

# 1 Kings

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A verse can express a spiritual truth, even though it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh”  
to “God” and vice versa, there is a new line.

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1769 Kings James Version	2019 King James Version
<p>`</p> <p><b>1:1</b> Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.</p> <p>2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the</p>	<p><b>Abishag ministers to the aged King David</b></p> <p><b>1:1</b> Now King David was old and far advanced in years; and his attendants covered him with bedclothes, but he could not get warm.</p> <p>2 Therefore, his servants said to him, “Let a young virgin be sought for our lord the king. And let her wait upon the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in his bed with him so that our lord the king</p>

king may get heat.

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

4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

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

6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

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

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

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

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

may get warm.”

3 So they searched for a beautiful young woman throughout the land of Israel and found Abishag, a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the young woman was very beautiful, and cherished the king and ministered to him, but the king had no sexual relations with her.

#### **Adonijah attempts to become King of Israel**

5 Then Adonijah, the son of King David by his wife Haggith, exalted himself, saying, “I will be king.” And he prepared chariots and horsemen, and fifty persons to run before him.

6 And his father David had not corrected him at any time, or asked him, “Why have you done that?” And he was a very handsome man; his mother gave birth to him after Absalom.

7 And Adonijah conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, and with Abiathar the priest; and they followed Adonijah and helped him.

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

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel. And he called all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the officials of Judah, the king's servants.

10 But he did not call Nathan the prophet, nor Benaiah, nor David's mighty bodyguards, nor Solomon his brother.

#### **Nathan and Bathsheba alert David of Adonijah's ambition**

11 Therefore Nathan said to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, “Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns? And David our lord does not know it.

12 “Therefore I beg you, let me give you advice, so that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.

13 “Go in to King David, and ask him, ‘Did not you, my lord, O king, swear to your servant Bathsheba that surely Solomon your son shall reign after you, and sit upon your throne? Why then does Adonijah reign?’”

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

15 ¶ And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD<sup>1</sup> thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:

19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

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

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

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit

14 Nathan further said, "Behold, while you are talking there with the king, I will come in after you, and confirm your words."

15 And Bathsheba went to the king in his bedroom; and the king was very old. And Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to the king.

16 And Bathsheba bowed low before the king. And the king asked, "What is your wish?"

17 And she said to him, "My lord, you swore by Yahweh to your servant, Bathsheba, 'Surely Solomon your son shall reign after me. And he shall sit upon my throne.'

18 "And now, behold, Adonijah intends to reign, and you have not known it.

19 "And he has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance and has called to him all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army. But he has not called Solomon your servant.

20 "And my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after you.

21 "Otherwise it shall come to pass when my lord the king dies and sleeps with his ancestors, that I and my son Solomon shall be called enemies and criminals."

22 And, behold, while she was talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, "Behold Nathan the prophet." And when he came in before the king, he bowed before the king with his face toward the earth.

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

25 "For he has gone down today and has slain oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, the captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest. And behold, they eat and drink before him and say, 'Yahweh save King Adonijah.'

26 "But he has not called me, your servant, Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, or your servant Solomon.

27 "Is this thing done with the approval of my lord the king, without telling us, your servants who would sit on the throne of my lord the king after you?"

on the throne of my lord the king after him?

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

29 And the king swore, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

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

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

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

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

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

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

### David is roused to action

28 Then King David answered, "Call for Bathsheba." And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king.

29 And the king swore to her, "As Yahweh lives that has redeemed my *soul* (spirit) out of all distress, 30 "I swore to you by Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, that assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my place. I will certainly start to make this happen today."

31 Then Bathsheba bowed her face toward the earth in reverence for the king and said, "Let my lord King David live forever."

32 And King David said, "Have Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada come to me." And they came before the king.

33 And the king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon.

34 "And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel, and blow the trumpet, and say, 'Yahweh save King Solomon.'

35 "Then you shall follow him back here so that he may come and sit upon my throne, for he shall be king in my place. And I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah."

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, "Amen! May Yahweh, the Deity of my lord the king, confirm it.

37 "As Yahweh has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David."

38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went. And they had Solomon ride on King David's mule and brought him to Gihon.

### Solomon is anointed king of Israel

39 And Zadok the priest took a horn of olive oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet, and all the people shouted, "Yahweh save King Solomon."

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

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

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

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

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

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

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

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people played their flutes and rejoiced greatly, so loudly that the earth rang with the sound of them.

#### **Adonijah is told of Solomon's being hailed king**

41 And Adonijah and all his guests heard it as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Why is the city in an uproar?"

42 And while he was speaking, suddenly Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest arrived. And Adonijah said to him, "Come in, for you are a valiant man and bring good news."

43 And Jonathan responded to Adonijah, "Truly our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 "And the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites. And they had Solomon ride on the king's mule.

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

46 "And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

47 "And moreover, the king's servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, 'Yahweh make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne.' And the king bowed himself upon his bed.

48 "And the king said, 'Praised be Yahweh, the Deity of Israel which has placed someone on my throne this day while I am still alive to see it.'"

49 And all of Adonijah's guests arose in a panic and scattered.

#### **Solomon graciously spares Adonijah's life**

50 But Adonijah, fearing Solomon, arose and went to take hold of the horns of the altar.

51 And Solomon was told, "Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon: for he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not kill his servant with the sword.'"

<p>not slay his servant with the sword.  52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.  53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.</p>	<p>52 And Solomon said, "If he shows himself to be a loyal person, not a hair of him shall fall to the earth, but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die."  53 So King Solomon sent for Adonijah, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."  `  `</p>
<p>`  <b>2:1</b> Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,  2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;  3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:  4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.  5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.  6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.  7 But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.  8 And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.</p>	<p><b>King David gives parting instructions to Solomon</b>  <b>2:1</b> Now the time drew near for David to die, and he told Solomon his son,  2 "I am dying; therefore, be strong and be brave;  3 and keep the instruction of Yahweh, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn,  4 so that Yahweh may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me when He said that if my descendants take heed to walk before Him in truth with all their heart and with all their <i>soul</i> (spirit), I will not fail to have a descendant on the throne of Israel.  5 "Moreover, Solomon, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and to the two commanders of the army of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. He shed the blood of war in peace and splattered the blood of war upon the belt around his waist and the shoes on his feet.  6 "Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let him grow old and go down to the grave in peace.  7 "But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table. For they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.  8 "And, behold, you have with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan River. And I swore to him by Yahweh, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'  9 "Therefore do not consider him innocent, for you</p>

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

10 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

11 And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

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

13 ¶ And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD.

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

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

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.

are a wise man, and know what you ought to do to him, but bring his gray head down to the grave with blood."

#### **David passes on and Solomon reigns**

10 So David passed on and was buried in the city of David.

11 And David reigned over Israel for forty years: he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

12 Then Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was well established.

#### **Adonijah asks for Abishag to be his wife**

13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she asked, "Have you come peacefully?" And he said, "Peacefully."

14 He said moreover, "I have something to say to you." And she said, "Say it."

15 And he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine and that all Israel believed that I would reign. However, the kingdom turned from me and became my brother's, for it was his from Yahweh.

16 "And now I ask one petition of you; please do not deny me." And she asked him, "What is your petition?"

17 And he said, "Please ask Solomon the king (for he will not deny you) to give me Abishag the Shunammite to be my wife."

18 And Bathsheba said, "All right, I will speak to the king for you."

#### **Bathsheba asks Solomon to let Adonijah wed Abishag**

19 Therefore, Bathsheba went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose to meet her, bowed to her, sat down on his throne, and had a throne brought for the king's mother. And she sat at his right hand.

20 Then she said, "I desire one small petition of you; please do not say no." And the king said to her, "Ask, my mother, for I will not say no to you."

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

21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, as the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

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

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the LORD God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest

### **Solomon pronounces judgment on Adonijah**

22 And King Solomon said to his mother, "And why do you ask for Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Would you ask for the kingdom also for him? For he is my older brother. Would you also make a request for Abiathar the priest and for Joab the son of Zeruiah?"

23 Then King Solomon said, "Adonijah has made this request against his own life.

24 "Therefore, as Yahweh lives, who has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me king of a royal house as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day."

25 And King Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he struck down Adonijah, and Adonijah passed on.

26 And the king said to Abiathar the priest, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields. You deserve death, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark (chest) of Yahweh before David my father, and because you shared all my father's hardships."

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from the priesthood of Yahweh so that he might fulfill the word of Yahweh which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

### **Solomon has Joab killed**

28 Then news of this came to Joab, who had supported Adonijah but not Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of Yahweh and took hold of the horns of the altar.

29 And King Solomon was told that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of Yahweh and was at the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, strike him down."

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of Yahweh, and said to Joab, "The king says, 'Come out.'" And Joab said, "No; I will die here." And Benaiah went to the king and told him Joab's words.

31 And Solomon said to Benaiah, "Do as he has said, and strike him down, and bury him, so that you may take away from me and the family of my father

take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

36 ¶ And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath.

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

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

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest

David the innocent blood which Joab shed.

32 "And Yahweh will return his blood on his own head, because he struck two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, while my father David did not know about it. They were Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of Judah.

33 "Their blood shall return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David, upon his descendants, and upon his throne, there shall be peace forever from Yahweh."

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went and struck Joab down and killed him, and Joab was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 And the king placed Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in charge of the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in place of Abiathar.

#### **Solomon has Shimei killed**

36 And the king sent for Shimei and said to him, "Build a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not leave to go anywhere else.

37 "For it shall be that on the day you go out and cross the Kidron Stream, know for certain that you shall surely die. You shall be responsible for your own death."

38 And Shimei said to the king, "The saying is good; as my lord the king has said, so will your servant do." And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem for many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of Shimei's slaves ran away to Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And Shimei was told, "Behold, your slaves are in Gath."

40 And Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his slaves. And he brought them back from Gath.

41 And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come back again.

42 And the king called for Shimei and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by Yahweh and warn you, saying, 'Know for certain, that on the day you go out and walk abroad anywhere, that you shall surely die?' And you said to me, 'The word that I have

<p>abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? And thou sadist unto me, The word that I have heard is good.</p> <p>43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?</p> <p>44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head;</p> <p>45 And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.</p> <p>46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.</p>	<p>heard is good.'</p> <p>43 "Why then have you not kept the oath of Yahweh and the command that I have given you?"</p> <p>44 The king said moreover to Shimei, "You know all the wickedness of your heart, and what you did to David my father. Therefore, Yahweh will return your wickedness upon your own head.</p> <p>45 "And King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Yahweh forever."</p> <p>46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, who went out and struck Shimei down, and he passed on. And the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p><b>3:1</b> And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.</p> <p>2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.</p> <p>3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.</p> <p>4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.</p> <p>5 ¶ In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.</p> <p>6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Solomon asks Yahweh for a wise and understanding heart</b></p> <p><b>3:1</b> And Solomon established good relations with Pharaoh of Egypt. And Solomon took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he had finished building his own palace, and the temple, and the wall around Jerusalem.</p> <p>2 However, the people sacrificed in high places because no temple had been built yet for Yahweh.</p> <p>3 And Solomon loved Yahweh, walking in the statutes of David his father. However, he sacrificed and burned incense in high places.</p> <p>4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings upon that altar.</p> <p>5 In Gibeon, God appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what you want Me to give you."</p> <p>6 And Solomon said, "You have shown to Your servant David, my father, great mercy, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You. And You have shown him this great kindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is today.</p> <p>7 "And now, O God, you have made Your servant king instead of David my father, but I am like a little child not knowing the way to go.</p>

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

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11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

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

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16 ¶ Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

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

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

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

9 “Therefore, give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, so that I may discern between good and evil. Otherwise, who is able to judge Your people so great in number?”

10 And the speech pleased God that Solomon had asked this.

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### **God gives Solomon a wise and understanding heart**

11 And God said to him, “Because you have asked for this, and have not asked for yourself long life, neither have asked for riches for yourself, nor have asked the lives of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 behold, I have done as you asked. I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there was none like you before you, nor shall any arise like you after you.

13 “And I have also given you that for which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so there shall not be any kings like you all your days.

14 “And if you will walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and offered up burnt offerings, gave peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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### **Solomon displays great wisdom in judgment**

16 Then two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.

17 And one woman said, “O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house, and I gave birth to a baby.

18 “And it came to pass on the third day after I had a baby, that this woman also had a baby; and there was no one else with us in the house.

19 “And this woman's child passed on in the night because she lay on it.

<p>19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.                  20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.                  21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.                  22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.                  23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.                  24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.                  25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.                  26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.                  27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.                  28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.</p>	<p>20 "And she arose at midnight and took my son from beside me while I slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.                  21 "And when I rose before dawn to feed my child, behold, it had passed on. But when I looked more closely at the child in the morning, behold, it was not my son which I gave birth to."                  22 And the other woman said, "No, the living baby is my son, and the dead baby is your son." And the first woman replied, "No, the dead baby is your son, and the living baby is my son." So they argued before the king.                  23 Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead baby.' And the other says, 'No; your son is the dead baby, and my son is the living baby.'"                  24 And the king said, "Bring me a sword." And they brought a sword before the king.                  25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."                  26 Then the woman who was the mother of the living child spoke to the king, for she loved her son. She said, "O my lord, no! Give her the living child and do not kill the boy." But the other said, "Let it be neither mine nor yours, but divide it."                  27 Then the king answered, "Do not harm the child. Give the living child to the woman who said, 'Do not kill the child.' She is the child's mother."                  28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered, and they praised the king. For they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to judge wisely.                  `</p>
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<p>`</p> <p>4:1 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.                  2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,                  3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.                  `</p> <p>4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:                  5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The government of Solomon</b></p> <p>4:1 So King Solomon was king over all Israel.                  2 And these were the nobles which he had: Azariah the son of Zadok was the priest,                  3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, were the scribes, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, was the recorder.                  4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army, and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests.                  5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers, and Zabud the son of Nathan was the</p>
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principal officer, and the king's friend:  
 6 And Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.  
 7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.  
 8 And these are their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:  
 9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan;  
 10 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher:  
 11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:  
 12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:  
 13 The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars:  
 14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim:  
 15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:  
 16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth:  
 17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:  
 18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:  
 19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.  
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 20 ¶ Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.  
 21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.  
 22 ¶ And Solomon's provision for one day was

principal officer and the king's friend.  
 6 And Ahishar was over the household, and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the forced labor.  
 7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel who each provided food for the king and his household for one month of the year.  
 8 And these are their names: the son of Hur in the hill country of Ephraim;  
 9 the son of Dekar in Makaz and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan;  
 10 the son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher.  
 11 the son of Abinadab, who had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as a wife, in all the region of Dor;  
 12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach, Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, to the place that is beyond Jokneam;  
 13 the son of Geber in Ramothgilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead. To him also pertained the region of Argob which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars.  
 14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim.  
 15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon as a wife.  
 16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth;  
 17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah was in Issachar.  
 18 Shimei the son of Elah was in Benjamin.  
 19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan, and he was the only officer who was in that land.  
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**The nature of Solomon as a man**  
 20 The people of Judah and Israel were as many as the sand on the seashore, eating, drinking, and making merry.  
 21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the Jordan river to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's provision for one day was

<p>thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,                  23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.                  24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.                  25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.                  `</p> <p>26 ¶ And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.                  27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.                  28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.                  29 ¶ And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.                  30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.                  31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.                  32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.                  `</p> <p>33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.                  34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.</p>	<p>thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal,                  23 ten fattened oxen, twenty oxen out of the pastures and one hundred sheep, besides different types of deer and fattened fowl.                  24 For he had dominion over all the region west of the Euphrates River, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings west of the Euphrates River. And he had peace on all sides around him.                  25 And all the people of Judah and Israel dwelt safely under their own grapevines and under their own fig trees, from Dan to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.                  26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand in his cavalry.                  27 And all officers in their appointed month provided food for King Solomon and all who came to his table, making sure that nothing was lacking.                  28 Also, they brought barley and straw for the horses and camels to the place where the officers were, every person according to Solomon's orders.                  29 And God gave Solomon exceedingly great wisdom and understanding, and largeness of heart, even as much as the sand on the seashore.                  30 And Solomon's wisdom exceeded the wisdom of all the people of the east country and all the wisdom of Egypt.                  31 For he was wiser than all other persons, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and wiser than Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame was in all nations around him.                  32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs numbered one thousand five.                  `</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Solomon is an amateur naturalist</b></p> <p>33 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall. He also spoke of beasts, of birds, of reptiles and small creatures, and of fish.<sup>2</sup>                  34 And all people came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, including all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.</p>
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5:1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

7 ¶ And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

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

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and

### **Solomon negotiates with Hiram for his help in building the temple of Yahweh**

5:1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, for he had heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father. For Hiram had been an admirer of David.

2 And Solomon sent a message to Hiram, saying,

3 “You know that David my father could not build a temple honoring the name of Yahweh his Deity because of the wars which were about him on every side until God had put his enemies under his feet.

4 “But now God has given me rest on every side, so there is neither adversary nor evil troubling me.

5 “And, behold, I propose building a temple for the name of Yahweh my Deity, as Yahweh spoke to David my father, saying, ‘Your son, whom I will set upon your throne in your place shall build a temple for My name.

6 “Therefore command that they cut me cedar trees from Lebanon, and my servants shall be with your servants. And I will pay all the servants you appoint. For you know that there is not one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.”

7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, “Praised be Yahweh this day, which has given to David a wise son over this great people.”

8 And Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, “I have considered the things which you requested and will grant all your desires regarding the cedar and cypress timber.

9 “My servants shall bring them from Lebanon to the sea, and I will float them by sea to the place that you shall appoint and will unload them there for you to receive them. And you shall accomplish my desire, by giving food for my household in return.”

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar and cypress timber according to Solomon’s desire.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram one hundred twenty-five thousand bushels of wheat for food for his household, and about one thousand one hundred gallons of pure olive oil. Solomon did this year after year.

12 And God gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him, and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and they made a treaty together.



house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:  
 6 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.  
 7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.  
 8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.  
 9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.  
 10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.  
 11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,  
 12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father  
 13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.  
 14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.  
 15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.  
 16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.  
 17 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.  
 18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there

rooms to the temple would not be fastened in the walls of the temple.  
 7 And the stones with which the temple was built were finished before being brought to the temple site, so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard at the temple while it was being built.  
 8 The stairs to the three stories of rooms wound up to the middle floor and then up to the third floor.  
 9 So he built the temple and finished it, and covered the temple with beams and boards of cedar.  
 10 And then he built rooms next to the temple seven and one-half feet high. And the rooms were attached to the outside walls of the temple with cedar beams.  
 11 And this word of Yahweh came to Solomon,  
 12 "Concerning this temple which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I promised David your father.  
 13 "And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake My people Israel."  
 14 So Solomon built the temple and finished it.  
 15 The inside walls of the temple were covered with boards of cedar, from the floor to the ceiling, and the floor of the temple was covered with planks of cypress.  
 16 At the back of the temple Solomon built an inner room called the most holy place, which was thirty feet long, and was partitioned off from the rest of the temple by boards of cedar.  
 17 And the sanctuary in front of the most holy place was sixty feet long.  
 18 And the cedar interior walls of the temple were covered with carved gourds and open flowers. All was cedar within, so that the stone walls of the temple were not seen.  
 19 In the inner room, the most holy place at the rear of the temple, the ark of the covenant of Yahweh was placed.  
 20 The most holy place was thirty feet long, thirty feet wide, and thirty feet high. And it was overlaid with pure gold, and the altar in the holy place was covered with cedar.  
 21 So Solomon overlaid the temple within with pure gold, and he made a partition by the chains of

was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.

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

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

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

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

gold before the entrance to the most holy place. And he overlaid the most holy place with gold.

22 He overlaid the whole temple with gold until he had finished all the temple. Also, he overlaid the entire altar in the holy place with gold.

23 And within the most holy place he placed two angels made from wild olive trees, each fifteen feet high.

24 And one wing of the winged angel was seven and one-half feet wide, and the other wing of the winged angel was seven and one-half feet wide. From the furthest end of one wing to the furthest end of the other wing was fifteen feet.

25 And the other angel was fifteen feet high. Both the angels were the same size.

26 The height of the one angel was fifteen feet, and so was the height of the other angel.

27 And he set the angels within the most holy place of the temple. And they stretched forth the wings of the angels, so that the wing of one angel touched one wall, and the wing of the other angel touched the other wall. And their wings touched one another in the midst of the temple.

28 And he overlaid the angels with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the temple with carved figures of angels, palm trees, and open flowers.

30 And he overlaid the entire floor of the temple with gold.

31 And for the entrance of the most holy place he made doors from the wood of olive trees; the lintel and side posts of the doors were a part of the wall.

32 And he carved on the two olivewood doors carvings of angels, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the angels and upon the palm trees.

33 Also, he made posts from the wood of olive trees for the door of the temple.

34 And the two doors were of pine; each door had two folding leaves.

35 And he carved on them angels, palm trees, and open flowers, and covered the carved work with gold.

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

37 In the fourth year in the month Zif, the foundation

<p>34 And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.</p> <p>35 And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.</p> <p>36 ¶ And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.</p> <p>37 ¶ In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:</p> <p>38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.</p>	<p>of the temple of Yahweh was laid.</p> <p>38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, the temple was finished. So it took Solomon seven years to build the temple.</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p>7:1 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.</p> <p>2 ¶ He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.</p> <p>3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.</p> <p>4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.</p> <p>5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.</p> <p>6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.</p> <p>7 ¶ Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.</p> <p>8 ¶ And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.</p> <p>9 All these were of costly stones, according to the</p>	<p><b>The palace of Solomon is described</b></p> <p>7:1 <b>But</b> Solomon took thirteen years to build his own palace and finish it.</p> <p>2 He built his own palace also with wood from Lebanon; its length was one hundred fifty feet, and its width was seventy-five feet, and its height forty-five feet. It had four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars.</p> <p>3 And it was covered with cedar on the beams that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row.</p> <p>4 On each of the two side walls, there were three rows of windows facing each other.</p> <p>5 And all the doors and posts were square, with three rows of windows facing each other.</p> <p>6 And he made a porch of pillars; its length was seventy-five feet, and its width forty-five feet; and the porch was in front of them. And the other pillars and the thick beams were in front of them.</p> <p>7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge — the porch of judgment. And the entire floor was covered with cedar.</p> <p>8 And his palace where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of similar construction. Solomon also made a palace like his porch for Pharaoh's daughter whom Solomon had taken as a wife.</p> <p>9 All these were of costly stones, cut according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and out, from the foundation to the roof, and likewise on the outside toward the great court.</p>

measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.

12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

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

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

15 For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

16 And he made two chapiters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits:

17 And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

19 And the chapiters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.

21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called

10 And the foundation was of great, costly stones, some fifteen feet long, and others twelve feet long.

11 And above were costly stones, cut to measure, and cedars.

12 And the great court had three rows of cut stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the temple of Yahweh and for the porch of the palace.

13 And King Solomon sent for a man of Tyre named Hiram.

14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze. And Hiram was filled with wisdom, understanding, and skill to work with bronze. And he came to King Solomon and made all the bronze furnishings to be used in worship in the temple.

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#### **Decorating the inside of the temple**

15 For he cast two pillars of bronze, each twenty-seven feet high with a diameter of eighteen feet.

16 And he made two capitals of molten bronze to set upon the tops of the pillars; the height of each capital was seven and one-half feet.

17 And he made seven rows of designs that looked like chains for each of the capitals which were on top of the pillars.

18 And he placed upon each capital two rows of pomegranates.

19 The capitals were shaped like lilies six feet tall.

20 And the capitals upon the two pillars had pomegranates above the network, and there were rows with two hundred pomegranates upon the capitals.

21 And he set up two pillars on the porch of the temple, and he called the right pillar Jachin, and the left pillar Boaz.

22 And upon the top of the pillars was lily work. So the work of the pillars was finished.

23 And he made a large basin called a sea, which was fifteen feet across from one brim to the

the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz.

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

23 ¶ And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

26 And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

27 ¶ And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

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

30 And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves,

other. The basin was round, and its height was seven and one-half feet; and it had a circumference of forty-five feet.

24 All around the outside of the brim of the basin were gourds, ten every eighteen inches; the gourds were cast in two rows.

25 The basin stood upon twelve bronze bulls lying down with their heads raised, facing outwards, three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east.

26 The brim of the basin was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was like the brim of a cup, like a lily; the basin contained ten thousand gallons of water.

27 And Hiram made ten carts of bronze. The length of each cart was six feet, and its breadth was six feet, and its height was four and one-half feet.

28 And the carts had borders.

29 And on the borders were lions, oxen, and angels; and beneath the lions and oxen were certain ornamental additions.

30 And every cart had four bronze wheels and bronze axles; at the four corners were bronze supports for a bowl.

31 The bowl was twenty-seven inches across and rested on supports eighteen inches high which were highly ornamented.

32 Under each cart were axles and four wheels, which were joined to the cart. And the height of each wheel was twenty-seven inches.

33 And the wheels were like chariot wheels; their axles, their spokes, and all their other parts were made of bronze.

34 And there was a support at each of the four corners of the base, and the supports were one with the base itself.

35 At the top of each cart was a strip nine inches high.

36 The sides of the carts were highly ornamented with engraved angels, lions, and palm trees.

37 After this manner Hiram made the ten carts: all of them from the same mold, identical in shape and size.

38 Then he made ten wash basins of bronze: each wash basin contained over two hundred gallons of water and was six feet across.

and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.

34 And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.

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

38 ¶ Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

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

40 ¶ And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars;

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

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.

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

47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

39 And he put five carts on the right side of the temple, and five on the left side of the temple; and he set the sea at the southeast corner of the temple.

40 And Hiram made the wash basins, the shovels, and the pans for hot ashes. So Hiram finished doing all the work that he had done for King Solomon for the temple:

41 he made two pillars, and the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on the top of the two pillars, two chain designs to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals which were upon the top of the pillars, 42 and four hundred pomegranates for the two chain designs, two rows of pomegranates for each chain design, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars.

43 And the ten bases, the ten wash basins on the bases,

44 one sea, twelve oxen lying down with their heads raised facing outward under the sea.

45 The pots, the shovels, the basins, and all the vessels which Hiram made for King Solomon for the temple were of bright bronze.

46 All these were cast for the king by pouring melted bronze into clay molds in the plain of the Jordan River between Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceedingly many; the weight of the bronze was not known.

48 And by order of Solomon, all the vessels that pertained to the temple were made: the altar of gold, the table of gold upon which the showbread

(the sacred loaves of bread) were kept,

49 the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right side and five on the left before the most holy place, with the flowers, the lamps, the tongs of gold,

50 the bowls, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, the fire pans of pure gold, and the hinges of gold for the doors of the main room, the most holy place, and the temple.

51 So all the work that King Solomon performed for the temple was completed. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated. And he put the silver, the gold, and the vessels in the treasury of the temple.



over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.  
8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

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

15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD

carrying poles.

8 The ends of the poles could be seen by anyone standing in front of the most holy place, but from nowhere else; and there they are to this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets which Moses put there at Horeb (Sinai),<sup>5</sup> when Yahweh made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

### **Solomon dedicates the temple**

10 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the most holy place, that a holy cloud filled the temple,

11 so that the priests could not stay to serve because of the cloud, for the glory of Yahweh had filled the temple.

12 Then Solomon spoke, "Yahweh said that He would dwell in the thick darkness."<sup>6</sup>

13 "Yahweh, I have surely built You a temple to dwell in, a settled place for You to abide in forever."

14 And the king turned his face around and blessed all the congregation of Israel, and all the congregation stood.

15 And the king said, "Praised be Yahweh of Israel, which spoke to David my father and has *with His hand* fulfilled His promise, saying,

16 'Since the day that I brought forth My people Israel out of Egypt, I did not choose any city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a temple so that My name might be in it. But I chose David to be over My people Israel.'

17 "And it was in the heart of David my father to build a temple for the name of Yahweh, the Deity of Israel.

18 "And Yahweh said to David my father, 'Because it was in your heart to build a temple to My name, you did well that it was in your heart.

19 'Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son shall build the temple to My name.'

20 "And Yahweh has performed His word that He spoke. And I Solomon have risen in place of David my father to sit on the throne of Israel as Yahweh promised, and have built a temple for the name of Yahweh of Israel.

promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 ¶ If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this

21 “And I have set there a place for the ark in which is the covenant of Yahweh, which He made with our ancestors when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh in the presence of all the congregation of Israel and spread forth his hands toward the heavens.

23 And he said, “Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, there is no Deity like You in the heavens above or on the earth beneath who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart.<sup>7</sup>

24 “You have kept Your promise to Your servant, my father David. You spoke *with Your mouth* and have fulfilled *it with Your hand* [what You said], as it is this day.

25 “Therefore now, Yahweh, fulfill Your promise to your servant David my father as You said, ‘One of your descendants will always sit on the throne of Israel in My sight if your descendants follow My ways, walking before Me as you have walked before Me.’

26 “And now, Yahweh, I pray You, let Your word be verified, which You spoke to Your servant David my father.

27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You, how much less this temple that I have built?<sup>8</sup>

28 “Yet have respect for the prayer of Your servant, and for his petition, O Yahweh my Deity. And listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You today.

29 “May Your *eyes* [sight] be open toward this temple day and night, even toward the place of which You have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ so that You may hear the prayer which Your servant shall make toward this temple.

30 “And listen to the petitions of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this temple, and hear in the heavens, Your dwelling place.<sup>9</sup> And when You hear, forgive.

31 “If any person sins against another person and comes to take an oath of innocence in front of Your altar in this temple,

house:

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 ¶ When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 ¶ When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee

32 “then hear in the heavens, and do, and judge Your servants, condemning the guilty person with the proper punishment while rewarding the righteous person according to their righteousness.

33 “When Your people Israel are defeated by their enemies because they have sinned against You, and then turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and petition You in this temple,  
34 “then hear in the heavens and forgive the sin of Your people Israel. And bring them again to the land which You gave to their ancestors.

35 “When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, if they pray toward this temple, confess Your name, and turn from their sin,

36 then hear in the heavens and forgive the sin of Your servants and Your people Israel, and teach them the good way in which they should walk, and give rain upon Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

37 “If there is famine in the land, or if there is pestilence, scorching winds, mildew, locusts, or caterpillars, or if their enemy besieges them in their land, whatever plague or sickness there is,  
38 whenever prayer and petitions to You are made by any person, or by all Your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of their own heart and spread forth their hands toward this temple,  
39 then hear in Your dwelling place in the heavens. And forgive and give to everyone according to their ways, whose hearts You know. For You, and You only, know the hearts of all your people.  
40 “May they fear<sup>10</sup> You, Yahweh, all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our ancestors.

41 “Moreover, concerning foreigners, who are not of Your people Israel, but come out of a far country for Your name's sake

42 “(For they shall hear of Your great name, and Your *strong hand* [strength], and Your *stretched-out arm* [power]), when they come and pray toward this temple,

43 then hear in the heavens Your dwelling place. And do all that the foreigners ask of You so that all the people of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and so that they

for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

44 ¶ If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name:

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant,

may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

44 "If Your people go out to battle against their enemies wherever You send them, and they pray to Yahweh toward the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple that I have built for Your name,

45 then hear in the heavens their prayer and their petition to you and help them win the battle.

46 "If they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin) and You are angry with them and deliver them to an enemy that carries them away as captives to their land, far or near,

47 and they repent in the land where they were carried captive, and petition to You in the land of their captives, saying, 'We have sinned, and have done wrong, we have committed wickedness,'

48 and so return to You with all their heart and with all their *soul* (spirit) in the land of their enemies which took them away captive, and pray to You toward their land, which You gave to their ancestors, the city which You have chosen, and the temple which I have built for Your name,

49 then hear their prayer and their petition to You in Your dwelling place in the heavens and help them gain their freedom.

50 "And forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their sins that they have committed against You. And show them compassion in the sight of those who took them captive, so that their captors may have compassion on them.

51 "For they are Your people and Your inheritance, which You brought forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron.

52 "May Your *eyes* [sight] be open to the petition of Your servant, and to the petition of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You.

53 "For You separated them from all the people of the earth to be Your inheritance, as You spoke by the hand of Moses Your servant when You brought our ancestors out of Egypt, O Yahweh."

54 And when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and petitioning to Yahweh, he arose from before the altar of Yahweh, where he had

when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O LORD God.

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

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

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his

commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all

been kneeling with his hands spread toward the heavens.

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

56 "Praised be Yahweh that has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. Not one word has failed of all His good promises which He promised through Moses His servant.

57 "May Yahweh be with us as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us nor forsake us.<sup>11</sup>

58 "May He incline our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers.

59 "And let these my words, with which I have Petitioned Yahweh, be near to Yahweh day and night so that He will always maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, throughout every need.

60 "May all the people of the earth know that Yahweh is the Deity and that there is none else.<sup>12</sup>

61 "Therefore let your heart be perfect with Yahweh, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as we do today."

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#### **The temple is dedicated with rejoicing**

62 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifices before Yahweh.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh: twenty-two thousand oxen, and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the temple.

64 The same day the king sanctified the middle of the court in front of the temple. For there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before Yahweh was too small to receive all these offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast which was celebrated by all Israel, a great congregation,

<p>Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.</p> <p>66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.</p>	<p>from as far away as Hamath to the river of Egypt, before Yahweh — fourteen days in all.</p> <p>66 At the end of these days, he sent the people away, and they blessed the king and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that Yahweh had done for David His servant, and for Israel His people.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>9:1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,</p> <p>2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.</p> <p>3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.</p> <p>`</p> <p>4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:</p> <p>5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.</p> <p>6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:</p> <p>7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:</p> <p>8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus</p>	<p><b>Yahweh again warns of punishment if Israel goes astray</b></p> <p>9:1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the temple of Yahweh and the king's palace, and had accomplished all that he desired to do,</p> <p>2 that Yahweh appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.<sup>13</sup></p> <p>3 And Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your petition that you have made before me. I have made this temple holy, which you have built to place My name there forever; and My <i>eyes</i> [sight] and My <i>heart</i> [love] shall be there perpetually.</p> <p>4 "And if you will walk before Me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep My statutes and My judgments,</p> <p>5 "then I will establish the throne of your kingdom in Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You will not fail to have a descendant on the throne of Israel.'</p> <p>6 "But if you or your descendants turn away from following Me and will not obey My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them,</p> <p>7 "then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them. And this temple, which I have hallowed for My name, I will cast out of My sight. And Israel shall become a proverb of warning and byword of ridicule among all people.</p> <p>8 "And at this high temple everyone who passes by shall be astonished, and shall gasp and say, 'Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this temple?'</p>

unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

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

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

13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazer, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether,

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

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

9 “And others shall answer, ‘Because they turned away from Yahweh their Deity, who brought forth their ancestors out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold on other gods, and have worshiped them and served them. Therefore, Yahweh has brought on them all this evil.’”

### **Solomon’s temple and palace take twenty years to build**

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, that Solomon had completed the two buildings, the temple and the king's palace.

### **King Hiram of Tyre is displeased**

11 Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees, fir trees, and gold, according to Solomon’s desire. So King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

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

13 And Hiram said, “What cities are these which you have given me, my brother?” And Hiram called them the land of Cabul to this day.

14 And Hiram had sent to the king five tons of gold.

### **Solomon used forced labor by the remnants of the conquered Canaanites to build his projects**

15 And this is the reason for the forced labor which King Solomon drafted to build the temple, his own palace, Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazer, Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh of Egypt had taken Gezer, burnt it with fire, killed the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it for a present to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, Bethhoron the lower, 18 Baalath, Tadmor in the wilderness in the land, 19 all the cities where Solomon kept his supplies, cities for his chariots, cities for his cavalry, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

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

<p>20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,</p> <p>21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.</p> <p>22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.</p> <p>23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.</p> <p>24 ¶ But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.</p> <p>25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.</p> <p>26 ¶ And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.</p> <p>27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.</p> <p>28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Solomon enslaves all the Canaanites who are left</b></p> <p>21 their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the people of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, Solomon forced into slavery to this day.<sup>14</sup></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Solomon's rule</b></p> <p>22 But Solomon did not make slaves of the people of Israel; they were soldiers, his officers, his princes, his captains, those in charge of his chariots, and his cavalry.</p> <p>23 These were the chief officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.</p> <p>24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her palace which Solomon had built for her; then he built Millo.</p> <p>25 And three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to Yahweh. And he burnt incense on the altar that was before Yahweh. So he finished the temple.</p> <p>26 And King Solomon built a fleet of ships in Eziongeber which is beside Eloth on the shore of the Red Sea in the land of Edom.</p> <p>27 And Hiram sent his servants and sailors with knowledge of the sea to serve in Solomon's navy, along with his servants.</p> <p>28 And they went to Ophir and brought back from there about sixteen tons of gold for King Solomon.</p>
<p>10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.</p> <p>2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The queen of Sheba is impressed by Solomon</b></p> <p>10:1 And when the queen of Sheba<sup>15</sup> heard of the fame of Solomon and his wisdom from Yahweh, she came to test him with hard questions.</p> <p>2 And she came to Jerusalem with many attendants and with camels that carried spices, a great quantity of gold, and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.</p>

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

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

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

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

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

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

12 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon

3 And Solomon answered all her questions; there was not anything known to the king which he did not tell her.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had heard all Solomon's wisdom and seen the palace that he had built,

5 and the food on his table, and the seating of his officials, and the servants who waited on him, and their uniforms, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up to the temple, she was astonished.

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

7 "However, I did not believe the words until I came and had seen for myself; and, behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame which I heard.

8 "How fortunate are your people! And your servants who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom are fortunate

9 "Praised be Yahweh, which delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to render justice and righteousness."

10 And she gave the king almost five tons of gold, a very great number of spices, and precious stones. King Solomon had never received such an abundance of spices as those which the queen of Sheba gave to him.

11 And the navy of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a great number of juniper trees and precious stones.

12 And the king ordered the juniper trees to be made into steps for the temple and for the king's palace, and also to be made into harps and lyres for singers. Such fine juniper trees have never been seen again in Israel to this day.

13 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked for in addition to what Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. Then she returned to her own country with her servants.

#### **Solomon's wealth is described**

14 Now the weight of gold that came to

in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,  
 15 Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

16 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 ¶ Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

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

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

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

24 ¶ And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

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

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as

Solomon in one year was about twenty-five tons of gold,

15 in addition to the tribute he received from the merchants, from the traffic of the spice merchants, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.

16 And King Solomon had two hundred shields of beaten gold made; about seven and a half pounds of gold were used for each shield.

17 And he had three hundred shields of beaten gold made; three pounds of gold went into each shield, and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps leading up to it, and the top of the throne was round. And there were armrests on either side of the throne, and the figure of a lion stood beside each armrest.

20 And the figure of a lion stood on each end of every step, twelve in all, and there was not anything like it in any other kingdom.

21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were of silver. Silver was not considered valuable in the palace in the days of Solomon.

22 And the king had a fleet that sailed to Tarshish along with Hiram's fleet, and every three years the Tarshish fleet would return, bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.

23 So King Solomon exceeded all the other kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.

24 And people came from all the earth seeking the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom which Yahweh had put in his heart.

25 And all brought presents, vessels of silver, vessels of gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules. This continued year after year.

26 And Solomon assembled chariots and cavalry. And he had a thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand cavalry soldiers whom he stationed in various cities and at Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver to be as prevalent as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars to be as

<p>stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.</p> <p>28 ¶ And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.</p> <p>29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.</p>	<p>abundant as sycamore trees.<sup>16</sup></p> <p>28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt and linen yarn; the king's merchants received the linen yarn for a price.</p> <p>29 And a chariot could be purchased from Egypt for fifteen pounds of silver, and a horse for about four pounds of silver. And so Solomon supplied all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria with them.</p>
<p>11:1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;</p> <p>2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.</p> <p>3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.</p> <p>4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.</p> <p>5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.</p> <p>6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.</p> <p>7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.</p> <p>8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.</p> <p>9 ¶ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,</p> <p>10 And had commanded him concerning this thing,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Solomon is led astray by his many foreign wives</b></p> <p>11:1 But king Solomon loved many foreign women as well as the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites.</p> <p>2 These were the nations<sup>17</sup> about which Yahweh said to the children of Israel, "You shall not go into them, neither shall they come into you; for surely they will turn away your heart toward their gods." Yet Solomon clung to these in love.</p> <p>3 And he had seven hundred wives and princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned away his heart from God.</p> <p>4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart toward other gods, and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his Deity, as was the heart of David his father.</p> <p>5 For Solomon followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and Milcom, the abomination (god) of the Ammonites.</p> <p>6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of Yahweh and did not fully follow Yahweh, as David his father had done.</p> <p>7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.</p> <p>8 And he did likewise for the gods of all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods.</p> <p>9 And Yahweh was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, which had appeared to him twice,</p> <p>10 and had commanded him about this, that he</p>

that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

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14 ¶ And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

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

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17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

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

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

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

should not go after other gods; but he did not obey Yahweh's commands.

11 Therefore, Yahweh said to Solomon, "Because you have done this and have not kept My covenant and my statutes which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

12 "However, in your lifetime I will not do it, for David your father's sake; but I will tear it out of the hands of your son.

13 "However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but will give two tribes to your son for David My servant's sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

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#### **Because of Solomon's sins, Yahweh stirs up two adversaries against Solomon**

14 And Yahweh stirred up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite from the family of the King of Edom.

15 For it came to pass that after David conquered Edom, Joab the commander of the army went to bury the dead, after he had slain every male in Edom;<sup>18</sup>

16 For six months Joab remained there with all the army of Israel until Joab had cut off every male in Edom.

17 But Hadad fled, with certain Edomites of his father's servants, to go into Egypt, Hadad being yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian and went to Paran, and they took people with them out of Paran, and they went to Egypt, to Pharaoh of Egypt, who gave Hadad a house, food and land.

19 And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that Pharaoh gave him as a wife the sister of his own wife, Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore him his son Genubath, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David had passed on and that Joab the commander of the army had passed on, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart so that I may go to my own country."

22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 ¶ And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

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

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

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

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

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

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

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33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and

lacked with me that you desire to go to your own country?" And Hadad answered, "Nothing; however, let me go anyway."

23 And Yahweh stirred up another adversary against Solomon, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered followers to himself and became head of a band when David killed those of Zobah. And they went to Damascus and dwelt there, and Rezon reigned in Damascus.

25 And Rezon was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, in addition to the trouble that Hadad caused. And Rezon abhorred Israel and reigned over Syria.

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### **Jeroboam is told that Yahweh will support him as the leader of ten tribes**

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, also rebelled against the king.

27 And this was why he rebelled against the king; Solomon built Millo and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28 And Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, made him ruler over the tribe of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam traveled out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite stopped him on the road. Jeroboam had clad himself with a new garment, and the two of them were alone in the field.

30 And Ahijah took hold of Jeroboam's new garment and cut it into twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces, for Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, says to you, 'Behold, I will rend (tear) the kingdom out of the hands of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you.'<sup>19</sup>

32 'But Solomon shall have only two tribes for My servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.

33 'This will happen because Solomon has forsaken Me and has worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the

<p>Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.</p> <p>34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:</p> <p>35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.</p> <p>36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.</p> <p>37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.</p> <p>38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.</p> <p>39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.</p> <p>40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.</p> <p>41 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?</p> <p>42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.</p> <p>43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.</p>	<p>Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon.<sup>20</sup> And Solomon has not walked in My ways to do that which is right in My eyes [sight] and to keep My statutes and My judgments, as David his father did.</p> <p>34 'However, I will not take the whole kingdom out of Solomon's hands, but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David My servant's sake, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.</p> <p>35 'But I will take the kingdom out of the hands of Solomon's son, and will give you ten tribes of the kingdom.</p> <p>36 'And to Solomon's son I will give only two tribes so that David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen to put My name.</p> <p>37 'And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your <i>soul</i> (spirit) desires and shall be king over the ten northern tribes of Israel (the northern kingdom or later Samaria).</p> <p>38 'And it shall be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in My ways, and do what is right in my sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as David My servant did, then I will be with you and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give northern Israel to you.</p> <p>39 'And I will cause the descendants of David to be sorrowful, but not forever.'"</p> <p>40 Therefore Solomon attempted to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled into Egypt, to Shishak Pharaoh of Egypt, and remained in Egypt until the death of Solomon.</p> <p>41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon — all that he did as well as his wisdom — are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?</p> <p>42 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigns</b></p> <p>43 And Solomon passed on and was buried in the city of David his father, and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.</p>
<p><b>12:1</b> And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.</p>	<p><b>12:1</b> And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel came to Shechem to make him king.</p>

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

3 That they sent and called him.

And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

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

2 And it came to pass that Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was still in Egypt, heard of it. For he had fled from the presence of King Solomon and dwelt in Egypt.

3 And the people called him back.

### **Jeroboam asks Rehoboam to be more merciful than Solomon**

And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came and said to Rehoboam,

4 "Your father required heavy labor from us; therefore, make the grievous service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us lighter, and we will serve you."<sup>21</sup>

5 And Rehoboam said to them, "Depart for three days and then come back to me." And the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had stood before Solomon his father while he still lived, and asked, "How do you advise me to answer these people?"

7 And they said to him, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and will serve them and answer them, and speak kindly to them, they will be your servants forever."

8 But he disregarded the counsel of the elders which they had given him and instead consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, and who stood before him.

9 And he asked them, "How should we answer these people who have said to me, 'Make the yoke which your father put on us lighter?'"

10 And the young men who had grown up with him said to him, "They said to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you should make it lighter.' You shall say this to them, 'My little finger shall be heavier than my father's whole leg.

11 'Although my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father whipped you with whips, but I will whip you with scorpions.'"

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

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;  
 14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 ¶ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to

### **Rehoboam answers the people roughly**

13 And the king answered the people roughly and disregarded the counsel the elders had given him.  
 14 And he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke. My father whipped you with whips, but I will whip you with scorpions."

15 So the king did not listen to the people, but this turn of events came from Yahweh, so that He might perform His promise, which Yahweh spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

### **The ten northern tribes of Israel revolt against Rehoboam**

16 So when the people of the ten northern tribes of Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What do we owe to David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; back to your tents northern Israel. Now you may manage without us, David." So northern Israel departed to their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah and Benjamin, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram to collect the taxes, and the people of northern Israel stoned and killed him. Therefore, king Rehoboam hastily got up into his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So northern Israel has rebelled against the descendants of David to this day.

20 And it came to pass when northern Israel heard that Jeroboam had come, they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over northern Israel. None of the Israelites followed the descendants of David except only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

### **Rehoboam prepares to battle against northern Israel to bring them back under his control**

21 And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the tribe of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand chosen warriors, to fight against northern Israel to bring the whole kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of

Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

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24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

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

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

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

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

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31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth

Solomon.

22 But this word of Yahweh came to Shemaiah the holy man,

23 "Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, and say,

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#### **Yahweh forbids Rehoboam to fight against northern Israel**

24 that Yahweh says, 'You shall not go up and fight against your brethren, the people of northern Israel. All of you return to your homes for this command is from Me.'" Therefore, they listened to the word of Yahweh, and returned home, according to the word of Yahweh.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in Mount Ephraim and dwelt there, and went out from there and built Penuel.

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#### **Jeroboam sets up idols for the people of northern Israel to worship**

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David.

27 "If this people go to sacrifice in the temple at Jerusalem, then their hearts may turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah. And they may kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

28 Therefore, King Jeroboam took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O northern Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt."

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

30 And this became a sin; for the people went to worship before one of the calves, even all the way north to Dan.

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#### **Jeroboam makes priests of the lowest of the people**

31 And Jeroboam established places of worship on high places and appointed priests from the lowest classes of the people, who were not Levites.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth

<p>month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.</p> <p>33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.</p>	<p>day of the eighth month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. He did the same in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made, and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.</p> <p>33 So he made offerings on the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a time which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the people of northern Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.</p>
<p>13:1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.</p> <p>2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.</p> <p>3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.</p> <p>4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.</p> <p>5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.</p> <p>6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.</p> <p>7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give</p>	<p><b>A holy man cries out against the idolatrous altar of Jeroboam</b></p> <p>13:1 And behold, a holy man came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh to Bethel; and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.</p> <p>2 And the holy man cried out against the altar in the word of Yahweh and said, "O altar, altar, Yahweh says, 'Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David. And on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and the bones of people shall be burnt on you.'"<sup>22</sup></p> <p>3 And the holy man gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which Yahweh has spoken of: 'Behold, the altar shall break apart. And the ashes that are on it shall be poured out.'"</p> <p>4 And it came to pass when king Jeroboam heard the holy man crying out against the altar in Bethel, he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Lay hold on him." And his hand, which he stretched out against the holy man became paralyzed, so that he could not pull it back.</p> <p>5 The altar also was torn apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar according to the sign which the holy man had given by the word of Yahweh.</p> <p>6 And the king said to the holy man, "Plead now before Yahweh and pray for me, that my hand may be restored again." And the holy man prayed to Yahweh, and the king's hand was restored as it was before.</p> <p>7 And the king said to the holy man, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."</p>

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8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

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

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

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

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 ¶ And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

8 But the holy man said to the king, "Even if you would give me half of your palace, I will not go in with you, nor will I eat food nor drink water in this place.

9 "For the word of Yahweh ordered me, 'Do not eat any food, nor drink water, nor return by the same way that you came.'"

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

### **A partially righteous old prophet leads the holy man astray**

11 Now a somewhat-righteous, old prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the holy man had done that day in Bethel. They also told their father the words which the holy man had spoken to the king.

12 And their father asked them, "What way did he go?" For his sons had seen which way the holy man, who came from Judah, had gone.

13 And the old man said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him, and he mounted it,

14 and went after the holy man, and found him sitting under an oak, and asked him, "Are you the holy man who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15 Then the old prophet said to the holy man, "Come home with me and have something to eat."

16 And the holy man said, "I may not return with you, nor go in with you; nor will I eat or drink water with you in this place.

17 "For it was said to me by the word of Yahweh, 'You shall not eat any food or drink any water there, nor return by the way that you came.'"

18 The old prophet said to him, "I am a prophet as you are. And an angel spoke to me the word of Yahweh, saying, 'Bring the holy man back with you into your house so that he may eat a meal and drink water.'" But the old prophet was lying to the holy man.

19 So the holy man went back with him and ate a meal in his house and drank water.

20 And it came to pass as they sat at the table, that the word of Yahweh came to the prophet who brought the holy man back.

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

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

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead,

**The old, partially righteous prophet tells the holy man that the holy man has disobeyed Yahweh and, consequently, will be punished**

21 And the old prophet cried out to the holy man who came from Judah, "Yahweh says that you have disobeyed the word of Yahweh and have not kept the command which Yahweh gave you.

22 "For you came back, ate a meal and drank water in the place, regarding which Yahweh had said to you, 'Do not eat any bread, or drink any water there.' Therefore, your corpse shall not be buried in the sepulcher of your ancestors."

23 And it came to pass after the holy man had eaten a meal and had drunk water, that the old prophet saddled the donkey for the holy man whom he had brought back.

24 And as the holy man traveled, a lion met him and killed him, and his corpse lay on the road, and the donkey stood by it, as did the lion.

25 And, behold, some people passed by and saw the corpse lying on the road and the lion standing by the corpse. And they came and reported this in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the old prophet who tricked the holy man from the right way, heard of his death, he said, "It is the holy man, who was disobedient to the word of Yahweh. Therefore, Yahweh delivered him to the lion, which tore him and killed him, according to the word of Yahweh which He spoke to the holy man."

27 And the old prophet said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it.

28 And he went and found the corpse lying on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse nor attacked the donkey.

29 And the old prophet took up the corpse of the holy man, and laid it upon the donkey, and brought it back. And the old prophet came to the city to mourn and to bury the holy man.

30 And he laid the corpse of the holy man in his own grave; and he and his sons mourned over the holy man, saying, "Alas, our brother!"

31 And it came to pass after the old prophet had buried the holy man, he said to his sons, "When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulcher in which

<p>then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:</p> <p>32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.</p> <p>33 ¶ After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.</p> <p>34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.</p>	<p>the holy man is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones.</p> <p>32 “For the word of Yahweh which the holy man spoke against the altar in Bethel and against all the temples of the high places in the cities of northern Israel, shall surely come to pass.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jeroboam continues to sin</b></p> <p>33 After this, Jeroboam did not turn away from his evil way, but consecrated more priests for the high places from the lowest classes of the people. Whoever wanted to become a priest, Jeroboam consecrated, and the man became one of the priests of the high places.</p> <p>34 And this was the sin of the house of Jeroboam that led to its destruction and removal from the face of the earth.</p>
<p>14:1 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.</p> <p>2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.</p> <p>3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.</p> <p>4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.</p> <p>5 ¶ And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.</p> <p>6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.</p> <p>7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The son of Jeroboam becomes sick; and when Jeroboam's wife goes for help, she is rebuked.</b></p> <p>14:1 At that time, Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.</p> <p>2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, “Get up and disguise yourself, so that you will not be recognized as my wife, and go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet, who told me that I should be king over northern Israel, is there.</p> <p>3 “And take with you ten loaves, some cakes, and a pot of honey, and go to him; he shall tell you what shall become of the child.”</p> <p>4 And Jeroboam's wife did so. She arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyesight was bad because of his age.</p> <p>5 And Yahweh said to Ahijah, “Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to ask something of you for her son, for he is sick. Here is what you shall tell her. For when she comes in, she shall pretend to be another person.”</p> <p>6 And when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she walked in the door, he said, “Come in, you wife of Jeroboam! Why do you disguise yourself? For I have bad news for you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ahijah foretells the downfall of Jeroboam</b></p> <p>7 “Go and tell Jeroboam that Yahweh, the Deity</p>

Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;

9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

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

14 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

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

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he

of Israel says, 'I exalted you from among the people and made you a prince over northern Israel.

8 'And I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave the ten tribes of northern Israel to you. And yet you have not been like My servant David who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart to do only that which was right in My eyes [sight].

9 'But you have done greater evil than all who were before you. For you have made yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back.

10 'Therefore, behold, I will bring disaster on the family of Jeroboam and cut off from the house of Jeroboam all descendants. And I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a person takes away dung till it is all gone.

11 'Any relative of Jeroboam who dies in the city will be eaten by dogs, and any who dies in the field will be eaten by the birds of the air. For Yahweh has spoken it.

12 'Arise therefore, and go you to your own house; and when your feet enter the city, the child shall die.

13 'And northern Israel shall mourn for him and bury him. For he alone out of Jeroboam's house shall be buried in a grave, because in him there is found something that pleases Yahweh in the house of Jeroboam.

14 'Moreover, Yahweh will raise up a king over northern Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam.

15 'For Yahweh will strike northern Israel as a reed is shaken in the water. And He will root up northern Israel out of the good land, which He gave to their ancestors and will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River because they have worshiped idols, provoking Yahweh to anger.

16 'And He will give up northern Israel, because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he committed and led northern Israel to sin.'"

17 And Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to Tirzah; and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child passed on.

18 And they buried him, and all northern Israel mourned for him, according to the word of Yahweh

spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

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

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 ¶ And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and

which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

### **Jeroboam passes on and his son Nabad reigns in his place over northern Israel**

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam— how he made war and how he reigned— are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And Jeroboam reigned for twenty-two years and passed on. And Nadab his son reigned in his place.

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yahweh chose out of all the tribes of Israel to put His name. And Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess.

### **The people of Judah commit sins**

22 And the people of Judah committed evil in the sight of Yahweh and provoked Him to anger with their sins which were greater than all that their ancestors had done.

23 For they also built for themselves altars on high places, and images on every high hill and under every green tree.

24 And there were also sodomites<sup>23</sup> in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel.

### **Pharaoh Shishak attacks Jerusalem**

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Pharaoh Shishak of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

26 And he took away the treasures of the temple, the treasures of the king's palace and all the shields of gold which Solomon had made; he took away everything.

27 And King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the door of the king's palace.

28 And when the king went into the temple, the guard carried the shields and brought them back

<p>brought them back into the guard chamber.  29 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?  30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.  31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.</p>	<p>into the guard chamber.  29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?  30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.  31 And Rehoboam passed on and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David. And Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess. And Rehoboam's son Abijam reigned in his place.</p>
<p>、  、  <b>15:1</b> Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.  、  2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.  3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.  4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:  、  5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.  、  6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.  、  7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.  8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David:  、  、  and Asa his son reigned in his stead.  9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.</p>	<p><b>Rehoboam's son Abijam reigns sinfully over Judah</b>  <b>15:1</b> Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah.  2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.  3 And Abijam walked in all the sins his father had committed before him. And his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his Deity, as was the heart of David his ancestor.  4 Nevertheless, for David's sake, Yahweh his Deity allowed a light to survive in Jerusalem, to maintain a descendant after David, and to establish Jerusalem,  5 because David did that which was right in the sight of Yahweh and did not turn aside from anything that Yahweh commanded him during his entire lifetime, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.  6 And the war which had started between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continued throughout Abijam's lifetime.  7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was a war between Abijam and Jeroboam.  8 And Abijam passed on, and they buried him in the city of David,  、  <b>Abijam's son Asa reigns in his place over Judah</b>  and Asa his son reigned in his place.  9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam, king of northern Israel, Asa reigned over Judah.</p>

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

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

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

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

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

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

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

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

20 So Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away

10 And Asa reigned for forty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, as did David his ancestor.

12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land and removed all the idols that his ancestors had made.

13 And he even removed Maachah his mother from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove. And Asa destroyed her idol and burned it by the Kidron Stream.

14 But the high places were not removed; nevertheless, Asa's heart was perfect with Yahweh all his life.

15 And he brought into the temple the things his father had dedicated and he himself had dedicated: silver, gold and vessels.

16 And there was warfare between Asa and Baasha king of northern Israel continually.

17 And Baasha king of northern Israel attacked Judah, and built Ramah so that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in from northern Israel to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then Asa took all the silver and gold that was left in the treasures of the temple, and the treasures of the king's palace, and delivered them into the hands of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion king of Syria who dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 "There is a treaty between you and me, and between your father and my father. Behold, I have sent you a present of silver and gold. Come and break your treaty with Baasha king of northern Israel so that he may cease attacking me."

20 So Benhadad listened to king Asa and sent the captains of the army arrayed against the cities of northern Israel and struck Ijon, Dan, Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass when Baasha heard of this, he stopped building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then King Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah, with no one exempted: all must help remove the stones of Ramah and the

the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

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

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 ¶ And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him;

and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

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

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

timber that Baasha had used for building. And King Asa built Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah with these materials.

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

24 And Asa passed on and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David his ancestor, and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

### **Jeroboam's son Nadab reigns over northern Israel**

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over northern Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over northern Israel two years.<sup>24</sup>

26 And he committed evil in the sight of Yahweh, and walked in the way of his father, leading northern Israel into sin.

27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against Nadab,

### **Baasha kills Nadab and reigns over northern Israel**

and Baasha killed Nadab at Gibbethon which belonged to the Philistines. For Nadab and all northern Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 And in the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha killed Nadab and reigned in his place.

29 As soon as Baasha became king, he killed the entire family of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone who breathed, but destroyed all his descendants, according to the saying of Yahweh which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite,

30 because of the sins of Jeroboam which he committed and led northern Israel to sin, which provoked Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, to anger.

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

32 And there was warfare between Asa and Baasha king of northern Israel continually.

33 In the third year of the reign of Asa king of

<p>33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.</p> <p>34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.</p>	<p>Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over northern Israel in Tirzah; and he reigned for twenty-four years.</p> <p>34 And he did evil in the sight of Yahweh and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin, he made northern Israel to sin.</p>
<p>16:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,</p> <p>2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;</p> <p>3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.</p> <p>4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.</p> <p>5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?</p> <p>6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p>7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.</p> <p>8 ¶ In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.</p> <p>9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza</p>	<p><b>The prophet Jehu condemns Baasha, the king of northern Israel</b></p> <p>16:1 Then the word of Yahweh came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,</p> <p>2 “I exalted you out of the dust and made you prince over My people in northern Israel. And you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and made My people in northern Israel to sin, provoking Me to anger with their sins.</p> <p>3 “Therefore, behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha and his family, and will make his family like the family of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.</p> <p>4 “The follower of Baasha who dies in the city shall be eaten by dogs, and the follower of Baasha who dies in the fields shall be eaten by the birds of the air.”</p> <p>5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha — what he did and his might— are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?</p> <p>6 So Baasha passed on and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his son reigned in his place.</p> <p>7 And through the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani, the word of Yahweh came against Baasha and his house for all the evil he did in the sight of Yahweh, provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the family of Jeroboam, and because he killed the family of Jeroboam.</p> <p><b>Baasha’s son Elah reigns over northern Israel</b></p> <p>8 In the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over northern Israel in Tirzah; and he reigned for two years.</p> <p><b>Zimri kills Elah and reigns in his place over northern Israel</b></p> <p>9 However while Elah was in Tirzah, getting drunk in the house of Arza, steward of his house there, Elah’s servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots,</p>

steward of his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,

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

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

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

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

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

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

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

21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son

conspired against him.

10 And Zimri went in and struck Elah, killing him in the twenty-seventh year of the reign of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in Elah's place.

11 And it came to pass when he began to reign and sat on his throne, he killed all the family of Baasha. He did not leave Baasha even one male of his relatives, or his friends.

12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of Yahweh which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet

13 for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they made northern Israel to sin, and provoked Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, to anger with their idols.

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

15 In the twenty-seventh year of the reign of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned for seven days in Tirzah. And the people were camped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

### **The people turn against Zimri and make Omri king**

16 And the people who were camped heard that Zimri had conspired against King Elah and had killed him. Therefore, all northern Israel made Omri, the captain of Elah's army, king over northern Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, along with all the armies of northern Israel, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to pass when Zimri saw that the city was captured, he went into the palace of the king, and burnt the king's palace over him with fire. So he passed on

19 for his sins, doing evil in the sight of Yahweh, in walking in the way of Jeroboam and making northern Israel to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason he committed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of northern Israel were divided into two opposing camps: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath to make him king,

of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

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

23 ¶ In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

25 ¶ But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

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

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

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

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

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

33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all

and half followed Omri.

22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni passed on, and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty-first year of the reign of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over northern Israel for twelve years. He reigned for six years in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for about one hundred fifty pounds of silver and built a city there calling it Samaria after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill.

#### **Omri commits evil**

25 But Omri wrought evil in the sight of Yahweh and did worse than all who were before him.

26 For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in the same sin with which Jeroboam led northern Israel to sin, he caused the people of Samaria<sup>25</sup> to provoke Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, to anger with their idols.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri — what he did and his might — are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri passed on and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son reigned in his place.

#### **Omri's son Ahab reigns over Samaria**

29 And in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Samaria. And Ahab reigned in the city of Samaria over the country of Samaria for twenty-two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri committed evil in the sight of Yahweh more than all who were before him.

#### **Ahab marries Jezebel**

31 And it came to pass, as if it were not bad enough for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as a wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and served Baal, and worshiped him.

32 And he raised up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a grove for idol worship, and he did more to provoke Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, to

<p>the kings of Israel that were before him.</p> <p>34 ¶ In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.</p>	<p>anger than all the kings of Samaria who were before him.</p> <p>34 During Ahab’s reign, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid the foundation of Jericho and sacrificed Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates and sacrificed his youngest son Segub. In this manner, the word of Yahweh, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun, came to pass.</p>
<p>17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.</p> <p>2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,</p> <p>3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.</p> <p>4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.</p> <p>5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.</p> <p>6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.</p> <p>7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.</p> <p>8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,</p> <p>9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.</p> <p>10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.</p> <p>11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her,</p>	<p><b>Elijah says there will be no rain except by his word</b></p> <p>17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to King Ahab of Samaria, “As Yahweh the Deity of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain for years, until it comes by my word.”<sup>26</sup></p> <p>2 And this word of Yahweh came to Elijah:</p> <p>3 “Go from where you are and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Cherith Stream that is before the Jordan River.</p> <p>4 “And it shall be, that you shall drink of the stream. And I have commanded the ravens there to feed you.”</p> <p>5 So Elijah went and did according to the word of Yahweh: for he went and dwelt by the Cherith Stream where it enters the Jordan River.</p> <p>6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.</p> <p>7 And it came to pass after a while, that the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land.</p> <p><b>Elijah goes to Zarephath and supplies a starving widow with food</b></p> <p>8 And this word of Yahweh came to Elijah:</p> <p>9 “Arise and go to Zarephath which belongs to Zidon, and dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain you.”<sup>27</sup></p> <p>10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water, so that I may drink.”</p> <p>11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in</p>

and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.`

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

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

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

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

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

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

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and

your hands.”

12 And she said, “As Yahweh lives, I have nothing left but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little olive oil in a pitcher. And behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and prepare bread for my son and me so that we may eat it and then die of starvation.”

13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but make me a little cake first, and bring it to me. Then make something to eat for you and your son.

14 “For Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, says, “The barrel of meal shall not run out of meal, neither shall the pitcher of olive oil become empty until after Yahweh sends rain upon the earth.””

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah. And she, Elijah and her household had food for many days.

16 And the barrel of meal was not used up, neither did the pitcher of oil become empty, according to the word of Yahweh which He spoke by Elijah.

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#### **Elijah brings back to life a dead child**

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick, and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she asked Elijah, “What have you caused, you holy man? Have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?”

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

20 And he cried out to Yahweh, “O Yahweh my Deity, have You brought evil upon the widow with whom I live by slaying her son?”

21 And Elijah stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to Yahweh, and said, “O Yahweh my Deity, I pray You, let this child's *soul* (spirit) come into him again.”

22 And Yahweh heard the voice of Elijah, and the *soul* (spirit) of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down out of his bedroom into the house, and delivered

<p>delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.  24 ¶ And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.</p>	<p>him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."  24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a holy man and that the word of Yahweh in your mouth is the truth."</p>
<p>18:1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.  2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.  3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:  4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)  5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.  6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.  7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?  8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.  9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?  10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.  11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.  12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elijah goes to meet Ahab</b></p> <p>18:1 And it came to pass after many days, that this word of Yahweh came to Elijah in the third year of the drought, "Go, show yourself to King Ahab of Samaria, and I will send rain on the earth."  2 And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And there was a terrible famine in Samaria.  3 And Ahab called Obadiah, who was the governor of his palace. (Now Obadiah feared Yahweh.  4 For when Jezebel had cut off the prophets of Yahweh, Obadiah took one hundred prophets and hid them, fifty per cave, and fed them with food and water.)  5 And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go into the land to all fountains of water and to all streams; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive so that we do not lose all the animals."  6 So they divided the land between them to go through it. Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.  7 And as Obadiah was on the road searching, behold, Elijah met him. And Obadiah thought he recognized Elijah, and fell forward to the ground, and asked, "Are you my lord Elijah?"  8 And Elijah answered him, "I am; go and tell your lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'"  9 And Obadiah said, "What, have I sinned, so that you would deliver your servant into the hands of Ahab, to kill me?"  10 "As Yahweh your Deity lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent messengers to find you. And whenever they said, 'Elijah is not there,' Ahab made them swear to him that they had not found you.  11 "And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, behold, Elijah is here.'  12 "And it shall come to pass as soon as I am gone from you, that the spirit of Yahweh will carry you somewhere I do not know. And so when I go and</p>

tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.

15 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

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

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

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

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

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

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

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the

tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I, your servant, have feared Yahweh since my youth.

13 "Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of Yahweh, how I hid one hundred of Yahweh's prophets in caves, and fed them with bread and water?"

14 "And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord that, behold, Elijah is here.' He will kill me."

15 And Elijah said, "As Yahweh lives before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to Ahab today."

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

### **Elijah and the prophets of Baal**

17 And it came to pass when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Are you he who troubles Samaria?"

18 And Elijah answered, "I have not troubled Samaria. But you and your father's family have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of Yahweh, and instead have followed Baalim.

19 "Therefore summon all of Samaria to Mount Carmel, along with the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of the high places, which eat at Jezebel's table."

20 So Ahab sent messages to all the people of Samaria and summoned the prophets to Mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah approached all the people, and said, "How long will it take you decide between two opinions? If Yahweh is the Deity,<sup>28</sup> follow Him; but if Baal is, then follow him." And the people did not answer him.

22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am the remaining prophet of Yahweh,<sup>29</sup> but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty.

23 "Therefore, give us two bulls, and let the prophets of Baal choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and do not put any fire under it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on wood and put no fire under it.

24 "And you can call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of Yahweh. And the Deity which answers by fire, worship that Deity." And all

people answered and said, It is well spoken.  
25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal,  
Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it  
first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your  
gods, but put no fire under.

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

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked  
them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he  
is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or  
peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

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

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and  
they prophesied until the time of the offering of the  
evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor  
any to answer, nor any that regarded.

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30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near  
unto me. And all the people came near unto him.  
And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was  
broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the  
number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto  
whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel  
shall be thy name:

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the  
name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the  
altar, as great as would contain two measures of  
seed.

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

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

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he

the people answered, "It is well spoken."

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

26 And they took the bull which was given to them,  
prepared it and called on the name of Baal from  
morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us." But  
there was no voice, nor any answer. And they  
leaped upon the altar which had been made.

27 And it came to pass at noon that Elijah made fun  
of them, saying, "Cry out louder, for if he is a god,  
either he is talking, or he is out hunting, or he is on  
a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping, and must be  
awakened."

28 And they cried out loud and cut themselves  
as was their custom with knives and daggers, until  
the blood gushed out upon their own skin.

29 And it came to pass when the middle of the  
afternoon was past, and they prophesied until the  
time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that  
there was no voice, nor any answer, nor any  
response.

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### **Seeing Yahweh's answer to Elijah's prayer, the people worship**

30 And Elijah said to all the people, "Come near  
to me." And all the people came near to him. And  
he repaired the altar of Yahweh that was broken  
down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the  
number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob to whom  
the word of Yahweh came, saying, "Israel shall be  
your name."

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the  
name of Yahweh, and he dug a trench around the  
altar large enough to contain about fifteen quarts  
of seed.

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

34 And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did  
it the second time. And he said, "Do it a third time."  
And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran around the altar and filled

filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

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

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

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

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

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

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

the trench also with water.<sup>30</sup>

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet approached the altar and said, "Yahweh, the Deity of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that You are the Deity in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.

37 "Hear me, O Yahweh, hear me so that this people may know that You are the Deity, and that You have turned their hearts back again to You."

38 Then the fire of Yahweh fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell forward to the ground, and cried out, "Yahweh, He is the Deity; Yahweh, He is the Deity."

40 And Elijah said to them, "Capture the prophets of Baal; do not let any of them escape." And they captured them, and Elijah brought them down to the Kishon Stream and killed them there.

#### **Elijah tells Ahab that rain is coming, and it does**

41 And Elijah said to Ahab king of Samaria, "Get up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of the abundance of rain."

42 So Ahab went to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel, and he kneeled upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 and said to his servant, "Go now, look toward the sea." And the servant went and looked and said, "There is nothing." And Elijah said, "Go again," seven times.

44 And it came to pass the seventh time, that the servant said, "Behold, a little cloud is rising out of the sea, the size of a human hand." And Elijah said, "Go and say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go quickly so that the rain does not stop you.'"

45 And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heavens were black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

46 And the spirit of Yahweh was on Elijah, and he gathered up his robe and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

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

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

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

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the

### **Elijah flees from Jezebel, the wife of Ahab**

19:1 And Ahab king of Samaria told his wife Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and that Elijah had slain all the prophets of Baal with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a servant with this message to Elijah: "May the gods punish me if I do not end your life end as you did the lives of my prophets, by tomorrow about this time."

3 And when Elijah heard that, he arose and fled for his life and went to Beersheba, which belongs to the tribe of Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and sat down under a juniper tree. And he requested that he might die and said, "It is enough; now, O Yahweh, take away my life, for I am not better than my ancestors."

5 And as he lay and slept under the juniper tree, behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat."

6 And he looked, and behold, there was a cake baking on coals and a jug of water at his head. And he ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 And the angel of Yahweh came again a second time, touched him, and said, "Arise and eat because the journey will be too great for you otherwise."

### **Elijah on Mount Sinai**

8 And Elijah arose, and ate and drank, and traveled by the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb (Sinai), the mountain of God.<sup>31</sup>

9 And he came to a cave, and lodged there, and behold, Yahweh said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 And Elijah said, "I have served You with all my strength, Yahweh of hosts. But the children of Samaria have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword. And I, only I, am left, and they seek to take away my life."

11 And Yahweh said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before Me." And behold, Yahweh passed by, and a great and strong wind struck the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before

mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

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

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to

Yahweh. But God was not in the wind, and after the wind there was an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake.

#### **Elijah hears a still, small voice**

12 And after the earthquake there was a fire, but God was not in the fire, and after the fire there was a still, small voice, which was that of God.

13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And, behold, a voice came to him which said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 And Elijah said, "I have served You with all my strength, Yahweh of Hosts, because the people of Samaria have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars and slain Your prophets with the sword; and I, only I, am left. And they seek to end my life."

#### **Elijah is told to anoint Hazael as king over Syria, and Jehu as king over Samaria**

15 And Yahweh said to him, "Go, return through the wilderness to Damascus; and when you come to Damascus, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.

16 "And anoint Jehu the grandson of Nimshi to be king over Samaria, and anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah to be a prophet to succeed you.

17 "And it shall come to pass, that the person who escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and the person who escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

18 "Yet I have seven thousand left in Samaria who have not bowed their knees to Baal and have mouths which have not kissed him."

#### **Elijah chooses Elisha to succeed him**

19 So Elijah departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with eleven yokes of oxen before him, and he was plowing with the twelfth. And Elijah passed by him, and placed his mantle upon him.

20 And Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother goodbye, and then I will follow you." And Elijah said to him, "Go back then; I do not forbid you from

<p>thee? 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.</p>	<p>doing so.” 21 And Elisha turned back from Elijah, and took a yoke of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the wood of their yokes, and gave meat to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, followed Elijah and ministered to him.</p>
<p>20:1 And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. 2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Benhadad, 3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. 4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have. 5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; 6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away. 7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. 8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent. 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again. 10 And Benhadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people</p>	<p><b>Benhadad, king of Syria, attacks Samaria</b> 20:1 And Benhadad the king of Syria assembled his entire army, along with thirty-two kings with their horses and chariots. And he went and besieged Samaria and warred against it. 2 And he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Samaria and said to him, “I, Benhadad, say, 3 ‘Your silver and your gold are mine, and your fairest wives and children are mine.’” 4 And Ahab answered, “My lord, O king, in accord with your saying, I am yours, and all that I have.” 5 And the messengers came again, and said, “Benhadad, says, ‘I have sent messengers to you, saying, you shall deliver to me your silver, your gold, your wives, and your children. 6 ‘I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants. And it shall be, that whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they shall take in their hands, and take away.’” 7 Then Ahab king of Samaria called all the elders of the land and said, “See how this man seeks mischief; for he sent to me demanding my wives, my children, my silver, and my gold, and I consented.” 8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, “Do not listen to Benhadad, nor consent.” 9 Therefore Ahab said to the messengers of Benhadad, “Tell my lord the king, ‘All that you asked for at first I will do. But the latter things I will not do.’” And the messengers departed, and brought Benhadad the message. 10 And Benhadad sent a messenger to Ahab, saying, “May the gods punish me severely if I do not destroy your city.”</p>

that follow me.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

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

13 ¶ And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

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

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

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

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

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

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

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Israel,

11 And Ahab king of Samaria answered, "Tell him, 'Let not anyone boast as he puts on his armor, preparing for a battle. Rather, let him wait to boast until after he takes his armor off victorious.'"

12 And it came to pass when Benhadad heard this message as he was drinking with the kings in the pavilion, he said to his servants, "Set yourselves in battle array." And they set themselves in battle array against the city of Ahab.

13 And, behold, a prophet came to Ahab king of Samaria, saying, "Yahweh says, 'Have you seen this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver this multitude into your hands this day, and you shall know that I am Yahweh.'"

14 And Ahab asked, "By whom shall You deliver this multitude?" And Yahweh said, "By the young servants of the governors of the provinces." Then Ahab asked, "Who shall direct the battle?" And Yahweh answered, "You."

15 Then Ahab counted the young servants of the governors of the provinces, and there were two hundred thirty-two of them. And after them he assembled an additional seven thousand soldiers.

### **The Syrians attack**

16 And the Israelites went out at noon. But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in his pavilion with the thirty-two kings who helped him.

17 And the young servants of the governors of the provinces went out first; and Benhadad was told, "Soldiers have come out of Samaria."

18 And Benhadad said, "Whether they come out for peace or for war, take them alive."

19 So these young servants of the governors of the provinces came out of the city, and the army followed them.

20 And all of these soldiers of Samaria killed their opponents, and the Syrians fled, and Samaria pursued them; and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the cavalry.

21 And Ahab king of Samaria went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to Ahab, and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself and be well organized, for next spring the king of Syria will come against

and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

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

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

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

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

27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

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

31 ¶ And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel

you.”

### **The second Syrian attack**

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said to Benhadad, “Their gods are gods of the hills. Therefore, they were stronger than we are; but let us fight against them on the plain, and surely we will be stronger than they are.

24 “And take the kings away and put captains in their places.

25 “And build an army like the one you just lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot; and we will fight against them on the plain. And surely we will be stronger than they are.” And Benhadad listened to them and did so.

26 And it came to pass the next spring, that Benhadad assembled the Syrians and went to Aphek, to fight against Samaria.

27 And the people of Samaria were assembled and given provisions, and went to fight the Syrians. And the children of Samaria camped before the Syrians like two little flocks of goats, but the Syrians filled the country.

28 And a holy man came and spoke to Ahab king of Samaria and said, “Yahweh says that the Syrians have said, ‘Yahweh is the Deity of the hills. But He is not the Deity of the valleys.’ Therefore, Yahweh says, ‘I will deliver all this great multitude into your hands, and you shall know that I am Yahweh.’”<sup>32</sup>

29 And both armies camped against each other for seven days. And on the seventh day the battle began, and the people of Samaria killed one hundred-thousand-foot soldiers of the Syrians in one day.

30 But the rest fled into the city of Aphek, and there a wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the Syrians who remained. And Benhadad fled into an inner room in the city.

### **Benhadad believes the kings of Samaria are merciful**

31 And his servants said to him, “Behold, we have heard that the kings of Samaria are merciful.

are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Benhadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

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35 ¶ And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

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

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

Let us put on sackcloth, and ropes around our necks, and go out to the king of Samaria; perhaps he will spare your life.”

32 So they clothed themselves in sackcloth, and put ropes around their necks, and went to the king of Samaria and said, “Your servant Benhadad says, ‘Please let me live.’” And Ahab king of Samaria said, “Is he still alive? He is my brother.”

33 Now the messengers from Benhadad were looking to see whether a sign would come from Ahab that he would be merciful, and when they caught a sign, they quickly said, “Yes, he is your brother Benhadad.” Then Ahab said, “Go, bring him.” Then Benhadad came out to Ahab, and Ahab received Benhadad up into his chariot.

34 And Benhadad said to him, “The cities which my father took from your father, I will restore; and you may set up trading areas in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria.” Then Ahab said, “I will send you away with this covenant.” So Ahab made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

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#### **A prophet condemns Ahab for not killing Benhadad**

35 At Yahweh’s command, a certain false prophet said to his friend, “I want you to hit me.” And the friend refused to hit him.

36 Then the prophet said to him, “Because you have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion shall kill you.” And as soon as the friend had departed from the prophet, a lion found the friend and killed him.

37 Then the prophet found another person, and said, “I want you to hit me.” And the man struck him and wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited by the road for King Ahab, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, the prophet cried out to the king, “I went out into the midst of the battle, and, behold, someone turned aside and brought a prisoner to me and said, ‘Guard this prisoner. If by any means the prisoner goes missing, then your life shall pay for his life, or else you shall be forced to pay seventy-five pounds of silver.’

40 “And as I was busy with other things, the

<p>40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.`</p> <p>41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.</p> <p>42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.</p> <p>43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.</p> <p>`</p>	<p>prisoner escaped.” And Ahab king of Samaria said to him, “So shall your judgment be; you have decided it.”</p> <p>41 And the false prophet immediately wiped the ashes away from his face, and the king of Samaria discerned that he was one of the prophets.</p> <p>42 And the false prophet said to the king, “Yahweh says, ‘Because you have let go from your hands Benhadad whom I appointed to utter destruction, your life shall be destroyed instead of his life, and your people instead of his people.’”</p> <p>43 And Ahab king of Samaria went to his palace, feeling sorrowful and troubled and went home to Samaria.</p>
<p>`</p> <p><b>21:1</b> And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.</p> <p>2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.</p> <p>3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.</p> <p>4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.</p> <p>5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?</p> <p>6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.</p> <p>`</p> <p>7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ahab covets Naboth’s vineyard</b></p> <p><b>21:1</b> Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.</p> <p>2 And Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard so that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near to my palace. And I will give you a better vineyard in its place, or if you prefer, I will pay you the value of it in silver.”</p> <p>3 And Naboth said to Ahab, “Yahweh forbid that I should give the inheritance of my ancestors to you.”</p> <p>4 And Ahab came into his palace both sad and angry because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him. For Naboth had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors.” And Ahab lay down on his bed, and turned his face away, and would not eat.</p> <p>5 And Jezebel his wife came to him, and asked him, “Why is your spirit so sad, that you are not eating?”</p> <p>6 And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for silver, or else, if it pleases you, I will give you a better vineyard for it.’ And Naboth answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’”</p> <p>`</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jezebel plots Naboth’s death</b></p> <p>7 And Jezebel his wife said to him, “Do you not now govern the kingdom of Samaria? Arise and eat, and let your heart be merry. I will give you the</p>

the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

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

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

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

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

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

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

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

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs

vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and nobles who were in Jezreel, dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast and be sure Naboth is among the people.

10 “And set two wicked liars, before him as false witnesses, saying, ‘You blasphemed Yahweh and the king.’ And then have Naboth carried out and stoned so that he dies.”

11 And the elders and the nobles who lived in Naboth’s city did as Jezebel had instructed them, and as she had written in the letters she sent.

12 They proclaimed a fast and made sure Naboth was among the people.

13 And two wicked liars —men of Belial<sup>33</sup>— came in and sat before him. And the wicked liars testified against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, “Naboth blasphemed Yahweh and the king.” Then the authorities carried Naboth out of the city and stoned him so that he passed on.

14 Then they sent a message to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth was stoned and has passed on.”

15 And it came to pass when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, she said to Ahab, “Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to sell you for silver. For Naboth is not alive but dead.”

16 And it came to pass when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he arose to go to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to take possession of it.

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### **Elijah condemns Ahab for seizing Naboth’s vineyard**

17 And this word of Yahweh came to Elijah the Tishbite:

18 “Arise, go and meet Ahab king of Samaria who is in the city of Samaria. Behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth where he is taking possession of it.

19 “And you shall speak to him for Yahweh, saying, ‘Have you killed a man and also taken his property?’ And you shall speak to him for Yahweh, saying, ‘In the place where dogs licked up the

<p>licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.</p> <p>20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.</p> <p>21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,</p> <p>22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.</p> <p>23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.</p> <p>24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.</p> <p>25 ¶ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.</p> <p>26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.</p> <p>27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.</p> <p>28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,</p> <p>29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.</p>	<p>blood of Naboth shall dogs lick up your blood.”</p> <p>20 And when Elijah met the king, Ahab said, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” And Elijah answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to commit evil in the sight of Yahweh.</p> <p>21 “Yahweh says, ‘Behold, I will bring evil upon you, Ahab, and will take away your posterity, and will cut you off from all the males who belong to you, whether slaves or free,</p> <p>22 and will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the act with which you have provoked Me to anger and led Samaria to sin.’</p> <p>23 “And Yahweh also spoke of Jezebel, saying, ‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.</p> <p>24 “Any relative of Ahab who dies in the city shall be eaten by dogs; and any relative of Ahab who dies in the field shall be eaten by the birds of the air.”</p> <p>25 But there was none like Ahab whom Jezebel his wife incited, who devoted himself to doing evil in the sight of Yahweh.</p> <p>26 And he acted very abominably in following idols, as did the Amorites, whom Yahweh cast out before the people of Israel.</p> <p>27 And it came to pass when Ahab heard Elijah’s words, that he rent (tore) his clothes, and put on sackcloth, fasted, lay in sackcloth, and walked humbly and slowly.</p> <p>28 And this word of Yahweh came to Elijah the Tishbite,</p> <p>29 “Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before Me? Because he humbles himself, I will not bring evil upon him during his lifetime, but in his son's days I will bring evil upon the descendants of Ahab.”</p>
<p>22:1 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.</p> <p>2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.</p> <p>3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants,</p>	<p><b>The prophet Micaiah warns Ahab not to fight against the Syrians</b></p> <p>22:1 And there were three years without war between Syria and Samaria.</p> <p>2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came to the king of Samaria.</p> <p>3 And the king of Samaria said to his servants, “Do</p>

Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is

we not know that Ramoth in Gilead is ours? Yet we sit around and do not take it from the hands of the king of Syria."

4 And King Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, "Will you go with me to battle to Ramothgilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Samaria, "We are kindred, my people are as your people, my horses as your horses."

5 But Jehoshaphat said to the king of Samaria, "I ask that you inquire first for the word of Yahweh today."

6 Then the king of Samaria gathered his own prophets together, who numbered about four hundred, and asked them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I not?" And they said, "Go, for Yahweh will deliver it into the hands of the king."

7 But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there not a prophet of Yahweh here, so that we may inquire of him?"

8 And the king of Samaria said to Jehoshaphat, "There is one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of Yahweh. But I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." And Jehoshaphat said, "Do not say such a thing."

9 Then the king of Samaria called an officer, and said, "Tell Micaiah the son of Imlah to come here quickly."

10 And the king of Samaria and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each sat on his throne, having put on their robes, in an empty place in the entrance of the gate of the city of Samaria. And all the false prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself, and he said to Ahab, "Yahweh says, 'With these you shall push the Syrians until you have consumed them.'"

12 And all the false prophets prophesied the same, saying, "Go and take Ramoth-gilead and prosper, for Yahweh will deliver it into the king's hands."

13 And the messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Behold now, the words of the prophets all declare good to the king. Let your words, I urge you, be like their words and prophesy success for the king."

good.

14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

15 ¶ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and succeed: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?

17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

14 And Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, what Yahweh says to me I will speak."

15 So Micaiah came to the kings. And King Ahab asked him, "Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we not?" And Micaiah answered him, "Go and succeed, for Yahweh will deliver it into your hands."

16 But the king asked him, "How many times shall I make you swear to say nothing to me in the name of Yahweh but that which is true?"

17 So Micaiah said, "I saw all of Samaria scattered upon the hills, like sheep that do not have a shepherd. And Yahweh said, 'These have no master; let every one of them return home in peace.'"

18 And Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?"

19 And Micaiah said, "Hear the word of Yahweh: I had a vision of Yahweh with all the host of the heavens before Him.

20 "And Yahweh said, 'Who shall persuade Ahab, to go to war and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one of the host made a suggestion, and another spoke differently.

21 "And a spirit came forth and stood before Yahweh and said, 'I will persuade him.'

22 "And Yahweh asked him, 'How?' And the spirit said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all His prophets.' And Yahweh said, 'You shall persuade him, and prevail; go out, and do so.'

23 "Therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these false prophets of yours, and Yahweh has spoken evil concerning you."

24 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Do you say the spirit of Yahweh went from me to speak to you?"

25 And Micaiah said, "Behold, you will know on the day when you shall go into an inner room to hide yourself."

26 And Ahab said, "Take Micaiah, and return him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son.

27 "And say that I, King Ahab, want this fellow to

27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.  
28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

37 ¶ So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the

be put in the prison and to be fed with the bread and water of affliction until I return in victory.”  
28 And Micaiah said, “If you return in victory, Yahweh has not spoken by me.” And Micaiah said, “Remember his evil words, O people, every one of you.”

#### **Ahab fights in the battle at Ramoth**

29 So Ahab and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went to Ramoth-gilead to war.

30 And Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and enter into the battle, but you are to put on your robes.” And Ahab disguised himself and went into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains who ruled over his chariots, saying, “Fight with neither the small nor great ones, but only with the king of Samaria.”

32 And it came to pass when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat that they said, “Surely it is the king of Samaria.” And they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out that he was not the king of Samaria.

#### **Ahab is wounded and passes on**

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not Ahab, that they turned back from pursuing Jehoshaphat.

34 And a certain soldier shot an arrow at random and struck Ahab between the joints of his light armor. Therefore, the king said to the driver of his chariot, “Turn away from the battle and carry me away, for I am wounded.”

35 And the battle increased that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot facing the battle, and passed on in the evening. And the blood ran out of his wound onto the floor of the chariot.

36 And a proclamation went throughout his army about sunset, saying, “All soldiers back to their own country, and back to their city.”

37 So the king passed on, and was brought to Samaria, and they buried him there.

38 And the chariot was washed in the pool of the city of Samaria, and the dogs licked up Ahab’s blood. And they washed his armor according to

LORD which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and his son reigned in his stead.

41 ¶ And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 ¶ And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

the word of Yahweh which He had spoken.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab — all that he did, the ivory palace which he made, and all the cities that he built — are they not written down in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab passed on, and his son reigned in his place.

#### **Asa's son Jehoshaphat reigns over Judah**

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Samaria.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from them, doing that which was right in the sight of Yahweh. Nevertheless, the high places of idol worship were not taken away, for the people still offered and burnt incense in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Samaria.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat — his might that he showed, and how he warred — are they not written down in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And he sent the remnant of the sodomites which remained from the days of his father Asa from the land.

47 There was no real king then in Edom; a deputy served as king.

48 Jehoshaphat had ships of Tharshish built to go to Ophir for gold, but they did not go, for the ships were wrecked at Eziongeber.

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat would not allow it.

#### **Jehoshaphat passes on, and his son Jehoram reigns in his place**

50 And Jehoshaphat passed on, and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David his ancestor, and Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

<p>51 ¶ Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.</p> <p>52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:</p> <p>53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ahab's son Ahaziah reigns over Samaria</b></p> <p>51 Ahaziah<sup>34</sup> the son of Ahab began to reign in the city of Samaria over Samaria in the seventeenth year of the reign of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; and Ahaziah reigned two years over Samaria.</p> <p>52 And he committed evil in the sight of Yahweh, and walked in the way of his father, his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Samaria to sin.</p> <p>53 For he served and worshiped Baal and provoked Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, to anger, doing all that his father Ahab had done.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> 1:17 The word "LORD" appears in this verse in this book in the 1769 KJV for the first time. Whenever "LORD" or "GOD" appears in small caps in the 1769 KJV, it is a translation of the "LORD God" or "Yahweh" or "Jehovah," the tribal God of the Israelites. This limited, faulty concept of God was a figment of the mortal mind of the Israelites and was interested in promoting only the welfare of the Israelites against the welfare of other ethnic groups. The writer of this book sincerely believed in the LORD God (Yahweh) of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> 4:33 This may be the verse in the 1769 KJV which most clearly defines the wisdom of Solomon: Solomon is portrayed as a knowledgeable amateur naturalist.

<sup>3</sup> 5:13 Solomon required Israelites to involuntarily spend time working on his building projects.

<sup>4</sup> 6:1 Some conservative Bible scholars use this verse in the 1769 KJV in an attempt to authenticate the Biblical account of Israel's exodus from Egypt and to date this exodus.

<sup>5</sup> 8:9 In one tradition, the Ten Commandments were given at Mount Sinai, in another tradition, the mountain was called Mount Horeb.

<sup>6</sup> 8:12 Yahweh, the material concept of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, dwells in thick darkness. Whereas God, the spiritual concept of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, dwells in the light.

<sup>7</sup> 8:23 This verse in the 1769 KJV is a statement of allegiance to the LORD God (Yahweh). The verse is henotheistic because it does not deny the existence of the Deities of other ethnic groups.

<sup>8</sup> 8:27 At this time it was believed that Yahweh dwelt in the temple at Jerusalem when Yahweh was resting on the earth. This verse as a whole is a statement of spiritual insight by someone who realized that the Supreme Ruler of the universe is more spiritual than the materialistic, Yahwistic concept. Afterwards the book of 1 Kings returns to the materialistic concept of the Supreme Ruler of the universe and reality.

8:30 This is a later theology which held that Yahweh dwelt in the heavens, and the temple was built only for Yahweh's name to dwell at.

<sup>10</sup> 8:40 Readers may wish to pray over the reference to "fear" in this verse in the 1769 KJV in the light of the following footnote. The English language has a larger vocabulary than any other language, having over a million differently defined words. The Old Testament according to *Strong's Concordance* published in 1890, had a vocabulary of only 8674 word roots. Bible scholars no longer believe Strong's work to be definitive, but his work does indicate the small vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew. The word, "fear" in the Old Testament (O.T.) according to *The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, had to accommodate five different meanings: "1) the emotion of fear, 2) the anticipation of evil without emphasis on the emotional

reaction, 3) reverence or awe, 4) righteous behavior or piety, and 5) formal religious worship.” The writers of the O.C. put the responsibility on the reader of the O.C. to determine which definition was meant in each verse containing the word “fear.”

<sup>11</sup> 8:57 The Israelites were always afraid that Yahweh would forsake them in time of need. We Christian Scientists know that divine Love will never forsake us.

<sup>12</sup> 8:60 Many mainstream Bible scholars think that the Deuteronomist historians editing 1 Kings inserted this verse after the people of Israel became monotheistic during the Babylonian exile.

<sup>13</sup> 9:2 God had appeared to Solomon at Gibeon in 1 Kings 3:4.

<sup>14</sup> 9:21 The 1769 KJV indicates that Solomon enslaved non-Israelite ethnic groups in Israel.

<sup>15</sup> 10:1 Sheba was a country in southwestern Arabia.

<sup>16</sup> 10:27 This verse, along with others, in the 1769 KJV is an indictment of the reign of Solomon; for it indicates that Solomon lived in great luxury while most of his subjects were desperately poor.

<sup>17</sup> 11:2 These verses imply that the Israelites lived alongside other ethnic groups when settled in Canaan.

<sup>18</sup> 11:15 This verse and the following two verses in the 1769 KJV helps to explain why the Edomites sided with the Babylonians when the army of Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem, which caused the prophet Obadiah to curse the Edomites in the book of *Obadiah*.

<sup>18</sup> 11:31 **Error! Main Document Only.** To rend clothing means to tear it for some symbolic purpose or to express great emotional distress.

<sup>20</sup> 11:33 This verse in the 1769 KJV indicates that King Solomon never achieved henotheism —never primarily worshiped Yahweh loyally —but became polytheistic. These verses, along with others, in the 1769 KJV are an indictment of the reign of Solomon.

<sup>21</sup> 12:4 See 5:13 and 9:15. This verse, along with others, in the 1769 KJV is an indictment of the reign of Solomon.

<sup>22</sup> 13:2 This prophecy was fulfilled when Josiah, who was the king of Judah three centuries later, would desecrate the idolatrous altar of Jeroboam as prophesied.

<sup>23</sup> 14:24 Male temple prostitutes, which were called “Sodomites” in the 1769 KJV, played a part in early Israelite worship. The participation of temple prostitutes in religious worship was widespread in the ancient Near East. The temple prostitutes in Israel were mostly non-Israelites who took part in **Error! Main Document Only.** rituals in

which sexual union was performed as a type of sympathetic magic designed at reactivating the natural forces of life. The book of Deuteronomy and the early part of the book of 1 Kings criticized this practice, but it was not outlawed in Israel.

<sup>24</sup> 15:25 There were five kings of the Northern Kingdom, one after another, who were considered evil by the Judahite writers of the Bible. These kings in order were: Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri and Omri. Although the Bible gives only a few verses to Omri, this king has been shown by archaeology to be a great king to whom Judah was subordinate.

<sup>25</sup> 16:26 From now on the ten northern tribes of Israel will be referred to as Samaria.

<sup>26</sup> 17:1) It is doubtful that God, the divine Principle Love, would delegate power over rain to any human being, no matter how spiritual the human being was.

<sup>27</sup> (17:9) Since a village near Sidon was in largely Gentile territory, the implication is that the widow was a Gentile. This may explain why in Luke 4:25 to 29, the Jews of Nazareth on hearing Jesus say that Elijah had not been sent to a widow in Israel but rather to a widow near Sidon in Gentile territory, tried to kill Jesus.

<sup>28</sup> 18:21 The Deity, believed to be the Supreme Ruler of the universe.

<sup>29</sup> 18:22 Elijah was wrong. He was not the only prophet of Yahweh left. See 19:18.

<sup>30</sup> 18:35 The storyteller got carried away when describing Elijah pouring water on the burnt sacrifice and the wood. The writer was trying to prove the existence of Spirit to the material senses, although this is impossible.

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<sup>31</sup> 18:46) Elijah gathered up the front of his robe and then secured it in place with his belt so that he could run without tripping over his robe.

<sup>32</sup> 20:28 This verse in the 1769 KJV implies that Yahweh is the Deity of the whole earth.

<sup>33</sup> (21:13) "men of Belial" may be defined as scoundrels.

<sup>34</sup> 22:51 Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, who reigned briefly over Samaria in 853-852 B.C.E., should not be confused with Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, who reigned briefly over Judah in 841 B.C.E.