

## {12} II Kings

### {{12} II Kings} Chapter 1

(1) Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

(2) And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

(3) But the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} said to Elijah the Tishbite, *Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that you go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?*

(4) *Now therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, You shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die.* And Elijah departed.

(5) And when the messengers turned back to him, he said to them, Why have you already returned?

(6) And they said to him, There came a man up to meet us, and said to us, Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that you send to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore you shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die.*

(7) And he asked them, What manner of man *was he* who came up to meet you, and told you these words?

(8) And they answered him, *He was* a hairy man, and with a belt of leather tied around his waist. And he {Ahaziah} said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

(9) Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty {soldiers}. And he went up to him: and, he {Elijah} sat on the top of a hill. And he {the captain} spoke to him, You man of God, the king has said, Come down.

(10) And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *am* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty {soldiers}. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty {soldiers}.

(11) Again also he {Ahaziah} sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty {soldiers}. And he {the captain} answered and said to him {Elijah}, O man of God, this is what the king has said, Come down quickly.

(12) And Elijah answered and said to them, If I *am* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty {soldiers}. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

(13) And he {Ahaziah} sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty {soldiers}. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, O man of God, I pray, let my life, and the life of these fifty of your servants, be precious in your sight.

(14) Indeed, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in your sight.

(15) And the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} said to Elijah, *Go down with him: Do not be afraid of him.* And he arose, and went down with him to the king.

(16) And he said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Since you have sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? therefore you shall not come down off the bed on which you have lain, but shall surely die.*

(17) So he died according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah {3221 A.H./C- 821 B.C.}; because he had no son.

(18) Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the

chronicles of the kings of Israel?

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 2**

(1) And it came to pass, when the LORD {Jehovah} would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

(2) And Elijah said to Elisha, I ask you to stay here; because the LORD {Jehovah} has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said *to him*, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as your soul lives*, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

(3) And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the LORD {Jehovah} will take away your master from your head today? And he said, Yes, I know *it*; hold your peace.

(4) And Elijah said to him, Elisha, I ask you to stay here; because the LORD {Jehovah} has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as your soul lives*, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho.

(5) And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the LORD {Jehovah} will take away your master from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know *it*; hold your peace.

(6) And Elijah said to him, I ask you to stay, here; because the LORD {Jehovah} has sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as your soul lives*, I will not leave you. And the two of them went on.

(7) And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to watch at a distance: and the two of them stood by Jordan.

(8) And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them went over on dry ground.

(9) And it came to pass, when they had gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken away from you. And Elisha said, I ask you, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

(10) And he said, You have asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so to you; but if not, it shall not be *so*.

(11) And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

(12) And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces.

(13) He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan River;

(14) And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where is the LORD {Jehovah} God of Elijah? and when he also had stricken the waters, they parted here and there: and Elisha went over.

(15) And when the sons of the prophets who *watched* at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah rests upon Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

(16) And they said to him, Indeed now, there are with your servants fifty strong men; let them go, we ask you, to seek your master: lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} has taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send.

(17) And when they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, Send {them}. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but did not find him.

(18) And when they returned to him, (because he stayed at Jericho,) he said to them, Did I not say to you, Do not go?

(19) And the men of the city said to Elisha, Look, I ask you, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees: but there is no water, and the ground is barren.

(20) And he said, Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it. And they brought *it* to him.

(21) And he went forth to the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **I have healed these waters; there shall not be from this time forth any more death or barren land.**

(22) So the waters were healed to this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

(23) And he went up from there to Bethel: and as he was going up by the roadway, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head.

(24) And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}. And there came forth two female bears out of the woods, and tore forty-two of their children.

(25) And he went from there to mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

### **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 3**

(1) Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah {3221 A.H./C- 821 B.C.}, and reigned twelve years.

(2) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}; but not like his father, and like his mother: because he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

(3) Nevertheless he held onto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not depart from them.

(4) And Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master, and rendered to the king of Israel one hundred thousand lambs, and one hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

(5) But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

(6) And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

(7) And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me: will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as you *are*, my people as your people, *and* my horses as your horses.

(8) And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

(9) So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they traveled a seven days' journey: and there was no water for the army, or for the cattle that followed them.

(10) And the king of Israel said, Alas! the LORD {Jehovah} has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

(11) But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah}, that we may inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.

(12) And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD {Jehovah} is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

(13) And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No: because the LORD {Jehovah} has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

(14) And Elisha said, As the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies} lives, before whom I stand,

surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look towards you, nor see you.

(15) But now bring to me a musician. And it came to pass, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} came upon him.

(16) And he said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, [Make this valley full of ditches.](#)

(17) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, [You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that you may drink, both you, and your cattle, and your beasts.](#)

(18) [And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: He will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.](#)

(19) [And you shall strike every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and cover every good piece of land with stones.](#)

(20) And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered {9 a.m.}, that, indeed, there came water by the road of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

(21) And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered all who were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border.

(22) And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as red as blood*:

(23) And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely killed, and they have killed one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

(24) And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward striking the Moabites, even in *their* country.

(25) And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land every man cast his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and cut down all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth they left its stones; however the slingers went about *it*, and struck it.

(26) And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too great for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through *even* to the king of Edom: but they could not.

(27) Then he took his eldest son who should have reigned in his place, and offered him *for* a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 4**

(1) Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets to Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant did fear the LORD {Jehovah}: and the creditor has come to take to himself my two sons to be slaves.

(2) And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? tell me, what do you have in the house? And she said, Your handmaid does not have anything in the house, except a pot of oil.

(3) Then he said, Go, borrow containers abroad of all your neighbors, *even* empty containers; do not borrow just a few.

(4) And when you have come in, you shall shut the door upon you and upon your sons, and shall pour out into all those containers, and you shall set aside that which is full.

(5) So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the containers* to her; and she poured out.

(6) And it came to pass, when the containers were full, that she said to her son, Bring me yet another container. And he said to her, *There is not a container left.* And the oil stopped.

(7) Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, and you and your children live off the rest.

(8) And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where there *was* a prominent woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

(9) And she said to her husband, Look now, I perceive that this *is* a holy man of God, who passes by us continually.

(10) I ask you to let us make a little room, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there.

(11) And it fell on a day, that he came there, and he turned into the room, and lay there.

(12) And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

(13) And he said to him, Say now to her, Look, you have been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for you? would you be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the army? And she answered, I live among my own people.

(14) And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she has no child, and her husband is old.

(15) And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

(16) And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, *you* man of God, do not lie to your handmaid.

(17) And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season that Elisha had said to her, according to the time of life.

(18) And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

(19) And he said to his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

(20) And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

(21) And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

(22) And she called to her husband, and said, I ask you to send me, one of the young men, and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

(23) And he said, Why will you go to him today? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* well.

(24) Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; do not slow down for me, unless I ask you to.

(25) So she went and came to the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Look, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

(26) I ask you to run now, to meet her, and say to her, *Is it well* with you? *is it well* with your husband? *is it well* with the child? And she answered, *It is well*.

(27) And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to pull her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; because her soul *is* troubled within her: and the LORD {Jehovah} has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me.

(28) Then she said, Did I ask a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

(29) Then he said to Gehazi, Put a belt around your waist, and take my staff in your hand, and go your way: if you meet any man, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

(30) And the mother of the child said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose, and followed her.

(31) And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Therefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child has not awakened.

(32) And when Elisha had come into the house, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

(33) Therefore he went in, and shut the door upon the two of them, and prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child grew warm.

(35) Then he returned, and walked in the house back and forth; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

(36) And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she had come in to him, he said, Take up your son.

(37) Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

(38) And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and *there was* a drought in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said to his servant, Set on the great pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets.

(39) And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered of it wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: because they did not know it.

(40) So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O man of God, *there is* death in the pot. And they could not eat of it.

(41) But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

(42) And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in its husk. And he said, Give to the people, that they may eat.

(43) And his servant said, What, should I set this before one hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **They shall eat, and shall have food left over.**

(44) So he set *it* before them, and they ate, and had food left over, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 5**

(1) Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD {Jehovah} had given deliverance to Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, *but he was* a leper.

(2) And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

(3) And she said to her mistress, I wish to God that my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! because he would heal him of his leprosy.

(4) And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, This is what the maid said who *is* of the land of Israel.

(5) And the king of Syria said, Go there, go, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver {about 750 lbs; 340 kg.}, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of clothing.

(6) And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying,

Now when this letter has come to you, see,  
I have sent Naaman my servant to you with  
all of this, that you may heal him of his  
leprosy.

(7) And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he tore his clothes, and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to heal a man of his leprosy? I ask you therefore consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.

(8) And it was *that*, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

(9) So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

(10) And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times, and your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean.

(11) But Naaman was angry, and went away, and said, Indeed, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and strike his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.

(12) *Are* not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

(13) And his servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid you *do some* great thing, would you not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he said to you, Wash, and be clean?

(14) Then he went down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh returned like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

(15) And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Look, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: I ask you now therefore, receive a gift from your servant.

(16) But he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, before Whom I stand, I will receive none. And he {Naaman} urged him to take *it*; but he {Elisha} refused.

(17) And Naaman said, I ask you then shall there not then, be given to your servant two mules' load of dirt? because your servant will from this time forth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD {Jehovah} only.

(18) May the LORD {Jehovah} pardon your servant, in this one thing *that* when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD {Jehovah} pardon your servant in this thing.

(19) And he said to him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

(20) But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Indeed, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the LORD {Jehovah} lives, I will run after him, and take something from him.

(21) So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he climbed down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is* all well?

(22) And he said, All *is* well. My master has sent me, saying, Look, even now there have come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: I ask you to give to them, a talent of silver {about 75 lbs; 34 kg.}, and two changes of clothes.

(23) And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothes, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they carried *them* before him.

(24) And when he came to the tower, he took *them* from their hand, and put *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

(25) But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where have you *come from*, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant went nowhere.

(26) And he {Elisha} said to him, Did not my heart go *with you*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet you? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive clothes, and olive groves, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

(27) Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you, and to your descendants forever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white as snow*.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 6**

(1) And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Look now, the place where we live with you is too small for us.

(2) We ask you to let us go, to the Jordan River, and let each one take from there a beam, and let us build us a place there, where we may live. And he answered, Go.

(3) And one said, I ask you to be content, and go with your servants. And he answered, I will go.

(4) So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan River, they cut down wood.

(5) But as one was cutting a beam, the ax head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! because it was borrowed.

(6) And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in there; and the iron floated.

(7) Therefore he said, Take *it* up to yourself. And he put out his hand, and took it.

(8) Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.

(9) And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you not pass such a place; because there the Syrians have come down.

(10) And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not {just} once nor twice.

(11) Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this; and he called his servants, and said to them, Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?

(12) And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.

(13) And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Indeed, *he is* in Dothan.

(14) Therefore he sent horses, and chariots, and a great army there: and they came by night, and encircled the city.

(15) And when the servant of the man of God had risen early, and gone forth, an army had encircled the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! what shall we do?

(16) And he answered, Do not be afraid: because those who are with us *are* more than those who are with them.

(17) And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD {Jehovah}, I ask You, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD {Jehovah} opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, indeed, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

(18) And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, I ask You to strike this people with blindness. And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

(19) And Elisha said to them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will



bring you to the man whom you seek. But he led them to Samaria.

(20) And it came to pass, when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD {Jehovah}, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD {Jehovah} opened their eyes, and they saw; and *they were* in the midst of Samaria.

(21) And the king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I strike *them*? shall I strike *them*?

(22) And he answered, You shall not strike *them*: would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

(23) And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drank, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria did not return to the land of Israel.

(24) And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

(25) And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty *pieces* of silver {shekel} {about 32 oz.; 912 gm.}, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung {about 11 oz.; 0.31 L.} for five *pieces* of silver.

(26) And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, a woman cried to him there, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

(27) And he said, If the LORD {Jehovah} does not help you, how shall I help you? out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press?

(28) And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, This woman said to me, Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.

(29) So we boiled my son, and ate him: and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him: and she has hidden her son.

(30) And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, saw, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh.

(31) Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall remain on him this day.

(32) But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *are* not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

(33) And while he yet talked with them, the messenger came down to him: and he said, Look, this evil *is* of the LORD {Jehovah}; why should I wait for the LORD {Jehovah} any longer?

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 7**

(1) Then Elisha said, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}; **This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour {homer; cor} {about 6.25 bushels; 60 gallons; 222 liters} shall *be sold* for a shekel [of silver] {about 0.4 oz; 11.4 grams}, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.**

(2) Then an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Indeed, *if* the LORD {Jehovah} would make windows in heaven, could this thing be? And he {Elisha} said, You shall see *it* with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.

(3) And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said to one another, Why should we sit here until we die?

(4) If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we will die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall to the host {army}

of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

(5) And they rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians: and when they had come to the outermost part of the camp of Syria, *there was* no man there.

(6) Because the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great army: and they said to one another, The king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

(7) Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, *even* the camp as it *was*, and fled for their lives.

(8) And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drank, and carried from there silver, and gold, and clothing, and went and hid *it*; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried from there *also*, and went and hid *it*.

(9) Then they said to one another, We are not doing well: this day *is* a day of good news, and we are holding our peace: if we stay until the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

(10) So they came and called to the porter {gate keeper} of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, indeed, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and donkeys tied, and the tents as they *were*.

(11) And he called the gate keepers; and they told *it* to the king's household inside.

(12) And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

(13) And one of his servants answered and said, I ask you let *some* take, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (indeed, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: look, *I say*, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

(14) They therefore took two chariot horses; and the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

(15) And they went after them to the Jordan River: and, all the road *was* full of clothes and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

(16) And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour {homer; cor} {about 6.25 bushels; 60 gallons; 222 liters} was *sold* for a shekel [of silver] {about 0.4 oz; 11.4 grams}, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) And the king appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

(18) And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

(19) And that officer answered the man of God, and said, Now, look, *if* the LORD {Jehovah} should make windows in heaven, could such a thing be? And he said, Indeed, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.

(20) And so it happened to him: because the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 8**

(1) Then Elisha spoke to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go

both you and your household, and live wherever you can live: because the LORD {Jehovah} has called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

(2) And the woman arose, and did according to the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years.

(3) And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land.

(4) And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, I ask you, Tell me, all the great things that Elisha has done.

(5) And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

(6) And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

(7) And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God has come here.

(8) And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

(9) So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' loads, and came and stood before him, and said, Your son Benhadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

(10) And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You may certainly recover: however the LORD {Jehovah} has shown me that he shall surely die.

(11) And he stared at him, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

(12) And Hazael said, Why do you weep my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and will dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

(13) And Hazael said, But what, *is* your servant a dog, that he should do this terrible thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD {Jehovah} has shown me that you *shall be* king over Syria.

(14) So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he answered, He told me *that* you shall surely recover.

(15) And it came to pass on the morning, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his place.

(16) And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign {3225 A.H./C-817 B.C.}.

(17) He was thirty-two years old when he began to 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: because the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(19) Yet the LORD {Jehovah} would not destroy Judah for David His servant's sake, as He promised him to give him always a light, *and* to his children.

(20) In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

(21) So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

(22) Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

(23) And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(24) And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

(25) Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign in the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel {3232 A.H./C-810 B.C.}.

(26) Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the daughter {granddaughter} of Omri king of Israel.

(27) And he walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, as the house of Ahab had done: because he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

(28) And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramothgilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

(29) And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 9**

(1) And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said to him, Put your belt on, and take this box of oil in your hand, and go to Ramothgilead:

(2) And when you come there, seek out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and cause him to rise up from among his brothers, and carry him to an inner room;

(3) Then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **I have anointed you king over Israel**. Then open the door, and flee, and do not delay.

(4) So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

(5) And when he came, the captains of the army *were* sitting; and he said, I have an errand for you, O captain. And Jehu said, To which of us? And he said, To you, O captain.

(6) And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, **I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD {Jehovah}, *even* over Israel**.

(7) **And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD {Jehovah}, at the hand of Jezebel.**

(8) **Because the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab all males, and everyone who is shut up and left in Israel:**

(9) **And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, 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* no one to bury *her*.** And he opened the door, and fled.

(11) Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said to him, *Is* all well? why did this mad *fellow* come to you? And he said to them, You know the man, and his communication.

(12) And they said, No we don't; tell us now. And he said, This is what he spoke to me, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **I have anointed you king over Israel**.

(13) Then every man quickly took his clothes, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

(14) So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.

(15) But king Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it is your mind, *then* let no one go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

(16) So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; because Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

(17) And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it peace?*

(18) So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, This is what the king asks, *Is it peace?* And Jehu said, What do you have to do with peace? turn behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he does not return.

(19) Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, This is what the king asks, *Is it peace?* And Jehu answered, What do you have to do with peace? turn behind me.

(20) And the watchman told, saying, He came even to them, and does not return: and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; because he drives furiously.

(21) And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

(22) And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu?* And he answered, What peace, so long as the prostitutions of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so many?*

(23) And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is treachery, O Ahaziah.*

(24) And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

(25) Then *Jehu* said to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: because remember how that, when I and you rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD {Jehovah} laid this burden upon him;

(26) *Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and I will require it of you in this place, says the LORD {Jehovah}.* Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(27) But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Strike him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the road going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

(28) And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David.

(29) And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab {3233 A.H./C- 809B.C.}, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

(30) And when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*; and she painted her face, and adorned her head, and looked out at a window.

(31) And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Did Zimri who killed his master have peace?

(32) And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And two *or* three eunuchs looked out to him.

(33) And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trampled her under foot.

(34) And when he had come in, he ate and drank, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: because she is a king's daughter.

(35) And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

(36) Therefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, **In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:**

(37) And the dead body of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 10**

(1) And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to those who brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,

(2) Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armor;

(3) Seek out the best and fit of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

(4) But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Look, two kings could not stand before him: how then shall we stand?

(5) And he who *was* over the house, and he who *was* over the city, the elders also, and those who brought up *of the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* your servants, and will do what you tell us; we will not make any king: You do *that which* is good in your eyes.

(6) Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If you *are* mine, and *if* you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time. Now the king's sons, *were* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, who brought them up.

(7) And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and killed seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

(8) And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two piles at the entrance of the gate until the morning.

(9) And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Be righteous: I conspired against my master, and killed him: but who killed all these?

(10) Know now that nothing of the word of the Lord {Jehovah} shall fall to the earth, which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke concerning the house of Ahab: because the LORD {Jehovah} has done *that* which He spoke by His servant Elijah.

(11) So Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his relatives, and his priests, until he left him no one remaining.

(12) And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the shearing house in the way,

(13) Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* you? And they answered, We *are* the brothers of Ahaziah; and we are going down to greet the children of the king and the children of the queen.

(14) And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* forty-two men; neither did he leave any of them {alive}.

(15) And when he had departed from there, he came upon Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he greeted him, and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart *is* with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it is, give *me* your hand. And he gave *him*

his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

(16) And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD {Jehovah}. So they made him ride in his chariot.

(17) And when he came to Samaria, he killed all that remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke to Elijah.

(18) And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much.

(19) Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let no one be lacking: because I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whoever shall be missing, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* deceitfully, to the intent that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal.

(20) And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

(21) And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

(22) And he said to him who *was* over the robe-room, Bring forth robes for all the worshipers of Baal. And he brought them robes.

(23) And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said to the worshipers of Baal, Search, and look that there are here with you no one of the servants of the LORD {Jehovah}, but the worshipers of Baal only.

(24) And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed eighty men outside, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he who lets him go*, his life *shall be* for the life of him.

(25) And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* kill them; let no one come forth. And they struck them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

(26) And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

(27) And they broke down the image of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it an outhouse to this day.

(28) So Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

(29) However *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not depart from after them, that is, the golden calves that *were* in Bethel, and that *were* in Dan.

(30) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Jehu, *Because you have done well in executing that which is right in My eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in My heart, your children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.*

(31) But Jehu did not take heed to walk in the law of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel with all his heart: because he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin.

(32) In those days the LORD {Jehovah} began to cut Israel short: and Hazael struck them in all the coasts of Israel;

(33) From the Jordan River eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

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

(35) And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.}.

(36) And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty-eight years.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 11**

(1) And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal children.

(2) But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *who were* killed; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not killed.

(3) And he was hidden from her in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land.

(4) And the seventh year {of Jehu king of Israel} {3239 A.H./C-803 B.C.} Jehoiada {the priest} sent and called for the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to himself into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and showed them the king's son.

(5) And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that you shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath {Saturday} shall keep watch over the king's house;

(6) And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall you keep the watch of the house, that it not be broken down.

(7) And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath {Saturday}, even they shall keep the watch of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} about the king.

(8) And you shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand: and anyone who comes near the king, let him be killed: and be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in.

(9) And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and every man took his men who were to come in on the sabbath {Saturday}, with those who should go out on the sabbath {Saturday}, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

(10) And to the captains over hundreds the priest gave king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

(12) And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

(13) And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) And when she looked, the king stood by a pillar, as the custom *was*, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

(15) But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host {army}, and said to them, Take her forth outside the temple: and everyone who follows her kill with the sword. Because the priest had said, Let her not be killed in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) And they laid hands on her; and she went by the roadway by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there she was killed.

(17) And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD {Jehovah} and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's {Jehovah's} people; between the king also and the people.

(18) And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the



altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(19) And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

(20) And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they killed Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

(21) Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign {over Judah} {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.}.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 12**

(1) In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.}; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba.

(2) And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

(3) But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

(4) And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, *even* the money of everyone that passes *the account*, the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(5) Let the priests take *it* to themselves, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the damage of the house {temple}, wherever any damage shall be found.

(6) But it was, *that* in the twenty-third year of king Jehoash {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.} the priests had not repaired the damages of the house {temple}.

(7) Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said to them, Why have you not repaired the damages of the house {temple}? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the damages of the house {temple}.

(8) And the priests consented to receive no *more* money from the people, neither to repair the damages of the house {temple}.

(9) But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one enters into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}: and the priests who kept the door put in it all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And it was, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) And they gave the money, being counted, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, who did the work on the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(12) And to masons, and stone cutters, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the damage of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for all that was laid out for the house {temple} to repair *it*.

(13) However there were not made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} bowls of silver, snuffers, wash bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(14) But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} with it.

(15) Furthermore they did not reckon with the men, into whose hand they delivered the

money to be paid on workmen: because they dealt faithfully.

(16) The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: it was the priests'.

(17) Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

(18) And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

(19) And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(20) And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla.

(21) Because Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

### **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 13**

(1) In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.}, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.

(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not depart from it.

(3) And the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

(4) And Jehoahaz sought the LORD {Jehovah}, and the LORD {Jehovah} listened to him: because He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

(5) (And the LORD {Jehovah} gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel lived in their tents, as before.

(6) Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin, *but* walked in them: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)

(7) Neither did He leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; because the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

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

(9) And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his place.

(10) In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah {3275 A.H./C-767 B.C.}, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

(11) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel sin: *but* he walked in them.

(12) And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(13) And Joash slept with his fathers {3293 A.H./C-749 B.C.}; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

(14) Now Elisha had fallen sick of his sickness of which he died. And Joash the king of Israel

came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen.

(15) And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took to himself bow and arrows.

(16) And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it*: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

(17) And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's {Jehovah's} deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: because you shall strike the Syrians in Aphek, until you have consumed *them*.

(18) And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike the ground. And he struck three times, and stopped.

(19) And the man of God was angry with him, and said, You should have stricken five or six times; then you would have stricken Syria until you had consumed *it*: since now you shall strike Syria *but* three times.

(20) And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

(21) And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, they saw a group *of men*; and they cast the man into the tomb of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

(22) But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

(23) And the LORD {Jehovah} was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and had respect towards them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither did He cast them from His presence as yet.

(24) So Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his place.

(25) And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 14**

(1) In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah reigned {3279 A.H./C- 763 B.C.}.

(2) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

(3) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

(4) However the high places were not taken away: as yet the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

(5) And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he killed his servants who had killed his father the king.

(6) But the children of the murderers he did not kill: according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, in which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded, saying, [The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.](#)

(7) He killed of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel {obedience to God} to this day.

(8) Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

(9) And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to be

his wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trampled down the thistle.

(10) You have indeed stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up: be content with *this*, and stay at home: because why should you meddle to *your* hurt, that you should fall, *even* you, and Judah with you?

(11) But Amaziah would not listen. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which *belongs* to Judah.

(12) And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and every man fled to their tents.

(13) And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits {about 600 ft.; 183 m.}.

(14) And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

(15) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(16) And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place {3293 A.H./C- 749 B.C.}.

(17) And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

(18) And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(19) Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there.

(20) And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

(21) And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

(22) He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

(23) In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah {3293 A.H./C- 749 B.C.}, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years.

(24) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

(25) He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath to the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, which He spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who *was* of Gathhepher.

(26) Because the LORD {Jehovah} saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: because *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

(27) And the LORD {Jehovah} did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

(28) Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(29) And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his place.

- (1) In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel {3319 A.H./C- 723 B.C.}, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign.
- (2) He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem.
- (3) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;
- (4) Except the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.
- (5) And the LORD {Jehovah} struck the king {Azariah (Uzziah)}, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a hospital house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.
- (6) And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
- (7) So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his place.
- (8) In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah {3356 A.H./C- 686 B.C.}, Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months.
- (9) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, as his fathers had done: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.
- (10) And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place.
- (11) And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, look, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
- (12) This *was* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which He spoke to Jehu, saying, **Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.** And so it came to pass.
- (13) Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah {3357 A.H./C- 685 B.C.}; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.
- (14) Because Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place.
- (15) And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, indeed, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
- (16) Then Menahem struck Tiphseh, and all who *were* in it, and its coasts from Tirzah: because they did not open *to him*, therefore he struck *it*; and all the women in it who were with child he ripped up.
- (17) In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah {3357 A.H./C- 685 B.C.}, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.
- (18) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.
- (19) And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver {about 75000 lbs; 34000 kg.}, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.
- (20) And Menahem taxed the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver {about 20 oz.; 567 gm.}, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay in the land.
- (21) And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
- (22) And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.
- (23) In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah {3368 A.H./C- 674 B.C.}, Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

- (24) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.
- (25) But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and struck him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his place.
- (26) And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, indeed, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
- (27) In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah {3370 A.H./C- 672 B.C.}, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.
- (28) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.
- (29) In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglathpileser king of Assyria came, and took Ijon, and Abelbethmaachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.
- (30) And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah {3390 A.H./C- 652 B.C.}.
- (31) And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, look, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
- (32) In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah began to reign {3371 A.H./C- 671 B.C.}.
- (33) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.
- (34) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.
- (35) However the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (36) Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
- (37) In those days the LORD {Jehovah} began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.
- (38) And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 16**

- (1) In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign {3386 A.H./C- 656 B.C.}.
- (2) Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not do *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, like David his father.
- (3) But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the ungodly nations, whom the LORD {Jehovah} cast out from before the children of Israel.
- (4) And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.
- (5) Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to make war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.
- (6) At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and lived there to this day.

(7) So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* your servant and your son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.

(8) And Ahaz took the silver and gold that were found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

(9) And the king of Assyria listened to him: because the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

(10) And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the design of the altar, and its pattern, according to all its workmanship.

(11) And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* before king Ahaz's return from Damascus.

(12) And when the king had come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached the altar, and offered upon it.

(13) And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

(14) And he brought also the brass altar, which *was* before the LORD {Jehovah}, from the front of the house {temple}, from between the altar and the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and put it on the north side of the altar.

(15) And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brass altar shall be for me to inquire *by*.

(16) So Urijah the priest did, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

(17) And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the bowl from off them; and took down the sea {large bowl; bath tub} from off the brass oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

(18) And the covered seats for the sabbath {Saturday} that they had built in the house {temple}, and the king's entry outside, he took from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} for the king of Assyria.

(19) Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(20) And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 17**

(1) In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah {3398 A.H./C- 644B.C.} Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

(3) Against him Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.

(4) And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: because he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

(5) Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

(6) In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria {3406 A.H./C-636 B.C.}, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

(7) Because, the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD {Jehovah} their God, Who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had served other gods,

(8) And walked in the laws of the ungodly nations, whom the LORD {Jehovah} had cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

(9) And the children of Israel secretly did *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and they built for themselves high places {to worship idols} in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

(10) And they setup for themselves images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

(11) And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as the ungodly nations *did* whom the LORD {Jehovah} carried away before them; and did wicked things to provoke the LORD {Jehovah} to anger:

(12) Because they served idols, which the LORD {Jehovah} had said to them, **You shall not do these things.**

(13) Yet the LORD {Jehovah} testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, **Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My laws, according to all the law which I commanded your forefathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.**

(14) Nevertheless they would not listen, but hardened their necks, like the necks of their forefathers, who did not believe in the LORD {Jehovah} their God.

(15) And they rejected His laws, and His covenant that He had made with their forefathers, and His testimonies which He testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the ungodly nations who *were* all around them, *concerning* whom the LORD {Jehovah} had charged them, that they should not do like them.

(16) And they left all the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and made for themselves molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

(17) And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, to provoke Him to anger.

(18) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

(19) Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, but walked in the laws of Israel which they made.

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} rejected all the descendants of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight.

(21) Because He tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD {Jehovah}, and caused them to sin a great sin.

(22) Because the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them;

(23) Until the LORD {Jehovah} removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day.

(24) And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the



children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and lived in its cities.

(25) And so it was at the beginning of their living there, *that* they did not honor the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} sent lions among them, which killed *some* of them.

(26) Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, do not know the ways of the God of the land: therefore He has sent lions among them, and, indeed, they kill them, because they do not know the ways of the God of the land.

(27) Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let them go and live there, and let him teach them the ways of the God of the land.

(28) Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and taught them how they should honor the LORD {Jehovah}.

(29) However every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.

(30) And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

(31) And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

(32) So they feared the LORD {Jehovah}, but made to themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

(33) They feared the LORD {Jehovah}, but served their own gods, after the ways of the nations whom they carried away from there.

(34) To this day they do according to their former ways: they do not honor the LORD {Jehovah}, neither do they keep their laws, or their commandments, or after the law and commandment which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel;

(35) With whom the LORD {Jehovah} had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, *You shall not honor other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:*

(36) *But the LORD {Jehovah}, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched-out arm, Him you shall honor, and Him you shall worship, and to Him you shall do sacrifice.*

(37) *And the laws, and the commandments, and the law, and the commandment, which He wrote for you, you shall observe to do for evermore; and you shall not honor other gods.*

(38) *And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget; neither shall you honor other gods.*

(39) *But the LORD {Jehovah} your God you shall honor; and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.*

(40) However they did not listen, but they did after their former ways.

(41) So these nations honored the LORD {Jehovah}, but served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their forefathers, so they do to this day.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 18**

(1) Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign {3400 A.H./C- 642 B.C.}.

(2) He was twenty-five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

(3) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that David his father did.

(4) He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves, and broke in

pieces the brass serpent that Moses had made: because until those days the children of Israel burnt incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan {the copper [brass] thing}.

(5) He trusted in the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.

(6) Because he hung onto the LORD {Jehovah}, *and* did not depart from following him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses.

(7) And the LORD {Jehovah} was with him; *and* he prospered wherever he went: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and did not serve him.

(8) He struck the Philistines, *even* to Gaza, and its borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

(9) And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel {3404 A.H./C- 638 B.C.}, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

(10) And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, *that is* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel {3406 A.H./C-636 B.C.}, Samaria was taken.

(11) And the king of Assyria carried away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

(12) Because they did not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, but sinned against His covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} commanded, and would not listen to *them*, nor do *them*.

(13) Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah {3414 A.H./C-628 B.C.} Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

(14) And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which you put on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver {about 22500 lbs.; 10205 kg.} and thirty talents of gold {about 2250 lbs.; 1020 kg.}.

(15) And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the treasures of the king's house.

(16) At that time Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

(17) And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they had come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field.

(18) And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

(19) And Rabshakeh said to them, Speak now to Hezekiah, This is what the great king, the king of Assyria says, What confidence *is* this in which you trust?

(20) You say, (but *they are but* vain words,) *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

(21) Now, indeed, you trust upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him.

(22) But if you say to me, We trust in the LORD {Jehovah} our God: *is not* He, Whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

(23) Now therefore, I ask you, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders upon them.

(24) How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

(25) Have I now come up without the LORD {Jehovah} against this place to destroy it? The LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

(26) Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, Speak, I ask you, to your servants in the Syrian language; because we understand *it*: and do not talk with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people who *are* on the wall.

(27) But Rabshakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? *has he* not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

(28) Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

(29) This is what the king says, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you: because he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

(30) Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

(31) Do not listen to Hezekiah: because this is what the king of Assyria says, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* every man may eat of his own vine, and everyone of his fig tree, and everyone drink the waters of his own well:

(32) Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and of honey, that you may live, and not die: and do not listen to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} will deliver us.

(33) Have any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

(34) Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

(35) Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the LORD {Jehovah} should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

(36) But the people held their peace, and did not answer him a word: because the king's commandment was, saying, Do not answer him.

(37) Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 19**

(1) And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

(3) And they said to him, This is what Hezekiah says, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: because the children have come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring them forth.

(4) It may be the LORD {Jehovah} your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has heard: therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that are left.

(5) So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

(6) And Isaiah said to them, This is what you shall say to your master, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.*

(7) *Indeed, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.*

(8) So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: because he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

(9) And when he heard it said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, *Indeed, he has come out to fight against you: he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,*

(10) *This is what you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in Whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.*

(11) *Surely, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by completely destroying them: and shall you be delivered?*

(12) *Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?*

(13) *Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?*

(14) And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and spread it before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who lives *between* the cherubims, You are the God, *even* You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth.

(16) LORD {Jehovah}, bow down Your ear, and hear: open, LORD {Jehovah}, Your eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, who has sent him to reproach the living God.

(17) *Of a truth, LORD {Jehovah}, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,*

(18) *And have cast their gods into the fire: because they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.*

(19) Now therefore, O LORD {Jehovah} our God, I beg You, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD {Jehovah} God, *even* You alone.

(20) Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *That which you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.*

(21) *This is the word that the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion has despised you, and laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.*

(22) *Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against Whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.*

(23) *By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down its tall cedar trees, and its choice fir trees: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.*

(24) *I have dug and drank foreign waters, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of besieged places.*

(25) *Have you not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, that you should be {the one} to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.*

(26) Therefore those who lived in them were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as* corn blasted before it be grown up.

(27) But I know where you live, and where you go out, and where you come in, and your rage against Me.

(28) Because your rage against Me and your trouble has come up into My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

(29) And this *shall be* a sign to you, You shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year you shall sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat its fruits.

(30) And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

(31) Because out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and those who escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD {Jehovah} *of hosts {armies}* shall do this.

(32) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

(33) By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) Because I will defend this city, to save it, for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.

(35) And it came to pass that night, that the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} went out, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred eighty-five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, indeed, they *were* all dead bodies.

(36) So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived at Nineveh.

(37) And it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 20**

(1) In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Set your house in order; because you shall die, and not live.**

(2) Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(3) I beg You, O LORD {Jehovah}, remember now how I have walked before You in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in Your sight. And Hezekiah wept greatly.

(4) And it came to pass, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to him, saying,

(5) **Return, and tell Hezekiah the captain of My people, This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of David your father says, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: indeed, I will heal you: on the third day you shall go up to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.**

(6) **And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.**

(7) And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

(8) And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD {Jehovah} will heal

me, and that I shall go up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} the third day?

(9) And Isaiah said, This sign you shall have of the LORD {Jehovah}, that the LORD {Jehovah} will do the thing that He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees {on the sun dial}?

(10) And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: no, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

(11) And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD {Jehovah}: and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz.

(12) At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: because he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

(13) And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

(14) Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say? and from where have they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country, *even* from Babylon.

(15) And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in my house they have seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.

(16) And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) *Indeed, the days will come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, says the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(18) *And of your sons who shall be born by you, which you shall father, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.*

(19) Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, The word of the LORD {Jehovah} is good which you have spoken. And he said, *Is it not good*, if in my days there is peace and truth?

(20) And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(21) And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 21**

(1) Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign {3430 A.H./C- 612 B.C.}, and reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzibah.

(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, after the abominations of the heathen {ungodly nations}, whom the LORD {Jehovah} cast out before the children of Israel.

(3) Because he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he raised up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them.

(4) And he built altars in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, of which the LORD {Jehovah} said, *In Jerusalem I will put My Name.*

(5) And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he did much wickedness in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, to provoke *Him* to anger.

(7) And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house {temple}, of which the LORD {Jehovah} said to David, and to Solomon his son, *In this house {temple}, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, I will put My Name forever:*

(8) *Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.*

(9) But they did not listen: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD {Jehovah} destroyed before the children of Israel.

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke by His servants the prophets, saying,

(11) *Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and has caused Judah also to sin with his idols:*

(12) *Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, Indeed, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.*

(13) *And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet {plumb bob} of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.*

(14) *And I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;*

(15) *Because they have done that which was evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger, since the day their forefathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day.*

(16) *Furthermore Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he caused Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(17) Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(18) And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his place {3485 A.H./C- 557 B.C.}.

(19) Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

(20) And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, as his father Manasseh did.

(21) And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them:

(22) And he forsook the LORD {Jehovah} God of his forefathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(23) And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house.

(24) And the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

(25) Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(26) And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his place.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 22**

(1) Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign {3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.}, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

(2) And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in all the

way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

(3) And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah {3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.}, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(4) Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest, that he may count the silver which is brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, which the door keepers have gathered from the people:

(5) And let them deliver it into the hand of the workers, who have the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and let them give it to the workers who are in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, to repair the damages of the house {temple},

(6) To carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the house {temple}.

(7) However there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

(8) And Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

(9) And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house {temple}, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, that have the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

(11) And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes.

(12) And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

(13) Go, inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: because great is the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} that is kindled against us, because our forefathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.

(14) So Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

(15) And she said to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, **Tell the man that sent you to Me,**

(16) **This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon those who live here, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read:**

(17) **Because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My anger will be kindled against this place, and will not be quenched.**

(18) **But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, this is what you shall say to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *As concerning* the words which you have heard;**

(19) **Because your heart was tender, and you have humbled yourself before the LORD {Jehovah}, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against those who live in it, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and wept before Me; I also have heard you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.**



(20) Therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered into your grave in peace; and your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

### **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 23**

(1) And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

(2) And the king went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all the men of Judah and all those who live in Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he {king Josiah} read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD {Jehovah}, to walk after the LORD {Jehovah}, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His laws with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people agreed to the covenant.

(4) And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the door keepers, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD {Jehovah} all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

(5) And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places all around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

(6) And he brought out the grove from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, outside of Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast its powder upon the graves of the children of the people.

(7) And he broke down the houses of the sodomites {homosexuals}, that *were* by the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

(8) And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

(9) Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not come to the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} in Jerusalem, but they ate of the unleavened bread among their brothers.

(10) And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

(11) And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

(12) And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, the king beat down, and broke *them* down from there, and cast their dust into the brook Kidron.

(13) And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, the king defiled.

(14) And he broke in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

(15) Furthermore the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of

Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to powder, and burned the grove.

(16) And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the tombs that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

(17) Then he said, What title {inscription} *is* this that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the tomb of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel.

(18) And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came out of Samaria.

(19) And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the* LORD {Jehovah} to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel.

(20) And he killed all the priests of the high places who *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

(21) And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

(22) Surely there was not such a Passover held from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

(23) But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah {3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.}, *wherein* this Passover was held to the LORD {Jehovah} in Jerusalem.

(24) Moreover the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) And there was no king like him before him, who turned to the LORD {Jehovah} with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him did any arise like him.

(26) Nevertheless the LORD {Jehovah} did not turn from the fierceness of His great anger, with which His anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked Him with.

(27) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, *I will remove Judah also out of My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house {temple} of which I said, My Name shall be there.*

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

(29) In his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he killed him {Josiah} at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

(30) And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's place {3517 A.H./C- 525 B.C.}.

(31) Jehoahaz *was* twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

(32) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his forefathers had done.

(33) And Pharaohnechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not

reign in Jerusalem; and put the land under a tax of one hundred talents of silver {about 7500 lbs.; 3400 kg.}, and a talent of gold {about 75 lbs.; 34 kg.}.

(34) And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father {3518 A.H./C- 524 B.C.}, and changed his name to Jehoiakim {Jehovah will raise}, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

(35) And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of everyone according to his taxation, to give *it* to Pharaohnechoh.

(36) Jehoiakim *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

(37) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his forefathers had done.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 24**

(1) In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him {3520 A.H./C-522 B.C.}.

(2) And the LORD {Jehovah} sent against him armies of the Chaldees, and armies of the Syrians, and armies of the Moabites, and armies of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by His servants the prophets.

(3) Surely at the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* out of His sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

(4) And also for the innocent blood that he shed: because he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD {Jehovah} would not pardon.

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

(6) So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

(7) And the king of Egypt did not come again any more out of his land: because the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates all that belonged to the king of Egypt.

(8) Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months\*. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

(9) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his father had done.

(10) At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

(11) And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants laid siege to it.

(12) And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

(13) And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, as the LORD {Jehovah} had said.

(14) And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: no one remained, except the poorest sort of the people of the land {3528 A.H./C- 514 B.C.}.

(15) And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives,

and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

(16) And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

(17) And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah {right of Jehovah}.

(18) Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign {3529 A.H./C-513 B.C.}, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

(19) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

(20) Because through the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until He had cast them out from His presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

## **{{12} II Kings} Chapter 25**

(1) And it came to pass in the ninth year of his {Zedekiah's} reign, in the tenth month {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]}, in the tenth *day* of the month {10/10/3537 A.H./C-505 B.C.}, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host {army}, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it all around.

(2) And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah {3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.}.

(3) And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month {Tammuz [June-July]} {4/9/3539 A.H.} the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

(4) And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the roadway of the gate between two walls, which *is* by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees *were* against the city all around:) and *the king* went down the roadway towards the plain.

(5) And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

(6) So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

(7) And they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

(8) And in the fifth month {Ab [July/Aug.]}, on the seventh *day* of the month, which *is* the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon {3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.}, Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem:

(9) And he burnt the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house he burnt with fire.

(10) And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were with* the captain of the guard, broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around.

(11) Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away.

(12) But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vine-dressers and gardeners.

(13) And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the bases, and the brass sea {great bowl; bath tub} that *was* in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, the Chaldees broke in pieces, and carried their brass to Babylon.

(14) And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered, they took away.

(15) And the fire-pans, and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

(16) The two pillars, one sea {large bowl; bath tub}, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

(17) The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits {about 27 ft.; 8.2 m.}, and the cap that was upon it *was* brass: and the height of the cap was three cubits {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.}; and the braided work, and pomegranates upon the cap all around, all of brass: and the second pillar like these had braided work.

(18) And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three door keepers:

(19) And out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war, and five men of those who were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who *were* found in the city:

(20) And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

(21) And the king of Babylon struck them, and killed them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

(22) And *as for* the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

(23) And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

(24) And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said to them, Do not be afraid to be the servants of the Chaldees: live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

(25) But it came to pass in the seventh month {Tishri [Sep.-Oct.]}, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal descent, came, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees who were with him at Mizpah.

(26) And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: because they were afraid of the Chaldees.

(27) And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah {3564 A.H./C- 478 B.C.}, in the twelfth month {Adar [Feb.-Mar.]}, on the twenty-seventh *day* of the month, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

(28) And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon;

(29) And changed his prison clothes: and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life.

(30) And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him by the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.