels many times, in dangers of rivers, in dangers of robbers, in dangers from *my* race, in dangers from *the* nations, in dangers in *the* city, in dangers in a wild place, in dangers in *the* sea, in dangers among false brothers,

27 in hardship and toil, in sleepless *nights* many times, in hunger and thirst, in fastings many times, in cold and nakedness.

28 In addition to the *things* besides, the conspiratorial gathering against me according to a day, the care of all the assemblies.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I do not burn?

30 If it is right to boast, I will boast *of the* things of my infirmity.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ knows, the *One* being blessed to the ages, that I am not lying.

32 In Damascus the ethnarch *under* Aretas the king guarded the city of *the* Damascenes, desiring to seize me.

33 And I was let down through a window through the wall in a basket and escaped their hands.

2 Corinthians 12

1 For commending of his apostleship, though he might glory of his wonderful revelations, 9 yet he rather chooses to glory of his infirmities, 11 blaming them for forcing him to vain boasting.

1 ¶ Really, to boast *is* not profitable to me, for I will come to visions and revelations of *the* Lord.

2 I know a man in Christ fourteen years before—whether in *the* body, I do not know, or out of *the* body, I do not know, God knows—such a one *was* caught up to *the* third Heaven.

3 And I know such a man—whether in *the* body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—

4 that he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words which a man is not permitted to speak.

5 On behalf of such a one I will boast. But I will not boast on my behalf, if not in my weaknesses.

6 For if I desire to boast, I will not be foolish, for I speak the truth. But I spare, lest anyone considers me *to be* beyond what he sees me or hears anything from me.

7 And *by* the pre-eminence of the revelations, that I not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, that I not exalt myself.

8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times, that it depart from me.

9 And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Therefore, I will rather gladly boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ might dwell on me.

10 Therefore I am pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in calamities, in persecutions, in distresses, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I may be weak, then I am powerful.

11 ¶ Boasting, I have become foolish. You compelled me. For I ought to be commended by you, for I lacked nothing of the exceedingly great apostles, even though I am nothing.

12 Truly the signs of the apostle were fully worked among you in all patience, in *mi-*

raculous signs, and in wonders, and by works of power.

13 For what is it in which you were less than the rest of the assemblies, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, I am ready to come to you a third *time*. And I will not burden you, for I do not seek your things, but you. For the children ought not to lay up treasure for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 But I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent for your souls, even if loving you more and more, I am loved *the* less.

16 But let it be so, I did not burden you; but being crafty, I took you with bait.

17 By any whom I have sent to you, did I take advantage of you by him?

18 I begged Titus and sent the brother with *him*. Did Titus deceitfully covet you? *Did we* not walk in the same spirit? *Did we* not walk in the same steps?

19 Again, do you think we are defending *ourselves* to you? We speak before God in Christ, but in all things for your building up, beloved.

20 For I fear lest somehow, coming, I not find you as I wish, and I be found by you such as you do not wish; lest somehow *there be* strifes, envyings, angers, intrigues, evil speakings, slanders, puffings up, disturbances;

21 that *it not be, in* my having come again, my God may humble me with you, and I shall mourn many of the *ones* sinning before and not having repented over the uncleanness and fornication and lustfulness which they have practiced.

2 Corinthians 13

He threatens severity, and the power of his apostleship against obstinate sinners.

1 ¶ I am coming to you this third *time*. “In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.” *Deut. 19:15*

2 I said before, and I say beforehand, as being present the second *time* and being absent now, I write to the *ones* having sinned before, and all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare,

3 since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but is powerful in you,

4 (for even if He was crucified out of weakness, yet He lives by *the* power of God). For even also we are weak in Him, yet we shall live by *the* power of God toward you.

5 Test yourselves, whether you are in the faith; examine yourselves. Or do you not yourselves perceive that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are disapproved?

6 And I hope you will know that we are not disapproved.

7 ¶ But I pray to God *for* you not to do the evil, none; not that we may appear *to be* approved, but that you may do the good, and we may be disapproved.

8 For we cannot have any power against the truth, but on behalf of the truth.

9 For we rejoice when we are weak and you are powerful. But we pray for this also, your perfection.

10 Because of this, I write these things while absent, that being present I may not deal severely *with you* according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for destruction.

11 ¶ For the rest, brothers, rejoice! Perfect yourselves; encourage yourselves, think the same thing, be at peace; and the God of love and of peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints greet you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **GALATIANS**

Galatians 1

6 He wonders that they have so soon left him and the gospel. 11 He learned the gospel not of men, but of God.

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle, not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God *the* Father, the *One* raising Him from *the* dead,

2 and all the brothers with me, to the assemblies of Galatia.

3 Grace to you and peace from God *the* Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave Himself for our sins, so that He might deliver us out of the evil age being present, according to the will of our God and Father,

5 to whom *be* the glory unto the ages of the ages. Amen.

6 ¶ I wonder that you are so quickly turning away from the *One* having called you in *the* grace of Christ to another gospel,

7 which is not another *of the same kind*; if not there are some troubling you, even determined to pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if we, or an angel out of Heaven, should preach a gospel to you beside the gospel we preached to you, let him be accursed.

9 As we have said before, and now I say again, If anyone preaches a gospel beside what you received, let him be accursed.

10 ¶ For do I now persuade men or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I would not be a slave of Christ.

11 And, brothers, I make known to you the gospel preached by me, that it is not according to man.

12 For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but by a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you heard *of* my way of life when I was in Judaism, that with surpassing zeal

I persecuted the Assembly of God and ravaged it.

14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age; in my race being much more a zealot of the ancestral traditions of my *fathers*.

15 But when God was pleased, He having separated me from my mother's womb, and having called *me* through His grace, *Isa. 49:1*

16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the nations, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to the apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia and returned again to Damascus.

18 Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to know Peter and remained with him fifteen days.

19 But I saw *no* other of the apostles if not James, the brother of the Lord.

20 And what I write to you, behold, before God I do not lie.

21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and of Cilicia,

22 but I was being unknown by face to the assemblies of Judea in Christ.

23 But only they were hearing that he who was persecuting us once, now preaches the gospel, the faith which he once ravaged;

24 and they glorified God in me.

Galatians 2

1 He shows when he went up again to Jerusalem, and for what purpose. 14 Of justification by faith, and not by works.

1 ¶ Then through fourteen years, I again went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, also taking Titus with *me*.

2 And I went up according to revelation. And I put before them the gospel which I proclaim in the nations, but privately to the *ones* thought to be pillars, lest perhaps I run, or I ran, to no purpose.

3 But not even Titus, the *one* with me, a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

4 But *it was* because of the *ones* brought in stealthily false brothers, who stole in to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, they desiring to enslave us,

5 to whom not even for an hour did we yield in subjection, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

6 But from the *ones* thought to be something (of what kind they were then does not matter to me; God does not accept the face of man), for the *ones* thought to be *pillars* conferred nothing to me;

7 but on the contrary, seeing that I have been entrusted *with* the gospel of the uncircumcision, even as Peter to the circumcision,

8 (for the *One* working in Peter to an apostleship of the circumcision, also worked in me to the nations),

9 and knowing the grace being given to me, James and Cephas and John, the *ones* thought to be pillars, gave right *hands* of fellowship to Barnabas and to me, that we *go* to the nations, but they to the circumcision;

10 only that we might remember the poor, which same thing I was eager to do.

11 ¶ But when Peter came to Antioch, I opposed *him* to his face, because he was to be blamed.

12 For before some came from James, he ate with the nations. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself, being afraid of the *ones* of the circumcision.

13 And also the rest of the Jews joined in hypocrisy *with* him, so as even Barnabas was led away with their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they did not walk uprightly with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before all, If you being a Jew, live heathen-like and not Jewishly, why do you compel *the* nations to Judaize?

15 We, Jews by nature, and not sinners of the nations,

16 knowing that a man is not justified by works of Law, if not through faith of Jesus Christ (we also believed into Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith of Christ and not by works of Law, because all flesh will not be justified by works of Law). *Psa. 123:2*

17 But if seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found to be sinners, *is* Christ then a minister of sin? Let it not be!

18 For what if I build again these things which I destroyed, I myself stand out *as* a transgressor.

19 For through Law I died to Law, that I might live to God.

20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I live; *yet* no longer I, but Christ lives in me. And the *life* I now live in the flesh, I live in faith in the Son of God, the *One* loving me and giving Himself over on my behalf.

21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *is* through Law, then Christ died for nothing.

Galatians 3

1 He asks what moved them to leave the faith, and hang on the law? 6 They that believe are justified, 9 and blessed with Abraham.

1 ¶ O foolish Galatians, who bewitched you not to obey the truth, to whom before *your* eyes Jesus Christ was portrayed afore among you being crucified?

2 This only I desire to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of Law or by hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in *the* Spirit, are you now being perfected in the flesh?

4 Did you suffer so much vainly, if indeed *it* also was vainly?

5 Therefore the *One* supplying the Spirit to you and working works of power in you, *is it* by works of Law or by hearing of faith?

6 ¶ Even “as Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness,” *Gen. 15:6*

7 know, therefore, that the *ones* of faith, these are sons of Abraham.

8 And the Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the nations by faith, preached the gospel before to Abraham: “All the nations will be blessed” “in you.” *Gen. 12:3*

9 So that the *ones* of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are out of works of Law, *these* are under a curse. For it is writ-

ten, "Accursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all the things having been written in the book of the Law, to do them." *Deut. 27:26*

11 And that no one is justified by Law before God *is* clear because, "The just *one* shall live by faith." *Hab. 2:4*

12 But the Law is not of faith, but, "The man doing these things shall live in them." *Lev. 18:5*

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, "Accursed *is* everyone having been hung on a tree;" *Deut. 21:23*

14 that the blessing of Abraham might be to the nations in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through the faith.

15 Brothers, I speak according to man, a covenant having been ratified, even *among* mankind, no one annuls or adds to *it*.

16 But the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his Seed (it does not say, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," which is Christ). *Gen. 3:15; 21:12; 22:18, Rom. 9:7; Heb. 11:18*

17 And I say this, A covenant having been ratified before to Christ by God, *the* Law coming into being four hundred and thirty years after, does not annul the promise, so as to abolish *it*.

18 For if the inheritance *is* of Law, *it is* no more of promise; but God has given *it* to Abraham through promise.

19 ¶ Why the Law then? It was added for the sake of transgressions, until the Seed should come, to whom it had been promised, being ordained through angels in a mediator's hand.

20 But the Mediator is not *mediator* of one, but God is one.

21 Therefore is the Law against the promises of God? Let it not be! For if a law had been given which had been able to make alive, indeed righteousness would have been out of Law.

22 But the Scripture shut up together all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to the *ones* believing.

23 But before the coming of faith, we were guarded under Law, being shut up to the faith being about to be revealed.

24 So that the Law has become a tutor of us *until* Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But faith coming, we are no longer under a tutor;

26 for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many as were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ.

28 There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is no slave nor freeman, there is no male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if you *are* of Christ, then you are a seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4

1 We were under the law till Christ came. 5 But Christ freed us from the law. 7 Therefore we are servants no longer to it.

1 ¶ But I say, Over so long as time the heir is a little child, he being lord of all, in nothing he differs from a slave,

2 but is under guardians and housemasters until the *term* set before by the father.

3 So we also, when we were little children, we were under the elements of the world, being enslaved.

4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, becoming of a woman, becoming under Law,

5 that He might redeem the *ones* under Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba! Father!

7 So that you no more are a slave, but a son, and if a son, also an heir of God through Christ.

8 ¶ But then, indeed, not knowing God, you served as slaves *to* the *ones* by nature not being gods.

9 But now, knowing God, but rather being known by God, how do you turn again to the weak and poor elements to which again you desire to be a slave anew?

10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.

11 I fear *for* you, lest somehow I have labored among you in vain.

12 ¶ Be as I *am*, I beg of you, *brothers*, because I *am* as you. You wronged me *in* nothing.

13 But you know that because of weakness of the flesh, I announced the gospel to you before;

14 and you did not despise my affliction, the *one* in my flesh, nor disdained *it*, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

15 What then was your blessedness? For I testify to you that if you were able, digging out your eyes, *you* would have given *them* to me.

16 So then have I become a hostile *one* to you speaking truth to you?

17 ¶ They are zealous for you, *but* not well; but they *only* desire to shut you out, that you be zealous to them.

18 But *it* is good to be zealous always in a good thing, and not only in my being present with you.

19 ¶ My children, *for* whom I again travail until Christ should be formed to you, 20 even now I desired to be present with you and to change my voice, for I am in doubt *as* to you.

21 ¶ Tell me, the *ones* desiring to be under Law, do you not hear the Law?

22 For it is written, Abraham had two sons, one out of the slave woman and one out of the free woman.

23 But, indeed, the *one* of the slave woman has been born according to flesh, and the *one* out of the free *woman* through the promise,

24 which things are being allegorized, for these are two covenants, one, indeed, from Mount Sinai bringing forth to slavery (which is Hagar,

25 for Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, and she slaves with her children),

26 but the Jerusalem *from* above is free, who is the mother of us all;

27 for it is written, "Rejoice, barren *one* not bearing; break forth and shout, the *one* not travailing; for more *are* the children of the desolate rather than she having the husband." *Isa. 54:1*

28 But, brothers, we are children of promise according to Isaac.

29 But even as then, the *one* being generated according to flesh persecuted the *one* according to Spirit, so *it* is also now.

30 But what says the Scripture? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for not shall the son of the slave *woman* inherit with the son of the free *woman*," not *ever!* ` *Gen. 21:10*

31 Then, brothers, we are not children of a slave woman but of the free *woman*.

Galatians 5

1 He moves them to stand in their liberty, 3 and not to observe circumcision: 13 but rather love, which is the sum of the law.

1 ¶ Therefore stand firm in the freedom with which Christ made us free and do not be held again with a yoke of slavery.

2 Behold, I, Paul, say to you that if you are circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

3 And I testify again to every man being circumcised, that he is a debtor to do all the Law,

4 *you*, whoever are justified by Law, you were severed from the Christ, you fell from grace.

5 For we through *the* Spirit eagerly wait for *the* hope of righteousness out of faith.

6 For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but faith working through love.

7 You were running well; who beat you back *that* you do not obey the truth?

8 The persuasion *is* not from Him calling you.

9 A little leaven leavens all the lump.

10 I trust as to you in *the* Lord that you will think nothing else, but that the *one* troubling you shall bear the judgment, whoever he may be.

11 But I, brothers, if I proclaim circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling-block of the Cross has passed away.

12 O that also the *ones* unsettling you will cut themselves off.

13 ¶ For, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not *use* the freedom for *an* opening to the flesh. But through love be slaves to one another.

14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in *this*: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” *Lev. 19:18*

15 But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you are not consumed by one another.

16 But I say, Walk in *the* Spirit, and you will not fulfill *the* lust of *the* flesh.

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another; that not whatever you may will, *but* these things you do.

18 But if you are led by *the* Spirit, you are not under Law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are clearly revealed, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lustfulness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, fightings, jealousies, angers, intrigues, dissensions, heresies,

21 envyings, murders, drunkennesses, revelings, and things like these; of which I tell you beforehand, even as I also said before, that the *ones* practicing such things will not inherit *the* kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith,

23 meekness, self-control. Against such things there is not a law.

24 But the *ones* belonging to Christ crucified the flesh with *its* passions and lusts.

25 If we live in *the* Spirit, let us also walk in *the* Spirit.

26 Let us not become self-conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6

2 He moves them to bear one another's burdens.

14 He glories in nothing, except in the cross of Christ.

1 ¶ Brothers, if a man is taken in some deviation, you, the spiritual ones, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourself, that you not also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

3 For if anyone thinks to be something, he deceives himself, being nothing.

4 But let each *one* prove his own work, and then he alone will have a boast in himself and not in the other.

5 For each *one* will bear *his* own load.

6 But let the *one* being taught in the Word share with the *one* teaching, in all good things.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man may sow, that he also will reap.

8 For the *one* sowing to his own flesh will reap corruption of the flesh. But the *one* sowing to the Spirit will reap everlasting life of the Spirit.

9 But let us not be wearied in doing good; for in its own time we shall reap, not growing faint-hearted.

10 So, then, as we have time, let us work the good toward all, and especially toward the household of the faith.

11 ¶ See in what large letters I write to you with my *own* hand.

12 As many as desire to look well in *the* flesh, these compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

13 For neither the *ones* being circumcised themselves do not even keep *the* Law, but they desire you to be circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

14 But may it never be for me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision *has* any strength nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

16 And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* on them and on the Israel of God.

17 For the rest, let no one give troubles to me, for I bear in my body the brands of the Lord Jesus.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **EPHESIANS**

Ephesians 1

1 After salvation and thanksgiving for the Ephesians, 4 our election, 6 and adoption.

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, to the saints being in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms with Christ,

4 even as He elected us in Him before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

5 to Himself predestinating us to adoption through Jesus Christ according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace in which He has favored us in the One being loved,

7 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of deviations, according to the riches of His grace

8 which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding,

9 making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

10 for the administration of the fullness of the times to head up all things in Christ, both the things in the heavens, and the things on earth, in Him,

11 in whom we also were chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of the One working all things according to the counsel of His own will,

12 for us to be to the praise of His glory, the ones who had before trusted in Christ;

13 in whom also you, hearing the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also believing you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

15 ¶ Because of this, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love toward all the saints,

16 I also do not cease giving thanks on your behalf, making mention of you in my prayers,

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

18 the eyes of your mind having been enlightened, for you to know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength

20 which He worked in Christ in raising Him from the dead ones; yea, He seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, Psa. 110:1

21 far above all rule, and authority, and power, and lordship, and every name being named, not only in this age, but also in the coming age;

22 and He “put all things under His feet” and gave Him to be Head over all things to the Assembly, Psa. 8:6

23 which is His body: the fullness of the One filling all things in all;

Ephesians 2

1 By comparing what we were by nature, 3 with what we are 5 by grace: 8 faith is a gift of God 10 we are made for good works.

1 ¶ and you being dead in deviations and sins,

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit now working in the sons of disobedience,

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3 among whom we also all conducted ourselves in times past in the lusts of our flesh, acting out the wills of the flesh and of the understandings, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as the rest.

4 ¶ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love *with* which He loved us, 5 even we being dead in deviations, *He* made us alive together with Christ; by grace you are having been saved,

6 and *He* raised *us* up together and seated *us* together in the heavenly *realm* in Christ Jesus,

7 that He might demonstrate in the ages coming on the exceeding great riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus,

8 for by grace you are saved, through faith, and this not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God;

9 not of works, that not anyone should boast;

10 for we are *His* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God before prepared that we should walk in them.

11 ¶ Therefore, remember that you, the nations, *were* then in *the* flesh (the *ones* being called Uncircumcision by the *ones* being called Circumcision in the flesh made by hand),

12 that at that time you were without Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers of the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now, in Christ Jesus you who then were afar off, came to be near by the blood of Christ.

14 ¶ For He is our peace, He making us both one, and breaking down the wall of partition,

15 in His flesh having made to cease the enmity, the Law of the commandments in decrees, that He might in Himself create the two into one new man, making peace,

16 and might reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, slaying the enmity in Himself.

17 And coming, *He* proclaimed “peace to you, the ones afar off, and to the ones near.” *Isa. 57:19*

18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

19 So, then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but *you are* fellow citizens of the saints and *of the* household of God,

20 being built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being *the* cornerstone,

21 in whom all the building being fitly joined together grows into a holy temple in *the* Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in *the* Spirit.

Ephesians 3

5 The hidden mystery, 6 that the Gentiles should besaved, 3 was made known to Paul by revelation.

1 ¶ Because of this, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you, the nations,

2 if, indeed, you heard of the stewardship of the grace of God given to me for you,

3 that by revelation He made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief,

4 by the reading of which you are able to realize my understanding in the mystery of Christ,

5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as now it was revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in *the* Spirit,

6 *for* the nations to be joint-heirs, and a joint-body and joint-partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

7 of which I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me, according to the working of His power.

8 This grace was given to me, *I being* less than the least of all the saints, to preach the gospel of the incomprehensible riches of Christ among the nations,

9 and to enlighten all, what *is* the fellowship of the mystery having been hidden from eternity in God, the *One* creating all things through Jesus Christ,

10 so that now to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenly *realm* might be made known through the Assembly the manifold wisdom of God,

11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
12 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through His faith.

13 Therefore, I ask *you* not to weaken at my afflictions on your behalf, which is your glory.

14 ¶ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 of whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named,

16 that He may give you, according to the riches of His glory, by *His* power to be empowered in the inward man through His Spirit,

17 that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts, having been rooted and founded in love,

18 that you may have full strength to grasp, with all the saints, what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height,

19 and to know the surpassing knowledge and love of Christ, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

20 Now to the *One* being able to do beyond all things exceedingly above *all of* which we ask or think, according to the power *of* the *One* working in us,

21 to Him *be* the glory in the Assembly in Christ Jesus, to all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen.

Ephesians 4

1 He exhorts to unity, 24 and to put on the new man.

1 ¶ Then I, the prisoner in *the* Lord, exhort you to walk worthily of the calling in which you were called,

2 ¶ with all humility and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love,

3 being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling;

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, the *One* above all and through all and in you all.

7 But to each one of us was given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Therefore He says, “Ascending to *the* height, He led captivity captive,” and gave “gifts to men.” *Psa. 68:18*

9 But that He ascended, what is it except that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

10 The *One* descending Himself is also the *one* ascending far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

11 And indeed He gave the *ones to be* apostles; and the *ones* prophets; and the *ones* evangelists; and the *ones* shepherds and teachers;

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ,

13 until we all may come to the unity of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to *the* measure of *the* stature of the fullness of Christ,

14 so that we may no longer be little children, being blown and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the trickery of men, in craftiness to the deceit of error,

15 but speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the head, the Christ,

16 from whom all the body, having been fitted and compacted together through every assisting bond, according to *the* effectual working of one measure *in* each part, produces the growth of the body to the building up of itself in love.

17 ¶ Therefore, I say this, and testify in *the* Lord, that you no longer walk even as also the rest *of the* nations walk, in *the* vanity of their mind,

18 having been darkened in the intellect, being alienated *from* the life of God through the ignorance which is in them because of the hardness of their heart,

19 who, having become callous, gave themselves up to unbridled lust, to *the* working of all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, as *the* truth is in Jesus,

22 *for* you to put off the old man, as regards the former behavior, the *one* being corrupted according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and to put on the new man, the *one* being created according to God in righteousness and holiness of truth.

25 Therefore, putting off the lie, “speak truth each with his neighbor,” because we are members of one another. *Zech. 8:16*

26 “Be angry, but do not sin;” do not let the sun go down on your wrath, *LXX-Psa. 4:4; MT-Psa. 4:5*

27 nor give place to the devil.

28 The one stealing, let him steal no more, but rather let him labor, working what *is* good with the hands, that he may have *something* to give to the *one* that has need.

29 Let not any rotten word go out of your mouth, but if any *is* good to building up *in respect* to the need, that it may give grace to the ones hearing.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed to *the* day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, and tumult, and evil speaking be put away from you, along with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, having forgiven one another, even as also God forgave you in Christ.

Ephesians 5

2 *After general exhortations, 22 he shows how wives ought to obey their husbands, 25 and husbands ought to love their wives.*

1 ¶ Therefore become imitators of God, as beloved children,

2 and walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a fragrance of a sweet smell.

3 ¶ But let not fornication, and all uncleanness, or greediness, be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 also baseness, and foolish talking, or joking (the things not becoming), but rather thanksgiving.

5 For be knowing this, that every fornicator, or unclean one, or covetous *one*, who is an idolater, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for through these the wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not become partakers with them;

8 for you then were darkness, but *are* now light in *the* Lord; walk as children of light.

9 For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth,

10 proving what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove *them*.

12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things being done by them in secret.

13 But all things being exposed by the light are clearly revealed, for everything being revealed *is* light.

14 Therefore He says, “Rise up, the *one* sleeping, and stand up out of the dead *ones*, and Christ will shine on you.” *No O. T. passage*

15 Then watch how carefully you walk, not as unwise, but as wise ones,

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 For this reason, do not become foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

18 And “do not be drunk with wine,” in which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit, *Prov. 23:31*

19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming in your heart to the Lord,

20 giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, even to God *the* Father,

21 ¶ subjecting ourselves to one another in *the* fear of God.

22 Wives, subject yourselves to *your* own husbands, as to the Lord,

23 because a husband is head of the wife, as also Christ *is* Head of the Assembly, and He is Savior of the body.

24 But even as the Assembly is subject to Christ, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Assembly and gave Himself up on her behalf,

26 that He might sanctify her, cleansing *it* by the bathing of the water in *the* Word,

27 that He might present her to Himself *as* the glorious Assembly, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such things, but that she be holy and without blemish.

28 So, husbands ought to love their wives as their *own* bodies, (he loving his wife loves himself),

29 for then no one hated his *own* flesh, but nourishes and cherishes her, even as also the Lord the Assembly.

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.

31 “For this *reason*, a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh.” *Gen. 2:24*

32 The mystery is great, but I speak as to Christ and as to the Assembly.

33 However, you also, everyone, let each love his wife as himself, and the wife, that she give deference to the husband.

Ephesians 6

1 The duty of children towards their parents, 5 of servants towards their masters.

1 ¶ Children, obey your parents in *the* Lord, for this is right.

2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is *the* first commandment with a promise, *Ex. 20:12*

3 “that it may be well with you, and you may be long-lived on the earth”. *Deut. 5:16*

4 And fathers, do not provoke to anger your children, but nurture them in *the* discipline and admonition of *the* Lord.

5 Slaves, obey *your* lords according to flesh, with fear and trembling, in simplicity of your heart, as to Christ;

6 not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ doing the will of God from *the* soul,

7 serving as slaves with good will to the Lord, and not *as to* men,

8 each one knowing that whatever good thing he does, this he shall receive from the Lord, whether a slave or a freeman.

9 And lords, do the same things toward them, forbearing threatening, knowing that the Lord of you and of them is in Heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

10 ¶ For the rest, my brothers, be made powerful in *the* Lord and in the might of His strength.

11 Put on the full armor of God, for you to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,

12 because our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual *powers* of evil in the heavenlies.

13 Because of this, take up the full armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand.

14 Therefore stand firm, “having girded your loins about with truth” and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,” *Isa. 11:5; 59:17*

15 and having shod the feet with *the* preparation of the “gospel of peace.” *Isa. 52:7*

16 Above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the darts of the evil *one* having been made fiery.

17 Also, take “the helmet of salvation,” and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God; *Isa. 59:17 LXX-Isa. 11:4; MT-Isa. 49:2; LXX and MT-Hos. 6:5*

18 through all prayer and petition, praying at all seasons in *the* Spirit, and being alert to this same *end*, with all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints.

19 ¶ *Pray* also on my behalf, that to me may be given speech in *the* opening of my mouth with boldness to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I may speak boldly as it is right for me to speak.

21 But that you also may know the things about me, what I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in *the* Lord, will make known all things to you,

22 whom I sent to you for this same thing, that you might know the things about us, and *he* may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace to the brothers, and love with faith, from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace *be* with all those that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **PHILIPPIANS**

Philippians 1

1 ¶ Paul and Timothy, slaves of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ I thank my God on all the remembrance of you,

4 always in my every prayer on your behalf making *my* prayer with joy

5 over your fellowship in the gospel, from *the* first day until now,

6 being persuaded of this very thing, that the *One* having begun a good work in you will complete *it* until *the* day of Jesus Christ;

7 ¶ as it is righteous for me to think this of you all because you have me in *your* heart, both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you are all sharers of the grace with me.

8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in *the* bowels of Jesus Christ.

9 ¶ And this I pray, that your love may yet abound more and more in full knowledge and all perception,

10 for your examining the differing things, that you may be sincere and without blame for *the* day of Christ,

11 being filled *with* fruits of righteousness, the *ones* through Jesus Christ, to *the* glory and praise of God.

12 ¶ Now I want you to know, brothers, that the things concerning me have more fully come to *the* advancement of the gospel,

13 so that in all the praetorium, and to all the rest, my bonds have become clearly revealed *to be* in Christ.

14 And the most of the brothers in *the* Lord, having been persuaded in my bonds, more exceedingly dare to speak the Word fearlessly.

15 Some, indeed, even proclaim Christ because of envy and strife, but some also

because of good will.

16 These, indeed, proclaim Christ out of self-seeking, not sincerely, thinking to bring affliction to my bonds.

17 But the *others* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for defense of the gospel.

18 What then? Yet in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and I rejoice in this; yet also I will rejoice.

19 For I know that this will turn out into deliverance to me through your petition and *the* supply of *the* Spirit of Jesus Christ, *Job 13:16*

20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but as always in all boldness even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

21 ¶ For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

22 But if *I* live in *the* flesh, this to me *is* fruit of *my* labor, and what I shall choose I do not know.

23 For I am pressed together by the two: having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, *which is* far better,

24 but to remain in the flesh *is* more necessary on account of you.

25 And being persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with you all for your advancement and joy of faith,

26 so that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again.

27 ¶ Only conduct yourself worthily of the gospel of Christ, so that whether coming and seeing you or being absent, I hear the things concerning you, that you stand fast in one spirit and one soul, striving together in the faith of the gospel,

28 and not being terrified in no *thing* by the *ones* opposing, which to them truly is a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and this from God;

29 because it was granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf,

30 having the same struggle which you saw in me and *even* now you hear *to be* in me.

Philippians 2

He persuades them to unity, and to all humbleness of mind, by the example of Christ.

1 ¶ Therefore, if *there is* any comfort in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of *the* Spirit, if any *tender* bowels and mercies,

2 fulfill my joy, that you think the same, having the same love, one in soul, being mindful of the one thing,

3 *doing* nothing according to intrigue or self-glory, but in humility, esteeming one another, as being better than themselves;

4 each *one* not looking at the things of themselves, but each *one* also *the* things of others.

5 For think this within you, which *mind* was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who subsisting in the form of God thought *it* not robbery to be equal with God,

7 but emptied Himself, taking *the* form of a slave, coming to be in *the* likeness of men

8 and coming to be found in figure as a man, He humbled Himself, coming to be obedient until death, even *the* death of a cross.

9 Because of this also God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus “every knee should bow,” of heavenly *beings*, and earthly *beings*, and under *the* earth *beings*,

11 and “every tongue should confess” that Jesus Christ is “Lord,” to *the* glory of God *the* Father. *Isa. 45:23*

12 ¶ So, then, my beloved, even as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, cultivate your salvation with fear and trembling,

13 for it is God who is working in you both to will and to work for the sake of *His* good pleasure.

14 ¶ Do all things without murmurings and disputings,

15 that you may be blameless and guileless, children of God, without fault in *the* midst of a crooked generation, even being perverted, among whom you shine as luminaries in *the* world,

16 holding forth *the* Word of life, for a boast to me in *the* day of Christ, that I ran not in vain, nor labored in vain.

17 But if indeed I am poured out on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice; yea, I rejoice with you all.

18 And you also rejoice *in* the same and rejoice with me.

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I may also be of good cheer, knowing the things about you.

20 For I have no one like-minded, who genuinely will care for the things about you.

21 For all seek their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus.

22 But you know the proof of him, that as a child to a father, he served with me for the gospel.

23 Therefore I hope to send this *one* at once, when ever I have seen the things about me.

24 But I am convinced in *the* Lord that I myself also will come soon.

25 But I thought it needful to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker, and my fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister of my need,

26 since he was longing after you all and being distressed because you heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick, coming near to death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him, but also me, lest I should have grief on grief.

28 Therefore, I sent him more eagerly, that seeing him again you may rejoice, and I may be less grieved.

29 Therefore receive him in *the* Lord with all joy and hold such in honor,

30 because through the work of Christ he drew near as far as *to* death, *his* life having been exposed, that he may fill up your lack of service toward me.

Philippians 3

1 *He warns them to beware of false teachers.*

18 *He persuades them to reject the ways of carnal Christians.*

1 ¶ For the rest, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you truly *is* not troublesome to me, but safe for you.

2 Watch for the dogs, watch for the evil workers, watch for the cutting off party.

3 For we are the circumcision, the *ones* who worship by the Spirit of God, and who glory in Christ Jesus, and who do not trust in flesh.

4 ¶ Even though I *might* have trust in flesh; if any other thinks to trust in flesh, I more;

5 in circumcision, the eighth day, of the race of Israel, the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; according to Law, a Pharisee;

6 according to zeal, persecuting the Assembly; according to righteousness in Law, being blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss because of Christ.

8 But, nay, rather I also count all things to be loss because of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count *them to be* trash, that I might gain Christ

9 ¶ and be found in Him; not having my own righteousness of Law, but through the faith of Christ, *having* the righteousness of God on faith,

10 to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 if somehow I may arrive to the resurrection out of the dead.

12 Not that I already received or already have been perfected, but I pursue, if I also may lay hold, inasmuch as I also was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold, but one *thing I do*, forgetting the things behind, and stretching out for the *things* before,

14 I am pursuing a goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 ¶ Therefore as many as *are* perfect, think this; and if you think any other thing, God will also reveal this to you.

16 Yet *as* to where we have arrived, walk by the same rule, *being* of the same mind.

17 ¶ Be fellow-imitators of me, brothers, and consider the *ones* walking this way, even as you have us *for* a pattern.

18 For many walk *as* hostile to the cross of Christ, of whom I often told you, and now even weeping I say it,

19 whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* the belly, and who glory in their shame, the *ones* thinking earthly *things*.

20 For our citizenship *is* in Heaven, from where we also wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform the body of our humiliation, for it to be conformed to His body of glory, according to the working of Him to be able even to subject all things to Himself.

Philippians 4

He proceeds to general persuasions.

1 ¶ So then, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand firm in the Lord, beloved *ones*.

2 I entreat Euodias, and I entreat Syntyche, to mind the same thing in the Lord.

3 And I also ask you, true yoke-fellow, together help with them, *women* who struggled along with me and with Clement in the gospel, and the rest, fellow-workers with me, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice!

5 Let your kind *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord *is* near.

6 Be anxious about nothing, but in everything by prayer and by petition with thanksgivings, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 For the rest, brothers, as many *things* as are true, as many as *are* honorable, as many as *are* right, as many as *are* pure, as many as *are* pleasing, as many as *are* of good report, if *of* any virtue, and if *of* any praise, meditate on these things.

9 And what *things* you learned and received and heard and saw in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 ¶ But I rejoiced in *the* Lord greatly that now once again you revived *your* thinking on my behalf, on which you also were thinking, but lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak as to need, for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am.

12 And I know to be humbled, and I know to abound; in everything, and in all things, I am taught both to be full and to hunger, both to abound, and to be in need.

13 I can do all things in Christ, the *One* strengthening me.

14 Yet you did well in sharing my affliction.

15 And you know, too, Philippians, that in *the* beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, not one assembly

shared with me in *the* matter of giving and receiving, if not you only.

16 Because truly in Thessalonica you sent to my need, both once and twice.

17 Not that I seek a gift, but I seek the fruit, the *one* multiplying to your account.

18 But I have all things and more than enough; I have been made full, receiving from Epaphroditus the things *from you*, a fragrance of sweet smell, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

19 And my God will fill your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 ¶ Now may glory *be* to our God and Father to the ages of the ages. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers with me greet you.

22 All the saints greet you, most of all the *ones* of Caesar's house.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with all of you. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **COLOSSIANS**

Colossians 1

1 He thanks God for their faith, 14 describes the true Christ, 21 and encourages them to receive their reconciliation through Christ.

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy the brother, 2 to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ We give thanks to God and *the* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying continually about you,

4 hearing of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love toward all the saints,

5 because of the hope being laid up for you in Heaven, the *one* which you heard before in the Word of the truth of the gospel,

6 the *one* coming to you, as also in all the world, and it is bearing fruit even also among you, from the day in which you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

7 even as you also learned from Epaphras our beloved fellow-slave, who is a faithful minister of Christ for you,

8 he also showing to us your love in *the* Spirit.

9 ¶ Because of this also, from the day in which we heard, we do not cease praying on your behalf, and asking that you may be filled *with* the full knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,

10 *for* you to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work and growing into the full knowledge of God;

11 being empowered with all power according to the might of His glory, to all patience and long-suffering with joy;

12 ¶ giving thanks to the Father, who has made us fit for a share of the inheritance of the saints in light,

13 who delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins;

15 who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* First-begotten of all creation.

16 For all things were created in Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible; whether thrones, or lordships, or rulers, or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and all things have subsisted in Him.

18 And He is the Head of the body, the Assembly, who is *the* Beginning, *the* First-born out of *the* dead *ones* that He having first place in all things;

19 because all the fullness was pleased to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him making peace by the blood of His cross, to reconcile all things to Himself; through Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in the heavens.

21 And you then being alienated and a hostile *one* in *your* mind by evil works, but now He reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh, through death, to present you holy and without blemish and irreproachable before Him,

23 if indeed you continue in the faith having been founded and steadfast, and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, the *one* being proclaimed in all the creation under the heaven, of which I, Paul, became a servant.

24 who now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up in my flesh the things lacking of the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which *is* the Assembly,

25 of which I became a servant, according to the stewardship of God given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God,

26 the mystery having been hidden from the ages and from the generations, but now was revealed to His saints;

27 to whom God willed to make known what *are* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, who is Christ in you, the hope of glory;

28 whom we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man full-grown in Christ Jesus,

29 for which also I labor, struggling according to the working of Him, the *One* working in me in power.

Colossians 2

He persuades them to be constant in Christ.

1 ¶ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have concerning you, and those in Laodicea, and as many as have not seen my face in *the* flesh,

2 that their hearts may be comforted, being joined together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of the understanding, to *the* full knowledge of the mystery of God, even of *the* Father and of Christ,

3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge.

4 ¶ And I say this that no one may beguile you with persuasive speech.

5 For though I am indeed absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order and the firmness of your faith into Christ.

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

7 having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being confirmed in the faith, even as you were taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8 Watch that there will not be one abducting you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ.

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

10 and having been filled, you are in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority,

11 in whom also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made by hands, in

the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

12 having been buried together with Him in baptism, in whom also you were raised through the faith of the working of God, the *One* having raised Him from among the dead *ones*.

13 ¶ And you, being a dead *one* in the deviations and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having remitted all your deviations,

14 blotting out the handwriting in the ordinances against us, which was contrary to us, even *He* has taken it out of the midst, nailing it to the cross;

15 having stripped the rulers and the authorities, He made a show of them in freely speaking, triumphing *over* them in it.

16 ¶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you in eating, or in drinking, or in part, of a feast, or of a new moon, or of sabbaths,

17 which are a shadow of coming things, but the body *is* of Christ.

18 Let no one rule against you, willing in humility and worship of the angels, intruding into things which he has not seen, being puffed up by the mind of his flesh without cause,

19 and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body being supplied *through* the joints and bands, and being joined together, will grow with the growth of God.

20 If, then, you died with Christ from the elements of the world, why are you under *its* decrees, as living in *the* world?

21 Touch not, taste not, handle not,

22 which things are all for corruption in the using, according to the “injunctions and teachings of men.” *Isa. 29:13*

23 Which things indeed are a matter of having wisdom in self-imposed worship and humility, and severity *in* abuse of the body, *but* *are* not of any honor unto gratification of the flesh.

Colossians 3

1 He advises to charity, humility, and other duties.

1 ¶ Therefore if you were raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is sitting at *the* right of God; *Psa. 110:1*

2 Be mindful of the things above, not the things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God.

4 Whenever Christ our life is revealed, then also you will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 ¶ Therefore put to death your members which *are* on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion; bad lust, and covetousness, which is idolatry;

6 on account of which things the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience,

7 among whom you also walked once when you were living in these.

8 ¶ But now, you also, put off all *these* things: wrath, anger, malice, foul-speaking, shameful speech out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, having put off the old man with his practices,

10 and having put on the new, being renewed unto full knowledge according to *the* image of the *One* creating him,

11 where there is no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, foreigner, Scythian, slave *or* free *man*, but Christ *is* all things and in all.

12 ¶ Therefore, as elect *ones* of God, holy and beloved, put on bowels of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering,

13 bearing with one another and forgiving yourselves, if anyone has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also you *should forgive*.

14 But above all these, *put on* love, which is *the* bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you also were called in one body, and *coming to be* thankful.

16 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And every *thing*, whatever you do in word or in work, *do* all things in the name of *the* Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and *the* Father through Him.

18 ¶ Wives, be subject to *your* own husbands, as is becoming in *the* Lord.

19 Husbands, love the wives and do not be bitter against them.

20 Children, obey the parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not provoke to anger your children, that they may not be disheartened.

22 Slaves, obey the masters according to flesh in all respects, not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in simplicity of heart, fearing God.

23 And every *thing*, whatever you may do, work from the soul as to the Lord and not to men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance. For you serve *the* Lord Christ.

25 But the *one* doing wrong will receive back what he did wrong, and there is no partiality.

Colossians 4

He persuades them to be fervent in prayer.

1 ¶ Masters, give what *is* the just and the equality to the slaves, knowing that you have a Master in Heaven also.

2 ¶ Steadfastly continue in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving,

3 praying together about us also, that God may open to us a door of the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which I also have been bound,

4 that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak.

5 ¶ Walk in wisdom toward the *ones* outside, redeeming the time.

6 Let your word *be* always with grace, having been seasoned with salt, to know how you ought to answer each one.

7 ¶ All the things about me, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-slave in *the* Lord, will make known to you,

8 whom I sent to you for this very thing, that he *might* know the things about you, and that he might comfort your hearts,

9 with Onesimus the faithful and beloved brother, who is of you. They will make known to you all the things here.

10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, also Mark the nephew of Barnabas, about whom you received orders. If he comes to you, receive him.

11 And Jesus, the *one* being called Justus, the *ones* being of the circumcision, *greet*

you, these only fellow workers for the kingdom of God, who became a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras greets you, he of you, a slave of Christ, always striving for you in prayers, that you may stand full-grown and being complete in all *the* will of God.

13 For I bear witness to him, that he has much zeal on your behalf, and the *ones* in Laodicea, and the *ones* in Hierapolis.

14 Luke the beloved physician greets you, also Demas.

15 Greet the brothers in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the assembly in his house.

16 And when this letter is read before you, cause that it be read also in the Laodicean assembly, and that you also read the *one* of Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Look to the ministry which you received in *the* Lord, that you may fulfill it.

18 The greeting by my hand, Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the
THESSALONIANS

1 Thessalonians 1

The Thessalonians are given to understand how mindful of them Paul was at all times in thanksgiving and prayer.

1 ¶ Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the assembly of *the* Thessalonians in God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

2 ¶ We give thanks to God always concerning you all, making mention of you on our prayers,

3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love, and the patient endurance of hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father,

4 knowing, brothers, having been loved, your election by God.

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in *the* Holy Spirit, and in much assurance, even as you know what kind we were among you for your sake.

6 ¶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, welcoming the Word in much affliction with joy of *the* Holy Spirit.

7 So that you became examples to all the *ones* believing in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For the Word of the Lord sounded out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out, so that there is no need for us to have to say anything.

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of entrance we have to you, and how you had turned to God from the idols, to be a slave to *the* true and living God,

10 and to await His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from *the* dead *ones*, Jesus, the *One* delivering us from the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 2

In what manner the gospel was preached to the Thessalonians, and in what sort they received it.

1 ¶ For brothers, you yourselves know our entrance to you, that it has not come to be in vain.

2 But also suffering before and being insolently mistreated, even as you know in Phiippi, we were bold in our God to speak the gospel of God to you in much struggle.

3 For our exhortation *was* not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile;

4 but even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted *with* the gospel, so we speak not as pleasing men, but God, the *One* trying our hearts.

5 For neither were we then *found* with a word of flattery, even as you know, nor with pretense of covetousness (God *is* witness),

6 nor seeking glory from men, neither from you, nor from others, being able to be in weight, as apostles of Christ.

7 ¶ But we came to be gentle in your midst, even as a nurse should warmly cherish her children.

8 So yearning over you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you had become beloved to us.

9 For, brothers, you remember our labor and toil, night and day, working in order not to put a burden on any one of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

10 You and God *are* witnesses how holily and righteously and blamelessly we were to you, the *ones* believing;

11 even as you know each one of you how, as a father *to* his children, exhorting and consoling you,

12 testifying for you to walk worthily of God, the *One* calling you to His kingdom and glory.

13 ¶ And because of this we give thanks to God without ceasing, that having received

the Word of hearing from us, you welcomed *it as* of God, not *as* a word of men, but as it is, truly *the* Word of God, which also works in you, the *ones* believing.

14 For, brothers, you became imitators of the assemblies of God, the *ones* being in Judea in Christ Jesus, because you also suffered these things by *your* own fellow countrymen, as they *did* also by the Jews,

15 both the *ones* killing the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and persecuting us, and not pleasing God, and *being* contrary to all men,

16 forbidding us from speaking to the nations in order that they be saved, to the filling up *of* their sins always. But the wrath *of* God is come on them to *the* end.

17 ¶ But, brothers, we being bereaved from you for an hour's time, in presence, not in heart, we were much more eager with much desire to see your face.

18 Because of this, we desired to come to you, truly I, Paul, both once and twice; but Satan hindered us.

19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? *Are* you not even *to be* before our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

20 For you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 3

Paul testifies his great love to the Thessalonians by sending Timothy to them to strengthen and comfort them.

1 ¶ So no longer enduring, we were pleased to be left in Athens alone,

2 and sent Timothy, our brother and servant of God, and our fellow worker in the gospel of Christ to *be* the *one* to establish you and to encourage you concerning your faith,

3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.

4 For even when we were with you, we said to you before that we are about to be afflicted, as it also happened, even you know.

5 Because of this, no longer enduring, I also sent to know your faith, that the tempting *one* not somehow tempt you, and our labor should come to be in vain.

6 ¶ But now Timothy coming to us from you, and announcing good news to us *of*

your love and faith, and that you have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as also we *long to see* you.

7 Because of this we were comforted over you, brothers, on all our affliction and distress through your faith,

8 because now we live, if you should stand fast in *the* Lord.

9 For what thanks are we able to return to God about you, over all the joy *with* which we rejoice because of you before our God,

10 night and day praying beyond all measure for *me* to see your face, and to complete the things lacking in your faith?

11 ¶ But may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

12 And may the Lord make you to increase and to abound in love toward one another and toward all, even as we *do* also toward you,

13 in order to establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and our Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 4

1 He exhorts to godliness, 6 to live justly, 9 to love one another, 13 to sorrow moderately for the dead. 15 A description of the second coming.

1 ¶ For the rest then, brothers, we beg you and we exhort in *the* Lord Jesus, even as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, that you abound more.

2 For you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is God's will, your sanctification, *for* you to abstain from fornication,

4 each *one* of you to know to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor,

5 not in passion of lust, even as also the nations *do*, the *ones* not knowing God;

6 not to go beyond and to take advantage of his brother in the matter, because the Lord *is* *the* avenger concerning all these, even as we told you before, and solemnly testified.

7 For God did not call us to impurity, but in sanctification.

8 Therefore, the *one* that despises does not despise man, but God, even the *One* giving His Holy Spirit to us.

9 ¶ Now as to brotherly love, you have no need *for me* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

10 For you also do it toward the brothers in all Macedonia. But, brothers, we exhort you to abound more.

11 And eagerly aspiring to be quiet, and to do *your own things*, and to work with *your own hands*, as we enjoined you,

12 that you may walk becomingly toward the *ones* outside, and that you may have need of nothing.

13 ¶ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, about the *ones* having fallen asleep, that you not grieve, as the rest also, the *ones* not having hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, also God will also bring with Him all the *ones* having fallen asleep through Jesus.

15 For we say this to you in *the Word of the Lord*, that we the living who remain to the coming of the Lord will not at all go before the *ones* having fallen asleep.

16 Because the Lord Himself shall come down from Heaven with a commanding shout of an archangel's voice, and with God's trumpet. And the dead *ones* in Christ will rise again first.

17 Then we who remain alive will be caught up together with them in *the clouds* to a meeting with the Lord in *the air*. And so we will always be with *the Lord*.

18 So, then, comfort each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5

1 He proceeds in the former description of Christ's coming to judgment, 16 and gives diverse precepts, 23 and so concludes the epistle.

1 ¶ But about the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need *for it* to be written.

2 For you yourselves know accurately that the day of *the Lord*, as a thief in *the night*, so it comes.

3 For when they say, Peace and safety! Then sudden destruction comes upon them, like the birth-pain to the *one* having *babe* in womb, and they shall not escape, not *one*.

4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that the Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of day; we are not of night, nor of darkness.

6 ¶ So then, we should not sleep, as the rest also do, but we should be awake and be sober.

7 For the *ones* sleeping sleep by night, and the *ones* being drunk are drunk by night.

8 But we being of day should be sober, "having put on *the breastplate*" of faith and love, and *the hope* of "salvation as a helmet;" *Isa. 59:17*

9 because God has not appointed us to wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 The *One* dying on our behalf, so that whether we are awake or we are sleeping, we may live together with Him.

11 ¶ Therefore, encourage one another, and build up one another, as you indeed do.

12 But, brothers, we entreat you to know the *ones* laboring among you, and taking the lead of you in *the Lord*, and exhorting you,

13 even esteem them most exceedingly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

14 And we exhort you, brothers, to admonish the disobedient ones, comfort the *ones being faint-hearted*, sustain the *ones being weak*, be long-suffering towards all.

15 See *that* not any one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue the good, both towards one another and towards all.

16 ¶ Rejoice always.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In everything give thanks, for this *is the will of God* in Christ Jesus toward you.

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not despise prophecies.

21 Test all things, hold fast the good.

22 Keep back from every form of evil.

23 ¶ And may the God of peace Himself fully sanctify you, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is the *One* calling you, who also will perform *it*.

25 Brothers, pray concerning us.

26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the
THESSALONIANS

2 Thessalonians 1

Paul certifies them of the good opinion which he had of their faith, love, and patience.

1 ¶ Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the assembly of *the* Thessalonians in God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Brothers, we ought always to give thanks to God about you, even as it is right, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each *one* of all of you multiplies toward one another,

4 so as for us to boast ourselves in you in the assemblies of God for your patient endurance and faith in all your persecutions, and the afflictions which you endure,

5 ¶ a clear token of the just judgment of God, for you to be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you indeed suffer;

6 since *it is* a just thing with God to repay affliction to the *ones* afflicting you,

7 and to *give* you, the *ones* being afflicted, rest with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from Heaven with angels of His power,

8 in flaming fire giving full vengeance to the *ones* not knowing God, and to the *ones* not obeying the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, *Isa. 66:15; Jer. 10:25*

9 who will pay the penalty: everlasting destruction from the face of the Lord, “and from the glory of His strength,” *Isa. 2:19*

10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints, and to be marveled at among all the *ones* having believed in that Day, because our testimony to you was believed.

11 ¶ For which we also continually pray concerning you, that our God would deem you worthy of the calling, and would fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness, and work of faith in power,

12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2

1 He wills them to be steadfast, 3 shows that there shall be a departure from the faith, 9 and a discovery of antichrist, before the Day of the Lord comes.

1 ¶ And, brothers, we entreat you, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of our gathering together to Him,

2 for you not to be quickly shaken *in* the mind, nor to be disturbed, neither through a spirit, nor through speech, nor through letter, as through us, *that* the Day of Christ has come.

3 ¶ Do not let anyone deceive you, by no manner, because *that Day will not come* if not the apostasy comes first and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 the *one* opposing and exalting himself over every *thing* being called God, or object of worship, so as for him “to sit in the temple of God” as God, setting forth himself, that he is God. *Dan. 11:36; Eze. 28:2*

5 Do you not remember that I told you these things, I yet being with you?

6 And now you know the *thing* holding back, for him to be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness already is working, only He *is* restraining now, until He comes out of the midst.

8 And then “the lawless *one*” will be revealed, “whom” “the Lord” “will consume” “by the spirit of His mouth,” and will bring to nought by the appearance of His presence. *Isa. 11:4*

9 *His* coming is according to the working of Satan in all power and *miraculous* signs and lying wonders,

10 and in all deception of unrighteousness in the *ones* perishing, because they did not

receive the love of the truth in order for them to be saved.

11 And because of this, God will send to them a working of error, for them to believe the lie,

12 that all may be judged, the *ones* not believing the truth, but being well-pleased in unrighteousness.

13 ¶ But we ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers, having been loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to salvation in sanctification of *the* Spirit and belief of *the* truth,

14 to which He called you through our gospel, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So, then, brothers, stand firm and strongly hold the teachings you were taught, whether by word or by our letter.

16 ¶ But may our Lord Himself, Jesus Christ, and our God and Father, the *One* having loved us and having given everlasting comfort and good hope by grace,

17 encourage your hearts, and may He establish you in every good word and work.

2 Thessalonians 3

1 He craves their prayers, 5 makes request to God in their behalf, 6 and gives them diverse precepts.

1 ¶ For the rest, brothers, pray concerning us, that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also *it has* with you,

2 and that we may be delivered from harmful and evil men. For the faith *is* not of all *men*.

3 But the Lord is faithful who will establish and will guard *you* from the evil.

4 But we are persuaded in *the* Lord as to you, that whatever things we command to you, you both are doing and you will do.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

6 ¶ And we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to draw yourselves back from every brother walking in a disorderly way, and not according to the teaching which you received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how it is right to act like us, because we were not disorderly among you;

8 nor did we eat bread from anyone *as* a gift, but by labor and toil, working night and day in order not to burden any of you.

9 Not that we do not have authority, but that we give ourselves *as* an example to you, for you to act like us.

10 For even when we were with you, we commanded this to you: If anyone wills not to work, neither let him eat.

11 For we hear some are walking in a disorderly way among you, not working at all, but bustling about uselessly.

12 And we command to such *ones*, and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that, working with quietness, they may eat their own bread.

13 And you, brothers, do not lose heart in well doing.

14 But if anyone does not obey our word through the letter, mark this *one*, and do not associate with him, that he be shamed.

15 But do not count *him* a hostile *one*, but warn *him* as a brother.

16 ¶ And may the Lord of peace Himself continually give peace to you in every way. The Lord *be* with all of you.

17 The greeting of Paul by my hand is *the* sign in every letter; so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to **TIMOTHY**

1 Timothy 1

Timothy is put in mind of the charge given to him by Paul at his going to Macedonia. 5 Of the right use and end of the law.

1 ¶ Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ according to a command of God our Savior, even the Lord Jesus Christ, *our Hope,*

2 to Timothy, a true child in *the faith:* Grace, mercy, peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Even as I encouraged you to remain *in Ephesus* (I going to Macedonia), that you might charge certain *ones* not to teach a different doctrine,

4 nor to pay attention to myths and to endless genealogies, which provide questionings, rather than a stewardship of God, the *one being* in faith,

5 ¶ but the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience, and faith without hypocrisy,

6 from which certain *ones* deviating turned aside to empty talking,

7 wishing to be teachers of law, not understanding, neither the things what *things* they say, nor about what things they confidently affirm.

8 And we know that the Law *is* good, if anyone uses it lawfully,

9 knowing this, that Law *is* not laid down for a righteous *one*, but for lawless and insubordinate *ones*, for ungodly and sinful *ones*, for unholy and profane *ones*, for slayers of fathers and slayers of mothers, for murderers,

10 for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers, and if any other thing is opposed to sound doctrine.

11 according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God *with* which I was entrusted.

12 ¶ And I have thanks to Him empowering me, our Lord Jesus Christ, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the service;

13 the *one* who before was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I received mercy, because being ignorant I did *it* in unbelief.

14 *But* the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

15 Faithful *is* the Word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

16 But for this reason I received mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long-suffering, for an example to the *ones* being about to believe on Him unto everlasting life.

17 Now to the King eternal, incorruptible, invisible, *the* only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 ¶ This charge I commit to you, *my* child Timothy, according to the prophecies going before concerning you, that you might war the good warfare by them,

19 having faith and a good conscience, which certain *ones* thrusting away, made shipwreck concerning the faith,

20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I gave over to Satan, that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 2

1 It is meet to pray and give thanks for all men.

9 How women should be attired. 12 They are not permitted to teach.

1 ¶ First of all therefore, I exhort *that* petitions, prayers, supplications, and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men,

2 for kings and all the *ones* being in pre-eminence, that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

3 For this *is* good and acceptable before God our Savior,

4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to a full knowledge of truth.

5 For God *is* one, also *there is* one Mediator of God and of men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,

6 the *One* having given Himself a ransom on behalf of all, the testimony *to be given* in its own time,

7 to which I was appointed a herald and apostle (I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie), a teacher of *the* nations, in faith and truth.

8 Therefore, I purpose the men to pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting.

9 ¶ So also the women to adorn themselves in respectable clothing, with modesty and sensibleness, not with plaiting, or gold, or pearls, or expensive garments,

10 but what becomes women professing fear of God, through good works.

11 Let a woman learn in silence, in all subjection.

12 And I do not allow a woman to teach nor to exercise authority *over* a man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but *the* woman being deceived has come to be in transgression;

15 but she will be kept safe through the childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with sensibleness.

1 Timothy 3

2 *How bishops, deacons, and their wives should be qualified. 15 Of the church, and the blessed truth therein taught.*

1 ¶ Faithful *is* the Word: If anyone reaches out to overseership, he desires a good work.

2 Therefore it is right *for* the overseer to be blameless, husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, well-ordered, hospitable, apt at teaching;

3 not given to wine, not a quarreler, not loving silver, but gentle, not contentious, not eager for ill gain;

4 ruling his own house well, having children in subjection with all honor.

5 But if anyone does not know *how* to rule *his* own house, how will he care for an assembly of God?

6 *He should not be* a novice, lest being puffed up he may fall into the devil's judgment.

7 And it is right *for* him to also have a good witness from the *ones* outside, that he not fall into reproach and *into* a snare of the devil.

8 ¶ Likewise, deacons *are to be* honorable, not double-tongued, not being given to much wine, not eager for ill gain,

9 having the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

10 And also let these be tested first, then let them serve, being without reproach.

11 Likewise, *their wives are to be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling *their* own houses and children well.

13 For the *ones* having served well as a *deacon* acquire a good standing for themselves and much boldness in faith, the *ones* in Christ Jesus.

14 ¶ I write these things to you, hoping to come to you shortly;

15 but if I delay, that you may know how to conduct oneself in the house of God, which is *the* assembly of the living God, *the* pillar and foundation of the truth.

16 And, confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in flesh, was justified in Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among nations, *was* believed on in *the* world, was taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 4

He foretells that in the latter times there shall be a departure from the faith.

1 ¶ But the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons,

2 in hypocrisy of liars, being seared in *their* own conscience,

3 forbidding to marry, *saying* to abstain from foods, which God created for partaking with thanksgiving by the believing *ones* and the *ones* fully knowing the truth.

4 Because every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be thrust away, but being received with thanksgiving;

5 for through God's Word and supplication it is sanctified.

6 ¶ Having laid down these things to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Jesus Christ, having been nourished by the words of the faith, and by the good doctrine which you have followed.

7 But refuse the profane and old-womanish myths. And exercise yourself to godliness.

8 For bodily exercise is profitable for a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life now, and of that coming.

9 Faithful *is* the Word and worthy of all acceptance;

10 for to this we also labor and *are* reproached, because we hope on *the* living God, who is Savior of all men, especially of believing *ones*.

11 Enjoin and teach these things.

12 Let no one despise your youth, but become an example of the believing *ones* in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Until I come, attend to reading, to exhortation, to the doctrine.

14 Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with laying on of the hands of the elderhood.

15 Give care to these things; be in these things in order that your progress may be evident among all.

16 Give attention to yourself and to the doctrine; continue in them, for doing this, you will both deliver yourself and the *ones* hearing you.

1 Timothy 5

1 Rules to be observed in reproving. 3 Of widows.

17 Of elders. 23 A precept for Timothy's health.

1 ¶ Do not sharply chastise an older *man*, but exhort as a father; and younger ones as brothers,

2 older women as mothers, younger *ones* as sisters, in all purity.

3 ¶ Honor widows, the *ones* being really widows.

4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to be godly to their own house and to make a return payment to *their* forefathers, for this is good and pleasing before God.

5 But *honor* the *one* being really a widow,

even having been left alone, *who* has set *her* hope on God and continues in petitions and prayers night and day.

6 But the *one* living for self-pleasure has died *while* living.

7 And enjoin these things that they may be blameless.

8 But if anyone does not provide for *his* own, and especially *his* family, he has denied the faith and is worse than a faithless *one*.

9 Let a widow be enrolled having become not less than sixty years, *the* wife of one man,

10 being witnessed by good works, if she brought up children, if she was hospitable, if she washed the feet of the saints, if she relieved afflicted *ones*, if she followed after every good work.

11 But refuse younger widows; for whenever they grow lustful against Christ, they desire to marry,

12 having guilt because they set aside the first faith;

13 and with it all, they also learn to be idle, going around the houses, and not only idle, but also bubbling *gossip*, and trifling *ones*, speaking the things not proper.

14 Therefore, I purpose the younger women to marry, to bear children, to rule the house, giving no occasion to the *one* opposing, because of reproach.

15 For some already have turned aside behind Satan.

16 If any believing man or believing woman has widows, let them relieve *them*, and do not burden the assembly, that it may relieve the *ones* being really widows.

17 ¶ Let the elders who take the lead well be counted worthy of double honor, especially the *ones* laboring in Word and teaching.

18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox treading out grain," and, the laborer is worthy of his pay. *Deut. 25:4*

19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder unless on "*the testimony of*" "two or three witnesses". *Deut. 19:15*

20 The ones sinning before all, rebuke, that the rest also may have fear.

21 I solemnly testify before God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ and the elect an-

gels, that you should guard these things without pre-judgment, doing nothing by way of partiality.

22 Lay hands quickly on no one, nor share in *the* sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

23 No longer drink water, but use a little wine on account of your stomach and your frequent infirmities.

24 The sins of certain men are plain before all, brought forth before to judgment, but certain *ones* follow after also.

25 Likewise also the good works are plain before all, and the *ones* otherwise are not able to be hidden.

1 Timothy 6

1 *Of the duty of servants. 6 Godliness is great gain, 10 and love of money the root of all evil.*

1 ¶ Let as many as are slaves under a yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name and teaching of God may not be blasphemed.

2 And the *ones* having believing masters, let them not despise *them*, because they are brothers, but rather let them serve as slaves, because they are faithful and beloved *ones*, the *ones* receiving of the benefit in return. Teach and exhort these things.

3 If anyone teaches differently, and does not consent to sound words, the *ones* of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching according to godliness,

4 he has been puffed up, understanding nothing, but *is* sick concerning questions and disputes, out of which comes envy, strife, evil-speakings, evil suspicions,

5 idle uselessness of men whose mind has been corrupted and deprived of the truth, supposing gain to be godliness. Withdraw from such *persons*.

6 ¶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we have brought nothing into the world, *and it is* plain that neither can we carry anything out.

8 But having food and coverings, we will be satisfied with these.

9 But the *ones* purposing to be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and many

foolish and hurtful lusts, which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all evils, *by means* of which some stretching toward *it* were led astray from the faith, and *they* themselves pierced through by many pains.

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

13 ¶ I charge you before God, He making all things alive, and Christ Jesus, the *One* witnessing the good confession to Pontius Pilate,

14 that you keep the commandment spotless, beyond reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ;

15 who in His own time will reveal *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of the *ones* reigning and Lord of the *ones* exercising lordship,

16 the only *One* having immortality, living in light that cannot be approached, whom no one of men saw, nor can see; to whom be honor and everlasting might. Amen.

17 Charge the rich in the age now, not to be high-minded, nor to set hope on the uncertainty of riches, but in the living God, the *One* offering to us richly all things for enjoyment;

18 to do good, to be rich in good works, to be ready to impart, to be generous *ones*,

19 treasuring away for themselves a good foundation for the coming *age*, that they may lay hold on everlasting life.

20 O Timothy, guard the Deposit, having turned away from the profane empty babblings and opposing theories of the falsely named knowledge,

21 which some professing have missed the mark concerning the faith. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to **TIMOTHY**

2 Timothy 1

1 Paul's love to Timothy. 6 He is encouraged to stir up the gift of God which is in him.

1 ¶ Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 to my beloved child Timothy: Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I have thanks to God, whom I worship from my forefathers in a pure conscience, how unceasingly I have remembrance concerning you in my petitions night and day,

4 longing to see you, being reminded of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

5 taking recollection of the unfeigned faith in you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that it is also in you.

6 ¶ For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God did not give a spirit of cowardice to us, but of power and of love and of self-control.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me, His prisoner. But suffer hardship with the gospel, according to the power of God,

9 the One having saved us and having called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before eternal times,

10 but now revealed through the appearance of our Savior, Jesus Christ, indeed making death of no effect, bringing life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

11 to which I was appointed a herald and apostle and a teacher of nations.

12 For which cause I also suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know

whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit until that Day.

13 Hold fast a pattern of sound words which you heard from me, in faith and love in Christ Jesus.

14 Guard the good Deposit given through the Holy Spirit indwelling in us.

15 ¶ You know this, that all the ones in Asia turned away from me, of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

16 May the Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me, and he was not ashamed of my chain,

17 but coming to Rome, he more diligently sought and found me.

18 May the Lord give to him to find mercy from the Lord in that Day, and how much he served in Ephesus, you know very well.

2 Timothy 2

1 He is encouraged again to constancy and perseverance. 22 Whereof to beware, and what to follow after.

1 ¶ You, therefore, my child, be empowered by grace in the Christ Jesus.

2 And what things you heard from me through many witnesses, commit these things to faithful men, such as will be competent also to teach others.

3 You, therefore, suffer hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No one serving as a soldier entangles himself with the affairs of this life, so that he might please the One having enlisted him.

5 And also if anyone competes, he is not crowned unless he competes lawfully.

6 It is right for the laboring farmer to partake first of the fruits.

7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

8 ¶ Remember Jesus Christ, having been raised from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel,

9 in which I suffer hardship as an evildoer, unto bonds; but the Word of God has not been bound.

10 Because of this, I endure all things on account of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation, the *one* in Christ Jesus, with everlasting glory.

11 Faithful *is* the Word: for if we died with *Him*, we also shall live with *Him*;

12 if we endure, we shall also reign with *Him*; if we deny *Him*, that One will deny us;

13 if we are faithless, that One remains faithful; He is not able to deny Himself.

14 ¶ Remind *them* of these things, solemnly testifying before the Lord not to dispute about words for nothing useful, to *the* subversion of those hearing.

15 Be eager, *study* to present yourself approved to God, a workman unashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

16 But shun profane, empty babblings, for they will go on to more ungodliness,

17 and their word will have spreading like gangrene, of whom *are* Hymenaeus and Philetus,

18 who deviated concerning the truth, saying the resurrection already has come, and overturn the faith of some.

19 ¶ However, the foundation of God stands firm, having this seal, "*The* Lord knows the *ones* being His." Also, Let every *one* naming the name of Christ stand away from unrighteousness.

20 But in a great house not only are there vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some to honor and some to dishonor.

21 Therefore if anyone purifies himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, having been sanctified and made useful unto the Master, having been prepared to every good work.

22 ¶ But flee youthful lust and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, with the *ones* calling on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But refuse the foolish and uninstructed questionings, knowing that they generate quarrels.

24 But a slave of *the* Lord ought not to quarrel, but to be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing,

25 in meekness instructing the *ones* opposing, if perhaps God may give them repentance for a full knowledge of *the* truth,

26 and they regained their senses out of the snare of the devil, being captured by him to *do* the will of that one.

2 Timothy 3

6 *He describes the enemies of the truth, 16 and commends the Holy Scriptures.*

1 ¶ But know this, that in *the* last days grievous times will be *upon us*.

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, money-lovers, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 without natural affections, unyielding, slanderers, without self-control, savage, haters of good,

4 betrayers, reckless, being puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it; even turn away from these.

6 For of these are those creeping into houses and leading silly women captive, *the ones* having been heaped with sins, being led away by various lusts,

7 always learning, but never being able to come to a full knowledge of *the* truth.

8 But in the way Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so also these withstand the truth, men having been corrupted *in* mind, found worthless concerning the faith.

9 But they will not go further, for their foolishness will be plain to all, as also that of the *one* of *theirs* became.

10 ¶ But you have closely followed my doctrine, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, patient endurance,

11 persecutions, sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, what persecutions I bore. And the Lord delivered me out of all.

12 And, indeed, all the *ones* desiring to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

13 But evil men and imposters will go forward to worse, leading astray and being led astray.

14 But you keep on in what you learned and were assured of, knowing from whom you learned,

15 and that from a babe you know the Holy Scriptures, the *ones* being able to make you wise to salvation through belief in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture *is* God-breathed and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 so that the man of God may be complete, having been fully equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4

1 He encourages him to do his duty with all care and diligence, 14 and warns him to beware of Alexander the smith.

1 ¶ Therefore, I solemnly witness before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, He being about to judge *the* living and dead at His appearance and His kingdom:

2 preach the Word, stand by seasonably, unseasonably, convict, warn, encourage with all long-suffering and teaching.

3 For a time will be when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own lusts, they will heap up to themselves teachers tickling the ear;

4 and *they* will turn away the ear from the truth and will be turned aside to myths.

5 But you be clear-minded in all, suffer hardship, do *the* work of an evangelist, fully carry out your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out, and the time of my release is present.

7 I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith.

8 For the rest, the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me in that Day, and not only to me, but also to all the *ones* loving His appearance.

9 ¶ Make haste to come to me quickly.

10 For Demas deserted me, loving the present age, and *he* went to Thessalonica. Crescens *went* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Taking Mark, bring *him* with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

12 But I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

13 When you come, bring the cloak which I left in Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith showed many evil things to me. The Lord “will give back to him according to his works.” *LXX-Psa. 61:13; MT-Psa. 62:12; Prov. 24:12*

15 You also *be on* guard against *him*, for he greatly stood against our words.

16 ¶ In my first defense no one came to *my* aid, but all deserted me. May it not be reckoned to them.

17 But the Lord stood with me and gave me power, that through me the preaching might be fulfilled, and all the nations might hear. And I was delivered out of *the* mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord will deliver me from every wicked work and will save *me* for His heavenly kingdom; to whom *be* the glory to the ages of the ages. Amen.

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila and the house of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus remained in Corinth, but I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

21 Make haste to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brothers.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to **TITUS**

Titus 1

1 For what end Titus was left in Crete. 6 How they that are to be chosen ministers ought to be qualified.

1 ¶ Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to *the* faith of *the* elect of God and full knowledge of *the* truth according to godliness,

2 on hope of eternal life which the God who does not lie promised before eternal times,

3 but revealed in its own times in a proclamation of His Word, with which I was entrusted by *the* command of our Savior God;

4 to Titus, a true child according to *our* common faith: Grace, mercy, peace from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

5 ¶ For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things lacking and appoint elders in every city, as I prescribed to you:

6 ¶ If anyone is blameless, husband of one wife, having faithful children, not in accusation of unsavedness, or disobedient,

7 (It is right for the overseer to be blameless as a steward of God) not self-pleasing, not prone to anger, not given to wine, not a quarreler, not greedy of ill gain;

8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, just, holy, sensible,

9 clinging to the faithful Word according to the teaching, that he may be able both to encourage by sound doctrine and to convict the *ones* contradicting.

10 For there are indeed many insubordinate men, empty talkers and mind-deluders, especially the *ones* of *the* circumcision,

11 whose mouth *you* must stop, who overturn whole houses, teaching things which *they* ought not for the sake of ill gain.

12 One of *them*, a prophet of their own, said: Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.

13 This testimony is true; for which cause convict them severely, that they may be sound in the faith,

14 not listening to Jewish myths and commandments of men, having turned away from the truth.

15 Truly, all things *are* pure to the pure, but to the *ones* being defiled and unbelieving, nothing *is* pure, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled.

16 They profess to know God, but by *their* works they deny *Him*, being abominable and disobedient, and to every good work disapproved.

Titus 2

1 Direction given to Titus both for his doctrine and life. 9 Of the duty of servants.

1 ¶ But you speak things which become sound doctrine:

2 aged men to be temperate, honorable, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

3 aged women likewise in reverent behavior, not slanderers, not having been enslaved by much wine, teachers of good,

4 that they might train the young women to be lovers of husbands, lovers of children,

5 sensible, chaste, home-keepers, good, subject to *their* own husbands, so that the Word of God may not be blasphemed,

6 the younger men in the same way exhort to be sensible;

7 holding forth yourself *as* a pattern of good works about all *things* in doctrine, in purity, dignity, incorruption,

8 sound speech, without condemnation, that the hostile *ones* may be shamed, having nothing bad to say about you.

9 Let slaves be subject to *their* own masters, well-pleasing in all *things*, not contradicting,

10 not embezzling, but showing all good faith, that they may adorn the doctrine of our Savior God in every *thing*.

11 ¶ For the saving grace of God has appeared to all men,

12 instructing us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live prudently and righteously and godly in the now age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

14 who gave Himself on our behalf, “that He might redeem us from all lawlessness” “and purify” “for Himself a people for Himself for possession,” zealous of good works. *Psa. 130:8; Eze. 37:23; Deut. 14:2*

15 ¶ Speak these things and exhort and convict with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Titus 3

1 Titus is directed by Paul concerning the things he should and should not teach.

1 ¶ Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready in every good work,

2 to speak evil of no one, not quarrelsome, *but* gentle, having displayed all meekness to all men.

3 For we also once were senseless, disobedient, being led astray, slaving for various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

5 not out of works in righteousness which we had done, but according to His mercy,

He saved us through *the* bathing of regeneration and renewal of *the* Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior;

7 that being justified by the grace of that *One*, we should become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

8 Faithful *is* the Word, and concerning these things I purpose you to strongly affirm that the *ones* believing God should take thought to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

9 ¶ But keep back from foolish questionings and genealogies and arguments and quarrels of law, for they are unprofitable and vain.

10 Reject a heretical man after a first and second admonition,

11 knowing that such a one has been perverted and sins, being self-condemned.

12 When I shall send Artemas to you or Tychicus, hasten to come to me at Nicopolis. For I have decided to winter there.

13 Diligently set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, that nothing be lacking to them.

14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they may not be without fruit.

15 All the *ones* with me greet you. Greet the *ones* who love us in *the* faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to
PHILEMON

Philemon 1

4 He rejoices to hear of the faith and love of Philemon, 8 whom he desires to forgive Onesimus.

1 ¶ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy the brother, to Philemon the beloved and our fellow-worker,

2 and to Apphia the beloved, and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the assembly in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always making mention of you in my prayers,

5 hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints,

6 so that the fellowship of your faith may be effective in a full knowledge of every good thing in you for Jesus Christ.

7 For we have much joy and encouragement over your love, in that the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

8 ¶ Because of this, having much boldness in Christ to enjoin you *to do* what *is* becoming,

9 rather because of love I entreat, being such a one as Paul *the* aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ;

10 I entreat you concerning my child Onesimus, whom I fathered in my bonds,

11 the *one* once worthless to you, but now useful to you and to me; whom I sent back to you.

12 Even receive him, that is, my heart; 13 whom I purposed to hold with myself, that for you he *might* serve me in the bonds of the gospel.

14 But I was willing to do nothing without your consent, that your good might not be by way of necessity, but by way of willingness.

15 For perhaps for this he was separated for an hour, that you might receive him eternally;

16 no longer as a slave, but beyond a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, and how much more to you, both in *the* flesh and in the Lord.

17 Then if you have me as a partner, receive him as me.

18 And if he wronged you *in* anything, or owes, charge this to me.

19 I, Paul, wrote with my hand; I will repay (that I not say to you that you even owe yourself to me also).

20 Yes, brother, *that* I may have your help in *the* Lord, refresh my bowels in *the* Lord.

21 Trusting to your obedience, I wrote to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say.

22 But at once prepare lodging for me; for I hope that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

23 Epaphras, my fellow-captive in Christ Jesus, greets you,

24 *also* my fellow-workers Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, *and* Luke.

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

The Epistle to the **HEBREWS**

Hebrews 1

1 Christ in these last times coming to us from the Father; 4 is preferred above the angels.

1 ¶ In many ways and in various ways of old, God having spoken to the fathers in the prophets;

2 in these last days *He* spoke to us in *the Son*, whom He appointed heir of all *things*; through whom He indeed made the ages;

3 who being the shining splendor of *His* glory, and the express image of His essence, and bearing up all things by the Word of His power, having made purification of our sins through Himself, *He* sat down on *the* right of the Majesty on high, *Psa. 110:1*

4 having become so much better than the angels, as much as He has inherited a name more excellent beyond them.

5 ¶ For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You”? And again, “I will be a Father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me.” *Psalms 2:7*

6 And again, when He brought the First-begotten into the world, He said, “And let all *the* angels of God worship Him.”

7 And as to the angels, He said, “Who makes His angels spirits, and His servants a flame of fire;”? *LXX-Psa. 103:4; MT-Psa. 104:4*

8 but as to the Son, “Your throne, *O* God, is forever and ever, A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom;

9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; because of this God, Your God, has anointed You *with* the oil of gladness above Your fellows.” *Psa. 45:6, 7*

10 And, “You, Lord, at *the* beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are works of Your hands.

11 They will vanish away, but You will continue; and all *things* will become old, like a garment,

12 and You shall fold them up like a covering, and *they* shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail.” *LXX-Psa. 101:26-28; MT-Psa. 102:25-27*

13 But to which of the angels did He ever say, “Sit at My right *hand* until I place Your hostile *ones* as a footstool of Your feet”? *LXX-Psa. 109:1; MT-Psa. 110:1*

14 Are they not all ministering spirits for service, being sent out because of the *ones* being about to inherit salvation?

Hebrews 2

We ought to be obedient to Christ Jesus.

1 ¶ Because of this *it is* needful for us more abundantly to take heed to the things having been heard that we should not slip away at any time.

2 For if the word spoken by angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just repayment;

3 how shall we escape *while* neglecting so great a salvation? Which having received a beginning to be spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by the ones having heard.

4 God bearing witness with *them*, both by *miraculous* signs and wonders, and by various works of power, even by distributions of *the* Holy Spirit, according to His will.

5 ¶ For He did not put the world, the *one* coming, under angels, about which we speak,

6 but one fully testified somewhere, saying, “What is man, that You are mindful of him; or the son of man, that You look upon him?”

7 You made him a little less than *the* angels; You crowned him with glory and honor;” and, “You made him rule over the works of Your hands.”

8 You subjected all things under his feet.” *Psa. 8:4-6* For in order to subject all things under him, He left nothing not subjected to him. But now we do not yet see all things having been subjected to him;

9 but the *One* for a little *time*, we do see Jesus, having been made less than the angels because of the suffering of death *now*, having been crowned with honor and glory so as by *the* grace of God He might taste of death for every *son*.

10 ¶ For it was fitting for Him, because of whom *are* all things, and through whom *are* all things, bringing many sons into glory, to make complete *Him* as the Author of their salvation through sufferings.

11 For both the *One* sanctifying and the *ones* being sanctified *are* all of *One*; for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

12 saying, "I will announce Your name to My brothers; I will hymn to You in *the* midst of the Assembly." *Psa. 22:22*

13 And again, "I will be trusting on Him." *Isa. 8:17* And again, "Behold, I and the children whom God gave to Me." *Isa. 8:18*

14 ¶ Therefore since the children have partaken of flesh and blood, in like manner He Himself also shared the same things, that through death He might do away with the *one* having the power of death, this is, the devil;

15 and might set these free, as many as by fear of death were subject to slavery through all the *time* to live.

16 For indeed He does not take hold of angels, "but He takes hold of" "*the* Seed of Abraham". *Isa. 41:8, 9*

17 For which reason He is obligated in all things to become like *His* brothers, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the things respecting God, in order to propitiate for the sins of *His* people. For in what He has suffered, being tried, He is able to help those being tried.

Hebrews 3

Christ is more worthy than Moses.

1 ¶ For which reason, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, fully consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

2 "being faithful" to Him having made Him, as also "Moses" was "in all his house". *Num. 12:7*

3 For He was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much as the *one*

having prepared it has more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone; but the *One* who prepared all things *is* God.

5 And "Moses" truly "*was* faithful in all his house" as a servant for a testimony of all the *things* being spoken; *Num. 12:7*

6 but Christ as Son over His house, whose house we are, if truly we hold fast the boldness and rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

7 ¶ Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear His voice,

8 do not harden your hearts, as in the provocation by rebelliousness, in the day of temptation in the wilderness,

9 there where your fathers tested Me, examining Me, and saw My works forty years.

10 Therefore, I was very angry with that generation and said, They always go astray in heart; and they did not know My ways;

11 so I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest." *LXX-Psalms 94:7-11; MT-Psalms 95:7-11*

12 Watch, brothers, lest perhaps *there* shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief to depart from *the* living God.

13 But exhort yourselves each day, as long as it is being called today, that not any of you be hardened by *the* deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if truly we hold the beginning of the assurance firm to *the* end;

15 as in the saying, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as in the provocation by rebelliousness," *Psa. 95:7,8 MT*

16 For having heard, some provoked *Him*, but not all the *ones* coming out of Egypt through Moses.

17 But with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with the *ones* sinning, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did "He swear" "*they would* not enter into His rest," except to the *ones* having disobeyed? *LXX-Psa. 94:11; MT-Psa. 95:11*

19 And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4

The rest of Christians is attained by faith.

1 ¶ Therefore, let us fear lest perhaps a promise having been left to enter into His rest, *that* any of you may seem to have come short.

2 For, indeed, we are having the gospel preached *to us*, even as they also; but the Word did not profit those hearing *it*, not having been mixed with faith in the *ones* having heard *it*.

3 For we, the *ones* having believed, enter into the rest, even as He said, "As I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter into My rest," though the works had come into being from *the* foundation of the world. *LXX-Psa. 94:11; MT-Psa. 95:11*

4 For He has spoken somewhere about the seventh *day* this way, "And God rested from all His works in the seventh day." *Gen. 2:2*

5 And in this again, "They shall not enter into My rest." *MT-Psalms 95:11*

6 Therefore, since it remains *for* some to enter into it, and the *ones* who formerly had the gospel preached did not enter in on account of disobedience,

7 He again marks out a certain day, saying in David, Today (after so long a time, according as He has said), "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." *MT-Psalms 95:7, 8*

8 For if *Joshua* brought them rest, He was not speaking about another day after these things.

9 So, then, there remains a sabbath rest to the people of God.

10 For he entering into His rest, *he* himself also rested from his works, as God *had* rested from *His* own. *LXX-Psa. 95:11; Gen. 2:2*

11 ¶ Therefore, let us exert ourselves to enter into that rest, that not anyone fall in the same example of disobedience.

12 For the Word of God *is* living, and working effectively, and sharper than every two-mouthed sword, and piercing as far as *the* division of both soul and spirit, of both joints and marrows, and able to judge of the thoughts and intentions of *the* heart;

13 and there is no creature unrevealed before Him; but all things *are* naked and hav-

ing been laid open to His eyes, with whom *is* our account.

14 Therefore having a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest not being able to sympathize with our infirmities, but *One* having been tried according in all things according to *our* likeness, apart from sin.

16 Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and we may find grace for timely help.

Hebrews 5

Authority and honor of our Savior's priesthood.

1 ¶ For every high priest being taken from men is appointed on behalf of men in the things as regards to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;

2 being able to feel gently for the *ones* not knowing and being led astray, since he also is circled about *with* weakness.

3 And because of this he ought to offer for sins as concerning the people, so also concerning himself.

4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but the *one* being called by God, even as Aaron also.

5 So also the Christ *has* not glorified Himself to become a high priest, but He speaking to Him, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You." *Psa. 2:7*

6 As He also says in another *place*, "You *are* a priest unto the age according to the order of Melchizedek," *Psa. 110:4*

7 who in the days of His flesh *was* offering both petitions and entreaties to the *One* being able to save Him from death, with strong crying and tears, and being heard from *His* godly fear;

8 though being a Son, He learned obedience from *the things* which He suffered,

9 and having been made complete, He came to be *the responsible* Author of eternal salvation to all the *ones* obeying Him,

10 having been called out by God *to being* a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

11 Concerning whom we *have* much discourse, and hard to interpret, *or* to speak, since you have come to be sluggish in the hearings.

12 ¶ For indeed because of the time being due to be teachers, *yet* you need *for* the *one* to teach you again what *are* the rudiments of the beginning of the words of God, and you have become *ones* having need of milk, and not of solid food;

13 For every *one* partaking of milk *is* without experience *in the* Word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

14 But solid food is for mature *ones*, of the *ones of whom* the faculties having been exercised through habit, for judgment of both good and bad.

Hebrews 6

He encourages not to fall back from faith.

1 ¶ Therefore, having left the word of the beginning of Christ, let us be borne on to maturity, not laying down again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 of baptisms, of doctrine, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of dead *ones*, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this we will do, if indeed God permits.

4 For *it is* impossible for the *ones* once having been enlightened, and having tasted of the heavenly gift, and becoming sharers of *the* Holy Spirit,

5 and tasting *the* good Word of God, and *the* works of power of a coming age,

6 and having fallen away, it is impossible *for them* again to renew to repentance, crucifying again for themselves the Son of God, and holding *Him* up to public shame.

7 (For the earth drinking in the rain often coming upon it, and producing vegetation suitable for those for whom it is also cultivated, receives blessing from God;

8 “but bearing thorns and thistles,” *it is* deemed unfit and near a curse, of which the end *is* for burning.) *Gen. 3:17, 18*

9 ¶ But, beloved *ones*, even if we indeed speak so, we have been persuaded better things concerning you, even holding fast to salvation.

10 For God *is* not unjust, to forget your work and the labor of love which you showed to His name, serving to the saints, and *now are* serving.

11 But we desire each of you to show the same diligence, to the full assurance of the hope to *the* end;

12 that you not become dull, but imitators of the *ones* who through faith and long-suffering *are* inheriting the promises.

13 For God having made promise to Abraham, since He had no greater to swear by, “*He* swore by Himself;”

14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” *Gen. 22:16, 17*

15 And so, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* to them the end of all speaking against *it*.

17 In which God purposing to more fully declare to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, He interposed by an oath,

18 that through two unchangeable things, in which *it was* not possible *for* God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, the *ones* having fled to lay hold on the hope being set before *us*,

19 which we have as an anchor of the soul, both certain and sure, and entering into the inner *side* of the veil, *Lev. 16:12*

20 where Jesus entered as forerunner for us, having become a High Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7

Christ Jesus is a priest after the order of Melchizedek.

1 ¶ For this “Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God,” the *one* having met Abraham “returning from the slaughter” “of the kings,” “and having blessed him”;

2 to whom also Abraham “divided a tenth from all” (first being interpreted, king of righteousness; and then also king of Salem, which is, king of peace, *Gen. 14:17-20*

3 without father, without mother, without descent, nor beginning of days, nor having end of life, but having been made like

the Son of God, *he* remains a priest in perpetual *continuity*).

4 Now behold how great this *one was*, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils;

5 and indeed the *ones* of the sons of Levi receiving the priesthood have a command to tithe the people according to Law, (that is, from their brothers, though coming forth out of Abraham's loins),

6 but he not tracing *his* descent from them has tithed Abraham, and the *one* having the promises, this *one* blessed.

7 But without contradiction, the lesser is blessed by the better.

8 And here dying men indeed receive tithes, but there *it* being witnessed that he lives;

9 and as a word to say, through Abraham Levi also, the *one* receiving tithes, has paid tithes.

10 For he was yet in his father's loins when Melchizedek met him.

11 ¶ Therefore, indeed, if perfection was through the Levitical priestly office (for the people had been given Law under it), why yet *was there* need for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek and not to be called according to the order of Aaron?)

12 For the priestly office having been changed, of necessity a change of law also occurs.

13 For the *One* of whom these things are said has partaken of another tribe, from which no one has given devotion at the altar.

14 For *it is* openly evident that our Lord has risen out of Judah, as to which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is still more abundantly clear that if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

16 who has not become *so* according to a law of a fleshly command, but according to *the* power of an indissoluble life,

17 for He testified, "You are a priest unto the age according to the order of Melchizedek." *Psa. 110:4*

18 For, indeed, an annulment of the preceding command comes about because of its *being* a weak *one* and an unprofitable *one*.

19 For the Law perfected nothing, but a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

20 And by how much *it was* not without oath-taking;

21 for the *ones* truly without oath-taking are become priests, but He with oath-taking, through the *One* saying to Him, *The Lord* swore, and will not care *to change*, "You are a priest unto the age according to the order of Melchizedek"; *Psalms 110:4*

22 by so much Jesus has become Surety of a better covenant.

23 And, indeed, the many are become priests, because of being prevented to continue by death;

24 but He, because of Him remaining unto the age, has a non-transmissible priesthood.

25 And from this He is able to save to the *end* completely the *ones* coming near to God through Him *who is* always living to intercede on their behalf.

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us: holy, guileless, undefiled, and having been separated from sinners, and having become higher than the heavens;

27 who has no need, as do the high priests, to offer sacrifices according to a day, firstly for His own sins, then for the *ones* of the people, for this He did once for all, having offered up Himself.

28 For the Law makes men high priests who have infirmity, but the word of the oath-taking after the Law *appoints the* Son having been perfected unto the age.

Hebrews 8

By the eternal priesthood of Christ the Levitical priesthood of Aaron is abolished.

1 ¶ Now *the* main point over the things being said: We have such a High Priest, who sat down on *the* right of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, *Psa. 110:1*

2 Minister of the *Holy of Holies*, and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man.

3 For every high priest is set in place to offer both gifts and sacrifices; from which *it is* necessary for this *One* also to have something which He may offer.

4 For if indeed He were on earth, He would not *even* be a priest, there being priests, the *ones* offering gifts according to the Law, who serve the pattern of and shadow of heavenly things, even as Moses was divinely warned, being about to complete the tabernacle: For “See,” He says, “*that* you make all things according to the pattern, the *one* being shown to you in the mountain.” *Ex. 25:40*

6 ¶ But now He has gotten a more excellent ministry, also by so much as He is a Mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

7 For if that first *covenant* was faultless, place would not have been sought for a second.

8 For finding fault, He said to them, “Behold, days come, says *the* Lord, and I will bequeath on the house of Israel and on the house of Judah a new covenant,

9 not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in *the* day of My taking hold of their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I cared not for them, says *the* Lord.

10 Because this *is* the covenant which I will bequeath to the house of Israel after those days, says *the* Lord, giving My laws into their mind, and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be for God to them, and they shall be for a people to Me.

11 And they shall no more teach each *one* their *fellow*-citizen, and each *one* his brother, saying, Know the Lord; because all shall know Me, from the little *one* of them to *the* great *one* of them.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousnesses, and I will not at all remember their sins and their lawlessnesses.” *LXX-Jer. 38:31-34; MT-Jer. 31:31-34*

13 In the saying, New, He has made the first old. And the thing being made old and growing aged *is* near disappearance.

Hebrews 9

1 The description of the rites and bloody sacrifices of the law, 11 far inferior to the dignity and perfection of the blood and sacrifice of Christ.

1 ¶ Truly, then, the first *covenant* also had ordinances of service, and the earthly holy place.

2 For the tabernacle was prepared, the first, in which *was* both the lampstand and the table, and the setting out of the loaves, which is called holy.

3 But behind the second veil *is* a tabernacle, being called Holy of Holies,

4 having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant covered around on all sides with gold, in which *was* the golden pot having the manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

5 and above it *the* cherubs of glory overshadowing the mercy seat (about which is not *enough time* now to speak according to a piece).

6 And these *things* having been prepared thus, the priests go into the first tabernacle through all, completely fulfilling the services.

7 But into the second the high priest *goes* alone once *in* the year, not without blood, which he offers on behalf of himself and the sins of ignorance of the people;

8 the Holy Spirit signifying *by* this *that* the way of the Holies has not yet been made manifest, the first tabernacle still having *been* standing;

9 which *was* a parable for the present time, according to which both gifts and sacrifices are offered, *but* as regards conscience, not being able to perfect the *one* serving,

10 but only on foods and drinks, and various washings, and fleshly ordinances, until *the* time of reformation being imposed.

11 ¶ But Christ having appeared *as* a High Priest of the coming good things, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not of this creation, 12 nor through the blood of goats and of calves, but through *His* own blood, *He* entered once for all into the *Holy of Holies*, having procured everlasting redemption.

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats, and ashes of a heifer, sprinkling those having been defiled, sanctifies to the purity of the flesh,

14 by how much more the blood of Christ (who through *the* eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God), will purify your conscience from dead works, to serve *the* living God!

15 ¶ And because of this He is Mediator of a new covenant, so that, death having occurred for redemption of transgressions under the first covenant, the *ones* being called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance.

16 For where a testament *is*, the death of the *one* testating must be offered.

17 For a testament *is* firm over dead *ones*, since it never has force when the *one* testating lives.

18 From which neither the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood.

19 For *when* every command had been spoken according to Law by Moses to all the people, having taken the blood of the calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop *itself*, and he sprinkled both the scroll and all the people,

20 saying, “This *is* the blood of the covenant which God enjoined to you.” *Ex. 24:8*

21 And he likewise sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the service vessels with the blood.

22 And almost all things are purified by blood according to the Law; and apart from shedding of blood not *any* remission occurs.

23 ¶ Therefore *it was* needful for the figures of the things in the heavens to be cleansed *with* these; but the heavenly things *themselves* by better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ did not enter into *the Holy of Holies* made by hands, antitypes of the true things, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf,

25 not that He should often offer Himself, even as the high priest enters into the *Holy of Holies*, according to a year with blood of others;

26 since it was necessary *for* Him to suffer often from *the* foundation of the world. But now once, at the completion of the ages, He has been revealed for putting away of sin through the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And as much as it is reserved to men once to die, and after this, Judgment;

28 so Christ having been once offered “to bear *the* sins of many,” Christ shall appear a second *time* without sin to the *ones* eagerly awaiting Him unto salvation. *Isa. 53:12*

Hebrews 10

The law sacrifices weak 10 Christ's body once offered one for all has taken away sins.

1 ¶ For the Law having a shadow of the coming good things, not the image *itself* of *the* things, *appearing* according to a year with the same sacrifices, which they offer to the carrying through, they never are able to perfect the *ones* drawing near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered? Because the *ones* serving did not still have consciousness of sins, having once been cleansed.

3 But in these *there is* a remembrance of sins according to a year,

4 for *it is* not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, “Sacrifice and offering You did not will, but You prepared a body for Me.

6 You were not well-pleased in burnt offerings and *sacrifices* concerning sins.”

7 ¶ “Then I said, Behold, I have come, *in the* roll of the Book it was written concerning Me, to do Your will, *O* God.” *LXX-Psa. 39:7 -9; MT-Psa. 40:6 -8*

8 Above, saying that sacrifice and offering, and burnt offerings and *sacrifices* concerning sin,” You willed not, nor were You well-pleased (which are offered according to the Law),

9 then He has said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, *O* God.” He takes away the first in order that He may establish the second;

10 by which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body, of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And indeed every priest stands according to a day ministering, and often offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12 But He, offering but one sacrifice for sins, to the carrying through of *all* “sat down *at the right hand*” of God,

13 from then on expecting “until the hostile *ones* of Him are placed *as* a footstool” of His feet. *Psa. 110:1*

14 For by one offering He has perfected the carrying through of the *ones* being sanctified.

15 And the Holy Spirit witnesses to us also. For after having said before,

16 “This *is* the covenant which I will covenant to them after those days, says *the* Lord: Giving My Laws on their hearts, and I will write them on their minds”;

17 “and their sins and their lawlessnesses I will not remember no longer, not *ever*.”
MT-Jer. 31:33, 34

18 But where remission of these *is*, there *is* no longer offering concerning sins.

19 ¶ Therefore, brothers, having confidence for the entering of the *Holy of Holies* by the blood of Jesus,

20 which He consecrated for us, a new and living way through the veil; that is, His flesh;

21 and *having* a Great Priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts having been sprinkled from an evil conscience, and *our* body having been washed in pure water;

23 let us hold fast the confession of the hope unyielding, for the *One* having promised *is* faithful.

24 And let us consider one another, unto incitement of love and of good works,

25 not forsaking the assembling together of ourselves, as *is* the custom of some, but exhorting, and by so much more as you see the Day drawing near.

26 For *if we are* willfully sinning after receiving the full knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice concerning sins,

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and “zealous fire being about to consume the adversaries.” *Isa. 26:11*

28 *If* anyone did not regard *the* Law of Moses, without compassions on “*the word* of two or three witnesses” dies. *Deut. 17:6*

29 How much worse punishment do you think will be thought worthy *to receive*, the *one* having trampled the Son of God, and having counted common the blood of the covenant in which he was sanctified, and having insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who has said, “Vengeance *belongs* to Me; I will repay,” says *the* Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” *Deut. 32:35, 36*

31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into *the* hands of *the* living God.

32 But call to mind the former days in which having been enlightened you endured much struggle of sufferings.

33 Indeed, this, being exposed both to reproaches and to afflictions; and this, having come to be sharer of the *ones* so living;

34 for indeed you suffered together in my bonds; and you accepted the plunder of your possessions with joy, knowing yourselves to have a better and abiding possession in Heaven.

35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has great reward.

36 For you have need of enduring patience, that having done the will of God you may obtain the promise.

37 For, yet a little as long as the *One* coming will come, “and will not delay.”
Hab. 2:3

38 “But the just shall live by faith;” “and if he draws back,” “My soul is not well-pleased in him.” *Hab. 2:4; Zeph. 1:6; Mal. 1:10*

39 But we are not of a drawing back to destruction, but of faith, to *the* preservation of *the* soul.

Hebrews 11

1 What faith is. *6* Without faith we cannot please God.

1 ¶ Now faith is *the* essence of things being hoped, the evidence of things not being seen.

2 For by this the elders obtained witness.

3 By faith we understand the ages to have been framed by a Word of God, so that the things being visible *should* not come into being out of things being seen.

4 ¶ By faith Abel offered a greater sacrifice to God than Cain, by which he obtained witness to be righteous, God testifying over his gifts; and through it, having died, he yet speaks.

5 By faith “Enoch” was translated *so as* not to see death, and “was not found, because God translated him.” For before his translation, he had obtained witness to have been well-pleasing to God. *Gen. 5:24*

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to be pleasing to *God*. For it is necessary for the *one* drawing near to God to believe that

He is, and *that* He becomes a rewarder to the *ones* seeking Him out.

7 By faith, Noah having been divinely warned *by God* about the *things* not yet being seen, being moved with fear, *he* prepared an ark for *the* salvation of his house; through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness according to faith.

8 Being called out by faith, Abraham obeyed to go forth to a place which he was going to receive for an inheritance; and *he* went out not understanding where he goes.

9 By faith he temporarily resided as a foreigner into a land of promise, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the joint-heirs of the same promise;

10 for he waited for a city having foundations, of which the builder and maker is God.

11 Also by faith Sarah *herself* received power for laying down of seed even beyond *the* time of age, *and* gave birth; since she deemed the *One* having promised *to be* faithful.

12 Therefore, even from one were generated *seed*, and these *of one* being as good as dead, even “as the stars of the heaven” in *their* fullness, and countless as sand by the lip of the sea”. *Gen. 15:5; 22:17*

13 These all died by way of faith, not having received the promises, but seeing them from afar, and being persuaded, and having welcomed *them* and confessed that they are strangers and sojourning *ones* on the earth.

14 For the *ones* saying such things make clear that they seek a fatherland.

15 And truly if they were mindful *of the place* from which they came out, they might have had opportunity to return.

16 But now they stretch forth to a better, that is, a heavenly *land*. Therefore, God is not ashamed *of* them, *for Him* to be called their God; *for* He prepared a city for them.

17 By faith, being tested, Abraham offered up Isaac; and the *one* receiving the promises was offering up the only begotten,

18 as to whom it was said, “In Isaac your Seed shall be called” *Gen. 21:12*

19 considering that; God *was* able to raise even from dead *ones*; from where indeed he obtained him in a parable.

20 By faith concerning things to come Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau.

21 By faith dying Jacob blessed each *one* of the sons of Joseph, and “worshiped on the top of his staff”. *LXX- Gen. 47:31*

22 Dying Joseph by faith made mention of the Exodus of the sons of Israel, and *he* gave orders about his bones.

23 Having been generated, Moses was by faith hidden by his parents three months, because they saw the child *was* fair; and they did not fear the king’s edict.

24 Having become great, Moses by faith refused to be called *the* son of Pharaoh’s daughter,

25 having chosen rather to suffer mistreatment with the people of God than to have *the* temporary enjoyment of sin;

26 having counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures *of* Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the anger of the king; for he endured as seeing the Unseen *One*.

28 By faith he has made the Passover, and the pouring forth of blood, that the *one* destroying the first-born might not touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry *land*; by which attempt the Egyptians taking, *they* were swallowed.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, having been circled during seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with the *ones* having disobeyed, having received the spies with peace.

32 ¶ And what more may I say? For the time will fail me telling about Gideon, Barak, and also Samson and Jephthah, and also David and Samuel, and the prophets,

33 who through faith overcame kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped *the* mouths of lions,

34 quenched *the* power of fire, escaped the mouths of *the* sword, acquired power from weakness, became strong in war, armies of foreigners *being* made to bow.

35 Women received their dead *ones* by resurrection; but others were beaten to death, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

36 And others received trial of mockings and of scourgings; yea, more, of bonds and of prison:

37 they were stoned; they were tried; they were sawn in two; they died by murder of sword; they went about in sheepskins and in goatskins, being in need, being afflicted, being tormented;

38 of whom the world was not worthy, wandering in deserts, and mountains, and caves, and the holes of the earth.

39 And having obtained witness through the faith, these all did not obtain the promise,

40 God having foreseen something better concerning us, that they should not be perfected apart from us.

Hebrews 12

An exhortation to faith, patience, and godliness.

1 ¶ So therefore we also, having so great a cloud of witnesses lying around us, having laid aside every weight and the easily surrounding sin, through patience let us also run the race being set before us,

2 looking to the Author and Finisher of *our* faith, Jesus, who for the joy set before Him endured *the* cross, despising the shame, “and has sat down at *the right hand*” of the throne of God.”

3 For consider Him who had endured such opposition of sinners against Himself, that you do not grow weary, being faint-hearted in your souls,

4 ¶ You did not resist unto blood, wrestling against sin.

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which *He* speaks with you, as with sons, “My sons, do not despise the chastening of *the* Lord, nor faint *while* being corrected by Him.

6 For whom the Lord loves, He disciplines, and scourges every son whom He receives.” *Proverbs 3:11, 12*

7 If you endure discipline, God is dealing with you as with sons; for who is *the* son whom a father does not discipline?

8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become sharers, then you are illegitimate *children*, and not sons.

9 Furthermore, indeed we have had fathers of our flesh as correctors, and we respected *them*. Shall we not much more be subject to

the Father of spirits, and we shall live?

10 For the *ones* truly disciplined *as* for a few days according to the thing seeming good to them, but He for *our* profit, *so as for us* to partake of His holiness.

11 And all discipline for the present in deed does not seem to be of joy, but of grief; but afterward it gives back peaceable fruit of righteousness to the *ones* having been exercised through it.

12 Therefore straighten up the having been weakened hands “and the having been enfeebled knees;”

13 “and make straight tracks for your feet,” that the lame *one* not be turned aside, but rather healed. *Isa. 35:3; Prov. 4:26*

14 Eagerly pursue peace and holiness with all, without which no one will see the Lord,

15 watching diligently that not any lack from the grace of God, that “no root of bitterness growing up” may crowd “in *on you*,” and through this many be defiled; *Deut. 29:18*

16 that not any fornicator, or profane *one*, as Esau, who for one eating gave up his birthright;

17 for you know also that afterwards desiring to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, although seeking it out with tears. *Gen. 27:36-39*

18 ¶ For you have not drawn near to *the* mountain being touched, and having been lit with fire, and to gloom, and darkness, and tempest,

19 and to a sound of trumpet, and to a voice of words, which the *ones* hearing begged that not a word be added to them; 20 for they could not bear the thing enjoined: “Even” “if a beast” “touches the mountain, it will be stoned, or shot through” with a dart. *Ex. 19:12, 13*

21 And so fearful was the thing appearing, Moses said, “I am terrified and trembling.” *Deut. 9:19*

22 But you have drawn near Mount Zion, even *the* city of *the* living God, to a heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

23 and to a festal gathering and an assembly of the first-born *ones* having been enrolled in Heaven; and to God *the* Judge of

all, and to spirits of just *ones* who have been perfected;

24 and to Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant, and to blood of sprinkling speaking better things than *that* of Abel.

25 Watch *that* you do not refuse the *One* speaking; for if these refusing the *One* divinely warning *them* did not escape on the earth, much rather we, the *ones* turning away from Heaven;

26 whose voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once” “I will shake not only the earth, but also the heavens.” *Hag. 2:6*

27 Now the *words* “Yet once” make clear the removal of the *things* being shaken, as having been made, so that the things not being shaken may remain.

28 Therefore receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have grace, by which we may serve God well-pleasingly, with reverence and godly fear;

29 for also, “Our God *is* a consuming fire.” *Deut. 4:24*

Hebrews 13

1 Diverse admonitions, as to charity, 5 to avoid covetousness, 15 to confess Christ.

1 ¶ Let brotherly love abide.

2 Do not forget hospitality, for by this some unknowingly took in angels as guests.

3 Be mindful of the prisoners, as having been bound with *them*; of the *ones* ill-treated, as also being in the body yourselves.

4 Marriage *is* honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

5 *Set your* way of life without money-loving, being satisfied with present things; for He has said, “Not I will leave you, not ever! Nor I will not forsake you, not ever!” *Deut. 31:6*

6 So that we may boldly say, “*The Lord is* my helper, and I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?” *Psa. 118:6*

7 Remember your leaders who spoke the Word of God to you, considering the issue of *their* conduct, imitate *their* faith:

8 Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever.

9 Do not be carried away by various and strange doctrine; for *it is* good *that* the

heart be confirmed by grace, not by foods, in which those walking *in them* were not profited.

10 We have an altar of which the *ones* serving the tabernacle have no authority to eat.

11 For of the animals *whose* “blood is brought” by the high priest “into the *Holy of Holies*” concerning sin, of these the bodies “are burned outside the camp”. *Lev. 16:2, 27*

12 Therefore, indeed, in order that He might sanctify the people by His own blood, Jesus suffered outside the gate.

13 Therefore let us go forth to Him outside the camp bearing His reproach.

14 For we do not have here a continuing city, but we seek the *city* coming.

15 Therefore through Him let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God always, this is, *the* fruit of the lips, confessing to His name.

16 But do not be forgetful of doing good and sharing, for God is well pleased with such sacrifices.

17 Yield to the *ones* taking the lead of you, and submit, for they watch for your souls, giving an account, that they may do this with joy, and not *with* groaning; for this *would be* unprofitable to you.

18 ¶ Pray about us, for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to conduct *ourselves* well.

19 But I even more urge *you* to do this that I may sooner be restored to you.

20 Now the God of Peace, the *One* leading up out of *the* dead, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in *the* blood of *the* everlasting covenant, our Lord Jesus,

21 perfect you in every good work, in order to do His will, doing in you that *which* is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 And, brothers, I exhort you, bear with the word of exhortation, for I indeed wrote to you by *a few words*.

23 You know the brother, Timothy, having been freed, with whom if he comes quickly, I will see you.

24 Greet all the *ones* leading you, also all the saints. The *ones* from Italy greet you.

25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of the Apostle
JAMES

James 1

1 We are to rejoice under the cross, 5 to ask patience of God, 13 and in our trials not to impute our weakness, or sins, to Him.

1 ¶ James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion, greeting:

2 ¶ My brothers count *it* all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith works enduring patience.

4 But let enduring patience have its perfective work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from God, the *One* giving to all bountifully and not reproaching, and it will be given to Him.

6 But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For the *one* doubting *is* like a wave of the sea, being driven by wind and being tossed;

7 for do not let that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 *he is* a double-souled man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But let the lowly brother rejoice in his exaltation;

10 and the rich *one* sorrow in his humiliation, because he will pass away like the flower of the grass.

11 For the sun rose with the burning heat and dried up the grass, and its flower fell out, and the beauty of its appearance perished; so also the rich *one* will fade away in his journeys. *Isa. 40:6, 7*

12 Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation, because, becoming approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to the *ones* loving Him.

13 ¶ Let no one being tempted say, I am tempted from God. For God is not temptable by evils, and He tempts no one.

14 But each *one* is tempted by *his* own lusts, being drawn out and being enticed by *them*.

15 Then, having conceived, lust brings forth sin. And sin being fully formed brings forth death.

16 Do not go astray, my beloved brothers,

17 every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom is not *any* change or shadow of turning.

18 Having purposed, He brought us forth by the Word of truth, for us to be a certain firstfruit of His creatures.

19 ¶ So that, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

20 For the wrath of man does not fully work the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of evil, in meekness receive the implanted Word, the *one* being able to save your souls.

22 But become doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 Because if anyone *is* a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, this one is like a man observing the face of his birth in a mirror;

24 for he observed himself, and has gone away, and immediately *he* forgot what sort he was.

25 But the *one* having looked into the perfect law of liberty, and having continued *in it*, this one not having become a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in his doing.

26 If anyone thinks to be religious among you, yet not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, this *one's* religion *is* vain.

27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father *is* this: to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself without blemish from the world.

James 2

1 We are not to regard the rich man nor despise the poor, 13 but rather to be loving, and merciful.

1 ¶ My brothers, do not in partiality have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *Lord* of glory.

2 For if a gold-fingered man in splendid clothing comes into your synagogue, and a poor *one* in dirty clothing also comes in;

3 and you look on the *one* wearing the splendid clothing, and say to him, You sit here well; and to the poor *one* you say, You stand there, or, Sit down here under my footstool;

4 did you not also discriminate among yourselves and become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hear, my beloved brothers, did not God choose the poor *ones* of this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to the *ones* loving Him?

6 But you dishonored the poor *man*. Do not the rich *ones* oppress you, and they drag you to judgment seats?

7 Do they not blaspheme the good Name, the *one* being called on you?

8 ¶ If you truly fulfill *the* royal Law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. *Lev. 19:18*

9 But if you have partiality you work sin, being convicted by the Law as transgressors.

10 For whoever shall keep all the Law, but stumbles in one, he has become guilty of all.

11 For the *One* who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." *Ex. 20:14, 13; Deut. 5:18, 17* But if you do not commit adultery, but commit murder, you have become a transgressor of *the* Law.

12 So speak and so do as being about to be judged through a law of liberty.

13 For judgment *will be* without mercy to the *one* not doing mercy. And mercy rejoices over judgment.

14 ¶ My brothers, what *is* the gain if any one says he has faith, but he does not have

works? Is the faith able to save him?

15 But if a brother or a sister is naked and may be lacking in daily food,

16 and any one of you say to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, but does not give them the things the body needs, what benefit *is it*?

17 So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead being by itself.

18 But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith out of my works.

19 You believe that God is One. You do well; even the demons believe and shudder.

20 But are you willing to know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is dead?

21 Was not our father Abraham justified by works offering up his son Isaac on the altar? *Gen. 22:9*

22 You see that faith worked with his works; and out of the works the faith was made complete.

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled, saying, "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted for righteousness to him;" and he was called Friend of God. *Gen. 15:6; Isa. 41:8*

24 You see then that a man is justified out of works and not out of faith only.

25 But in the same way Rahab the harlot was also justified out of works, receiving the messengers and sending *them* out by another way.

26 For as the body is dead apart from the spirit, so also faith is dead apart from works.

James 3

1 We are not rashly or arrogantly to reprove others, 5 but rather to bridle the tongue. 13 They who be truly wise are mild and peaceable.

1 ¶ My brothers, do not become many teachers, knowing that we will receive greater judgment.

2 For we all stumble *in* many ways. If any one does not stumble in word, this *one is* a mature man, able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the mouths of the horses, for them to obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold, the ships also, being so great, and being driven by rough winds, *they are* directed by a very small rudder, where the impulse of the *one* steering purposes.

5 So also the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how little a fire kindles how large a forest!

6 And the tongue *is* a fire, the world of unrighteousness. So the tongue is set among our members, defiling the whole body, and inflaming the course of nature, and being inflamed by Hell.

7 For every species of beasts, both indeed of birds, of creeping things, and of sea animals, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human nature;

8 but no one of men is able to tame the tongue; *it is* an unrestrainable evil, full of death-bringing poison.

9 By this we bless God and *the* Father; and by this we curse men, the *ones* having come into being according to *the* image of God. *Gen. 1:26*

10 Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, it is not fitting *for* these things to be so.

11 The fountain does not send forth the sweet and the bitter out of the same hole, *does it?*

12 My brothers, a fig tree is not able to produce olives, or a vine figs. So neither *can* a fountain produce both salt and sweet water.

13 ¶ Who *is* a wise *one* and knowing among you? Let him show his works by *his* good behavior, in meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and contention in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but *is* earthly, natural, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and contention *are*, there *is* confusion and every evil deed.

17 But the wisdom from above is firstly truly pure, then peaceable, gentle, yielding, full of mercy and of good fruits, not partial and not pretended.

18 And *the* fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for the *ones* making peace.

James 4

1 We are to strive against covetousness, 4 intemperance, and rash judgment of others, 13 to commit all our affairs to God's providence.

1 ¶ From where do wars and fightings among you *come*? *Is it* not from this, from your lusts, the *ones* warring in your members?

2 You desire and do not have. You murder, and are jealous, and are not able to obtain. You fight and you war, and you do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask, and do not receive, because you ask badly, in order that you may spend on your pleasures.

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is hostility *toward* God? Therefore whoever purposes to be a friend of the world is put down *as* a hostile *one* to God.

5 Or do you think that vainly the Scripture says, The spirit which has dwelt in us yearns to envy?

6 But He gives greater grace. Because of this it says, "God sets *Himself* against proud *ones*, but He gives grace to humble *ones*." *Prov. 3:34*

7 Therefore be subject to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, sinners! And purify *your* hearts, double-souled *ones*!

9 Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy into shame.

10 Be humbled before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

11 ¶ Do not speak against one another, brothers. The *one* speaking against a brother, and judging a brother, *he* speaks against Law, and judges Law. But if you judge Law, you are not a doer of Law, but a judge.

12 One is the Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy; who are you who judges the other?

13 Come now, the *ones* saying, Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and we will spend one year there, and we will trade and will make a profit,

14 who do not know of the morrow. For what *is* your life? For it is a mist,

which for a little *is* appearing, and then disappearing. *Ps. 94:11*

15 Instead of you saying, If the Lord wills, even we will live, and we will do this or that;

16 but now you boast in your presumptions. All such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, to *anyone* knowing to do good, and not doing *it*, it is sin to him.

James 5

1 Wicked rich men are to fear God's vengeance.

7 We ought to be patient in afflictions.

1 ¶ Come now, rich *ones*, weep, howling over your miseries, the *ones* coming upon *you*.

2 Your riches have rotted, and your garments have become moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver have become corroded, and their poison will be a testimony to you, and will eat your flesh as a fire. You heaped treasure in *the* last days.

4 Behold, the wages of the workmen having reaped your fields cry out, being kept back by you. And the cries of the *ones* having reaped have entered "into the ears of *the* Lord of Hosts." *Isa. 5:9*

5 You lived luxuriously on the earth, and lived for self-pleasure; you nourished your hearts as in a day of slaughter;

6 you condemned; you murdered the righteous *one*; he does not resist you.

7 Therefore, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer awaits for the precious fruit, being patient over it until it may receive *the* early and the latter rain.

8 You also be patient. Set your hearts firmly, because the coming of the Lord has drawn near.

9 Do not murmur against one another, brothers, that you not be judged. Behold, *the* Judge stands before the door.

10 My brothers, *as* an example of suffering ill, and of long-suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of *the* Lord.

11 Behold, we call blessed the *ones* enduring. You have heard of the patience of Job, and you saw *the* end of the Lord, "that the Lord is full of compassion and merciful." *Psa. 103:8*

12 ¶ But before all *things*, my brothers, do not swear, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor any other oath; but let *your* yes be yes, and the no, no; that you may not fall under judgment.

13 Does anyone suffer hardships among you? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him praise in song.

14 Is any among you feeble? Let him call the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the *one* being sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he may have committed sin, it will be forgiven him.

16 Confess to one another the deviations *from the Law*, and pray for one another, that you may be healed; being very strong, *the* prayer of a righteous *one* works effectually.

17 Elijah was a man of like feeling to us, and he prayed in prayer *for it* not to rain; and it did not rain on the earth three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout.

19 If anyone among you goes astray from the truth, brothers, and anyone turns him back,

20 know that the *one* turning back a sinner from *the* error of his way will save *the* soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

The First Epistle of the Apostle **PETER**

1 Peter 1

*1 He blesses God for his manifold spiritual graces,
13 and exhorts them to a godly conversation
forasmuch as they are born anew by the Word
of God.*

1 ¶ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to *the* elect sojourners of *the* dispersion of Pontus, of Galatia, of Cappadocia, of Asia, and of Bithynia,

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of *the* Spirit to obedience and sprinkling of *the* blood of Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you.

3 ¶ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *one* according to His great mercy having regenerated us to a living hope through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ from *the* dead,

4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, having been kept in Heaven for you,

5 *the ones* in *the* power of God being guarded through faith to a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time;

6 ¶ in which you exult; yet a little *while*, if it is needful, having been grieved in many various kinds of trials,

7 so that the testing of your faith, much more precious than perishing gold, but being tested through fire, may be found to praise and honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

8 whom having not known, you love; in whom not yet seeing, but believing, you exult with joy unspeakable and being glorified,

9 obtaining the end of your faith, *the* salvation of *your* souls.

10 ¶ About which salvation the prophets sought out and searched out, prophesying about the grace for you,

11 searching for what, or what sort of time the Spirit of Christ made clear within them; testifying beforehand of the sufferings *belonging* to Christ, and the glories after these.

12 To whom it was revealed that not to themselves, but to us they ministered the same things, which now were proclaimed to you through the *ones* having preached the gospel to you in *the* Holy Spirit having been sent from Heaven; into which things angels long to look into.

13 ¶ Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, completely hope on the grace being borne to you at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ,

14 as children of obedience, not being conformed yourselves to your former lusts in your ignorance,

15 but according to the Holy *One* having called you *is* holy, *yourselves* also become holy in all conduct;

16 because it has been written, “Be holy,” “because I am holy”. *Lev. 19:2*

17 And if you call on *the* Father, the *One* judging according to the work of each *one* without respect of persons, in the time of your pilgrimage conduct yourselves in fear,

18 knowing that not with corruptible things, silver or gold, were you redeemed from your worthless way of life handed down from *your* fathers,

19 but with precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot,

20 indeed having been foreknown before *the* foundation of *the* world, but revealed in *the* last times because of you,

21 *the ones* believing in God through Him, He raising Him from *the* dead, and giving glory to Him so that your faith and hope may be in God.

22 Having purified your souls in the obedience of the truth through the Spirit to unpretended brotherly love, love one another fervently out of a pure heart,

23 having been generated, not by corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the living Word of God, and remaining unto the age.

24 ¶ Because “all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of men as the flower of grass; the grass was dried, and its flower fell off, 25 but the Word of the Lord remains unto the age.” And this is the Word preached as gospel to you. *Isaiah 40:6-8*

1 Peter 2

He exhorts them from the breach of charity.

1 ¶ Therefore putting aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 as newborn babes desire the pure soul-nourishing milk, that you may grow by it; 3 if indeed you “tasted” “that the Lord is kind”; *LXX-Psa. 33:9; MT-Psa. 34:8*

4 ¶ to whom having drawn near, a living Stone, indeed having been rejected by men, but chosen by God, precious;

5 you also as living stones are being built a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion” an elect, “precious Stone,” “a Corner-foundation”; “and the one believing on Him shall not be put to shame, not ever!” *Isa. 28:16*

7 Therefore to you, the ones believing, belongs the preciousness. But to disobeying ones, He is the “Stone which the ones building rejected; this One became the Head of the Corner,” *Psa. 118:22*

8 and “a Stone-of-stumbling, and a Rock-of-offense” to the ones stumbling, being disobedient to the Word, to which they were also appointed. *Isa. 8:14*

9 But you are “an elect race,” “a royal priesthood,” “a holy nation,” “a people for possession,” so that “you may proclaim the excellencies” of the One who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; *LXX-Ex. 23:22; MT-Ex. 19:5, 6*

10 you who then were “not a people, but now are the people” of God; “who not having received mercy, but now receiving mercy”. *Hos. 1:6, 9; 2:1, 23,*

11 Beloved ones, I exhort you as foreigners and aliens to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul;

12 having your behavior good among the nations, in that which they speak against

you as evildoers; having watched your good works, they may glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 ¶ Therefore be in obedience to every human creation because of the Lord; whether to a king, as being supreme;

14 or to governors, as through him having indeed being sent for vengeance on evil doers, but praise of being well doers

15 because so is the will of God, doing good to silence the ignorance of foolish men;

16 as free men, and not having freedom as a cover of evil, but as slaves of God;

17 honor all, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

18 Servants, be obedient to your masters in all fear, not only to the ones good and gentle, but also to the perverse ones.

19 For this is a grace, if because of conscience toward God anyone bears grief, suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is it if sinning and being hit by the fist, you patiently endure? But if you are suffering while doing good, and patiently endure, this is a grace from God.

21 For you were called to this, for even Christ suffered on our behalf, leaving behind an example for us, that you should follow His footsteps;

22 “who did not sin, nor was guile found in His mouth”; *Isa. 53:9*

23 who, being reviled, did not revile in return; suffering, He did not threaten, but gave Himself over to the One judging righteously;

24 who “Himself carried up in His body our sins” onto the tree; that having died to sins, we might live to righteousness; of whom “by His wound you were healed.”

25 For you were “straying sheep,” *Isa. 53:4-6* but now you are turned back to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 3

1 He teaches the duty of wives and husbands to each other. 19 The benefits of Christ towards the old world.

1 ¶ Likewise, wives, submitting yourselves to your own husbands, that even if any disobey the Word, through the behavior of the wives, without a word they will be won,

2 observing your pure behavior in fear.

3 Of whom let it not be the outward *act* of braiding of hairs, and of putting gold around, or putting on garments of adornment,

4 but the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible *adornment* of the meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value before God.

5 For so formerly also the holy women, the *ones* hoping on God adorned themselves, submitting themselves to their own husbands,

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose children you became, doing good, and fearing no terror. *Gen. 18:12*

7 Likewise, husbands, dwelling together according to knowledge, as with a weaker vessel, the feminine *one*, bestowing honor, as truly *being* co-heirs of *the* grace of life, not cutting off your prayers.

8 ¶ And, finally, *be* all like-minded, sympathetic, loving the brothers, tender-hearted, friendly,

9 not giving back evil for evil, or reviling against reviling; but, on the contrary, *give* blessing; knowing that you were called to this in order that you might inherit blessing.

10 “For the *one* desiring to love life, and to see good days, let him restrain his tongue from evil, even his lips not to speak deceit.

11 Let him turn aside from evil, and let him do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it;

12 because the eyes of *the* Lord *are* on the righteous *ones*, and His ears *open* to their prayer. But *the* face of *the* Lord *is* on all doing evil things.” *LXX-Psa. 33:13-17; MT-Psa. 34:12-16*

13 And who *is* the *one* harming you if you become imitators of the good?

14 But if you truly suffer because of righteousness, blessed *are* you. “But do not fear their fear, nor be disturbed,

15 but sanctify” the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to speak in defense to every *one* asking you a word about the hope in you, with meekness and fear, *Isa. 8:12, 13*

16 ¶ having a good conscience, that while they speak against you as evil doers, they may be shamed, the *ones* falsely accusing your good behavior in Christ.

17 For *it is* better, if the will of God wills *it*, to suffer *for* doing good than *for* doing evil.

18 ¶ Because even Christ once suffered concerning sins, the Just *One* on behalf of the unjust *ones*, that He might bring us to God; indeed being put to death in *the* flesh, but being made alive in the Spirit;

19 in which also, going in to the spirits in prison, He then proclaimed

20 to the *ones* disobeying, when once the long-suffering of God waited in *the* days of Noah, an ark being prepared, into which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

21 ¶ Which Antitype now also saves us; baptism, not a putting away of *the* filth of *the* flesh, but a demand of a good conscience toward God through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ;

22 who having gone into Heaven is at *the* right *hand* of God, *the* angels, and authorities, and powers being subjected to Him.

1 Peter 4

1 He exhorts them to cease from sin by the example of Christ, and the consideration of the general resurrection, and that it now approaches.

1 ¶ Therefore, Christ having suffered on behalf of us in *the* flesh, also you arm yourselves *with* the same thought, because he having suffered in *the* flesh has been made to rest from sin,

2 in order to *live* no longer in *the* lusts of men, but *to* live the remaining time in *the* flesh in *the* will of God.

3 For *the* time of life having passed is sufficient for us to have worked out the will of the nations, having gone on in wantonness, lusts, drunkennesses, revelries, carousings, and lawless idolatries;

4 ¶ in which they are surprised, you not running together with *them* into the same pouring out of unsavedness, blaspheming; 5 who will give account to Him having readily to judge *the* living and dead.

6 For to this *end* also the gospel was preached to *the* dead *ones*, that they might be judged according to men in *the* flesh, but might live according to God in *the* Spirit.

7 ¶ But the end of all *things* has drawn near. Therefore be of sound mind, and be self-controlled unto prayers;

8 but before all *things* having fervent love to yourselves, “because love will cover a multitude of sins”. *Prov. 10:12*

9 Be hospitable *ones* to one another without murmurings,

10 each *one* as he received a gift, ministering it to yourselves as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If anyone speaks, *let it be* as the words of God; if anyone serves, as by strength which God supplies, that in all *things* God may be glorified through Jesus Christ; to whom is the glory and the might to the ages of the ages. Amen.

12 ¶ Beloved *ones*, do not be astonished at the fiery trial taking place among you for a test, as if a strange *thing were* happening to you;

13 but according as you share the sufferings of Christ, rejoice; so that you may rejoice exultingly at the revelation of His glory.

14 If you are reviled in the name of Christ, *you are* blessed, because “the Spirit of God and of glory rests on you.” Truly, according to them, He is blasphemed; but according to you, He is glorified. *Isa. 11:2*

15 For do not let any of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or as a meddler in the affairs of others.

16 But if *one suffers* as a Christian, do not let him be shamed, but glorify God in this respect.

17 Because the time *has come* to begin the judgment from the house of God; and if firstly from us, what *will be* the end of the *ones* disobeying the gospel of God?

18 And “if the righteous *ones* is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and sinner appear?” *Proverbs 11:31*)

19 So as indeed the *ones* suffering according to God’s will, as to a faithful Creator, let them commit their souls in doing good.

1 Peter 5

1 He encourages the elders to feed their flocks, 5 the younger to obey, 8 and all to be sober, watchful, and constant in the faith.

1 ¶ I exhort the elders among you, *I being* a fellow-elder, and a witness of the suffer-

ings of Christ, and *being* sharer of the glory about to be revealed:

2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight, not by compulsion, but willingly, nor eagerly for base gain, but readily;

3 nor as exercising lordship over the allotment *given to you*, but becoming examples of the flock.

4 And *at* the appearing of the Chief Shepherd, you will receive the never-fading crown of glory.

5 ¶ Likewise, younger *ones* be subject to older *ones*; and all being subject to one another. gird on humility, because God sets *Himself* “against proud *ones*, but He gives grace to humble *ones*”. *Prov. 3:34*

6 Therefore, be humbled under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in time;

7 “casting all your anxiety onto Him,” because it matters to Him concerning you. *LXX-Psa. 54:23; MT-Psa. 55:22*

8 ¶ Be self-controlled. Be watchful, because your adversary *the* devil walks about as a roaring lion seeking someone he may devour;

9 whom firmly resist in the faith, knowing the same sufferings are being completed in your brotherhood in *the* world.

10 ¶ Now the God of all grace, the *One* having called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, *you* having suffered a little, *Himself* will perfect, confirm, strengthen, establish *you*.

11 To Him *be* the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

12 I wrote to you by a few *words* by way of Silvanus the faithful brother, as I reckon, exhorting and witnessing this to be *the* true grace of God, in which you stand.

13 Greet you the fellow-elected *sister assembly* in Babylon; also Mark my son.

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace *be* to you, all the *ones* in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Second Epistle of the Apostle **PETER**

2 Peter 1

1 Confirming them in hope of the increase of God's graces, 5 he encourages them, by faith and good works, to make their calling sure 16 and warns them to be constant in the faith of Christ.

1 ¶ Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to the *ones* equally precious with us, having obtained faith in *the* righteousness of our God and our Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you, and peace be multiplied by a full knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

3 As His divine power having given as a gift to us all things *pertaining* to life and godliness through the full knowledge of the *One* calling us through glory and virtue,

4 through which have been given as a gift to us the very great and precious promises, so that through these we might become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped from the corruption in *the* world by lust.

5 ¶ But also in this very thing having brought in all diligence, fully supply in your faith virtue, and with virtue knowledge,

6 and with the knowledge self-control, and with the self-control patience, and with the patience godliness,

7 and with the godliness brotherly love, and with brotherly love, love.

8 For these things being in you, and abounding, *they will* place you so as not to be idle, not unfruitful into the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For the one in whom these things are not present is blind, being shortsighted, receiving forgetfulness of the cleansing of his sins in time past.

10 Therefore, brothers, rather be diligent to make sure of your calling and election; for doing these things, you will not stumble into sin, not *ever*!

11 For so will be richly furnished to you

the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

12 ¶ Therefore I will not neglect to cause you to remember always concerning these *things*, though you know and have been confirmed in the present truth.

13 But I deem *it* right, so long as I am in this tabernacle, to arouse you by a reminder,

14 knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle is soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

15 And I will also be diligent to cause you always to have memory of these things after my departure.

16 ¶ For not following fables having been cleverly devised, but having become eye-witnesses of the majesty of that *One*, Jesus Christ, we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord.

17 For receiving honor and glory from God *the* Father such a voice being borne to Him from the Magnificent Glory, “This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I was well-pleased,” *Psa. 2:7; Gen. 22:2; Isa. 42:1; Matt. 17:5*

18 even we heard this voice being borne out of Heaven, being with Him in the holy mountain,

19 ¶ and we have the more established prophetic Word, in which you do well to pay attention, as to a lamp shining in a murky place, until day dawns and the light-bearing *One* rises in your hearts;

20 knowing this first, that every prophecy of Scripture did not come into being of *its* own interpretation;

21 for prophecy was not at any time borne by *the* will of man, but being borne along by *the* Holy Spirit, holy men of God spoke.

2 Peter 2

He foretells of false teachers, showing the impiety and punishment both of them and their followers.

1 ¶ But *there* also came to be false prophets among the people, as also among you will

be false teachers who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the *One* having bought them, the Master, bringing swift destruction on themselves.

2 And many will follow their destructive ways, through whom the way of truth will be evil spoken of.

3 ¶ And by covetousness, with feigned words, they will use you for gain, for whom judgment of old does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber.

4 For if God did not spare sinning angels, but giving *them* over to chains of darkness, thrust them down into Tartarus, having been kept to judgment;

5 and did not spare *the* ancient world, but protected Noah *the* eighth, a herald of righteousness, bringing a flood on a world of ungodly *ones*;

6 and covering the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with ashes, *He* condemned *them* with an overthrow, setting an example to men intending to live ungodly.

7 ¶ And He delivered righteous Lot, who had been oppressed by the behavior of lawless *ones* in unbridled lusts.

8 For that righteous *one* living among them day after day, in seeing and in hearing, *his* righteous soul *was* tormented with *their* lawless works.

9 *But the* Lord knows to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unjust for a day of judgment, being punished,

10 ¶ and most of all the *ones* going after flesh in *the* lust of defilement, and despising rulership, darers, self-pleasing; they do not tremble *at* glories, blaspheming;

11 where angels, being greater in strength and power, do not bring against them a blasphemous charge before *the* Lord.

12 But these as unreasoning natural beasts, having been born for capture and corruption, blaspheming in that *of* which they are ignorant, they shall utterly perish in their corruption,

13 receiving *the* wages of unrighteousness, deeming luxuriousness in the day *to be* pleasure; *they are* spots and blemishes, reveling *in* their deceptions, feasting together with you,

14 having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing from sin; alluring unstable

souls; having a heart being busied *with* covetousness; cursed children;

15 forsaking the straight way, they went astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved *the* wages of unrighteousness,

16 but had reproof of *his* own lawlessness, the voiceless ass speaking in a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These are springs without water, clouds being driven by tempest, for whom the blackness of darkness has been kept to *the* ages.

18 For speaking great swollen-over *words* of vanity, by *the* lusts of the flesh, by unbridled lusts, they allure the *ones* indeed escaping, the *ones* walking in error,

19 promising to them freedom, *though* themselves being slaves of corruption; for by whom anyone has been overcome, even to this *one* he has been enslaved.

20 For if by a recognition of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, having escaped the defilements of the world, and again being entangled *they* are overcome by these, *then* the last things of them have become worse *than* the first.

21 For it was better for them not to have fully known the way of righteousness than fully knowing *it* to turn from the holy commandment having been given over to them.

22 *But the* word of the true proverb has happened to them: "*The* dog turning back to *his* own vomit;" also, *the* sow being washed *returns* to a wallowing in mud. *Prov. 26:11*

2 Peter 3

1 He assures them of the certainty of Christ's coming for judgment, 8 warning the godly, for the long patience of God, to hasten their repentance.

1 ¶ Beloved *ones*, I now write to you this second epistle, in which I stir up your pure mind in a reminder

2 to remember the words having been spoken previously by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior by us, the apostles;

3 ¶ first, knowing this, that during *the* last days scoffers will come, going on according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For from which *time the* fathers fell asleep, all things remain so from *the* beginning of creation.

5 For this escapes their notice *by their* willing *it so*, that heavens were of old, and earth by water, and through water, subsisting by the Word of God,

6 through which the world which then was, being flooded by water, perished.

7 But the heavens and the earth now, being stored up by the same Word, are being kept for fire to a day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 ¶ But let not this one *thing* escape your notice, beloved *ones*, that one day with *the* Lord *is* “as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” *Psa. 90:4*

9 ¶ The Lord of the promise is not slow, as some deem slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not purposing any to perish, but all to turn one’s self to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in *the* night, in which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and being burning up *the* elements will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be burned up.

11 ¶ Therefore, all these *things* being *about* to be dissolved, *of* what sort ought you to be in holy behavior and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of God, through which *the* heavens being set on fire will be dissolved; and *the* elements being burned up?

13 But according to His promise, we look for “new heavens and a new earth,” in which righteousness dwells. *Isa. 65:17*

14 Therefore, beloved *ones*, looking for these things, be diligent, spotless, and without blemish, to be found in peace by Him.

15 And think of the long-suffering of our Lord *as* salvation, as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom having been given to him;

16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the unlearned and unstable pervert, as also *they do* the rest of the Scriptures, to *their* own destruction.

17 Therefore, beloved *ones*, you knowing beforehand, be on guard lest being led away by the error of the lawless *ones* you fall from *your* own firmness.

18 But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to *the* day of eternity. Amen.

The First Epistle of the Apostle

JOHN

1 John 1

He describes the person of Christ, in whom we have eternal life by a communion with God.

1 ¶ That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and *that which* our hands touched, as regards the Word of Life.

2 And the Life was revealed, and we have seen, and we bear witness, and we announce to you the everlasting Life which was with the Father, and was revealed to us.

3 We announce to you that which we have seen, and *that which* we have heard, that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

4 And we write these things to you, that your joy may be full.

5 ¶ And this is the message which we have heard from Him, and we announce to you: God is light, and no darkness is in Him, none!

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and we walk in darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of His Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

8 ¶ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous that He may forgive us the sins, and may cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

1 John 2

1 He comforts them against the sins of infirmity.

3 To know God is to keep his commandments.

1 ¶ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you do not sin. And if

anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ *the Righteous One*.

2 And *He Himself* is *the* propitiation concerning our sins, and not concerning ours only, but also concerning the whole world.

3 ¶ And by this we know that we have known Him, if we keep His commands.

4 The *one* saying, I have known Him, and not keeping His commands is a liar, and the truth is not in this one.

5 But whoever keeps His Word, truly in this one the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.

6 The *one* saying to abide in Him ought so to walk himself even as that *One* walked.

7 ¶ Brothers, I do not write a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from *the* beginning. The old commandment is the Word which you heard from *the* beginning.

8 Again I write a new commandment to you which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true Light already shines.

9 The *one* claiming to be in the light, and hating his brother, is in the darkness until now.

10 The *one* loving his brother rests in the light, and a cause of stumbling is not in him.

11 But the *one* hating his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness blinded his eyes.

12 ¶ Little children, I am writing to you because you have been forgiven *your* sins through His name.

13 Fathers, I am writing to you because you have known Him from *the* beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil *one*. I am writing to you, little children, because you have known the Father.

14 Fathers, I have written to you because you have known the *One* from *the* begin-

ning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil *one*.

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him,

16 because everything in the world: the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the *one* doing the will of God abides unto the age.

18 ¶ Little children, it is a last hour, and as you heard that the antichrist is coming to be, even now many antichrists have come to be, from which you know that it is a last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us. For if they were of us, they would have remained with us; but *they left* so that it might be revealed that they all are not of us.

20 ¶ And you have an anointing from the Holy *One*, and you know all things.

21 I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because every lie is not of the truth.

22 Who is the liar, if not the *one* denying, saying that Jesus is not the Christ? This is the antichrist, the *one* denying the Father and the Son.

23 Everyone denying the Son does not have the Father. The *one* confessing the Son also has the Father.

24 Therefore, what you heard from *the* beginning, let it abide in you. If what you heard from *the* beginning abides in you, you will abide both in the Son and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise which He promised us: everlasting life.

26 I have written these things to you concerning the *ones* leading you astray.

27 And the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you, but the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and as He taught you, abide in Him.

28 ¶ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears we may have confidence, and not be shamed from Him in His coming.

29 If you know that He is righteous, know that every *one* doing righteousness has been generated from Him.

1 John 3

He declares the singular love of God towards us.

1 ¶ See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called children of God. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved *ones*, now we are the children of God, and it was not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is made visible *to us*, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

3 And every *one* having this hope upon Him purifies himself even as that One is pure.

4 ¶ Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

5 And you know that that One was revealed that He might take away our sins, and sin is not in Him.

6 Everyone remaining in Him does not sin. Everyone sinning has not seen Him, nor known Him.

7 Little children, let no one lead you astray; the *one* practicing righteousness is righteous, even as that One is righteous.

8 The *one* practicing sin is of the devil, because the devil sins from *the* beginning. For this the Son of God was made known, that He might undo the works of the devil.

9 Everyone having been regenerated of God does not sin, because His seed abides in him, and he is not able to sin, because he has been generated from God.

10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are made known: Everyone not practicing righteousness is not of God; also the *one* not loving his brother.

11 ¶ Because this is the message which you heard from *the* beginning, that we should love one another,

12 not as Cain was, of the evil *one*, and slaughtered his brother. And for the sake of what did he slaughter him? Because his works were evil, but the things of his brother *were* righteous.

13 Do not marvel, my brothers, if the world hates you.

14 ¶ We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brothers. The *one* not loving the brother abides in death.

15 Everyone hating the brother is a murderer, and you know that every murderer does not have everlasting life abiding in him.

16 By this we have known the love of God, because that One laid down His life for us; and on behalf of the brothers we ought to lay down *our* lives.

17 Whoever has the means of life of the world, and sees his brother having need, and shuts up his bowels from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

19 And in this we shall know that we are of the truth, and shall persuade our hearts before Him,

20 ¶ that if our heart condemns us, *we know* that God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

21 Beloved *ones*, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence with God.

22 And whatever we ask, we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments, and we do the things pleasing before Him.

23 ¶ And this is His commandment, that we should believe *into* the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as He gave command to us.

24 And the *one* keeping His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He gave to us.

1 John 4

He warns them not to believe all teachers, who boast of the Spirit, but to try them.

1 ¶ Beloved *ones*, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh is from God.

3 And every spirit which does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh is

not from God; and this is the antichrist which you heard is coming, and now is already in the world.

4 ¶ Little children, you are of God and have overcome them, because the *One* in you is greater than the *one* in the world.

5 They are of the world; because of this, *as* from the world they speak, and the world hears them.

6 We are of God; the *one* knowing God hears us; *he* who is not of God does not hear us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 ¶ Beloved *ones*, let us love one another, because love is from God, and every *one* who loves has been generated from God, and knows God.

8 The *one* not loving did not know God, because God is love.

9 By this the love of God was revealed in us, because His Son, the Only begotten, God, has sent into the world that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son *to be* a propitiation concerning our sins.

11 Beloved *ones*, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one ever has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love being perfected is in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because of His Spirit He has given to us.

14 ¶ And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and the one abiding in love abides in God, and God in him.

17 ¶ By this, love has been perfected with us, that we have confidence in the day of judgment, that as He is, we are also in this world.

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment; and the *one* fearing has not been perfected in love.

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

20 If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For the *one* not loving his brother whom he has seen, how is he able to love God whom he has not seen?

21 And we have this commandment from Him, that the *one* who loves God also loves his brother.

1 John 5

He that loves God loves his children, and keeps his commandments.

1 ¶ Every *one* believing that Jesus is the Christ has been generated from God. And everyone loving the *One* generating also loves the *one* having been generated of Him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God: whenever we love God and keep His commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not heavy.

4 Because everything having been generated of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory overcoming the world, our faith.

5 Who is the *one* overcoming the world if not the *one* who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 ¶ This is the *One* having come through water and blood, Jesus Christ; not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the *One* witnessing, because the Spirit is the truth.

7 For three are the *ones* bearing witness: *in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.*

8 *And there are three who bear witness on the earth: The Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and the three are into the one.*

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; because this is the witness of God which He has witnessed about His Son:

10 ¶ The *one* believing into the Son of God has the witness in himself. The *one*

not believing God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed into the witness which God has witnessed concerning His Son.

11 And this is the witness:, that God has given us everlasting life, and this life is in His Son.

12 The *one* having the Son has life. The *one* not having the Son of God does not have life.

13 I have written these things to you, the *ones* believing into the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have everlasting life, and that you may believe into the name of the Son of God.

14 ¶ And this is the confidence we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have requested from Him.

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask; and He shall give life to the *one* not sinning unto death. There is a sin unto death. I do not say that he should ask about that.

17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death.

18 ¶ We know that every *one* having been generated from God does not sin, but the *one* being generated from God keeps himself, and the evil *one* does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and *He* has given to us an understanding that we may know the True *One*, and we are in the True *One*, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and the life everlasting.

21 Little children, guard yourselves from idles. Amen.

The Second Epistle of the Apostle
JOHN

2 John 1

He encourages a certain honorable matron, with her children, to persevere in Christian love and belief.

1 ¶ The elder to *the* elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all the *ones* who have known the truth,

2 because of the truth abiding among us, and will be with us to the age.

3 Grace, mercy, peace will be with you from God *the* Father and from *the* Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly because I found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

5 ¶ And I now request you, lady, not writing as a new commandment, but *one* which we had from *the* beginning, that we should love one another.

6 And this is love, that we should walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from *the* beginning, that you should walk in it.

7 ¶ Because many deceivers entered into the world, those not confessing Jesus Christ to have come in *the* flesh, this is the deceiver and the antichrist.

8 Watch yourselves, that we may not lose the things we worked out, but that we may receive a full reward.

9 Everyone transgressing and not abiding in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. The *one* abiding in the doctrine of Christ, this one has the Father and the Son.

10 ¶ If anyone comes to you and does not bear this doctrine, do not receive him into the house, and do not speak a greeting to him.

11 For the *one* speaking a greeting shares in his evil works.

12 ¶ Having many things to write to you, I do not intend *to speak* by means of paper and ink, but I am hoping to come to you, and to speak mouth to mouth, that our joy may be full.

13 The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

The Third Epistle of the Apostle
JOHN

3 John 1

1 He commends Gaius for his piety, 5 and hospitality 7 to true preachers, 12 and gives special testimony to the good report of Demetrius.

1 ¶ The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.

2 Beloved *one*, in regard to all things, I pray *for* you to prosper and to be in health, even as your soul prospers.

3 ¶ For I rejoiced greatly *at the* coming of *the* brothers, also bearing witness of you in the truth, as you walk in truth.

4 I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear my children are walking in truth.

5 Beloved *one*, you do a faithful *thing* whatever you work for the brothers and for the strangers,

6 who in love bore witness of you before *the* assembly, whom you will do well to send forward worthily of God.

7 For on behalf of His name they went out, taking nothing from the nations.

8 Therefore, we ought to entertain such *men*, that we may become co-workers with the truth.

9 ¶ I wrote to the assembly, but the *one* loving to be first of them, Diotrephes, does not receive us.

10 Because of this, if I come, I will recall his works which he does, slandering us with evil words. And not being satisfied *with* these, neither does he receive the brothers; and the *ones* purposing *it* he stops, and thrusts *them* out from the assembly.

11 Beloved *one*, do not imitate the bad, but the good. The *one* doing good is of God; but the *one* doing evil has not seen God.

12 ¶ Witness has been borne to Demetrius by all, and by the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our witness is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I do not desire to write by means of pen and ink.

14 But I am hoping to see you at once, and we will speak mouth to mouth. Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

The Epistle of the Apostle
JUDE

Jude 1

He encourages them to be constant in the profession of the faith.

1 ¶ Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to the *ones* called in God the Father, having been sanctified, and having been kept to Jesus Christ:

2 Mercy and peace, and love be multiplied to you.

3 ¶ Beloved *ones*, making all diligence to write to you about the common salvation, I had need to write to you to exhort *you* to contend earnestly for the faith once given over to the saints.

4 For certain men slipped in stealthily, the *ones* having been of old written before to this judgment, ungodly *ones* perverting the grace of our God into unbridled lust, and denying the only Master, God, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 But I purpose to remind you, you once knowing these things, that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, in the second place destroyed the *ones* not believing.

6 And the *ones of the angels* not having kept their first place, but having left behind their dwelling place, He has kept in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of *the great Day*;

7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and those cities around them, in like manner to these, committing fornication, and having gone after other flesh, are set forth an example, undergoing vengeance of everlasting fire.

8 ¶ Likewise, indeed, also these dreaming *ones* even defile flesh, and reject lordship, and blaspheme glories.

9 But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, he argued about the body of Moses; he dared not bring a judgment of blasphemy, but said, "Let the Lord rebuke you!" *Zech. 3:2*

10 But as many *things* as they do not know, they speak evil of these. And what things they understand naturally, like the animals without reason, they are corrupted by these.

11 Woe to them, because they went the way of Cain, and gave themselves up to the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the rebellion of Korah!

12 These are sunken rocks in your love feasts, feasting together with you, feeding themselves without fear, waterless clouds being carried about by winds, fruitless autumn trees, having died twice, having been plucked up by the roots;

13 wild waves of the sea foaming up their shames, wandering stars for whom blackness of darkness has been kept to the age.

14 And "the seventh from Adam," Enoch, also prophesied to these men, saying, Behold, "the Lord came with" myriads "of His saints,"

15 ¶ "to do judgment against all, and to rebuke all" the ungodly of them concerning all their ungodly works which they ungodly did, "and concerning all the hard *things* ungodly sinners spoke against Him."

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking according to their lusts, and their mouth speaks over swollen *words*, admiring faces for the sake of gain.

17 But you, beloved *ones*, remember the words spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 because they told you that at *the last time* there will be mockers going after ungodlinesses according to their lusts.

19 These are the *ones* setting themselves apart, animal-like ones, not having the Spirit.

20 But you, beloved *ones*, building yourselves up by your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, eagerly awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to everlasting life.

22 And have mercy on some, making a distinction. | fore His glory without blemish, with exultation;

23 But save others with fear, snatching *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment having been stained from the flesh. | 25 to the only wise God, our Savior, *be* glory and majesty, might and authority, even now and forever. Amen.

24 Now to Him being able to keep you without stumbling, and to set you be-

The REVELATION

of Jesus Christ

Revelation 1

4 John writes his revelation to the seven assemblies of Asia. 7 The coming of Christ.

1 ¶ A Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him to show to His slaves things which must occur quickly. And He signified by sending through His angel to His slave, John,

2 who testified of the Word of God and the witness of Jesus Christ, even as many things as he saw.

3 ¶ Blessed is the *one* reading, and the *ones* hearing the words of this prophecy, and keeping the things having been written; for the time is near.

4 John to the seven assemblies in Asia: Grace to you, and peace, from the *One* being, and the *One who* was, and the *One* coming, and from the seven spirits which are before His throne;

5 even from Jesus Christ the faithful Witness, the First-begotten out of the dead *ones*, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To the *One* loving us and having washed us from our sins by His blood,

6 and made us kings and priests to God, even His Father. To Him is the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

7 “Behold, He comes with the clouds,” and “every eye will see Him, and those who pierced” Him, and all the tribes of the earth “will wail on account of Him.” Yes, Amen. *Dan. 7:13; Zech. 12:10*

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*, says the Lord, the *One* being, and the *One who* was, and the *One* coming, the Almighty.

9 ¶ I, even your brother John, and co-sharer in the affliction, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, came to be in the island being called Patmos on account of the Word of God, and for the witness of Jesus Christ.

10 I came to be in *the* Spirit on *the* day belonging to the Lord, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last; also, What you see, write in a book, and send to the seven assemblies of Asia: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice which spoke with me.

13 And having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, and in *the* midst of the seven lampstands *One* like *the* Son of Man, having been clothed to *the* feet, and having been girded with a golden girdle at the breasts.

14 And the hairs of His head *were* white as white wool, as snow, and His eyes as a flame of fire;

15 and His feet like burnished brass having been fired in a furnace; and His voice as a sound of many waters;

16 and having in His right hand seven stars; and a sharp, two-edged sword proceeding out of His mouth, and His face shining as the sun in its power.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet, as dead. And He put His right hand on me, saying to me, Do not fear. I am the First and the Last,

18 and the *One* Living; and I became dead; and, behold, I am living to the ages of the ages. Amen. And I have the keys to hell, and of death.

19 Write the things which you saw, and the things which are, and the things which are about to occur after these things.

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on My right, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are angels of the seven assemblies, and the seven lampstands you saw are seven assemblies.

Revelation 2

What is commanded to be written to the angels, that is, the ministers of the assemblies.

1 ¶ To the angel of the Ephesian assembly, write: These things says the *One* holding the seven stars in His right *hand*, the *One* walking in *the* midst of the seven golden lampstands:

2 I know your works, and your labor, and your patience, and that you cannot bear evil *ones*; and *you* tried the *ones* pretending to be apostles and are not, and found them *to be* liars.

3 And *I know you* bore up and have patience and on account of My name you have labored and have not wearied.

4 But I have against you that you left your first love.

5 Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works. And if not, I am coming to you quickly, and will remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

6 But you have this, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 The *one* having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To the *one* overcoming, I will give to him to eat of the Tree of Life which is in *the* midst of the Paradise of God.

8 ¶ And to the angel of the assembly in Smyrna, write: These things says the First and the Last, who became a dead *one*, and lived:

9 I know your works, and the affliction, and the poverty; but you are rich. And *I know* the blasphemy of the *ones* saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear nothing *of* what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw *some* from you into prison, so that you may be tried; and you will have affliction ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11 The *one* having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. The *one* overcoming will not be hurt by the second death, not *ever!*

12 ¶ And to the angel of the assembly in Pergamos, write: These things says the *One* having the sharp, two-edged sword:

13 I know your works, and where you dwell, where the throne of Satan *is*. And you hold My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful witness; who was killed alongside you, where Satan dwells.

14 But I have a few *things* against you, that you have there *some* holding the teachings of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat idol sacrifices, and to commit fornication.

15 So you also have *some* holding the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

16 Repent! But if not, I will come to you quickly, and I will make war with them by the sword of My mouth.

17 The *one* having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To the *one* overcoming, I will give him to eat from the hidden manna. And I will give to him a white pebble, and on the pebble a new name having been written, which no one knows if not the *one* receiving *it*.

18 ¶ And to the angel of the assembly in Thyatira, write: These things says the Son of God, the *One* having His eyes as a flame of fire, and His feet like burnished brass.

19 I know your works, and the love, and the ministry, and the faith, and your patience, and your works; and the last more than the first.

20 But I have a few things against you, that you allow the woman Jezebel to teach, the *one* saying herself *to be* a prophetess, and to cause My slaves to go astray, and to commit fornication, and to eat idol sacrifices.

21 And I gave time to her that she might repent of her fornication. And she did not repent.

22 Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and into great affliction the *ones* committing adultery with her, unless they repent of their works.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the assemblies will know that I am the *One* searching the kidneys and hearts. And I will give to you, each *one*, according to your works.

24 But I say to you and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, and who did not know the deep

things of Satan, as they say; I am not casting another burden on you;

25 but what you have, hold until I shall come.

26 And the *one* overcoming, and the *one* keeping My works until *the* end, "I will give to him authority over the nations,"

27 and "he will shepherd them with an iron staff" (they are "broken to pieces like clay vessels"), as I also have received from My Father. *Psa. 2:8, 9*

28 And I will give to him the Morning Star.

29 The *one* having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

Revelation 3

2 *The angel of the assembly in Sardis is reproved,*

3 *and encouraged to repent. 8 The angel of the assembly in Philadelphia is approved.*

1 ¶ And to the angel of the assembly in Sardis, write: These things says the *One* having the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have the name that you live, and are a lifeless assembly.

2 Be watching, and establish the things remaining which are about to die. For I have not found your works being fulfilled before God.

3 Therefore, remember how you received and heard, and keep, and repent. If, therefore, you do not watch, I will come upon you like a thief and you will not know what hour I come upon you, not *at all*.

4 You also have a few names in Sardis which did not defile their garments, and they shall walk with Me in white because they are worthy.

5 The *one* overcoming, this one shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the Book of Life, not *ever!* And I will acknowledge his name before My Father, and before His angels.

6 The *one* having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

7 ¶ And to the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia, write: These things says the Holy *One*, the True *One*, the *One* having "the key of David", "the *One* opening, and no one shuts; and shuts, and no one opens": *Isa. 22:22*

8 I know your works. Behold, I have given a door being opened before you, and no one is able to shut it, for you have a little power and have kept My Word, and have not denied My name.

9 Behold, I give out of the synagogue of Satan the *ones* saying themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but they lie. Behold, I will make them come and prostrate themselves before your feet, and they shall know that I loved you.

10 Because you kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial, the *one* being about to come on the whole inhabited earth in order to try the *ones* dwelling on the earth.

11 Behold, I am coming quickly. Hold what you have that no one take your crown.

12 The *one* overcoming, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall not go out any more, not *ever!* And I will write the name of My God on him, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem which comes down out of Heaven from My God, and My new name.

13 The *one* having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

14 ¶ And to the angel of *the* assembly in Laodicean, write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot.

16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth.

17 Because you say, I am a rich *one*, and I am made wealthy, and I have need of nothing, and do not know that you are the wretched *one* and miserable *one* and poor *one* and the blind *one* and the naked *one*.

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold having been fired by fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, and your shame and nakedness may not appear. And anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 I, as many "as I love, I rebuke and I chasten." Be zealous, then, and repent. *Prov. 3:12*

20 Behold, I stand at the door and am knocking. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will enter to him, and I will dine with him, and he with Me.

21 The *one* overcoming, I will give to him to sit with Me in My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father in His throne.

22 The *one* having an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

Revelation 4

John sees the throne of God in Heaven.

1 ¶ After these things I saw. And behold, a door being opened in Heaven! And I heard the first voice as a trumpet speaking with me, saying, Come up here, and I will show you what needs to happen after these things.

2 And at once I became in spirit. And, behold, a throne was set in Heaven, and *One* sitting on the throne.

3 And the *One* sitting was in appearance like a jasper stone, and a sardius; and a rainbow was around the throne, in appearance of emeralds.

4 And around the throne I saw twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty four elders sitting, having been clothed in white garments. And they had golden crowns on their heads.

5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and thunders and voices. And seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

6 and a glassy sea before the throne, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures, full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first living creature was like a lion; and the second living creature like a calf; and the third living creature having a face like a man; and the fourth living creature like an eagle flying.

8 ¶ And the four living creatures one by one had six wings around, and within being full of eyes. And they have no rest day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," the *One who* was, and the *One* being, and the *One* coming! *Isa. 6:3*

9 And whenever the living creatures shall give glory and honor and thanks to the *One*

sitting on the throne, to the *One* living to the ages of the ages,

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before the *One* sitting on the throne; and they will worship the *One* living unto the ages of the ages, and will throw their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Lord, You are worthy to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because You created all things, and through You will they exist and were created.

Revelation 5

1 The book sealed with seven seals: 9 which only the Lamb that was slain is worthy to open.

1 ¶ And I saw on the right of the *One* sitting on the throne a scroll having been written within and on the back, having been sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice: Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to loosen its seals?

3 And no one in Heaven was able to open the scroll nor to look at it, neither on the earth, nor underneath the earth.

4 And I wept much, because no one worthy was found to open and to read the scroll, nor to look at it.

5 And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep. Behold, the Lion being of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, overcame *so as* to open the scroll, and to loose its seven seals.

6 ¶ And I saw, and behold, in the midst of the throne, and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, was a Lamb standing, as having been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, having been sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came and has taken the scroll out of the right hand of the *One* sitting on the throne.

8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each *one* having harps, and golden bowls full of incenses, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy are You to receive the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slaughtered, and by Your

blood purchased us to God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

10 and made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign over the earth.

11 And I saw, and I heard a sound of many angels around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders, and their number was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb having been slaughtered to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in Heaven, and in the earth, and underneath the earth, and the things that are on the sea, and the things in all of them, I heard saying: To the *One* sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might unto the ages of the ages.

14 And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the *One* living to the ages of *the* ages.

Revelation 6

The opening of the seals in order.

1 ¶ And I saw that the Lamb opened one of the seals. And I heard one of the four living creatures, like a sound of thunder, saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse! And the *One* sitting on it had a bow. And a crown was given to him, and He went out conquering, and that He might conquer.

3 ¶ And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come and see.

4 And another horse went out, red, the color of fire. And it was given to the *one* sitting on it to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another. And a great sword was given to him.

5 And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and the *one* sitting on it having a balance in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in *the* midst of the four living creatures saying, A choenix of wheat *for* a denarius, and three choenixes

of barley *for* a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.

7 And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard a voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come and see.

8 And I saw, and behold, a pale green horse, and the name of the *one* sitting on it, the name to him *was* Death; and Hades followed after him. And authority was given to them to kill over the fourth of the earth with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 ¶ And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of the *ones* having been slaughtered for the Word of God, and for the witness which they had.

10 And they cried with a great voice, saying, Until when, holy and true Master, do You not judge and take vengeance *for* our blood, from the *ones* dwelling on the earth?

11 And there was given to each *one* a white robe. And it was said to them that they should rest yet a little time, until might be fulfilled also *the number* of their fellow-slaves and their brothers, the *ones* being about to be killed, even as they.

12 And I saw when He opened the sixth seal. And behold, a great earthquake occurred. And the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair; and the moon became as blood;

13 and the stars of the heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree being shaken by a great wind casts its unripe figs.

14 And *the* heaven was torn away like a scroll being rolled up. And every mountain and island were torn away out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the magnates, and the rich *ones*, and the chiliarchs, and the powerful *ones*, and every slave, and every free *man* hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains.

16 And “they said to the mountains” and to the rocks, “Fall on us,” and hide us from *the* face of the *One* sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, *Hos. 10:8*

17 because the great day of His wrath has come; and who is able to stand?

Revelation 7

3 An angel seals the servants of God in their foreheads. 4 The number of them that were sealed.

1 ¶ And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on every tree.

2 And I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun, having a seal of the living God. And he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to them to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, Do not harm the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, until we seal the slaves of our God on their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of the *one* having been sealed: one hundred forty four thousands, the *ones* having been sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 Out of the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand having been sealed.

6 Out of the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Manasseh, twelve thousand having been sealed.

7 Out of the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand having been sealed.

8 Out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand having been sealed. Out of the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand having been sealed.

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a large multitude which no one was able to number them, out of every nation, even tribes and peoples and languages, standing in front of the throne, and before the Lamb, having been clothed with white robes, and in their hands palm branches.

10 And they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation to our God, the *One* sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb.

11 And all the angels and of the elders and of the four living creatures stood around the throne. And they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, 12 saying, Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength to our God to the ages of the ages. Amen.

13 ¶ And one of the elders answered, saying to me, These, the *ones* having been clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where did they come?

14 And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are the *ones* coming out of the great tribulation; and they washed their robes and whitened them in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Because of this they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And the *One* sitting on the throne tabernacled over them.

16 And they will not hunger still, nor will they thirst still, nor the sun shall not fall on them, nor any *kind of* heat, not *ever!*

17 Because the Lamb in the midst of the throne will shepherd them, and will lead them on *the* living springs of waters; and God will wipe off every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 8

1 At the opening of the seventh seal, 2 seven angels seven trumpets are given them. 6 Four of them sound their trumpets, and plagues follow.

1 ¶ And when He opened the seventh seal, a silence occurred in Heaven, about a half hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels who stood before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

3 And another angel came and stood on the altar, having a golden censer. And many incenses were given to him, that he give them with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incenses went up with the prayers of the saints out of the hand of the angel before God.

5 And the angel has taken the censer, and has filled it from the fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth; and voices and thunders and lightnings and earthquakes occurred.

6 And the seven angels, the *ones* having the seven trumpets, prepared themselves, that they might sound the trumpets.

7 ¶ And the first angel sounded *his* trumpet. And hail and fire mixed with blood occurred. And it was cast onto the earth; and the third *part* of the trees was burned down; and all green grass was burned down.

8 And the second angel sounded *his* trumpet. And as, *it were*, a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea. And the third *part* of the sea became blood;

9 and the third *part* of the creatures, the *ones* having souls, died in the sea; and the third *part* of the ships was destroyed.

10 And the third angel trumpeted. And a great burning star, like a lamp, fell out of the heaven. And it fell onto the third *part* of the rivers, and onto the springs of waters.

11 And the name of the star is said to be Wormwood. And the third *part* of the waters became changed into wormwood. And many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded *his* trumpet. And the third *part* of the sun, and the third *part* of the moon, and the third *part* of the stars, was struck, that the third *part* of them might be darkened, and the third *part* of the day might not appear; and likewise the night.

13 And I saw, and I heard one angel flying in mid-heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe! Woe! Woe to those dwelling on the earth, from the remaining voices of the trumpet of the three angels being about to trumpet!

Revelation 9

The sounding of the fifth angel.

1 ¶ And the fifth angel sounded *his* trumpet. And I saw a star out of the heaven falling onto the earth. And the key to the pit of the abyss was given to it.

2 And he opened the pit of the abyss. And smoke went up out of the pit, like smoke of a great furnace. And the sun was darkened, and the air, by the smoke of the pit.

3 And out of the smoke locusts came forth to the earth. And authority was given to

them, as the scorpions of the earth have authority.

4 And it was said to them that they should not harm the grass of the earth, nor every green thing, nor every tree, if not only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

5 And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they be tormented five months. And their torment *is* as the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

6 And in those days men will seek death, and they will not find it. And they will long to die, yet death will flee from them.

7 And the likenesses of the locusts *were* like horses having been prepared for war; and on their heads as crowns, like gold; and their faces like the faces of men.

8 And they had hairs like the hairs of women; and their teeth were like those of lions.

9 And they had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings *was* like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

10 And they have tails like scorpions, and their stings were in their tails; and their authority *is* to harm men five months.

11 And they have a king over them, the angel of the abyss. In Hebrew his name *was* Abaddon, and in Greek he *has* the name Apollyon.

12 The first woe has gone away; behold, after these things come two woes.

13 ¶ And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet. And I heard one voice out of the four horns of the golden altar before God,

14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Loose the four angels, the *ones* having been bound at the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four angels were loosed, the *ones* having been prepared for the hour and day and month and year that they should kill the third *part* of men.

16 And the number of the armies of the horse *was* two myriads of myriads; and I heard their number.

17 And so I saw in the vision the horses, and the *ones* sitting on them, having fiery red breastplates, and hyacinth *blue* and sulfur-like *yellow*; and the heads of the horses as heads of lions; and out of their mouths come fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three were killed the third *part* of men, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone coming out of their mouths.

19 For their authority is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails *are* like snakes, having heads, and they do harm with them.

20 And the rest of men, the *ones who were* not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they will not worship demons, and “golden idols, and silver, and bronze, and stone, and wooden idols, which neither are able to see, nor to hear,” nor to walk. *Dan. 5:23; Psa. 115:47 135:15-17*

21 And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornications, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 10

1 A strong angel appears with a book in his hand.

9 John is commanded to take and eat the book.

1 ¶ And I saw another strong angel coming down out of the heaven, having been clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow on the head; and his face as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

2 And he had in his hand a little scroll having been opened. And he placed his right foot on the sea, and *the left one* on the land, 3 and cried with a great voice, as a lion roars. And when he cried, the seven thunders spoke their sounds.

4 And when the seven thunders spoke their sounds, I was about to write. And I heard a voice out of Heaven saying to me, Seal the things which the seven thunders spoke, and do not write these things.

5 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted his hand to Heaven,

6 and swore by the *One* living to the ages of the ages, “who created the heaven” and the things in it, “and the earth” and the things in it, “and the sea and the things in it,” that time shall no longer be; *Ex. 20:11*

7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, whenever he is about to sound *his* trumpet, was even ended the mystery of God, as He preached to His slaves, the prophets.

8 ¶ And the voice which I heard out of the Heaven was again speaking to me, and say-

ing, Go, take the little scroll having been opened in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land.

9 And I went away toward the angel, saying to him, Give the little scroll to me. And he said to me, Take and eat it up, and it will make your belly bitter, but it will be sweet as honey in your mouth.

10 And I took the little scroll out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up. And it was sweet like honey in my mouth; and when I ate it, my belly was made bitter.

11 And he said to me, You must again prophesy before peoples and nations and languages and many kings.

Revelation 11

3 The two witnesses prophesy. 15 The seventh trumpet sounds.

1 ¶ And a reed like a staff was given to me, and the angel stood, saying, Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar, and the *ones* worshiping in it.

2 And cast aside the outside court of the temple, and do not measure it. For it was given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city forty-two months.

3 ¶ And I will give to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days, having been clothed *in* sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two lampstands, standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if anyone desires to harm them, fire comes out of their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone desires to harm them, thus it is necessary for him to be killed.

6 These have the authority to shut up the heaven, that no rain may rain in the days of the prophecy. And they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they will.

7 And when they complete their witness, the beast coming up out of the abyss will make war with them, and will overcome them, and will kill them.

8 And their bodies *will be* on the street of the great city, which spiritually is called

Sodom, and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And *some* from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will see their *dead* bodies three days and a half; and they do not allow their *dead* corpses to be put in tombs.

10 And the *ones* living on the earth will rejoice over them, and will make merry. And they will send one another gifts, because these two prophets tormented the *ones* living on the earth.

11 And after three days and a half, a spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet. And great fear fell on the *ones* beholding them.

12 And they heard a great voice out of Heaven saying to them, Come up here. And they went up into the heaven in the cloud. And their enemies saw them.

13 And in that hour a great earthquake occurred, and the tenth *part* of the city fell. And there were killed in the earthquake seven thousand names of men. And the rest became terrified, and gave glory to the God of Heaven.

14 ¶ The second woe passed away. And, behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet. And there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of the world became our Lord's, even of His Christ; and He shall reign to the ages of the ages.

16 And the twenty-four elders, the ones before God sitting on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying, We thank You, Lord God Almighty, the *One* being, and the *One who* was, and the *One* coming, because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 And the nations were full of wrath; and Your wrath came, and the time of the the *dead ones* to be judged, and to give the reward to Your slaves, to the prophets, and to the saints, and to the *ones* fearing Your name, to the small and to the great, and to consume the *ones* consuming the earth.

19 And the temple of God in Heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple, and lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and a great hail occurred.

Revelation 12

Of the woman clothed with the sun.

1 ¶ And a great sign was seen in the heavens, a woman having been clothed with the sun, and the moon was underneath her feet; and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

2 and having *a babe* in womb. She cries out, being in travail, and being in great pain to give birth.

3 And another sign was seen in the heavens. And, behold, a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns! And on his heads were seven diadems,

4 and his tail drew the third *part* of the stars of the heaven, and he throws them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman being about to bear, so that when she bears he might devour her child.

5 And she bore a son, a male, who is going to shepherd all the nations with an iron staff. And her child was caught up to God, and *to* His throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place, it having been prepared from God, that there they might nourish her a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 And war occurred in Heaven, Michael and His angels making war against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels made war,

8 but they did not have strength, nor still was place found for them still in Heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, the old serpent, the *one* being called the devil, even Satan; the *one* leading astray the whole inhabited earth, was cast into the earth, and his angels were cast *down* with him.

10 And I heard a great voice saying in Heaven, Now has come the salvation and power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ, because the accuser of our brothers is thrown down, the *one* accusing them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the Word of their testimony. And they did not love their soul even unto death.

12 ¶ Because of this, be glad, the heavens and the *ones* tabernacling in them. Woe to the *ones* dwelling on the earth, and in the

sea, because *the devil* came down to you having great anger, knowing that he has a little time!

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast out onto the earth, he pursued the woman who bore the male.

14 And two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness, to her place, where she is nourished there a time, and times, and half a time, away from the serpent's face.

15 And the serpent threw water out of his mouth like a river after the woman, that he might cause her *to be* swept away by the river.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon threw out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, the *ones* keeping the commandments of God, and having the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 13

A beast rises out of the sea with seven heads and ten horns, to whom the dragon gives his power.

1 ¶ And I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten diadems, and on its heads names of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and its feet as of a bear, and its mouth as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave its power to it, and its throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of its heads, as having been slaughtered to death, and its deadly wound was healed. And all the earth wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who *is* like the beast; who is able to make war with it?

5 And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to it. And authority to act forty-two months was given to it.

6 And it opened its mouth in blasphemy toward God, to blaspheme His name and

His tabernacle, and the *ones* tabernacling in Heaven.

7 And it was given to it "to war with the saints, and to overcome them." And authority was given to it over every tribe and language and nation. *Dan. 7:21*

8 And all the *ones* dwelling in the earth will worship it, the *ones* of whom the names had not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb having been slaughtered from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 If anyone gathers captivity, into captivity he goes away. If anyone will kill by a sword, by a sword he must be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 ¶ And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. And it had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon.

12 And it executes all the authority of the first beast before it. And it causes that the earth and the *ones* dwelling in it that they should worship the first beast, of which was healed its deadly wound.

13 And it does great signs, that it even causes fire to come down out of the heaven onto the earth before men.

14 And it leads astray the *ones* dwelling on the earth, because of the signs which were given to it to do before the beast, saying to the *ones* dwelling on the earth to make an image to the beast who has the wound of the sword, and lived.

15 And it was given to it to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak, and might cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And it makes all *people*, the small *ones* and the great *ones*, and the rich *ones* and the poor *ones*, and the *freemen* and the slaves, that it may give to all of them a mark on their right hand, or on their foreheads,

17 even that not any could buy or sell, except the *one* having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of its name.

18 Here is wisdom: Let the *one* having reason count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man and its number *is* six hundred *and* sixty-six.

Revelation 14

1 *The Lamb standing on mount Zion with his company.* 8 *The fall of Babylon.*

1 ¶ And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion! And with Him were a hundred *and* forty-four thousands, with the name of His Father having been written on their foreheads.

2 And I heard a sound out of Heaven, as a sound of many waters, and as a sound of great thunder. Also I heard a sound of harpers harping on their harps.

3 And they sing as a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders. And no one was able to learn the song if not the hundred *and* forty-four thousands, the *ones* being redeemed from the earth.

4 These are the *ones* who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the *ones* following the Lamb wherever He may go. These were redeemed from among men as *a* firstfruit to God and to the Lamb.

5 And no guile was found in their mouth, for they are without blemish before the throne of God.

6 ¶ And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an everlasting gospel to proclaim to the *ones* dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and language and people,

7 saying in a great voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come; also, Worship the *One* “who has made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea,” and the springs of waters. *Ex. 20:11*

8 And another angel followed, saying, The great city, Babylon, has fallen, has fallen because of the wine of the anger of her fornication she made all nations to drink.

9 And a third angel followed them, saying in a great voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or in his hand,

10 he also shall drink of the wine of the anger of God having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath. And he will be tormented by fire and brimstone before the holy angels and before the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. And the *ones* worshipping the beast and its image have no rest night and day, even if anyone receives the mark of its name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* the *ones* keeping the commands of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 ¶ And I heard a voice out of Heaven saying to me, Write: Blessed *are* the dead *ones*, the *ones* dying in the Lord from now. Yes, says the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works follow with them.

14 And I saw; and behold, a white cloud and on the cloud *One* sitting like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel went forth out of the temple, crying in a great voice to the *One* sitting on the cloud, Send Your sickle and reap, because Your hour to reap came, because the harvest of the earth was dried.

16 And the *One* sitting on the cloud thrust His sickle onto the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel went forth out of the temple in Heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel went forth from the altar having authority over the fire. And he spoke with a great cry to the *one* having the sharp sickle, saying, Send your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because its grapes are ripened.

19 And the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw into the winepress of the great anger of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood went out of the winepress as far as the bridles of the horses, from a thousand six hundred stadia.

Revelation 15

The seven angels with the seven last plagues.

1 ¶ And I saw another sign in Heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the last seven plagues, because the anger of God was completed in them.

2 And I saw, like a glassy sea having been mixed with fire. And the *ones* overcoming

from the beast, and from its image, and from its mark, *and* from the number of its name, were standing on the glassy sea, having harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great *and* marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty, righteous and true *are* Your ways, King of the saints.

4 Who will not fear You, Lord, and not glorify Your name, not *any*? For You only *are* holy. For all the nations will come and will worship before You, because Your righteous deeds were made known.

5 ¶ And after these things I saw; and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in Heaven was opened!

6 And the seven angels, the *ones* having the seven plagues came forth out of the temple, having been clothed in clean and bright linen, and girdles of gold having been girded around the breasts.

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled *with* the anger of God, the *One* living to the ages of the ages.

8 And the temple was filled with the smoke of the glory of God, and with His power. And no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels should be completed.

Revelation 16

The angels pour out their vials full of wrath.

1 ¶ And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels: Go and pour out the bowls of the anger of God onto the earth.

2 And the first went away and poured out his bowl onto the earth. And it came to be a bad and evil sore on the men, the *ones* having the mark of the beast, and the *ones* worshiping its image.

3 And the second angel poured out his bowl onto the seas; and it became blood, as of a dead *one*, and every soul of life died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his bowl onto the rivers, and onto the springs of the waters; and it became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, You are righteous, Lord, the *One* be-

ing, and the *One who* was, and the Holy *One*, because You judged these things,

6 since they poured out the blood of the saints and of the prophets; and You gave blood to them to drink, for they were deserving.

7 And I heard another out of the altar saying, Yes, Lord God Almighty, Your judgments *are* true and righteous.

8 ¶ And the fourth angel poured out his bowl onto the sun and it was given to him to burn men with fire.

9 And men were burned with great heat. And they blasphemed the name of God, the *One* having authority over these plagues, and they did not repent to give Him glory.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his bowl onto the throne of the beast; and its kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues from the pain.

11 And they blasphemed the God of Heaven, from their pains and from their sores. And they did not repent of their works.

12 ¶ And the sixth angel poured out his bowl onto the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that might be prepared the way of the kings from *the* rising of the sun.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons doing signs, *which* go forth to the kings of the earth, even of the whole inhabited earth to assemble them to the war of that day, the great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* the *one* watching and guarding his garments, that he does not walk naked, and they may see his shame.

16 And He assembled them in the place having been called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

17 ¶ And the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air; and a great voice came from the throne from the temple of Heaven, saying, It has been done!

18 And voices and thunders and lightnings occurred. And a great earthquake occurred,

such as did not occur since man came into being on the earth, so great an earthquake, so *very* great!

19 And the great city came to be into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the anger of His wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and mountains were not found.

21 And a great hail, as the size of a talent, came down out of the heaven upon men. And men blasphemed God from the plague of the hail, because its plague is exceedingly great.

Revelation 17

The woman arrayed in purple and scarlet.

1 ¶ And one of the seven angels having the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot, the *one* sitting on the many waters,

2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the *ones* inhabiting the earth became drunk from the wine of her fornication.

3 And he carried me away into a deserted place, by the Spirit. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, filled with names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and being adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominations and unclean things of her fornication.

5 And on her forehead was a name *was* written: Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of the Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth.

6 And I saw the woman being drunk from the blood of the saints, and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And seeing her, I wondered with a great wonder.

7 ¶ And the angel said to me, Why did you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast sustaining her, the *one* having the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast which you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the

abyss, and goes to eternal destruction. And the *ones* dwelling on the earth will wonder, *the ones* whose names have not been written on the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, seeing the beast, that it was a thing, and is not, yet it is.

9 Here *is* the mind, the *one* having wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman sits on them.

10 And the kings are seven. The five fell, and the one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he does come, he must remain a little.

11 And the beast which was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes to perdition.

12 And the ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but will receive authority as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and their power and authority they shall give up to the beast.

14 ¶ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will prevail over them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and the *ones* with Him *are* the called *ones* and elect *ones* and faithful *ones*.

15 And he says to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples and crowds and nations and languages.

16 And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, and will make her desolated and naked. And they will eat her flesh, and will burn her up with fire.

17 For God gave into their hearts to do His mind, and to act in one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, the *one* having a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 18

2 Babylon is fallen. 20 The saints rejoice for the judgments of God upon her.

1 ¶ And after these things I saw another angel coming down out of Heaven having great authority, and the earth was lighted up from his glory.

2 And he cried in a strong, great voice, saying, Babylon the great has fallen! *It* has

fallen, and it has become a dwelling place of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean bird, and hated,

3 because of the wine of the anger of her fornication which all the nations have drunk, even the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her; and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her luxury.

4 And I heard another voice out of Heaven saying, My people, come out of her, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues;

5 that *are* joined with her sins, even up to Heaven, and God remembered her misdeeds.

6 Give back to her as also she gave back to you, and double to her doubles, according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix to her double.

7 By as many things as she glorified herself, and luxuriated, by so much give to her torment and mourning, because she says in her heart, I sit as a queen, and I am not a widow; and I shall not see mourning, not *ever!*

8 Because of this, in one day her plagues shall come: death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be consumed with fire, for the Lord God, the *One* judging her, *is* strong.

9 ¶ And the kings of the earth will weep for her, and will wail over her, the *ones* having fornicated and having luxuriated with her, when they see the smoke of her burning;

10 standing from afar because of the fear of her torment, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment came.

11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargo, no more,

12 cargo of gold, and silver, and of precious stone, and of pearls, and of fine linen, and of purple, and of silk, and of scarlet, and all thyine wood, and every ivory vessel, and every vessel of very precious wood, and of bronze, and of iron, and of marble,

13 and cinnamon, and incenses, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil,

and fine wheat flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and of bodies and souls of men.

14 And the ripe fruits of the lust of your soul went away from you, and all the fat things, and the bright things went away from you, and you will not find them, not *ever!*

15 The merchants of these things, the *ones* being enriched from her, will stand from afar because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning;

16 and saying, Woe! Woe to the great city having been clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and having been adorned with gold and precious stone, and pearls!

17 For in one hour such great wealth was desolated. And every helmsman and all on the ships, and sailors, and as many as work the sea, stood from afar,

18 and cried out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What *is* like the great city?

19 And they threw dust on their heads, and cried out, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, by which all the *ones* having ships in the sea were rich, from her costliness, because in one hour she was laid waste.

20 Rejoice over her, Heaven, and the holy apostles, and the prophets, because God judged your judgment on her.

21 And one strong angel lifted a stone like a great millstone, and threw *it* into the sea, saying, Thus on a violent impulse, Babylon the great city will be thrown down, and it will not still be found, not *ever!*

22 And the sound of harpers, and of musicians, and flutists, and of trumpeters will not still be heard in you, not *ever!* And every craftsman of every craft will not still be found in you, not *ever!* And the sound of a mill will not still be heard in you, not *ever!*

23 And the light of a lamp will not still shine in you, not *ever!* And the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not still be heard in you, not *ever!* For your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were led astray.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all the *ones* having been slaughtered on the earth.

Revelation 19

God is praised in heaven for judging the great whore, and avenging the blood of his saints.

1 ¶ And after these things, I heard a great voice of a large multitude in Heaven, saying, Alleluia! The salvation and the glory and the honor and the power of the Lord our God!

2 For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He judged the great harlot who defiled the earth with her fornication. And He avenged the blood of His slaves out of her hand.

3 And secondly they said, Alleluia! Also her smoke goes up to the ages of the ages.

4 And the twenty-four elders, and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God sitting on the throne, saying, Amen! Alleluia!

5 ¶ And a voice came out from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all His slaves, and the *ones* fearing Him, the small *ones* and the great *ones*.

6 And I heard as a sound of a large multitude, and as a sound of many waters, and as a sound of strong thunders, saying, Alleluia! Because the Lord God reigned, the Almighty.

7 Let us rejoice and let us exult, and we will give glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb came, and His wife prepared herself.

8 And it was given to her that she be clothed in fine linen, pure and bright; for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

9 And he says to me, Write: Blessed *are* the *ones* having been called to the supper of the marriage of the Lamb. And he says to me, These are the true words of God.

10 And I fell before his feet to worship him, but he said to me, See *that you* do not *do it!* I am a fellow-slave of yours, and of your brothers, the *ones* having the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11 ¶ And I saw Heaven having been opened. And, behold! A white horse, and the *One* sitting on it being called Faithful and True. And He judges and wars in righteousness.

12 And His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on His head many diadems, having a name written, which no one knows if not Himself;

13 and having been clothed in a garment having been dipped in blood. And His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies in Heaven followed Him on white horses, being dressed in fine linen, white and pure.

15 And out of His mouth goes forth a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations. And He will shepherd them with an iron rod. And He treads the winepress of the wine of the anger and of the wrath of God Almighty.

16 And He has on *His* garment and on His thigh a name having been written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw one angel standing in the sun. And he cried with a great voice, saying to all the birds flying in mid-heaven, Come and gather together to the supper of the great God,

18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of chiliarchs, and *the* flesh of strong *ones*, and *the* flesh of horses, and of the *ones* sitting on them, and *the* flesh of all, both *freemen* and slaves, even of the small *ones* and great *ones*.

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies being assembled to make war with the *One* sitting on the horse, and with His army.

20 And the beast was seized, and with this *one* the false prophet, the *one* doing signs before it, by which he led astray the *ones* receiving the mark of the beast, and the *ones* worshiping its image. The two were thrown living into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword of the *One* sitting on the horse, the *sword* going forth from His mouth. And all the birds were filled from their flesh.

Revelation 20

2 Satan bound for a thousand years. 6 The first resurrection. 12 The last and general resurrection.

1 ¶ And I saw an angel coming down out of Heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain on his hand.

2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent who is the devil, even Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 and threw him into the abyss, and shut him up, and sealed over him, that he should not mislead the nations any more, until the thousand years are fulfilled. And after these things, he must be set loose a little time.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls of the *ones* having been beheaded because of the witness of Jesus, and because of the Word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast nor its image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead *ones* did not live again until the thousand years were ended. This *is* the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* the *one* having part in the first resurrection. The second death has no authority over these, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

7 And whenever the thousand years are ended, Satan will be set loose out of his prison,

8 and he will go to mislead the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to assemble them into war, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up over the breadth of the land and encircled the camp of the saints, and the beloved city. And fire from God came down out of Heaven and devoured them.

10 And the devil leading them astray was thrown into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *were*. And they were tormented day and night to the ages of the ages.

11 ¶ And I saw a great white throne, and the *One* sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled; and a place was not found for them.

12 And I saw the dead *ones*, the small *ones* and the great *ones*, standing before God. And books were opened. And another Book was opened, *which is* the Book of Life. And the dead *ones* were judged out of the *things* written in the books, according to their

works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead *ones*, the *ones* in it. And death and hell gave up the dead *ones*, the *ones* in them. And they were each *one* judged according to their works.

14 And death and hell were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death.

15 And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 21

1 A new heaven and a new earth. 10 The heavenly Jerusalem, with a full description of it.

1 ¶ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea not still is.

2 And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, having been prepared as a bride, having been adorned for her Husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God with men! And He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them as their God.

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death shall be no longer, nor mourning, nor outcry, nor will *there* be pain *still*; for the first things passed away.

5 And the *One* sitting on the throne said, Behold! I make all things new. And He says to me, Write, because these words are faithful and true.

6 And He said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the *one* thirsting, I will freely give of the fountain of the water of life.

7 The *one* overcoming will inherit all things, and I will be God to him, and he will be the son to Me.

8 But for the cowardly and faithless *ones*, and disgusting *ones*, and murderers, and fornicators, and users of magic, and idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the Lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

9 ¶ And one of the seven angels came to me, the *ones* having the seven bowls being filled with the seven last plagues, and spoke with me, saying, Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

10 And he carried me in spirit on to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, holy Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God,

11 having the glory of God; and its light *was* like a very precious stone, as a jasper stone, *being clear* as crystal,

12 also having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates and names having been inscribed, which are of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

13 From the east, three gates; from the north, three gates; from the south, three gates; and from the west, three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he speaking with me had a golden reed, that he may measure the city, and its gates, and its wall.

16 And the city lies four cornered, even its length as much as the width also. And he measured the city with the reed at twelve thousand stadia; its length and width and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, a hundred *and* forty four cubits, a measure of a man, which is of an angel.

18 And the structure of its wall was jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, pure like glass.

19 And the foundation of the wall of the city having been adorned with every precious stone: The first foundation, jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, hyacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; *respectively* each *one* of the gates was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty is its temple, even the Lamb.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they might shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

24 And the nations of the *ones* saved will

walk in its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

25 And its gates may not be shut by day, for no night will be there, not *ever*!

26 And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

27 And all profaning may not enter into it, or any making an abomination or a lie; not *ever*; if not the *ones* having been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb.

Revelation 22

1 *The river of the water of life.* 2 *The tree of life.*

5 *The light of the city of God is himself.*

1 ¶ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, bright as crystal, coming forth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of its street and of the river, from here and from there, *was* a tree of life producing twelve fruits: according to one month each yielding its fruit. And the leaves of the tree were for healing of the nations.

3 And every curse will no longer be. And the throne of God and the Lamb will be in it; and His slaves will serve Him.

4 And they will see His face; and His name *will be* on their foreheads.

5 And night will not be there; and they have no need of a lamp or a light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them. And they shall reign to the ages of the ages.

6 ¶ And he said to me, These words *are* faithful and true. And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His slaves what must occur quickly.

7 Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed *is* the *one* keeping the words of the prophecy of this Book.

8 And I, John, *was* the *one* seeing and hearing these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel showing me these things.

9 And he said to me, Behold! See *that you do not do it!* For I am your fellow-slave, and of your brothers, the prophets, and of the *ones* guarding the words of this Book. Worship God.

10 And he said to me, Do not seal the words of the prophecy, of this Book, because the time is near.

11 The *one* acting unjustly, let him still act unjustly; and the filthy *one*, let him still be filthy; and the righteous *one*, let him still do righteousness; and the holy *one*, let him still be holy.

12 And, behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to each *one* as his work is.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

14 Blessed *are* the *ones* doing His commands, that will be their right over the Tree of Life, and by the gates they may enter into the city.

15 But outside *are* the dogs and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every *one* loving a lie, and making a lie.

16 I, Jesus, sent My angel to testify these things to you over the assemblies. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright and morning Star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And the *one* hearing, let him say, Come! And the *one* thirsting, let *him* come; and the *one* willing, let him take of the water of life freely.

18 For I testify together with every *one* hearing the words of the prophecy of this Book, if anyone adds to these things, God will add upon him the plagues having been written in this Book.

19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and of the things having been written in this Book.

20 ¶ The *One* testifying these things says, Yes, I am coming quickly. Amen. Yes, come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with all of you. Amen.