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JOSHUA TO JOB

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- 1... in line with my stated views on the translation of the Hebrew words for **YAHWEH** and **Elohim** (as well as its derivatives *El* and *Eloah*.)
- 2... the translation of the Hebrew/Aramaic word **ADONAI** to refer to either Master or Lord as distinct from **God** or **Elohim** or **YAHWEH** into English.

These alterations were included throughout by reference to:

1 the **HEBRAIC ROOTS BIBLE** by Don Esposito of the CONGREGATION OF YHWH: Jerusalem. PO Box 832 Carteret NJ 07008. (3rd Edition 2015)

2 the new **ARAMAIC ENGLISH NEW TESTAMENT (AENT)** By Andrew Gabriel Roth of the THE NETZARI PRESS LLC PUBLISHERS : First edition in 2008 through to the fifth edition in 2012.

Finally ... There has been no alteration of the name of **JESUS** from its original Peshitta Aramaic forms of **YESHUA** or **Y'SHUA**.

This is because any change in the name of **JESUS** would have been too personally confronting to the majority of devout Christians who have spent their entire lifetimes with the just as holy but traditional name of our Savior in English.

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ESSENTIAL SCRIPTURAL HIGHLIGHT

MOSES began praying to *YAHWEH* with *no scripture at all* that we can know of. He was taught by the *spoken language traditions* of his time. Regardless of this limitation, the Book of Exodus tells us that *MOSES* was directly told by *YAHWEH* Himself that His name was *YAHWEH*. Today's majority view on this name holds that it means *I AM THE I AM*.

The *JESUS* who sacrificed His life for *EACH* of us was a Jewish rabbi or 'teacher' of his time. He preached and consistently demonstrated (with many miracles) the power that could be generated by His love of *YAHWEH* like no-one else either before Him or since. *HIS* words from the (very) original but *ARAMAIC* gospel of Mark some *2000* years ago summarize His *still current instruction* to us all.

“Behold Israel, the Lord YAHWEH your Elohim (GOD) is one. You shall love the Lord YAHWEH your Elohim (GOD) with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

So what on earth could have caused the divine *GRACE* behind this access to unlimited divine power to seemingly disappear from global Christianity in practice? Even the Book of Revelation points out that our first century Christians started to abandon the teachings of *YAHWEH* through His son *JESUS* before the end of that century.

And over the last *1600* years especially, very few Christians indeed have been taught that our *GOD* of *GODS* .. and Eternal Father .. is *still* the very same *YAHWEH* who:

- (1) raised *JESUS* from the dead
- (2) powered all the miracles that were worked for *MOSES* and for *JESUS* and for all of the people who lived within the *1,400* years that separated their lives on earth.
- (3) was the *YAHWEH* that *JESUS* worshipped and still *does* worship. (Rev:3:12)
- (4) was the *YAHWEH* that *JESUS* told the entire world to worship.
- (5) still is the *YAHWEH* whose *HOLY NAME* has been blasphemously obliterated from around **5 billion** English Bibles that have been printed to date.

IN THE UNITED NAMES

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and of the

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and of the

LORD HOLY SPIRIT

PERHAPS IF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY PRAYED TO
THE ORIGINAL NEW TESTAMENT TEAM
OF 2000 YEARS AGO

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**In the UNITED NAMES of the LORD YAHWEH and of the
LORD JESUS and of the LORD HOLY SPIRIT**

... OUR 2000 YEAR OLD NEW TESTAMENT ...

**entrenched problems from the era that its 27 books spent in their
“ WORD OF MOUTH PERIOD ”**

All brands of Christianity in the world have derived from what it has called the ‘Holy’ Bible.

With this Bible, every denomination has been legally free to simply choose the scriptures that it liked, and then to teach to its congregations whatever it is that it *wanted* to teach. So each of the world’s *45,000* Christian denominations have basically taught those uniquely *selected* and *interpreted* scriptures that made up the official *rule book* from its nominated Head Office.

In the *addendum* to this publication I have described the problems that especially *English* speakers have with the inaccurate translations of Biblical scripture from their original *Hebrew* and *Aramaic* languages. But even after these translational inaccuracies have been removed ... many *seriously* confusing problems still remain. Most of these problems arose within the 1st and 2nd century period of time that *each* of our 27 *New Testament* books remained in its ‘*word of mouth*’ form ... before it was committed to writing for the first time.

After the death of *JESUS* on the cross, the 27 books of our New Testament existed for up to around *70 years* only as *word of mouth stories* about His life and lessons. These stories were initially circulated within a Jewish community that mainly spoke and wrote in the Peshitta dialect of the *Aramaic* language.

Many within that community *also* communicated in Greek and Latin which were the main *commercial* languages of that era. But it was not until some 35 years after His death on the Cross that the *first* of these stories (said to be the gospel of Mark) was written. It is estimated that the remaining 26 stories were first converted into *written* form at different times within the second 35 year period that followed.

There are now many thousands of ancient manuscripts to attest to the life and lessons of *JESUS*. Some 16,000 of these were written in either the Greek or Latin : and another 9000 were written in Syriac, Slavic, Gothic, Ethiopic, Coptic and more. The *originals* however, were written in the Peshitta dialect of the *Aramaic* language that was spoken and written by *JESUS* and his disciples. And on average, this amounts to some *900* ancient manuscripts for *each* of the 27 New Testament books.

It took at least 70 years for these 27 *word of mouth stories* to be finally gathered into the written assembly of books which we now call the *New Testament*. The *Greek* version of this assembly was finally ratified by an early version of the *Roman Catholic* church in the year 397 AD. It was these Rome based authorities which were also the ones who assigned the *name of the current author* to each of the 27 books.

It is important to bear in mind too, that throughout this minimum 70 year period of ‘*word of mouth*’ transmission, literally every *reteller* of his *story* was in a position to *add* or *delete* his own bits simply to suit his own *personal* theological or ‘religious’ preferences.

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Hence, as the ‘Secular Web’ groups reports, there are usually *hundreds* of differences between any two copies of the one book among the ancient manuscripts for each of our 27 New Testament books. These events alone verify that our Biblical scripture was always at least as *‘human’* as it was *‘holy’* : and there never has been evidence to justify the near incessant 20th century religious catchcry that the *‘Holy’ Bible* is the *Word of God*.

GLOBAL CONFUSION CAUSED BY ADDED & DELETED BITS

A sufficiently informative list of historically *added*, *ignored*, *deleted* and *misinterpreted* bits of scripture is presented in the *addendum* to this publication ... but a few of the most globally destructive and deceptive bits warrant special attention at the outset.

SYMBOLIC scriptural bits declared as STATUTES before GOD

The *THIS IS MY BODY* bit of scripture : In the scripture *JESUS* at one stage said *“I am the vine ... and my father is the farmer.”* This statement was spoken as a very simple and strictly *symbolic* one ... and no Christian in the 2000 years since then has ever been taught that *JESUS* ever once resembled a *mobile bunch of leaves*.

But a *second* (and similarly *symbolic* statement attributed to *JESUS*) has consistently brought some truly incomprehensible behaviors to especially *Catholic* and *Orthodox* church ceremonies for nearly two millennia. This second statement was reportedly said by *JESUS* at what is known as the “last supper” when ... at a simple and final *meal* table *JESUS* broke a loaf of bread and said these words ... *“This is my body.”* Then shortly after this he said these words *“Do this in remembrance of me.”*

And for most of the 2000 years since that time, the strictly regimented *Catholic* and *Orthodox* church *theologies* on this *communion* table statement of *“... This is my body ...”* has required all their church members to believe the following : That whenever their ordained priests merely *SAY* these 4 words over bits of bread, then these *bits of bread* are *converted* into the actual *body and blood and soul and divinity* of *JESUS* himself.*

* This teaching on the communion table *“miracle”* is religiously referred to as the doctrine of **TRANSUBSTITUTION** or **TRANSUBSTANTIATION**

To me and to many others, it is impossible to concoct an officially stipulated theological teaching that could be more absurdly *wrong* than this. But this millennia old and *official theological ruling* does help to explain to at least the *non Christians* of the world why they see on the mass media (1) so many *hugely* expensive and incomprehensible *‘fancy dress’* ceremonies in (2) *hugely* expensive churches and cathedrals by (3) men and women in their correspondingly elaborate religious uniforms.

To me and many others too ... the daily celebrations of the *“This is my body”* ritual by our Catholic, and Orthodox churches essentially tries to teach their congregations that the *once and for all spiritual sacrifice* of the life of the only begotten Son of the *GOD OF ALL GODS* (or of all ‘SPIRITS’) on the Cross wasn’t enough for the *spiritual* salvation of humankind in its entirety.

To be fair by the Catholic and Orthodox groups: The Gospel of John (6:53) also reports *JESUS* as having said ... *Unless you eat the body of the Son of man and drink his blood you have no life of your own.* But as Andrew Roth points out, this statement in the context of the scripture at that time ... was issued as a rebuke and *not* as an exhortion to either *cannibalism* or to the *drinking of blood* ... both of which practices have all along been abhorrent to Judaism.

Non scriptural SAINTS prayed to as though each were a GOD or GODESS

The English word GOD derives from the Babylonian name for the god of wealth when (by contrast) the Hebraic word for the *GOD OF ALL GODS* has always been the word *ELOHIM*. And this word is grammatically singular as well as *plural* (like the English word *sheep*) and it means *GOD* and *GOD OF ALL GODS* (or of all 'SPIRITS') simultaneously.

The *Hebraic* scriptures have all along stated that the *NAME* of the *ELOHIM* (GOD) of the Bible is *YAHWEH* and that this name was originally given to *Moses* some 1,400 years before *JESUS* was born. In the original *Hebrew* and *Aramaic* scriptures this name of *YAHWEH* occurs a total of **6,999** times and this, when in the majority of English Bibles, it does *NOT* occur even once!

And nowhere in the Bible is there a scripture which tells us that *YAHWEH* the *GOD OF ALL GODS* either (1) changed his *name* or (2) *sacked* himself or (3) *retired*. The *ELOHIM* then, who is named in the Bible as *YAHWEH*, has all along been the Bible based creator of *ALL* of the *different* spirits (or of lesser 'gods'), each of which in its turn, *'builds'* its own different living creature *or* its own different seed on the planet.

Or explained in biological terms: The *spirit* of every different living seed and of every different living creature is a *species specific* spirit. i.e. the spirit of the eagle builds *only* the eagle and the spirit of the elephant builds *only* the elephant ... and so on too, for *each* of all of our many thousands of different *plant* seeds as well.

YOUR very own personal Elohim or *GOD* then, is the SPIRIT who is behind the *eyes* that you see whenever you look in the mirror. This SPIRIT is the *ELOHIM* of *ALL*. And his name in the Bible is and always has been *YAHWEH*. His only begotten *SON*, the Lord *JESUS*, preached this basic lesson to the world with the following words.

“ Behold Israel, the Lord YAHWEH your ELOHIM (God of all Gods) is one. You shall love the Lord YAHWEH your ELOHIM (God of all Gods) with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind and with ALL your strength.”

“ This is the FIRST commandment. The SECOND is like this: You shall also love your neighbour as you love yourself ”

THEN

“ There is NO other commandment greater than these. ”

With instructions about who we should *pray* to as explicit as this there seems almost no excuse for us to begin any prayer to other than (1) *YAHWEH* our *ELOHIM* together with (2) *JESUS* our *SAVIOUR* and also including (3) the *LORD Holy Spirit*. And this *third* one also, simply because as no Christian should ever forget, it was the *LORD Holy Spirit* who worked all of the miracles after the death of *JESUS* on the cross.

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And simply *NOWHERE* within some 750,000 words or 31,000 verses of Biblical scripture does it recommend that any human being pray to any *SAINT*.

No *SAINT* ever had anything to do with the designing or building of the *brain* that any human being ever *thought* with. All of the *Catholic* and *Orthodox saints* then ... including especially the saint known as the “Virgin Mary” ... are exclusively the make believe *GODS* and *GODESSES* of the world’s Catholic and Orthodox churches. And there are some 12,500 officially authorised “saints” within the religious rule books of these two major churches alone.

Is it only by chance that prayer to YAHWEH has disappeared GLOBALLY ?

Of the estimated *2.6 billion* Christians in the world, some *1.6 billion* of them claim to be of the Catholic and Orthodox persuasions who pray both to *JESUS* as well as to some 12,500 non scriptural *saints* ... but almost never to *YAHWEH*.

Likewise, millions of Christian ‘Protestants’ around the world also fail to include the name of *YAHWEH* in their prayers. And this when, as emphasized earlier, the name of *YAHWEH* occurs *6,999* times within the original Hebrew and Aramaic scriptures. These *Hebraic* scriptures are still precisely those scriptures which still have *JESUS* and *YAHWEH* as *exclusively* occupying centre stage.

The three vital NAMES within the ELOHIM are also conspicuously MISSING from what Christians call the SIGN OF THE CROSS

The the *arm movements* that go with the sign of the cross are recognised by people around the world ... but the *prayer words* of the sign of the cross are usually known only by those who make the arm movements. These *prayer words* come from the Gospel of Matthew and they are as follows “*In the NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*”

Christians making the sign of the cross have prayed *exactly* the above words to their religion’s *FATHER* and His *SON* many times ... and every day ... for literally *centuries*. Usually too, these words both *open* and *close* every prayer event by at least the *1.3 billion* Catholics of the world. And this even when they are praying by NAME to their unscriptural *SAINTS* ... whilst simultaneously *avoiding* any mention of the NAME of *YAHWEH* their GOD OF ALL GODS (SPIRITS ?) and any mention of the NAME of His Savior Son *JESUS* !

How do YAHWEH, JESUS and the LORD Holy Spirit “receive” these words ?

This is an unanswerable question. But just how have the above sign of the cross words been *received* by the *FATHER* and *SON* and the *LORD* Holy Spirit when the very NAME of the *Father* is not mentioned and the very NAME of the *Son* is not mentioned ... and the TITLE of *LORD* has never preceded the words *Holy Spirit* ?

It is essential for me to reiterate clearly that no Christian should ever forget that it was the *LORD Holy Spirit* who worked all of the New Testament’s miracles after the death of *JESUS* on the cross.

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It is a *preposterous* Christian era indeed when a majority of its **2.6 billion** believers daily invoke the NAMES of up to *thousands* of their make believe SAINTS but rarely in similar manner, the NAMES of either their **GOD OF ALL GODS** or of their **SAVIOR**

THE TRANSLATIONAL LIE FROM HEBREW CONTINUES TO THIS DAY

Below is an example of a modern but still *Biblical* translation from Hebrew to English. It shows that TWO very different Hebrew words are given the very SAME English translation of **LORD**. And one of these translations represents the **LIE** that is repeated **6999** times in all of the *English* Bibles that are listed below this example.

<p>י וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוָה בִּי אֲדֹנָי לֹא אִישׁ דְּבָרִים אֲנֹכִי גַם מִתְמוּל גַּם מִשְׁלֵשָׁם, גַּם מֵאִזְ דְּבָרְךָ אֶל-עַבְדְּךָ: כִּי כָבֵד-פֶּה וְכָבֵד לְשׁוֹן, אֲנֹכִי.</p>	<p>And Moses said unto the LORD: “Oh Lord I am not a man of words, neither heretofore, nor since Thou hast spoken unto Thy servant; for I am slow of</p>
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THE MOST POPULAR BIBLES IN THE WORLD

Since around 1611AD the world's publishing companies have printed some **5 billion** to **7 billion** Bibles in almost 4000 languages. Every year the Bible is the world's best selling book and there are around 100 translations of the Bible in *English* alone.

Currently, the five best selling *English* Bibles are:

- The King James Version **55%**
- The New International Version **19%**
- The New Revised Standard Version **7%**
- The New American Bible **6%**
- The Living Bible **5%**

Currently too, the main *problems* with all five of them are as follows:

- None* of them even once mentions the word **ELOHIM**
- None* of them even once mentions the word **YAHWEH**
- None* of them even once puts the title **LORD** before the words *Holy Spirit*

**It is a truly DUMB HEAP of translated English Bibles
about YAHWEH (THE GOD OF ALL GODS !) that clearly do not
mention His NAME even once !**

MOST OF THE CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD NEED TO BE TOLD THAT

The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) who built the *brain* that **JESUS** thought with is **YAHWEH**
The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) who powered all the miracles for **JESUS** is **YAHWEH**
The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) who raised **JESUS** from the dead is **YAHWEH**
The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) whom **JESUS** told the world to worship is **YAHWEH**

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TWO SPECIAL CONTRADICTIONS FROM THE WORD OF MOUTH ERA

In earlier writing I referred to the list of inconsistencies that were noted by Donald Morgan of the Secular Web group. These inconsistencies remain in *ALL* New Testaments ... regardless of the translation into English that you have chosen to read.

Our New Testament has over 170 “inconsistencies” within the basic information that it provides about *JESUS* and his life and lessons. *Most* of these inconsistencies are minor but some are definitely not. The two following are sufficiently *arresting* to convince others ... such as yourself to ... *do a lot of praying first* and then begin larger checks of your own

1. Three different REPORTS on the last words of JESUS on the CROSS

There are three scriptures that very differently *quote* the final words of *JESUS* on the cross. These three scriptures follow:

“My God My God why hast Thou forsaken Me!” MT 27:46-50 MK 15: 34-37

“Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.” LK 23: 46

“It is finished.” JN 19: 30

2. The UNFORGIVABLE sin: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

THREE different scriptures tell us that *ALL* sins are forgivable:

AC 13:39 CN 2:13 1 JN 1:9.

The above three scriptures occur *after* the four Gospels and they *contradict* the following scriptures that are reported *as quotes* from the mouth of *JESUS*.

“But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world nor the world to come.” MT 12:32

“But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.” MK 3:29

“But unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.”
LK 12:10

In the *final* analysis, any scripture that we can personally claim as “*given by God*” derives exclusively from our own *personal* and *holy* and *loving* relationship with the *GOD OF ALL GODS* (or of all ‘SPIRITS’) who built each of our brains... and who is still supervising ... all of the thoughts that it produces. And this *GOD* ... regardless of our chosen church ... will forever remain as the *SPIRIT* who is behind the *eyes* that we see whenever we look in the *mirror*.

Universally, the Christian pathway to this *ELOHIM* called *YAHWEH* is through his only begotten *SON* the *LORD JESUS*. But *globally* the so called “Christian” world seems to have missed this pathway almost completely. Almost none of the Christian churches in the *English* speaking world have scriptural justification for claiming that their chosen teachings derive directly from the ‘GOD’ of our so seriously mistranslated *English* Bibles.

**ALONGSIDE
THE MEASURE OF INTELLIGENCE
WHO BUILT THE BRAIN THAT HE THOUGHT WITH
EVEN ALBERT EISTEIN WAS AN INTELLECTUALLY PRIMITIVE MICROBE**

The *ELOHIM* (GOD) of the Bible who is named as *YAHWEH* is believed by Christianity to be the *CREATOR* of *EVERYTHING* which includes the creation of

- (1) the void of *time* that everything exists in
- (2) the *plurality* that comes as a *function* of time.
- (3) the different *spirit* that has built every different *seed* since time began.
- (4) the different *spirit* too ... that has built every different *living creature*

The idea too, of *distance* within the framework of this Christian belief is believed to be a function of the *time* that *YAHWEH* created. This belief about the relationship of *time* to *distance* starts to make sense when we bear in mind (1) that modern science reports that the *most distant* object from our Earth is 13 billion *light years* away and (2) that light travels some 300,000 kilometres in a single *second*.

Only in the realm an *OMNIPOTENT ELOHIM* can a distance of this immensity exist.

SOME POSSIBLY HELPFUL THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Every prayer at its spiritual basis is simply an attempt to communicate with the creator Spirit who designed and built the brain that *each* of us uses to *think* with.

Both you and your *Creator Spirit* (or 'Elohim') *understand* the language that you personally think with. Otherwise basic and personal (*two way*) communication between you and your creator Elohim (GOD) would fail *eternally*. Even the simplest of effective praying must forever remain as this *two* way communication between you and your Elohim (GOD).

**YOUR VERY OWN PERSONAL GOD
IS FOREVER IN YOUR BRAIN WITH YOU
AND WITH ALL OF HIS ANGELS AND THIS ALL OF THE TIME**

Wherever our *ELOHIM* (GOD OF ALL GODS) is, His *ministering spirits* too are with Him, and this *all* of the time. No other view or theory on the *precise whereabouts* of both Elohim (GOD) and his *angels* makes any sense at all. This is why the Hebrew word '*ELOHIM*' (which is both singular and plural) is a much better word than the English word GOD or the Greek word THEOS or the Latin word DEUS as a reference to our creator who creates every person *individually*.

A paraphrase from *Psalms 82* adds some light here : "*You are GODS (Elohim ?) yet you shall each die like a MAN.*" None of humankind's 45,000 Christian denominations choose to sufficiently emphasize this most *fundamental* spiritual *reality* that underpins the design and construction of the brain that is in *every (single) human head*.

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Christian scripture too, declares “*In the Beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with ELOHIM and ELOHIM was the WORD.*” It also declares that *ELOHIM* (GOD) is and always was the “*Alpha and the Omega.*” or if we prefer the Aramaic here “*the Aleph and the Tav.*” These two simple declarations so neatly summarise that *ELOHIM* (GOD) is actually the *FIRST WORD* ever spoken by humankind and the *LAST* word too.

There has never been a clearer way than these two Scriptures to summarise the *ultimate* truth that *ELOHIM* (GOD) alone has been the *ever present spiritual powerhouse* that has underpinned *every* word that your human brain (with its 100 *billion* cells) has ever thought of or spoken.

ALL EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS A TWO WAY COMMUNICATION PROCESS WHICH YOU SHARE WITH THE GOD WHO BUILT YOU

For around 170 human *generations* (from roughly the time of Moses onwards) *Christianity* as well as *Islam* have largely failed to teach prayer routines that have been designed to communicate (with *shared* love) in the essential *TWO WAY* process between you and the *ELOHIM* who built you..

We need to remember constantly that our own *LOVE* for the *ELOHIM* in our *heads* and in our *hearts* and in our *blood streams* is close enough to the *only* valuable thing in the world that even He our *ELOHIM* is quite *unable* to *create* ! Love has always been a *two* way process ... and this in *all species* from eagles through to elephants.

Until the arrival of the mid 20th century, Catholic churches required all its *cardinals, bishops* and *priests* to pray in LATIN whenever conducting its religious ceremonies. But the Latin language had globally *died* as a commonly spoken language many *centuries* before this! The *Quran* of *Islam* too, is still today written in the 7th century ARABIC of its founding prophet and this when *today* almost *no Muslims* speak it !

The above two examples of *trying to communicate* with a GOD OF GODS in a language that you yourself do NOT understand is nothing better than a religiously imposed *imbecility* that is totally removed from the LOVE that the *GOD OF GODS* and his only begotten son *JESUS* want to SHARE with you !

ALL EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS A TWO WAY COMMUNICATION OF LOVE

YOUR MOST POWERFUL PRAYERS

ARE THE ONES THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR GOD UNDERSTAND

... AND SO OFTEN ...

THEY CANNOT BE FOUND IN EITHER THE BIBLE OR IN ISLAM'S QURAN

Neither the *Abraham* of 4,000 years ago nor the *Moses* of 3,400 years ago had any scripture to *read* or *refer* to : Hebrew writing in its original (Paleo Hebrew) form first occurs in the archaeological record some 600 years after the death of Moses. They simply *loved* and *believed* in the *ELOHIM* (GOD) who they prayed to ... and who *DID* apparently answer both of them with heaps of miracles that were subsequently described in the Bible.

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So it's probably a good idea to keep our prayers to the Lord *YAHWEH* and the Lord *JESUS* and to the Lord *HOLY SPIRIT* both very simple and constant. And it's a good idea too, to make sure that they constantly express LOVE and THANKS.

My own *daily* prayers are constantly in my head and heart and bloodstream. Always too they address the original DIVINE and UNITED TEAM that has *always* consisted of (1) The *Lord YAHWEH* and (2) The *Lord JESUS* and (3) The *Lord HOLY SPIRIT*.

The *wording* too of these (full time) prayers remains similar to the following:

My UNITED omnipotent ELOHIM and eternal GODHEAD TRINITY ?*

My Lord YAHWEH.

My Lord JESUS.

My Lord HOLY SPIRIT.

I LOVE you with everything I've got.

I THANK you also with everything I've got.

I am constantly STUNNED that YOU love me too !

PLEASE teach me to PRAY for the things that YOU want of me.

YOU are ... full time ... in my head with ME ... and with all of your ANGELS.

This realization of your PRESENCE within me is the biggest PRIVILEGE of my life.

So PLEASE continue teaching me HOW TO PRAY and WHAT TO PRAY FOR.

Only in this way shall I be able to serve YOU full time.

**A note about the TRINITY*

The TRINITY has all along been the intellectual creation of a Greek speaking theologian of the 2nd century. He argued that there were three "*persons*" in the "*godhead*" which he named as the TRINITY. The *error* that he made becomes obvious as soon as we observe that there *could* have been only one *person* ... the Lord JESUS ... but three spiritual *identities*.

AND WHERE IS THE SPIRIT CALLED SATAN IN ALL THIS MESS ?

Both *Islam* and *Christianity* believe in the existence of a spirit that they name as *SATAN*. I personally have *seen SATAN* ... and on one occasion ... I also saw a *demon* at the *same time* as my companion saw it. *SATAN* and his demons *do* exist. The Old Testament mentions Satan 19 times and the New Testament 34 times. The *Book of Psalms* with its 42,000 words of mainly *prayers* surprisingly mentions Satan only *once* ... while *JESUS* is reported as mentioning him 17 times.

But Satan *does* exist ... and every human being since time began has been harrassed by both his dreams as well as his stinking thoughts or "temptations". Again ... from my personal experience ... I have actually *smelled* Satan too. He and his demons are collectively the most putrid *stench* of all creation. An animal carcass in the middle of summer is the closest event that reminds me of him.

Most surprisingly of all (even after 2000 years) Christianity hasn't evolved a universally acceptable *proactive prayer* against Satan and I often *wonder* how this could be. I simply *guess* that our united *Lord YAHWEH* and *Lord JESUS* and *LORD Holy Spirit* want jointly to teach such a prayer to *each* of his sons and daughters separately.

AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD THESE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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THE PAGES WHICH FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY

1. **The pages which follow immediately contain scriptures that have been modified in line with the editorial constraints that I have detailed at the beginning.**
2. **A simplified overview of the technical details that have been involved in designing the ‘phonetically regular’ script for written English is provided in the final pages of this book.**
3. **The full technical details of this new script for English teachers are provided on my website. www.phoneticenglishbible.com**

A NOTE ABOUT HIGH FREQUENCY ‘CONNECTOR WORDS

A total of 20 very high frequency ‘connector’ words occupy a disproportionate volume of the word count on any page. To avoid an unnecessary amount of visual ‘clutter’ throughout the Virtual Phonetics™ script, this publication has chosen not to encode the following 20 words:

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Joshua 1

1 Now it happened **ä**fter the dea**th** of Mo**şeş** the s**ê**rva**n**t of YAHWEH, **th**at YAHWEH sp**o**ke to Jos**h**ua the s**o**n of Nun, Mo**şeş**' minister, sa**y**ing,

2 Mo**şeş** my s**ê**rva**n**t is dead; **n**ow **th**ere**f**o**r**e ar**i**se, go **o**ver **th**is J**o**rdan, you, and **ä**ll **th**is pe**o**ple, to the land **wh**ich I **d**e give to **th**em, **e**ven to the **ch**ildren of I**s**rael.

3 Every pla**ç**e **th**at the so**l**e of y**o**ur **f**o**o**t **sh**all tread on, to you have I given it, as I sp**o**ke to Mo**şeş**.

4 From the wilderness, and **th**is Lebanon, **e**ven to the gre**a**t river, the river Euphrate**ş**, **ä**ll the land of the Hittites, and to the gre**a**t sea to**w**ä**r**d the go**i**ng **d**own of the sun, **sh**all be y**o**ur **b**o**r**der.

5 **T**here **sh**all not any man be **a**ble to stand bef**o**re you **ä**ll the **d**ay**ş** of y**o**ur **l**ife. As I was **w**ith Mo**şeş**, so I will be **w**ith you; I will not **f**ail you, **n**o**r** forsake you.

6 Be strong and of go**o**d **c**oura**g**e; for you **sh**all **c**ä**u**se **th**is pe**o**ple to inherit the land **wh**ich I sw**o**re to **th**eir **f**ä**th**e**r**es to give **th**em.

7 **O**nly be strong and very **c**oura**g**eous, to ob**ş**e**r**ve to **d**e acc**o**rd**i**ng to **ä**ll the **l**ä**w**, **wh**ich Mo**şeş** my s**ê**rva**n**t commanded you: **d**o**n**'t **t**u**r**n from it to the **r**igh**t** hand or to the left, **th**at you **m**ay have go**o**d **s**ucc**e**ss **w**herever you go.

8 **T**his **b**o**o**k of the **l**ä**w** **sh**all not dep**ä**rt **o**ut of y**o**ur **m**ou**th**, but you **sh**all meditate **th**ereon **d**ay and **n**igh**t**, **th**at you may ob**ş**e**r**ve to **d**e acc**o**rd**i**ng to **ä**ll **th**at is **w**ritten **th**erein: for **th**en you **sh**all make y**o**ur **w**ay prosperous, and **th**en you **sh**all have go**o**d **s**ucc**e**ss.

9 Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and of go**o**d **c**oura**g**e; **d**o**n**'t be afraid, **n**eith**e**r be di**ş**ma**y**ed: for YAHWEH y**o**ur Eloh**i**m is **w**ith you **w**herever you go.

10 **T**hen Jos**h**ua commanded the off**i**ç**e**rs of the pe**o**ple, sa**y**ing,

11 Päss **th**rough the midst of the camp, and command the pe**o**ple, sa**y**ing, Prepare you victu**ä**ls; for **w**ith**i**n **th**ree **d**ay**ş** you are to päss **o**ver **th**is J**o**rdan, to go in to po**ş**ş**e**ss the land, **wh**ich YAHWEH y**o**ur Eloh**i**m give**ş** you to po**ş**ş**e**ss it.

12 To the Reub**e**nites, and to the Gad**i**tes, and to the hä**f**-tribe of Manasseh, sp**o**ke Jos**h**ua, sa**y**ing,

13 Remember the w**o**rd **wh**ich Mo**şeş** the s**ê**rva**n**t of YAHWEH commanded you, sa**y**ing, YAHWEH y**o**ur Eloh**i**m give**ş** you rest, and will give you **th**is land. 14 Your w**i**ve**ş**, y**o**ur little one**ş**, and y**o**ur cattle, **sh**all abide in the land **wh**ich Mo**şeş** gave you beyond the J**o**rdan; but you **sh**all päss **o**ver bef**o**re y**o**ur bro**th**e**r**es **ä**rmed, **ä**ll the **m**igh**t**y men of valor, and **sh**all help **th**em;

15 until YAHWEH have given y^our brother^s rest, as [he ha^s given] you, and **they** **á**lso have poss^{ess}ed the land **wh**ich YAHWEH y^our Elohim give^s **them**: **then** you **shall** ret^urn to the land of y^our poss^{ess}ion, and poss^{ess} it, **wh**ich Mo^se^s the s^er^vant of YAHWEH ga^ve you beyond the J^ordan tow^árd the sunri^se.

16 **They** answered Josh^{ua}, sa^ying, **á**ll **that** you have commanded us **we** will **do**, and **wh**erever you send us **we** will **go**.

17 Acc^ording as **we** listened to Mo^se^s in **á**ll **th**ing^s, so will **we** listen to you: **only** YAHWEH y^our Elohim be **with** you, as he was **with** Mo^se^s.

18 **Wh**oever he be **wh**o **shall** rebel against y^our commandment, and **shall** not listen to y^our w^ord^s in **á**ll **that** you command him, he **shall** be **p**ut to deat^h: **only** be strong and of **g**ood courag^e.

Joshua 2

1 Josh^{ua} the s^on of Nun sent **o**ut of Shittim **tw**e men as spi^es secretly, sa^ying, Go, view the land, and Jerich^o. **They** went and **came** into the **h**ouse of a prostitute **wh**o^se name was Rahab, and **lay** **th**ere.

2 It was **t**old the king of Jerich^o, sa^ying, Behold, **th**ere **came** men in **h**ere toni^{gh}t of the **ch**ildren of I^srael to s^ear^{ch} **o**ut the land.

3 The king of Jerich^o sent to Rahab, sa^ying, Bring **f**orth the men **wh**o are **c**ome to you, **wh**o have entered into y^our **h**ouse; for **th**ey have **c**ome to s^ear^{ch} **o**ut **á**ll the land.

4 The w^oman **t**ook the **tw**e men, and hid **th**em; and she said, Yes, the men **came** to me, but I didn't **kn**ow **wh**en^çe **th**ey were:

5 and it happened **a**bout the **t**ime of the **sh**utting of the **g**ate, **wh**en it was **d**ärk, **th**at the men went **o**ut; **wh**ere the men went I **don't** **kn**ow: **p**ürsue **ä**fter **th**em **q**uickly; for you will **o**vertake **th**em.

6 But she had br^ought **th**em up to the **r**oof, and hid **th**em **with** the st^ák^s of flax, **wh**ich she had **l**aid in **ó**rder on the **r**oof.

7 The men **p**ürsued **ä**fter **th**em the way to the J^ordan to the f^órd^s: and as **se**en as **th**o^se **wh**o **p**ürsued **ä**fter **th**em were gone **o**ut, **th**ey **sh**ut the **g**ate.

8 Bef^óre **th**ey were **l**aid **o**wn, she **ca**me up to **th**em on the **r**oof;

9 and she said to the men, I **kn**ow **th**at YAHWEH ha^s given you the land, and **th**at the **f**ear of you is **f**állen on us, and **th**at **á**ll the inhabitants of the land melt away bef^óre you.

10 For **we** have **h**ear**d** **h**ow YAHWEH **d**ried up the **w**ater of the Red **S**ea **b**ef**o**re you, **w**hen you **c**ame **o**ut of **E**gypt; and **w**hat you did to the **t**wo **k**ing**s** of the Amorites, **w**ho were beyond the **J**ordan, to **S**ihon and to **O**g, **w**ho**m** you utterly **d**estroyed.

11 **A**s **s**een as **w**e had **h**ear**d** it, **o**ur **h**ear**t**s did melt, **n**eith**e**r did **t**here remain any **m**ore spirit in any man, **b**eca**u**se of you: for YAHWEH **y**our **E**lohim, he is **E**lohim in heaven **a**b**o**ve, and on **e**ar**t**h **b**ene**t**h.

12 **N**ow **t**here**f**o**r**e, **p**lea**s**e swear to me **b**y YAHWEH, **s**in**c**e I have dealt kindly **w**ith you, **t**hat you **a**l**s**o will **d**eal kindly **w**ith **m**y **f**ather's **h**ouse, and give me a **t**ru**e** token;

13 and **t**hat you will **s**ave **a**live **m**y **f**ather, and **m**y **m**other, and **m**y **b**roth**e**r**s**, and **m**y **s**ister**s**, and **a**l**l** **t**hat **t**hey have, and will deliver **o**ur **l**ive**s** from **d**ea**t**h.

14 The men said to her, **o**ur **l**ife for **y**our**s**, if you **d**on't utter **t**his **o**ur business; and it **s**hall be, **w**hen YAHWEH **g**ive**s** us the land, **t**hat **w**e will **d**eal kindly and **t**ru**l**y **w**ith you.

15 **T**hen she let **t**hem **d**own **b**y a **c**ord **t**hr**o**ugh the **w**indow: for her **h**ouse was on the **s**ide of the **w**all, and she lived on the **w**all.

16 She said to **t**hem, Get you to the **m**ountain, lest the **p**u**r**sue**r**s **l**ight on you; and **h**ide **y**our**s**elve**s** **t**here **t**hr**o**ugh **t**h**e**e **d**ays, until the **p**u**r**sue**r**s be **r**et**u**rne**d**: and **a**fterward **m**ay you **g**o **y**our **w**ay.

17 The men said to her, **W**e will be guiltless of **t**his **y**our **o**ath **w**h**i**ch you have **m**ade us to swear.

18 **B**ehold, **w**hen **w**e **c**ome into the land, you **s**hall **b**ind **t**his **l**ine of sc**a**rlet **t**hr**e**ad in the **w**indow **w**h**i**ch you did let us **d**own **b**y: and you **s**hall **g**ather to you into the **h**ouse **y**our **f**ather, and **y**our **m**other, and **y**our **b**roth**e**r**s**, and **a**l**l** **y**our **f**ather's **h**ouse**h**old.

19 It **s**hall be, **t**hat **w**ho**e**ver **s**hall **g**o **o**ut of the **d**oor**s** of **y**our **h**ouse into the **s**treet, his **b**lood **s**hall be on his head, and **w**e **s**hall be **g**uiltless: and **w**ho**e**ver **s**hall be **w**ith you in the **h**ouse, his **b**lood **s**hall be on **o**ur head, if any hand be on him.

20 But if you utter **t**his **o**ur business, **t**hen **w**e **s**hall be **g**uiltless of **y**our **o**ath **w**h**i**ch you have **m**ade us to swear.

21 She said, **A**cc**o**rd**i**ng to **y**our **w**ord**s**, so be it. **S**he sent **t**hem **a**way, and **t**hey **d**e**p**arted: and she **b**ound the sc**a**rlet **l**ine in the **w**indow.

22 **T**hey went, and **c**ame to the **m**ountain, and abode **t**here **t**hr**e**e **d**ays, until the **p**u**r**sue**r**s were **r**et**u**rne**d**: and the **p**u**r**sue**r**s **s**o**u**ght **t**hem **t**hr**o**ugh**o**ut **a**l**l** the **w**ay, but didn't **f**ind **t**hem.

23 **Then** the **two** men **retu**rn**ed**, and **desc**ended from the **mo**untain, and **p**asse**d** **ove**r, and **ca**me to **Joshua** the **so**n of **Nun**; and **they** **to**ld him **all** **th**at had **be**f**al**len **th**em.

24 **They** said to **Joshua**, **Truly** **YAHWEH** has delivered into **ou**r hands **all** the land; and **m**ove**o**ver **all** the inhabitants of the land **de** melt away **bef**ore us.

Joshua 3

1 **Joshua** **ro**se up **ea**rly in the **m**orn**ing**; and **they** **re**move**d** from **Shittim**, and **ca**me to the **J**or**dan**, he and **all** the **ch**ildren of **I**s**ra**el; and **they** **lodg**ed **th**ere **bef**ore **they** **p**asse**d** **ove**r.

2 It **happ**ened **af**ter **th**ree **day**s, **th**at the **offi**cers went **th**rough the midst of the camp;

3 and **they** **com**manded the **pe**ople, **say**ing, **When** you **see** the **ark** of the **co**venant of **YAHWEH** **y**ou**r** **Elohim**, and the **p**riests the **Levites** bearing it, **th**en you **sh**all **re**move from **y**ou**r** **plac**e, and **go** **af**ter it.

4 **Yet** **th**ere **sh**all be a **spac**e **betwe**en you and it, **abou**t **two** **th**ous**and** **cubi**ts by **mea**sure: **don't** **co**me **ne**ar to it, **th**at you **may** **know** the **way** **by** **wh**ich you must **go**; for you have not **p**asse**d** **th**is **way** **he**re**to**fore.

5 **Joshua** said to the **pe**ople, **Sanctify** **y**ou**r**selves; for **to**morrow **YAHWEH** will **de** **w**ond**er**s among you.

6 **Joshua** **sp**oke to the **p**riests, **say**ing, **Take** up the **ark** of the **co**venant, and **p**ass **ove**r **bef**ore the **pe**ople. **They** **to**ok up the **ark** of the **co**venant, and went **bef**ore the **pe**ople.

7 **YAHWEH** said to **Joshua**, **This** **day** will I **beg**in to **magnify** you in the **si**ght of **all** **I**s**ra**el, **th**at **they** **may** **know** **th**at, as I was **with** **Mo**ses, so I will be **with** you.

8 You **sh**all **com**mand the **p**riests **wh**o bear the **ark** of the **co**venant, **say**ing, **When** you are **co**me to the brink of the **w**ate**r**s of the **J**or**dan**, you **sh**all stand still in the **J**or**dan**.

9 **Joshua** said to the **ch**ildren of **I**s**ra**el, **Co**me **he**re, and **he**ar the **w**or**d**s of **YAHWEH** **y**ou**r** **Elohim**.

10 **Joshua** said, **Here**by you **sh**all **know** **th**at the living **Elohim** is **am**ong you, and **th**at he will **with**out **fail** **dr**ive **ou**t from **bef**ore you the **Canaanite**, and the **Hittite**, and the **Hivite**, and the **Perizzite**, and the **Girgashite**, and the **Amorite**, and the **Jebusite**.

11 **Beh**old, the **ark** of the **co**venant of the **L**o**rd** of **all** the **ea**rth **p**asse**s** **ove**r **bef**ore you into the **J**or**dan**.

12 **Now** **th**ere**fo**re **ta**ke twelve men **ou**t of the **tribe**s of **I**s**ra**el, for every **tribe** a man.

13 It **shall** **cóme** to **päss**, when the **soleş** of the **feet** of the **priests** **whø** bear the **ärk** of YAHWEH, the **Lórd** of **áll** the **éarth**, **shall** rest in the **wátërş** of the **Jórdan**, **that** the **wátërş** of the **Jórdan** **shall** be cut off, **even** the **wátërş** **that** **cóme** **down** from **abovè**; and **they** **shall** stand in one **heap**.

14 It happened, when the **peopel** **remøved** from **their** tents, to **päss** **over** the **Jórdan**, the **priests** **whø** **bóre** the **ärk** of the **còvenant** **being** **befóre** the **peopel**;

15 and when **thøse** **whø** **bóre** the **ärk** were **cóme** to the **Jórdan**, and the **feet** of the **priests** **whø** **bóre** the **ärk** were **dippèd** in the brink of the **wáter** (for the **Jórdan** **overflows** **áll** its banks **áll** the **tíme** of **härvest**.)

16 **that** the **wátërş** **which** **came** **down** from **abovè** **stòod**, and **roşe** up in one **heap**, a **great** way off, at Adam, the **çity** **that** is **beside** Zarethan; and **thøse** **that** went **down** **towárd** the **se**a of the Arabah, **even** the **Sált** **Se**a, were **wholly** cut off: and the **peopel** **pässe**d **over** **right** **against** Jericho.

17 The **priests** **whø** **bóre** the **ärk** of the **còvenant** of YAHWEH **stòod** **firm** on **dry** **groun**d in the midst of the **Jórdan**; and **áll** **Işrael** **pässe**d **over** on **dry** **groun**d, until **áll** the **natiòn** were **pässe**d **cle**an **over** the **Jórdan**.

Joshua 4

1 It happened, when **áll** the **natiòn** were **cle**an **pässe**d **over** the **Jórdan**, **that** YAHWEH **spøke** to Joshua, **saying**,

2 **Take** twelve men **øut** of the **peopel**, **øut** of every **tribe** a man,

3 and **command** you **them**, **saying**, **Take** **hençe** **øut** of the midst of the **Jórdan**, **øut** of the **plaçe** where the **priests'** **feet** **stòod** **firm**, twelve **stoneş**, and carry **them** **over** **with** you, and **lay** **them** **down** in the **lodg**ing-**plaçe**, where you **shall** **lodg**e **this** **nigh**t.

4 **Then** Joshua **cáll**ed the twelve men, **whø**m he had **prepar**ed of the **children** of **Işrael**, **øut** of every **tribe** a man:

5 and Joshua **said** to **them**, **Päss** **over** **befóre** the **ärk** of YAHWEH **yøur** Elohim into the midst of the **Jórdan**, and **take** up every man of you a **stone** on his **shou**lder, **accòrd**ing to the number of the **tribeş** of the **children** of **Işrael**;

6 **that** **this** **may** be a **sign** among you, **that** when **yøur** **children** **äsk** in **tíme** to **cóme**, **saying**, **Whát** **de** you **mean** by **theşe** **stoneş**?

7 **then** you **shall** **tell** **them**, **Beca**use the **wátërş** of the **Jórdan** were cut off **befóre** the **ärk** of the **còvenant** of YAHWEH; when it **pässe**d **over** the **Jórdan**, the **wátërş** of the **Jórdan** were cut off: and **theşe** **stoneş** **shall** be for a **memò**rial to the **children** of **Işrael** forever.

8 The **children** of **Išrael** did so as **Joshua** commanded, and **tòok** up twelve **stones** **out** of the midst of the **Jòrdan**, as **YAHWEH** **spoke** to **Joshua**, **accòrding** to the number of the **tribes** of the **children** of **Išrael**; and **they** carried **them** **over** with **them** to the **placè** *where* **they** **lodged**, and **laid** **them** **down** **there**.

9 **Joshua** set up twelve **stones** in the midst of the **Jòrdan**, in the **placè** *where* the **feet** of the **priests** **whø** **bòre** the **ärk** of the **còvènant** **stòod**: and **they** are **there** to **this** **day**.

10 **Fòr** the **priests** **whø** **bòre** the **ärk** **stòod** in the midst of the **Jòrdan**, until every**th**ing was **finishèd** **that** **YAHWEH** commanded **Joshua** to **speak** to the **peop**le, **accòrding** to **àll** **that** **Mošes** commanded **Joshua**: and the **peop**le **hurried** and **pässed** **over**.

11 It happened, *when* **àll** the **peop**le had **còmpletely** **pässed** **over**, **that** the **ärk** of **YAHWEH** **pässed** **over**, **with** the **priests**, in the **presençe** of the **peop**le.

12 The **children** of **Reuben**, and the **children** of **Gad**, and the **hälf-tribe** of **Manasseh**, **pässed** **over** **ärmed** **befòre** the **children** of **Išrael**, as **Mošes** **spoke** to **them**:

13 about **fòrty** **thous**and ready **ärmed** for **wär** **pässed** **over** **befòre** **YAHWEH** to battle, to the **plains** of **Jericho**.

14 On **that** **day** **YAHWEH** magnified **Joshua** in the **sight** of **àll** **Išrael**; and **they** **feared** him, as **they** **feared** **Mošes**, **àll** the **days** of his **life**.

15 **YAHWEH** **spoke** to **Joshua**, **saying**,

16 Command the **priests** **whø** bear the **ärk** of the **testimòny**, **that** **they** **còme** up **out** of the **Jòrdan**.

17 **Joshua** **therefòre** commanded the **priests**, **saying**, **Còme** you up **out** of the **Jòrdan**.

18 It happened, *when* the **priests** **whø** **bòre** the **ärk** of the **còvènant** of **YAHWEH** were **còme** up **out** of the midst of the **Jòrdan**, and the **soles** of the **priests'** **feet** were lifted up to the **dry** **ground**, **that** the **wàters** of the **Jòrdan** **retùrned** to **their** **placè**, and went **over** **àll** its banks, as **befòre**.

19 The **peop**le **ca**me up **out** of the **Jòrdan** on the **tenth** **day** of the **first** **month**, and encamped in **Gilgal**, on the **east** **bòrder** of **Jericho**.

20 **Thosè** twelve **stones**, **whìch** **they** **tòok** **out** of the **Jòrdan**, did **Joshua** set up in **Gilgal**.

21 He **spoke** to the **children** of **Išrael**, **saying**, *When* **yòur** **children** **shall** **àsk** **their** **fàthers** in **time** to **còme**, **saying**, *Whàt* **mean** **thesè** **stones**?

22 Then you **shall** let yôur **children know**, saying, **Işrael came over this Jôrdan** on dry land. 23 For YAHWEH yôur Elohim dried up the wâters of the Jôrdan from befôre you, until you were pässe~~d~~ over, as YAHWEH yôur Elohim did to the Red Sea, **which** he dried up from befôre us, until **we** were pässe~~d~~ over;

24 that **âll** the pe~~o~~ple~~s~~ of the **êarth** may know the hand of YAHWEH, **that** it is mi~~g~~hty; **that** you may fear YAHWEH yôur Elohim forever

Joshua 5

1 It happen~~e~~d, when **âll** the king~~s~~ of the Amorites, **wh**o were beyond the Jôrdan westward, and **âll** the king~~s~~ of the Canaanites, **wh**o were by the sea, **h**ear~~d~~ **h**ow **th**at YAHWEH had dried up the wâters of the Jôrdan from befôre the **children of Işrael**, until **we** were pässe~~d~~ over, **th**at **th**eir he~~a~~rt melted, **neither** was **th**ere spirit in **th**em any m~~o~~re, beca~~u~~s~~e~~ of the **children of Işrael**.

2 At **th**at **ti**me YAHWEH said to Joshua, **M**ake you flint **kn**ive~~s~~, and **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~e: **âll** the **pe**ople **wh**o came **f**ôr~~t~~h **o**ut of **E**gypt, **wh**o were **ma**le~~s~~, **ev**en **âll** the men of **w**â~~r~~, **d**ie~~d~~ in the wilderness **by** the way, **a**fter **th**ey came **f**ôr~~t~~h **o**ut of **E**gypt.

3 Joshua **m**ade himself flint **kn**ive~~s~~, and **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~ed the **children of Işrael** at the hill of the fôreskin~~s~~.

4 **This** is the **c**â~~u~~s~~e~~ **wh**y Joshua did **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~e: **âll** the **pe**ople **wh**o came **f**ôr~~t~~h **o**ut of **E**gypt, **wh**o were **ma**le~~s~~, **ev**en **âll** the men of **w**â~~r~~, **d**ie~~d~~ in the wilderness **by** the way, **a**fter **th**ey came **f**ôr~~t~~h **o**ut of **E**gypt.

5 **F**ôr **âll** the **pe**ople **wh**o came **o**ut were **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~ed; but **âll** the **pe**ople **wh**o were **b**ô~~r~~n in the wilderness **by** the way as **th**ey came **f**ôr~~t~~h **o**ut of **E**gypt, **th**ey had not **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~ed.

6 **F**ôr the **children of Işrael** **w**â~~k~~e~~d~~ **f**ôr~~t~~y **ye**ar~~s~~ in the wilderness, until **âll** the **n**ati~~o~~n, **ev**en the men of **w**â~~r~~ **wh**o came **f**ôr~~t~~h **o**ut of **E**gypt, were **c**on~~s~~um~~e~~d, beca~~u~~s~~e~~ **th**ey didn't listen to the voi~~c~~e of YAHWEH: to **wh**o~~m~~ YAHWEH **sw**ô~~r~~e **th**at he **w**o~~u~~ldn't let **th**em **see** the land **wh**ich YAHWEH **sw**ô~~r~~e to **th**eir **f**â~~t~~her~~s~~ **th**at he **w**o~~u~~ld give us, a land **flowing with** milk and **h**ô~~n~~ey.

7 **Their children**, **wh**o~~m~~ he **rai**s~~e~~d up in **th**eir **pl**ac~~e~~, **th**em did Joshua **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~e: for **th**ey were un~~c~~ircum~~c~~i~~s~~ed, beca~~u~~s~~e~~ **th**ey had not **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~ed **th**em **by** the way.

8 It happen~~e~~d, when **th**ey had **d**ô~~n~~e **c**ircum~~c~~i~~s~~ing **âll** the **n**ati~~o~~n, **th**at **th**ey abode in **th**eir **pl**ac~~e~~s in the camp, until **th**ey were **wh**ole.

9 YAHWEH said to Joshua, **This** day have I **rol**led away the repro~~a~~ch of **E**gypt from off you. **Th**ere~~f~~ô~~r~~e the **n**ame of **th**at **pl**ac~~e~~ was **c**â~~l~~led Gilgal, to **th**is day.

10 The **children** of **Išrael** encamped in Gilgal; and **they** kept the **Pässover** on the **fóurteenth** day of the **mónth** at **even** in the **plains** of **Jericho**.

11 **They** **ate** of the **produçe** of the land on the next **day** **äfter** the **Pässover**, unleavened **cakes** and **pärched** grain, in the **same** day.

12 The manna **çeased** on the next **day**, **äfter** **they** had **eaten** of the **produçe** of the land; **neither** had the **children** of **Išrael** manna any **móre**; but **they** **ate** of the **fruit** of the land of **Canaan** **that** year.

13 It happened, when **Joshua** was by **Jericho**, **that** he lifted up his **eyes** and **lóoked**, and, behold, **there** **stóod** a man **over** against him **with** his **swórd** **dráwn** in his hand: and **Joshua** went to him, and said to him, Are you for us, or for **our** **advêrsaries**?

14 He said, No; but [as] **prinçe** of the **host** of **YAHWEH** am I **nów** **cóme**. **Joshua** fell on his **façe** to the **éarth**, and did **wórship**, and said to him, **What** says **my** **lórd** to his **sêrvant**?

15 The **prinçe** of **Yähweh's** **host** said to **Joshua**, **Pút** off **yóur** **shoe** from off **yóur** **fóot**; for the **plaçe** whereon you stand is **holy**. **Joshua** did so.

Joshua 6

1 **Nów** **Jericho** was **tightly** **shut** up because of the **children** of **Išrael**: **nóne** went **out**, and **nóne** came in.

2 **YAHWEH** said to **Joshua**, Behold, I have given into **yóur** hand **Jericho**, and the king of it, and the **míghty** men of valor.

3 You **shall** **cómpass** the **çity**, **áll** the men of **wár**, **going** **abóut** the **çity** **onçe**. **Thus** **shall** you **de** six **days**.

4 Seven **priests** **shall** bear seven trumpets of **rams'** **hórnş** **befóre** the **ärk**: and the **seventh** **day** you **shall** **cómpass** the **çity** seven **times**, and the **priests** **shall** **blow** the trumpets.

5 It **shall** be **that** **when** **they** **make** a long **bläst** **with** the ram's **hórn**, and **when** you **hear** the **sound** of the trumpet, **áll** the **people** **shall** **shout** **with** a **great** **shout**; and the **wáll** of the **çity** **shall** **fáll** **down** flat, and the **people** **shall** **go** up every man **straight** **befóre** him.

6 **Joshua** the **son** of **Nun** **cáll**ed the **priests**, and said to **them**, **Take** up the **ärk** of the **cóvenant**, and let seven **priests** bear seven trumpets of **rams'** **hórnş** **befóre** the **ärk** of **YAHWEH**.

7 **They** said to the **people**, **Päss** on, and **cómpass** the **çity**, and let the **ärmed** men **päss** on **befóre** the **ärk** of **YAHWEH**.

8 It was so, **that** *when* Joshua had spoken to the **pe**ople, the seven **pri**ests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' **h**orns bef**o**re YAHWEH **p**ass**e**d on, and blew the trumpets: and the **ä**rk of the **c**ovenant of YAHWEH **f**ollow**e**d **th**em.

9 The **ä**rmed men went bef**o**re the **pri**ests **wh**o blew the trumpets, and the **r**earw**ä**rd went **ä**fter the **ä**rk, [the **pri**ests] **bl**owing the trumpets as **th**ey went.

10 Joshua commanded the **pe**ople, **s**aying, **Y**ou **sh**all not **sh**out, **n**ör let y**ö**ur **vo**ic**e** be **h**ear**d**, **n**eith**e**r **sh**all any **w**ör**d** **pr**oc**e**ed **o**ut of y**ö**ur **m**ou**th**, until the **d**ay I bid you **sh**out; **th**en **sh**all you **sh**out.

11 **S**o he **c**äus**e**d the **ä**rk of YAHWEH to **c**ömpass the **ç**ity, **g**oing **ab**out it **o**n**ç**e: and **th**ey **c**ame into the camp, and lod**g**ed in the camp.

12 Joshua **ro**s**e** **ë**arly in the **m**örning, and the **pri**ests **t**ö**o**k up the **ä**rk of YAHWEH.

13 The seven **pri**ests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' **h**orns bef**o**re the **ä**rk of YAHWEH went on **c**öntinu**ä**lly, and blew the trumpets: and the **ä**rmed men went bef**o**re **th**em; and the rearward **c**ame **ä**fter the **ä**rk of YAHWEH, [the **pri**ests] **bl**owing the trumpets as **th**ey went.

14 The **s**econd **d**ay **th**ey compassed the **ç**ity **o**n**ç**e, and **r**et**ü**rn**e**d into the camp: so **th**ey did six **d**ays.

15 It happen**e**d on the seventh **d**ay, **th**at **th**ey **ro**s**e** **ë**arly at the **d**äwning of the **d**ay, and **c**ömpass**e**d the **ç**ity **ä**fter the **s**ame manner seven **t**im**e**s: **o**nly on the **d**ay **th**ey **c**ömpass**e**d the **ç**ity seven **t**im**e**s.

16 It happen**e**d at the seventh **t**im**e**, *when* the **pri**ests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the **pe**ople, **S**hout; for YAHWEH **h**as given you the **ç**ity.

17 The **ç**ity **sh**all be **d**evot**e**d, **e**ven it and **ä**ll **th**at is **th**er**e**in, to YAHWEH: **o**nly Rahab the prostitut**e** **sh**all **l**iv**e**, she and **ä**ll **wh**o are **w**ith her in the **h**ous**e**, **b**ecä**u**s**e** she hid the messen**g**er**s** **th**at **w**e sent.

18 But as for you, **o**nly **k**ee**p** y**ö**ur**s**elv**e**s from the **d**evot**e**d **th**ing, lest *when* you have **d**evot**e**d it, you **t**ak**e** of the **d**evot**e**d **th**ing; so **w**ö**ü**d you **m**ak**e** the camp of **I**sra**e**l **acc**urs**e**d, and trouble it.

19 But **ä**ll the silver, and **g**old, and **v**ess**e**l**s** of **br**äss and **ir**ö**n**, are **h**oly to YAHWEH: **th**ey **sh**all **c**ö**m**e into the **t**reä**s**ury of YAHWEH.

20 **S**o the **pe**ople **sh**outed, and [the **pri**ests] blew the trumpets; and it happen**e**d, *when* the **pe**ople **h**ear**d** the **s**ound of the trumpet, **th**at the **pe**ople **sh**outed **w**ith a **gr**eät **sh**out, and the **w**äll fell **d**ö**w**n flat, so **th**at the **pe**ople went up into the **ç**ity, every man **str**a**i**ght bef**o**re him, and **th**ey **t**ö**o**k the **ç**ity.

21 **They** utterly destroyed **á**ll **th**at was in the **ç**ity, **bo**th man and **w**oman, **bo**th young and **o**ld, and ox, and **sheep**, and donkey, **with** the **edg**e of the **sw**órd.

22 **Joshua** said to the **tw**o men **wh**o had spied **o**ut the land, **Go** into the prostitute's **h**ouse, and bring **o**ut **th**ere the **w**oman, and **á**ll **th**at she **ha**s, as you **sw**óre to her.

23 The young men the spie**s** went in, and br**o**ught **o**ut Rahab, and her **fä**ther, and her **m**other, and her **bro**ther**s**, and **á**ll **th**at she had; **á**ll her relative**s** **á**l**so** **th**ey br**o**ught **o**ut; and **th**ey set **th**em **o**utside of the camp of **I**srael.

24 **They** **b**urnt the **ç**ity **with** fire, and **á**ll **th**at was **th**erein; **o**nly the silver, and the **g**old, and the vessel**s** of br**ä**ss and of **ir**on, **th**ey **p**ut into the trea**s**ury of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH.

25 But Rahab the prostitute, and her **fä**ther's **h**ousehold, and **á**ll **th**at she had, did **Joshua** **sa**ve **al**ive; and she lived in the midst of **I**srael to **th**is **da**y, beca**u**se she hid the messenger**s**, **wh**om **Joshua** sent to spy **o**ut Jericho.

26 **Joshua** **chä**rged **th**em **with** an **o**ath at **th**at **ti**me, **sa**ying, **C**ur**se**d be the man bef**o**re YAHWEH, **th**at **ri**se**s** up and build**s** **th**is **ç**ity Jericho: **with** the loss of his firstb**o**rn **sh**all he lay the **fo**undation of it, and **with** the loss of his youngest **so**n **sh**all he set up the **ga**tes of it.

27 So YAHWEH was **with** **Joshua**; and his **fa**me was in **á**ll the land

Joshua 7

1 But the **ch**ildren of **I**srael committed a tresp**ä**ss in the devoted **th**ing; for Achan, the **so**n of Carmi, the **so**n of Zabdi, the **so**n of Zerah, of the tribe of **J**udah, **t**ook of the devoted **th**ing: and the anger of YAHWEH was kindled against the **ch**ildren of **I**srael.

2 **Joshua** sent men from Jericho to Ai, **wh**ich is beside Beth-aven, on the **e**ast **si**de of Bethel, and **sp**oke to **th**em, **sa**ying, **Go** up and spy **o**ut the land. The men went up and spied **o**ut Ai.

3 **They** ret**u**rn**ed** to **Joshua**, and said to him, **Don't** let **á**ll the **pe**ople **go** up; but let **ab**out **tw**o or **th**ree **th**ou**s**and men **go** up and strike Ai; **don't** make **á**ll the **pe**ople to toil **th**ere; for **th**ey are but few.

4 So **th**ere went up **th**ere of the **pe**ople **ab**out **th**ree **th**ou**s**and men: and **th**ey fled bef**o**re the men of Ai.

5 The men of Ai struck of **th**em **ab**out **th**irty-six men; and **th**ey **ch**ased **th**em [from] bef**o**re the **ga**te **e**ven to **She**barim, and struck **th**em at the desc**en**t; and the **h**eä**rt**s of the **pe**ople melted, and beca**m**e as **wä**ter.

6 Joshua t^ore his clothe^s, and fell to the e^arth on his fa^çe bef^ore the ärk of YAHWEH until the evening, he and the elder^s of I^srael; and they p^ut dust on their head^s.

7 Joshua said, Alas, L^ord YAHWEH, wh^y have you at äll br^ought this pe^ople over the J^ordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to c^au^se us to perish? wo^uld that we had been content and lived beyond the J^ordan!

8 Oh, L^ord, wh^at shall I say, äfter that I^srael ha^s t^urn^ed their backs bef^ore their enemy^es!

9 F^or the Canaanites and äll the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will c^ompass us round, and cut off our name from the e^arth: and wh^at will you d^o for y^our great name?

10 YAHWEH said to Joshua, Get you up; wh^y are you thus f^allen on y^our fa^çe?

11 I^srael ha^s sinned; yes, they have even transgressed my c^ovenant which I commanded them: yes, they have even taken of the devoted thⁱng, and have äls^o stolen, and dissembled äls^o; and they have even p^ut it among their own stuff.

12 Theref^ore the children of I^srael c^an't stand bef^ore their enemy^es; they t^urn their backs bef^ore their enemy^es, bec^au^se they are bec^ome accursed: I will not be with you any m^ore, ex^çept you destroy the devoted thⁱng from among you.

13 Up, sanctify the pe^ople, and say, Sanctify y^ourself^es against t^omorrow: for thus say^s YAHWEH, the Elohim of I^srael, There is a devoted thⁱng in the midst of you, I^srael; you can not stand bef^ore y^our enemy^es, until you take away the devoted thⁱng from among you.

14 In the m^orning theref^ore you shall be br^ought near by y^our tribe^s: and it shall be, that the tribe which YAHWEH takes shall c^ome near by familie^s; and the family which YAHWEH shall take shall c^ome near by household^s; and the household which YAHWEH shall take shall c^ome near man by man.

15 It shall be, that he wh^oe is taken with the devoted thⁱng shall be b^urrnt with fire, he and äll th^at he ha^s; bec^au^se he ha^s transgressed the c^ovenant of YAHWEH, and bec^au^se he ha^s done folly in I^srael.

16 So Joshua ro^se up e^arly in the m^orning, and br^ought I^srael near by their tribe^s; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 and he br^ought near the family of Judah; and he t^ook the family of the Zerahites: and he br^ought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

18 and he br^ought near his household man by man; and Achan, the s^on of C^armi, the s^on of Zabdi, the s^on of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 **Joshua** said to Achan, **My sòn**, please give glòry to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**, and make cònfessiòn to him; and tell me **new whàt** you have **dònè**; **don't hìde** it from me.

20 Achan answered **Joshua**, and said, Of a **truth** I have sinned **against** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**, and **thus** and **thus** have I **dònè**:

21 *when* I **sàw** among the spoil a **gòodly** Babylonian mantle, and **twè** hundred **shekelş** of silver, and a wedge of **gold** of fifty **shekelş** weight, **then** I **còveted** **them**, and **tòok** **them**; and, **behold**, **they** are hid in the **èarth** in the midst of **my** tent, and the silver under it.

22 So **Joshua** sent **messengerş**, and **they** ran to the tent; and, **behold**, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 **They** **tòok** **them** from the midst of the tent, and **bròught** **them** to **Joshua**, and to **àll** the **children** of **Işrael**; and **they** **laid** **them** **døwn** **befòre** YAHWEH.

24 **Joshua**, and **àll** **Işrael** **with** him, **tòok** Achan the **sòn** of Zerah, and the silver, and the mantle, and the wedge of **gold**, and his **sønş**, and his **dàughterş**, and his oxen, and his **donkeyş**, and his **sheep**, and his tent, and **àll** **that** he had: and **they** **bròught** **them** up to the valley of Achor.

25 **Joshua** said, *Why* have you troubled us? YAHWEH **shall** trouble you **this** **day**. **àll** **Işrael** **stoned** him **with** **stoneş**; and **they** **bûrned** **them** **with** **fire**, and **stoned** **them** **with** **stoneş**.

26 **They** **raisèd** **øver** him a **great** **heap** of **stoneş**, to **this** **day**; and YAHWEH **tûrned** from the fierçeness of his anger. **Therèfòre** the **name** of **that** **plaçe** was **càllèd** "The valley of Achor" to **this** **day**.

Joshua 8

1 YAHWEH said to **Joshua**, **Don't** be afraid, **neither** be **dişmayèd**: **take** **àll** the **people** of **wàr** **with** you, and **arişe**, **go** up to Ai; **behold**, I have given into **yòur** hand the king of Ai, and his **peøple**, and his **çity**, and his land;

2 You **shall** **dø** to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king: **øny** the spoil of it, and the cattle of it, **shall** you **take** for a prey to **yòurselfeş**: set you an **ambùsh** for the **çity** behind it.

3 So **Joshua** **aroşe**, and **àll** the **people** of **wàr**, to **go** up to Ai: and **Joshua** **choşe** **øut** **thirty** **thøuşand** men, the **mighty** men of valor, and sent **them** **fòrth** **by** **nìght**.

4 He commanded **them**, **saying**, "Behold, you **shall** **liè** in **ambùsh** **against** the **çity**, **behind** the **çity**; **don't** **go** very **fàr** from the **çity**, but be **àll** **ready**:

5 and I, and **á**ll the **pe**ople **wh**o are **with** me, will **ap**pro**ach** to the **ç**ity. It **sh**all happen, **wh**en **th**ey **c**o**m**e **o**ut **ag**ainst us, as at the **f**irst, **th**at **w**e will **f**lee **bef**o**r**e **th**em;

6 and **th**ey will **c**o**m**e **o**ut **ä**fter us, until **w**e have **dr**áwn **th**em away from the **ç**ity; for **th**ey will **s**ay, **T**hey **f**lee **bef**o**r**e us, as at the **f**irst: so **w**e will **f**lee **bef**o**r**e **th**em;

7 and you **sh**all **ri**ŕe up from the **amb**úsh, and **ta**ke **po**ŕŕeŕŕion of the **ç**ity: for **Y**AHWEH **y**o**ur** **E**lohim will deliver it into **y**o**ur** hand.

8 It **sh**all be, **wh**en you have **se**ized on the **ç**ity, **th**at you **sh**all set the **ç**ity on **f**ire; **acc**o**r**ding to the **w**o**r**d of **Y**AHWEH **sh**all you **de**: **be**hold, I have **co**mmanded you.

9 **J**oshua sent **th**em **f**o**r**th; and **th**ey went to set up the **amb**úsh, and **st**ayed between **B**ethel and Ai, on the west **si**de of Ai: but **J**oshua **lod**ged **th**at **n**ight among the **pe**ople.

10 **J**oshua **ar**oŕe up **é**arly in the **m**o**r**ning, and **m**ustered the **pe**ople, and went up, he and the **el**de**r**s of **I**ŕael, **bef**o**r**e the **pe**ople to Ai.

11 All the **pe**ople, [**ev**en] the [**me**n of] **w**á**r** **wh**o were **with** him, went up, and drew **ne**ar, and **ca**me **bef**o**r**e the **ç**ity, and encamped on the **n**o**r**th **si**de of Ai: **no**w **th**ere was a **va**lley between him and Ai.

12 He **t**o**ok** **ab**out **fi**ve **th**o**u**ŕsand men, and set **th**em in **amb**úsh between Bethel and Ai, on the west **si**de of the **ç**ity.

13 So **th**ey set the **pe**ople, **ev**en **á**ll the **ho**st **wh**o was on the **n**o**r**th of the **ç**ity, and **th**eir **li**e**r**s-in-wait **wh**o were on the west of the **ç**ity; and **J**oshua went **th**at **n**ight into the midst of the **va**lley.

14 It happened, **wh**en the king of Ai **sá**w it, **th**at **th**ey **hur**ried and **ro**ŕe up **é**arly, and the men of the **ç**ity went **o**ut **ag**ainst **I**ŕael to battle, he and **á**ll his **pe**ople, at the **ti**me appointed, **bef**o**r**e the Arabah; but he didn't **kn**ow **th**at **th**ere was an **amb**úsh against him **beh**ind the **ç**ity.

15 **J**oshua and **á**ll **I**ŕael **ma**de as if **th**ey were **be**aten **bef**o**r**e **th**em, and fled **by** the **wa**y of the wilderness.

16 **A**ll the **pe**ople **wh**o were in the **ç**ity were **cá**lled **to**ge**th**er to **p**ú**r**ŕue **ä**fter **th**em: and **th**ey **p**ú**r**ŕued **ä**fter **J**oshua, and were **dr**áwn away from the **ç**ity.

17 **T**here was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, **wh**o didn't **go** **o**ut **ä**fter **I**ŕael: and **th**ey left the **ç**ity **o**pen, and **p**ú**r**ŕued **ä**fter **I**ŕael.

18 YAHWEH said to Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai; for I will give it into your hand. Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

19 The ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it; and they hurried and set the city on fire.

20 When the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people who fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and killed the men of Ai.

22 The others came forth out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they struck them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23 The king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 It happened, when Israel had made an end of killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness in which they pursued them, and they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all Israel returned to Ai, and struck it with the edge of the sword.

25 All that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua didn't draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for prey to themselves, according to the word of YAHWEH which he commanded Joshua.

28 So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day.

29 The king of Ai he hanged on a tree until the evening: and at the going down of the sun Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised thereon a great heap of stones, to this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar to YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, in Mount Ebal,

31 as Moses the servant of YAHWEH commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of uncut stones, on which no man

had lifted up any **ir**on: and **they** offered **ther**eon **bû**rn't offerings to YAHWEH, and sacrific**ed** **pe**ac**e**-offerings.

32 He **wrote** **ther**e on the **st**one**s** a copy of the **lâ**w of **Mo**se**s**, **wh**ich he **wrote**, in the **pre**sen**ce** of the **ch**ildren of **I**s**r**ael.

33 **All** **I**s**r**ael, and **the**ir **el**der**s** and **offi**cer**s**, and **the**ir **jud**ge**s**, **st**oo**d** on **th**is **si**de of the **â**rk and on **th**at **si**de **be**f**o**re the **p**riest**s** the **Le**vi**tes**, **wh**o **b**o**r**e the **â**rk of the **c**ove**n**ant of YAHWEH, as well the **so**jo**û**rn**e**r**s** as the **na**ti**v**e; **h**â**f** of **th**em in **fr**ont of **M**o**u**nt **Ge**rizim, and **h**â**f** of **th**em in **fr**ont of **M**o**u**nt **E**bal; as **Mo**se**s** the **s**ê**r**vant of YAHWEH had commanded at the **fi**rst, **th**at **the**y **sh**o**û**d bless the **pe**ople of **I**s**r**ael.

34 **A**fterward he read **â**ll the **w**o**r**d**s** of the **lâ**w, the blessing and the **c**û**r**se, **acc**o**r**ding to **â**ll **th**at is written in the **b**oo**k** of the **lâ**w.

35 **T**here was not a **w**o**r**d of **â**ll **th**at **Mo**se**s** commanded, **wh**ich **Jo**shua didn't read **be**f**o**re **â**ll the assembly of **I**s**r**ael, and the women, and the little **one**s, and the **so**jo**û**rn**e**r**s** **wh**o were **am**o**n**g **th**em.

Joshua 9

1 It happen**ed**, **wh**en **â**ll the **ki**ng**s** **wh**o were beyond the **J**o**r**dan, in the hill-coun**tr**y, and in the **lo**wland, and on **â**ll the **sh**o**r**e of the **gr**eat **se**a in **fr**ont of **Le**banon, the **H**ittites, and the **A**mor**i**te, the **C**ana**n**ite, the **P**erizz**i**te, the **H**iv**i**te, and the **J**ebu**s**ite, **h**e**â**rd of it;

2 **th**at **the**y **g**ath**e**red **th**e**m**sel**v**e**s** **to**g**e**th**e**r, to **fi**ght **with** **Jo**shua and **with** **I**s**r**ael, **with** **one** **acc**o**r**d.

3 **B**ut **wh**en the inhabitants of **G**ibeon **h**e**â**rd **wh**at **Jo**shua had **do**ne to **Je**richo and to **A**i,

4 **the**y **â**l**s**o resorted to a **r**u**s**e, and went and **ma**de as if **the**y had **be**en **amb**assad**or**s, and **t**oo**k** **old** sacks on **the**ir **don**key**s**, and **w**in**e**-skin**s**, **old** and **t**o**r**n and **bo**und up,

5 and **old** and **pat**ch**ed** **sh**o**e**s on **the**ir **fe**et, and **old** **g**â**r**ments on **th**em; and **â**ll the bread of **the**ir **pro**vi**s**io**n** was **dr**y and was **bec**o**m**e moldy.

6 **T**hey went to **Jo**shua to the camp at **G**ilgal, and said to him, and to the men of **I**s**r**ael, **We** are **co**me from a **f**â**r** coun**tr**y: **no**w **th**er**e**f**o**re **ma**ke you a **c**ove**n**ant **with** **us**.

7 The men of **I**s**r**ael said to the **H**iv**i**tes, **Wh**at if you dwell **am**o**n**g us; and **h**ow **sh**all **w**e **ma**ke a **c**ove**n**ant **with** you?

8 **T**hey said to **Jo**shua, **We** are **y**o**u**r **s**ê**r**vants. **Jo**shua said to **th**em, **Wh**o are you? and from **wh**en**ce** **co**me you?

9 **They** said to him, From a very **fär** country **yôur** **sêrvants** are **côme** **becaûse** of the **name** of YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim: for **we** have **hêard** the **fame** of him, and **âll** **that** he did in **Egypt**,

10 and **âll** **that** he did to the **twê** **kings** of the **Amorites**, **whê** were beyond the **Jôrdan**, to **Sihon** king of **Heshbon**, and to **Og** king of **Bashan**, **whê** was at **Ashtaroth**.

11 **our** **elder**s and **âll** the inhabitants of **our** country **spoke** to us, **saying**, **Take** **provişion** in **yôur** hand for the **joûrney**, and **go** to **meet** **them**, and tell **them**, **We** are **yôur** **sêrvants**: and **now** **make** you a **côvenant** **with** us.

12 **This** **our** bread **we** **tôok** hot for **our** **provişion** **out** of **our** **houşes** on the **day** we **came** **fôrth** to **go** to you; but **now**, **behold**, it is **dry**, and is **becôme** moldy:

13 and **thesê** **wine**-skins, **whiçh** we filled, were new; and, **behold**, **they** are **tôr**n: and **thesê** **our** **gär**ments and **our** **shes** are **becôme** **old** **by** **reaşon** of the very long **joûrney**.

14 The men **tôok** of **their** **provişion**, and didn't **âsk** **counsel** at the **mouth** of YAHWEH.

15 **Joshua** **made** **peaçe** **with** **them**, and **made** a **côvenant** **with** **them**, to let **them** live: and the **prinçes** of the **congregation** **swôre** to **them**.

16 It happened at the end of **three** **days** **âfter** **they** had **made** a **côvenant** **with** **them**, **that** **they** **hêard** **that** **they** were **their** **neighbor**s, and **that** **they** lived **among** **them**.

17 The **children** of **Işrael** **joûrneyed**, and **came** to **their** **çities** on the **th**ird **day**. **Now** **their** **çities** were Gibeon, and **Chephirah**, and **Beeroth**, and **Kiriath**-**jearim**.

18 The **children** of **Işrael** didn't **strike** **them**, **becaûse** the **prinçes** of the **congregation** had **swôrn** to **them** **by** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**. **âll** the **congregation** **mûrmured** **against** the **prinçes**.

19 But **âll** the **prinçes** said to **âll** the **congregation**, **We** have **swôrn** to **them** **by** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**: **now** **therefôre** **we** may not **touch** **them**.

20 **This** **we** will **de** to **them**, and let **them** live; lest **wrâth** be on us, **becaûse** of the **oath** **whiçh** we **swôre** to **them**.

21 The **prinçes** said to **them**, Let **them** live: so **they** **became** **wôod** cutters and **drâwers** of **wâter** to **âll** the **congregation**, as the **prinçes** had **spoken** to **them**.

22 **Joshua** **câlled** for **them**, and he **spoke** to **them**, **saying**, **Why** have you **deçeived** us, **saying**, **We** are very **fär** from you; **when** you dwell **among** us?

23 **N**ow **theref**ore you are **c**ursed, and **there shall** never fail to be of you bonds**e**rva**n**ts, **both** wo**o**od cutters**ş** and dr**o**wers**ş** of w**o**ter for the ho**u**se of my Elohim.

24 They answered Joshua, and said, **B**eca**u**se it was **c**ertainly told y**o**ur s**e**rva**n**ts, **h**ow **th**at YAHWEH y**o**ur Elohim commanded his s**e**rva**n**t Mo**ş**e**ş** to give you **a**ll the land, and to destroy **a**ll the inhabitants of the land from bef**o**re you; **theref**ore **w**e were s**o**re afraid for **o**ur lives**ş** beca**u**se of you, and have **d**one **this** **th**ing.

25 **N**ow, behold, **w**e are in y**o**ur hand: as it **seem**ş **g**ood and **r**ight to you to **d**e to us, **d**e.

26 **S**o did he to **th**em, and delivered **th**em **o**ut of the hand of the **ch**ildren of **I**şrael, **th**at **th**ey didn't kill **th**em.

27 **T**hat **d**ay Joshua made **th**ose wo**o**od cutters and dr**o**wers**ş** of w**o**ter for the congrega**t**ion, and for the **a**ltar of YAHWEH, to **this** **d**ay, in the **pl**a**ç**e **wh**ich he **sh**ould **chee**ş**e**.

Joshua 10

1 **N**ow it happened, **w**hen Adoni-zedek king of Jeru**ş**alem h**e**ard **h**ow Joshua had **t**aken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had **d**one to Jericho and her king, so he had **d**one to Ai and her king; and **h**ow the inhabitants of Gibeon had made **pe**a**ç**e with **I**şrael, and were among **th**em;

2 **th**at **th**ey **f**eared greatly, beca**u**se Gibeon was a **g**reat **ç**ity, as one of the royal **ç**ities, and beca**u**se it was **g**reater **th**an Ai, and **a**ll the men of it were **m**ighty.

3 **T**heref**o**re Adoni-zedek king of Jeru**ş**alem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, **s**aying,

4 **C**ome up to me, and help me, and let us strike Gibeon; for it has made **pe**a**ç**e with Joshua and with the **ch**ildren of **I**şrael.

5 **T**heref**o**re the **f**ive kings**ş** of the Amorites, the king of Jeru**ş**alem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, **g**athered **th**emselv**e**ş together, and went up, **th**ey and **a**ll **th**eir hosts, and encamped **a**gainst Gibeon, and made **w**ar **a**gainst it.

6 The men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, **s**aying, **D**on't slack y**o**ur hand from y**o**ur s**e**rva**n**ts; **c**ome up to us **q**uickly, and **s**ave us, and help us: for **a**ll the kings**ş** of the Amorites **th**at dwell in the hill-country are **g**athered together **a**gainst us.

7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and **a**ll the **pe**ople of **w**ar with him, and **a**ll the **m**ighty men of valor.

8 YAHWEH said to Joshua, Don't fear **them**: for I have delivered **them** into yôur hands; **there shall** not a man of **them** stand befôre you.

9 Joshua **therefôre** came on **them** suddenly; [for] he went up from Gilgal **âll** the night.

10 YAHWEH confusêd **them** befôre Işrael, and he killed **them** with a great slâughter at Gibeon, and **chased** **them** by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck **them** to Azekah, and to Makkedah.

11 It happened, as **they** fled from befôre Işrael, *while* **they** were at the descent of Beth-horon, **that** YAHWEH cäst **down** great stones from the sky on **them** to Azekah, and **they** died: **they** were môre *who* died with the hailstones **than** **they** *who*m the **children** of Işrael killed with the sword.

12 **Then** spoke Joshua to YAHWEH in the day when YAHWEH delivered up the Amorites befôre the **children** of Işrael; and he said in the sight of Işrael, Sun, stand you still on Gibeon; **You, Moon**, in the valley of Aijalon.

13 The sun stöod still, and the **moon** stayed, Until the nation had avenged **themselves** of **their** enemies. Isn't **this** written in the bôok of Jashar? The sun stayed in the midst of the sky, and didn't hurry to go down about a whole day.

14 **There** was no day like **that** befôre it or äfter it, **that** YAHWEH listened to the voice of a man: for YAHWEH fôught for Işrael.

15 Joshua retûrned, and **âll** Işrael with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

16 **Thesê** five kings fled, and hid **themselves** in the cave at Makkedah.

17 It was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah.

18 Joshua said, Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to keep **them**:

19 but don't stay; pûrsue äfter yôur enemies, and strike the hindmost of **them**; don't allow **them** to enter into **their** cities: for YAHWEH yôur Elohim has delivered **them** into yôur hand.

20 It happened, when Joshua and the **children** of Işrael had made an end of killing **them** with a very great slâughter, until **they** were consumed, and the remnant which remained of **them** had entered into the fôrtified cities,

21 that **âll** the people retûrned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: **none** moved his tongue against any of the **children** of Işrael.

22 **Then** said **Joshua**, **Open** the **mouth** of the **cave**, and bring **fórtþ** **thosę** **five** kings to me **out** of the **cave**.

23 **They** did so, and br**ought** **fórtþ** **thosę** **five** kings to him **out** of the **cave**, the king of **Jeruśalem**, the king of **Hebron**, the king of **Järmuth**, the king of **Lachish**, the king of **Eglon**.

24 It happen**ed**, *when* **they** br**ought** **fórtþ** **thosę** kings to **Joshua**, **that** **Joshua** **called** for **á**ll the men of **Iśrael**, and said to the **chiefs** of the men of **wár** *who* went with him, **Cóme** **near**, **pút** **yóur** **feet** on the necks of **thesę** kings. **They** **came** **near**, and **pút** **their** **feet** on the necks of **them**.

25 **Joshua** said to **them**, **Don't** be **afraid**, **nór** be **dismayed**; be strong and of **góod** **courag**e: for **thus** shall **YAHWEH** **de** to **á**ll **yóur** **enemies** *against* **whom** you **fight**.

26 **Afterward** **Joshua** struck **them**, and **pút** **them** to **death**, and hang**ed** **them** on **five** **trees**: and **they** were hanging on the **trees** until the **evening**.

27 It happen**ed** at the **time** of the **going** **down** of the sun, **that** **Joshua** command**ed**, and **they** **tóok** **them** **down** off the **trees**, and **cást** **them** into the **cave** in *which* **they** had hidden **themselvęs**, and **laid** **great** **stones** on the **mouth** of the **cave**, to **this** very **day**.

28 **Joshua** **tóok** **Makkedah** on **that** **day**, and struck it with the **edge** of the **swórd**, and the king of it: he utterly **destroyed** **them** and **á**ll the **soulş** *who* were **therein**; he left **nóne** remaining; and he did to the king of **Makkedah** as he had **dóne** to the king of **Jericho**.

29 **Joshua** **pásseđ** from **Makkedah**, and **á**ll **Iśrael** with him, to **Libnah**, and **fóught** **against** **Libnah**:

30 and **YAHWEH** **delivered** it **á**lso, and the king of it, into the hand of **Iśrael**; and he struck it with the **edge** of the **swórd**, and **á**ll the **soulş** *who* were **therein**; he left **nóne** remaining in it; and he did to the king of it as he had **dóne** to the king of **Jericho**.

31 **Joshua** **pásseđ** from **Libnah**, and **á**ll **Iśrael** with him, to **Lachish**, and encamp**ed** **against** it, and **fóught** **against** it:

32 and **YAHWEH** **delivered** **Lachish** into the hand of **Iśrael**; and he **tóok** it on the **second** **day**, and struck it with the **edge** of the **swórd**, and **á**ll the **soulş** *who* were **therein**, **accórding** to **á**ll **that** he had **dóne** to **Libnah**.

33 **Then** **Horam** king of **Gezer** **came** up to help **Lachish**; and **Joshua** struck him and his **people**, until he had left him **nóne** remaining.

34 **Joshua** **pásseđ** from **Lachish**, and **á**ll **Iśrael** with him, to **Eglon**; and **they** encamp**ed** **against** it, and **fóught** **against** it;

35 and **they** **t**ook it on **that** **d**ay, and struck it **with** the **edg**e of the **sw**ord; and **á**ll the **soul**s **wh**o were **ther**ein he utterly destroyed **that** **d**ay, acc**o**rding to **á**ll **th**at he had **d**one to Lachish.

36 **J**oshua went up from Eglon, and **á**ll **I**srael **with** him, to Hebron; and **they** **f**ought against it:

37 and **they** **t**ook it, and struck it **with** the **edg**e of the **sw**ord, and the king of it, and **á**ll the **ç**ities of it, and **á**ll the **soul**s **wh**o were **ther**ein; he left **n**one remaining, acc**o**rding to **á**ll **th**at he had **d**one to Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and **á**ll the **soul**s **wh**o were **ther**ein.

38 **J**oshua **ret**urned, and **á**ll **I**srael **with** him, to Debir, and **f**ought against it:

39 and he **t**ook it, and the king of it, and **á**ll the **ç**ities of it; and **they** struck **th**em **with** the **edg**e of the **sw**ord, and utterly destroyed **á**ll the **soul**s **wh**o were **ther**ein; he left **n**one remaining: as he had **d**one to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king of it; as he had **d**one **á**lso to Libnah, and to the king of it.

40 **S**o **J**oshua struck **á**ll the land, the hill-country, and the **S**outh, and the lowland, and the **s**lopes, and **á**ll **th**eir kings: he left **n**one remaining, but he utterly destroyed **á**ll **th**at **br**eathed, as YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**srael, commanded.

41 **J**oshua struck **th**em from Kadesh-barnea **e**ven to Gaza, and **á**ll the country of **G**oshen, **e**ven to Gibeon.

42 All **th**ese kings and **th**eir land did **J**oshua **t**ake at one **t**ime, **bec**ause YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**srael, **f**ought for **I**srael.

43 **J**oshua **ret**urned, and **á**ll **I**srael **with** him, to the camp to Gilgal.

Joshua 11

1 It happened, *when* Jabin king of Hazor **h**ear**d** of it, **th**at he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of **S**himron, and to the king of **A**chshaph,

2 and to the kings **wh**o were on the **n**orth, in the hill-country, and in the Arabah **s**outh of **C**hinneroth, and in the lowland, and in the **h**eights of **D**o on the west,

3 to the **C**anaanite on the **e**ast and on the west, and the **A**morite, and the **H**ittites, and the **P**erizzite, and the **J**ebusite in the hill-country, and the **H**ivite under **H**ermon in the land of Mizpah.

4 **T**hey went **o**ut, **they** and **á**ll **th**eir hosts **with** **th**em, **m**uch **p**eople, **e**ven as the sand **th**at is on the **se**-**sh**ore in **m**ultitude, **with** **h**orses and **ç**ariots very many.

5 **A**ll **th**ese kings met together; and **they** **c**ame and encamp**e**d together at the **w**aters of Merom, to **f**ight **with** **I**srael.

6 YAHWEH said to Joshua, Don't be afraid because of them; for tomorrow at this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: you shall hamstring their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell on them.

8 YAHWEH delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they struck them, and chased them to great Sidon, and to Misrephoth-maim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they struck them, until they left them none remaining.

9 Joshua did to them as YAHWEH bade him: he hamstrung their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and struck the king of it with the sword: for Hazor before was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 They struck all the souls who were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them; there was none left who breathed: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

12 All the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; as Moses the servant of YAHWEH commanded.

13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burnt none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn.

14 All the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey to themselves; but every man they struck with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any who breathed.

15 As YAHWEH commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua: and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that YAHWEH commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hill-country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowland, and the Arabah, and the hill-country of Israel, and the lowland of the same;

17 from Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and struck them, and put them to death.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: they took all in battle.

20 For it was of YAHWEH to härden **their** heärts, to còme against Işrael in battle, **that** he mi^{ght} utterly destroy **them**, **that** **they** mi^{ght} have no favor, but **that** he mi^{ght} destroy **them**, as YAHWEH commanded Moşeş.

21 Joshua came at **that** time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill-country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from **á**ll the hill-country of Judah, and from **á**ll the hill-country of Işrael: Joshua utterly destroyed **them** with **their** çities.

22 **There** was nòne of the Anakim left in the land of the **children** of Işrael: **only** in Gäza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did sòme remain.

23 So Joshua tòok the whole land, accòrding to **á**ll **that** YAHWEH spoke to Moşeş; and Joshua gave it for an inheritanc^e to Işrael accòrding to **their** divisiòns by **their** tribes. The land had rest from wá:.

Joshua 12

1 Now **thes^e** are the kings of the land, **whom** the **children** of Işrael struck, and poss^{essed} **their** land beyond the Jòrdan towárd the sunrişe, from the valley of the Arnon to Mount Hérmón, and **á**ll the Arabah eastward:

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, **wh^o** lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, **whic^h** is on the edg^e of the valley of the Arnon, and [the çity **that** is in] the middle of the valley, and häf Gilead, **even** to the river Jabbok, the bòrd^er of the **children** of Ammon;

3 and the Arabah to the se^a of Chinneroth, eastward, and to the se^a of the Arabah, **even** the Sál^t Se^a, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah:

4 and the bòrd^er of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, **wh^o** lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

5 and ruled in Mount Hérmón, and in Salecah, and in **á**ll Bashan, to the bòrd^er of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and häf Gilead, the bòrd^er of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 Moşeş the s^{er}vant of Yähweh and the **children** of Işrael struck **them**: and Moşeş the s^{er}vant of Yähweh gave it for a poss^{ession} to the Reubenite, and the Gadites, and the häf-tribe of Manasseh.

7 **Thes^e** are the kings of the land **whom** Joshua and the **children** of Işrael struck beyond the Jòrdan westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon **even** to Mount Halak, **that** go^{eş} up to Seir; and Joshua gave it to the tribes of Işrael for a poss^{ession} accòrding to **their** divisiòns;

8 in the hill-country, and in the **lowland**, and in the Arabah, and in the **slopes**, and in the wilderness, and in the **South**; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the **Canaanite**, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, **which** is beside **Bethel**, one;

10 the king of **Jerusalem**, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 the king of **Hormah**, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of **Bethel**, one;

17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of **Hepher**, one;

18 the king of **Aphék**, one; the king of Lassaron, one;

19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of **Achshaph**, one;

21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 the king of **Kedesh**, one; the king of Jokneam in **Carmel**, one;

23 the king of Dor in the **height** of Dor, one; the king of Goiim in Gilgal, one;

24 the king of **Tirzah**, one: **all** the kings **thirty-one**.

Joshua 13

1 **Now** Joshua was **old** and well stricken in **years**; and **Yahweh** said to him, **You** are **old** and well stricken in **years**, and **there** **remains** yet very **much** land to be **possessed**.

2 **This** is the land **that** yet **remains**: **all** the **regions** of the **Philistines**, and **all** the **Geshurites**;

3 from the Shihor, **which** is **before** **Egypt**, **even** to the **border** of Ekron **northward**, [**which**] is **reckoned** to the **Canaanites**; the **five lords** of the **Philistines**; the **Gazites**, and the **Ashdodites**, the **Ashkelonites**, the **Gittites**, and the **Ekronites**; **also** the **Avvim**,

4 on the **south**; **all** the land of the **Canaanites**, and **Mearah** **that** **belongs** to the **Sidonians**, to **Aphék**, to the **border** of the **Amorites**;

5 and the land of the Gebalites, and **á**ll Lebanon, tow**á**rd the sunri**š**e, from Baal-gad under **M**ount **H**êrmon to the entranc**ç**e of Hamath;

6 all the inhabitants of the hill-country from Lebanon to Misre**ph**oth-maim, **e**ven **á**ll the Sidonians; **th**em will I driv**e** **o**ut from bef**ô**re the **ch**ildren of I**š**rael: **o**nly allot you it to I**š**rael for an inheritanc**ç**e, as I hav**e** command**e**d you.

7 **N**ow **th**ere**ô**re divid**e** **th**is land for an inheritanc**ç**e to the **n**ine trib**e**s, and the h**ä**f-trib**e** of Manasseh.

8 **W**ith him the Reubenit**e**s and the Gadit**e**s receiv**e**d **th**eir inheritanc**ç**e, **wh**ich **M**os**e**š gave **th**em, beyond the **J**ôrdan **e**astward, **e**ven as **M**os**e**š the s**ê**rvant of **Y**âhweh gav**e** **th**em:

9 from Aroer, **th**at is on the ed**g**e of the val**e**l**e**y of the Arnon, and the **ç**ity **th**at is in the middle of the val**e**l**e**y, and **á**ll the plain of Medeba to Dibon;

10 and **á**ll the **ç**iti**e**s of Sihon king of the Amorit**e**s, **wh**o reign**e**d in Heshbon, to the b**ô**rd**e**r of the **ch**ildren of Ammon;

11 and Gilead, and the b**ô**rd**e**r of the Geshurit**e**s and Maacathit**e**s, and **á**ll **M**ount **H**êrmon, and **á**ll Bashan to Salecah;

12 all the kingd**ô**m of Og in Bashan, **wh**o reign**e**d in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (the **s**ame was left of the remnant of the Re**ph**aim); for **th**e**š**e did **M**os**e**š strik**e**, and driv**e** **th**em **o**ut.

13 Never**th**eless the **ch**ildren of I**š**rael didn't driv**e** **o**ut the Geshurit**e**s, n**ô**r the Maacathit**e**s: but Geshûr and Maacath dwell in the midst of I**š**rael to **th**is day.

14 Only to the trib**e** of Levi he gav**e** no inheritanc**ç**e; the offerings of **Y**âhweh, the Elohim of I**š**rael, mad**e** by fire are his inheritanc**ç**e, as he spok**e** to him.

15 **M**os**e**š gav**e** to the trib**e** of the **ch**ildren of Reuben acc**ô**rding to **th**eir familie**š**.

16 **Th**eir b**ô**rd**e**r was from Aroer, **th**at is on the ed**g**e of the val**e**l**e**y of the Arnon, and the **ç**ity **th**at is in the middle of the val**e**l**e**y, and **á**ll the plain **by** Medeba;

17 Heshbon, and **á**ll its **ç**iti**e**s **th**at are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

18 and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19 and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar in the mount of the val**e**l**e**y,

20 and Beth-peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth,

21 and **á**ll the **çities** of the plain, and **á**ll the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, **wh**o reigned in Heshbon, **wh**om Moşeş struck **with** the **chiefs** of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zûr, and Hûr, and Reba, the **princeş** of Sihon, **wh**o lived in the land.

22 Balaam **á**lso the **so**n of Beor, the **se**ethsayer, did the **children** of Işrael kill **with** the **sw**ord among the rest of **the**ir slain.

23 The **b**order of the **children** of Reuben was the Jôrdan, and the **b**order [of it]. **This** was the inheritance of the **children** of Reuben according to **the**ir families, the **çities** and the **villageş** of it.

24 Moşeş **gave** to the **tribe** of Gad, to the **children** of Gad, according to **the**ir families.

25 **The**ir **b**order was Jazer, and **á**ll the **çities** of Gilead, and **hä**f the land of the **children** of Ammon, to Aroer **th**at is befôre Rabbah;

26 and from Heshbon to Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the **b**order of Debir;

27 and in the valley, Beth-haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jôrdan and the **b**order [of it], to the uttermost **p**art of the **sea** of Chinnereth beyond the Jôrdan **e**astward.

28 **This** is the inheritance of the **children** of Gad according to **the**ir families, the **çities** and the **villageş** of it.

29 Moşeş **gave** [inheritance] to the **hä**f-tribe of Manasseh: and it was for the **hä**f-tribe of the **children** of Manasseh according to **the**ir families.

30 **The**ir **b**order was from Mahanaim, **á**ll Bashan, **á**ll the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and **á**ll the **townş** of Jair, **wh**ich are in Bashan, sixty **çities**:

31 and **hä**f Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the **çities** of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the **children** of Machir the **so**n of Manasseh, **e**ven for the **hä**f of the **children** of Machir according to **the**ir families.

32 **Theş**e are the inheritances **wh**ich Moşeş distributed in the **plainş** of Moab, beyond the Jôrdan at Jericho, **e**astward.

33 But to the **tribe** of Levi Moşeş **gave** no inheritance: Yähweh, the God of Işrael, is **the**ir inheritance, as he **spoke** to **them**.

Joshua 14

1 These are the inheritances **wh**ich the **children** of Işrael **t**ook in the land of Canaan, **wh**ich Eleazar the **p**riest, and Joshua the **so**n of Nun, and the **headş** of the **f**atherş' [houseş] of the **tribeş** of the **children** of Işrael, distributed to **them**,

2 by the lot of **their** inheritan**ç**e, as YAHWEH commanded by **Moşeş**, for the **nine** trib**eş**, and for the **hä**f-trib**e**.

3 For **Moşeş** had given the inheritan**ç**e of the **tw**e trib**eş** and the **hä**f-trib**e** beyond the Jördan: but to the **Levites** he **gave** no inheritan**ç**e among **them**.

4 For the **children** of **Joseph** were **tw**e trib**eş**, Manasseh and **Ephraim**: and **they** **gave** no p**ö**rti**ö**n to the **Levites** in the land, **save** **ç**iti**eş** to dwell in, **with** the sub**ü**rb**eş** of it for **their** cattle and for **their** substan**ç**e.

5 As YAHWEH commanded **Moşeş**, so the **children** of **Işrael** did; and **they** divided the land.

6 **Then** the **children** of **Judah** drew **near** to **Joshua** in Gilgal: and Caleb the **sö**n of **Jephunneh** the **Kenizzite** said to him, **You** **know** the **th**ing **th**at YAHWEH **spoke** to **Moşeş** the man of Elohim **ö**n**ç**e concerning me and **ö**n**ç**e concerning you in **Kadesh-bär**nea.

7 **Fö**rty **yearş** **old** was I **when** **Moşeş** the **s**ervant of YAHWEH sent me from **Kadesh**-barnea to **spy** **ö**ut the land; and I **brö**ught him **wö**rd again as it was in my **he**ärt.

8 Never**th**eless **my** **brö**th**eş** **wh**e went up **with** me **made** the **he**ärt of the **pe**ople melt; but I **wholly** **followed** YAHWEH **my** Elohim.

9 **Moşeş** **swö**re on **th**at **da**y, **saying**, **Su**rely the land **wh**ereon **yö**ur **fö**öt **haş** trodden **sh**all be an inheritan**ç**e to you and to **yö**ur **children** forever, **beca**use you have **wholly** **followed** YAHWEH **my** Elohim.

10 **Now**, **behold**, YAHWEH **haş** kept me **alive**, as he **spoke**, **th**eş**e** **fö**rty-five **yearş**, from the **ti**me **th**at YAHWEH **spoke** **th**is **wö**rd to **Moşeş**, **wh**ile **Işrael** **wä**k**e**d in the wilderness: and **now**, **behold**, I am **th**is **da**y **ei**ghty-five **yearş** **old**.

11 As yet I am as strong **th**is **da**y as I as in the **da**y **th**at **Moşeş** sent me: as my **stre**ng**th** was **th**en, **even** so is my **stre**ng**th** **now**, for **wä**r, and to **go** **ö**ut and to **cö**me in.

12 **Now** **th**ere**fö**re give me **th**is hill-country, **wh**ereof YAHWEH **spoke** in **th**at **da**y; for you **he**ärd in **th**at **da**y **h**ow the **Anakim** were **th**ere, and **ç**iti**eş** **gr**e**a**t and **fö**r**t**ified: it **ma**y be **th**at YAHWEH will be **with** me, and I **sh**all **dr**iv**e** **th**em **ö**ut, as YAHWEH **spoke**.

13 **Joshua** **bles**s**e**d him; and he **gave** Hebron to Caleb the **sö**n of **Jephunneh** for an inheritan**ç**e.

14 **Th**ere**fö**re Hebron **became** the inheritan**ç**e of Caleb the **sö**n of **Jephunneh** the **Kenizzite** to **th**is **da**y; **beca**use **th**at he **wholly** **followed** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**.

15 Now the name of Hebron before was Kiriath-arba; [which Arba was] the greatest man among the Anakim. The land had rest from war.

Joshua 15

1 The lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the south.

2 Their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looks southward;

3 and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed along by Hezron, and went up to Addar, and turned about to Karkea;

4 and it passed along to Azmon, and went out at the brook of Egypt; and the goings out of the border were at the sea: this shall be your south border.

5 The east border was the Salt Sea, even to the end of the Jordan. The border of the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan;

6 and the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben;

7 and the border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is over against the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river; and the border passed along to the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out of it were at En-rogel;

8 and the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite southward (the same is Jerusalem); and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the uttermost part of the valley of Rephaim northward;

9 and the border extended from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (the same is Kiriath-jearim);

10 and the border turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim on the north (the same is Chesalon), and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed along by Timnah;

11 and the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 The west b**o**rd**e**r was to the gre**a**t se**a**, and the b**o**rd**e**r [of it]. **T**his is the b**o**rd**e**r of the **ch**ildren of **J**udah **r**ound ab**o**ut acc**o**rd**i**ng to **t**heir familie**s**.

13 To **C**aleb the s**o**n of Jephunneh he g**a**ve a p**o**rt**i**on am**o**ng the **ch**ildren of **J**udah, acc**o**rd**i**ng to the commandment of YAHWEH to **J**oshua, **e**ven Kiriath-arba, [**wh**ich Arba was] the f**a**ther of Anak (the **s**ame is Hebron).

14 **C**aleb dro**v**e **o**ut **t**here the **t**hree s**o**n**s** of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the **ch**ildren of Anak.

15 He went up **t**here ag**a**inst the inhabitants of Debir: **n**ow the **n**ame of Debir bef**o**re was Kiriath-sepher.

16 **C**aleb said, **H**e **w**h**e** stri**k**es Kiriath-sepher, and **t**akes it, to him will I give Achsah my d**a**ughter as **w**ife.

17 **O**thniel the s**o**n of Kenaz, the bro**t**her of Caleb, **t**ook it: and he g**a**ve him Achsah his d**a**ughter as **w**ife.

18 It happened, **w**hen she **c**ame [to him], **t**hat she **m**oved him to **a**sk of her f**a**ther a **f**ield: and she **a**l**i**ghted from off her donkey; and **C**aleb said, **W**hat **w**ould you?

19 She said, Give me a blessing; for **t**hat you have set me in the land of the **S**outh, give me **a**l**s**o spring**s** of w**a**ter. **H**e g**a**ve her the upper spring**s** and the **l**ower spring**s**.

20 **T**his is the inheritanc**e** of the trib**e** of the **ch**ildren of **J**udah acc**o**rd**i**ng to **t**heir familie**s**.

21 The uttermost **c**itie**s** of the trib**e** of the **ch**ildren of **J**udah tow**a**rd the b**o**rd**e**r of Edom in the **S**outh were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

22 and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 and Hazor-hadattah, and Kerioth-hezron (the **s**ame is Hazor),

26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-pelet,

28 and Hazar-shual, and Beersheba, and Biziothiah,

29 Baalah, and lim, and Ezem,

30 and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

31 and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

32 and Lebaoth, and **Shilhim**, and Ain, and Rimmon: **all the cities** are twenty-nine, **with their villages**.

33 In the **lowland**, **Esh~~ta~~ol**, and Zorah, and **Ashnah**,

34 and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 **J~~e~~rmuth**, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 and **Shaaraim**, and **Adithaim**, and Gederah, and **Gederothaim**; **fourteen cities** **with their villages**.

37 Zenan, and **Hadashah**, and Migdal-gad,

38 and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and **Joktheel**,

39 **Lachish**, and **Bozkath**, and Eglon,

40 and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and **Chitlish**,

41 and **Gederoth**, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; **sixteen cities** **with their villages**.

42 Libnah, and **Ether**, and **Ashan**,

43 and **Iph~~t~~ah**, and **Ashnah**, and Nezib,

44 and Keilah, and Achzib, and **Mare~~sh~~ah**; **nine cities** **with their villages**.

45 Ekron, **with its towns** and its **villages**;

46 from Ekron **even to the sea**, **all that** were **by the side** of Ashdod, **with their villages**.

47 **Ashdod**, its **towns** and its **villages**; **Gäza**, its **towns** and its **villages**; to the **brook** of **Egypt**, and the **great sea**, and the **border** [of it].

48 In the hill-country, **Shamir**, and Jattir, and Socoh,

49 and Dannah, and **Kiriath-sannah** (the **same** is Debir),

50 and Anab, and **Esh~~t~~emoh**, and Anim,

51 and **Goshen**, and Holon, and Giloh; **eleven cities** **with their villages**.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and **Eshan**,

53 and Janim, and **Beth-tappuah**, and **Aphekah**,

54 and Humtah, and **Kiriath-ä~~r~~ba** (the **same** is Hebron), and Zior; **nine cities** **with their villages**.

55 Maon, Cärmel, and Ziph, and Jutah,

56 and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten çities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor,

59 and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six çities with their villages.

60 Kiriath-baal (the same is Kiriath-jearim), and Rabbah; two çities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,

62 and Nibshan, and the çity of Salt, and En-gedi; six çities with their villages.

63 As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, the children of Judah couldn't drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jeruſalem to this day.

Joshua 16

1 The lot came out for the children of Joseph from the Jördan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill-country to Bethel;

2 and it went out from Bethel to Luz, and passed along to the border of the Archites to Ataroth;

3 and it went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Beth-horon the lower, even to Gezer; and the goings out of it were at the sea.

4 The children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5 The border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was [thus]: the border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth-addar, to Beth-horon the upper;

6 and the border went out westward at Michmethath on the north; and the border turned about eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and passed along it on the east of Janoah;

7 and it went down from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah, and reached to Jericho, and went out at the Jördan.

8 From Tappuah the border went along westward to the brook of Kanah; and the goings out of it were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families;

9 together with the **çities** which were set apart for the **children** of **Ephraim** in the midst of the inheritance of the **children** of Manasseh, **all** the **çities** with their villages.

10 They didn't drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell in the midst of **Ephraim** to **this day**, and are become servants to do forced labor.

Joshua 17

1 [This] was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of **Joseph**. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

2 So [the lot] was for the rest of the **children** of Manasseh according to their families: for the **children** of Abiezer, and for the **children** of Helek, and for the **children** of Asriel, and for the **children** of Shechem, and for the **children** of Hopher, and for the **children** of Shemida: these were the male **children** of Manasseh the son of **Joseph** according to their families.

3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 They came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, YAHWEH commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers: therefore according to the commandment of YAHWEH he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

5 There fell ten parts to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan;

6 because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh.

7 The border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, which is before Shechem; and the border went along to the right hand, to the inhabitants of Entappuah.

8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim.

9 The border went down to the brook of Kanah, southward of the brook: these cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh: and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and the goings out of it were at the sea:

10 southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border; and they reached to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east.

11 Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, even the three heights.

12 Yet the children of Manasseh couldn't drive out [the inhabitants of] those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

13 It happened, when the children of Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and didn't utterly drive them out.

14 The children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given me but one lot and one part for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, because hitherto YAHWEH has blessed me?

15 Joshua said to them, If you are a great people, go up to the forest, and cut down for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since the hill-country of Ephraim is too narrow for you.

16 The children of Joseph said, The hill-country is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are in Beth-shean and its towns, and they who are in the valley of Jezreel.

17 Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You are a great people, and have great power; you shall not have one lot only:

18 but the hill-country shall be yours; for though it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and the goings out of it shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.

Joshua 18

1 The whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there: and the land was subdued before them.

2 There remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet divided their inheritance.

3 Joshua said to the children of Israel, How long are you slack to go in to possess the land, which YAHWEH, the Elohim of your fathers, has given you?

4 Appoint for you three men of each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come to me.

5 **They shall divide** it into seven **pórtions**: **Judah shall abide** in his **bó**rd**er** on the **south**, and the **house of Joseph shall abide** in **their bó**rd**er** on the **nó**rd**h**.

6 You **shall describe** the land into seven **pórtions**, and bring [the **descripti**ón] **here** to me; and I will **cást** lots for you **here** **befó**re **YAHWEH** **our** Elohim.

7 For the **Levites** have no **pórtion** **among** you; for the **priesthó**od of **YAHWEH** is **their** **inheritan**çe: and **Gad** and **Reuben** and the **há**f-**tribe** of **Manasseh** have **re**ç**e**iv**e**d **their** **inheritan**çe beyond the **Jó**rdan **eastward**, **whi**ch **Mos**es the **s**êrvant of **YAHWEH** **gave** **them**.

8 The men **ar**os**e**, and went: and **Joshua** **ch**ârg**e**d **thos**e **wh**e went to **descri**be the land, **saying**, **Go** and **wá**lk **throu**gh the land, and **descri**be it, and **c**óm**e** **again** to me; and I will **cást** lots for you **here** **befó**re **YAHWEH** in **Shiloh**.

9 The men went and **p**âss**e**d **throu**gh the land, and **descri**b**e**d it **by** **ç**it**e**s into seven **pórtions** in a **b**ó**o**ck; and **they** **cam**e to **Joshua** to the camp at **Shiloh**.

10 **Joshua** **cást** lots for **them** in **Shiloh** **befó**re **YAHWEH**: and **there** **Joshua** **divided** the land to the **children** of **I**sr**ael** **acc**órd**ing** to **their** **divi**si**ón**s.

11 The lot of the **tribe** of the **children** of **Benjamin** **cam**e up **acc**órd**ing** to **their** **fami**l**e**s: and the **bó**rd**er** of **their** lot went **out** **betwe**en the **children** of **Judah** and the **children** of **Joseph**.

12 **Their bó**rd**er** on the **nó**rd**h** **quá**rt**e**r was from the **Jó**rdan; and the **bó**rd**er** went up to the **side** of **Jericho** on the **nó**rd**h**, and went up **throu**gh the hill-**co**untry westward; and the **goings** **out** of it were at the wilderness of **Beth**-**aven**.

13 The **bó**rd**er** **p**âss**e**d along from **there** to **Luz**, to the **side** of **Luz** (the **same** is **Beth**el), **south**ward; and the **bó**rd**er** went **d**own to **Ataroth**-**addar**, **by** the **mountain** **that** **li**es on the **south** of **Beth**-**horon** the **lower**.

14 The **bó**rd**er** extended [**there**], and **t**úrn**e**d **ab**out on the west **quá**rt**e**r **south**ward, from the **mountain** **that** **li**es **befó**re **Beth**-**horon** **south**ward; and the **goings** **out** of it were at **Kiriath**-**baal** (the **same** is **Kiriath**-**yearim**), a **ç**it**y** of the **children** of **Judah**: **this** was the west **quá**rt**e**r.

15 The **south** **quá**rt**e**r was from the uttermost **p**ârt of **Kiriath**-**yearim**; and the **bó**rd**er** went **out** westward, and went **out** to the spring of the **w**âter**s** of **Nephtoah**;

16 and the **bó**rd**er** went **d**own to the uttermost **p**ârt of the **mountain** **that** **li**es **befó**re the **valley** of the **s**ón of **Hinnom**, **whi**ch is in the **valley** of **Rephaim** **nó**rd**h**ward; and it went **d**own to the **valley** of **Hinnom**, to the **side** of the **Jebusite** **south**ward, and went **d**own to **En**-**rogel**;

17 and it extended **nóthward**, and went **out** at En-**shemesh**, and went **out** to Geli**loth**, **whi**ch is **over** against the **ascent** of Adummim; and it went **down** to the **stone** of Bohan the **son** of Reuben;

18 and it **pässe**d along to the **side** **over** against the Arabah **nóthward**, and went **down** to the Arabah;

19 and the **bó**rders **pässe**d along to the **side** of Beth-hoglah **nóthward**; and the **goings** **out** of the **bó**rders were at the **nóth** bay of the **Salt Sea**, at the **south** end of the **Jó**rdan: **this** was the **south** **bó**rders.

20 The **Jó**rdan was the **bó**rders of it on the **east** **quá**rters. **This** was the **inheritance** of the **children** of Benjamin, **by** the **bó**rders of it **round** about, **accó**rding to **their** **families**.

21 **Now** the **cities** of the **tribe** of the **children** of Benjamin **accó**rding to **their** **families** were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and Emek-keziz,

22 and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel,

23 and Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 and Chephar-ammoni, and Ophni, and Geba; twelve **cities** with **their** **villages**:

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27 and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28 and Zelah, Eleph, and the Jebusite (the **same** is Jeru**sa**lem), Gibeath, [and] Kiriath; **fó**urteen **cities** with **their** **villages**. **This** is the **inheritance** of the **children** of Benjamin **accó**rding to **their** **families**.

Joshua 19

1 The **second** lot **came** **out** for Simeon, **even** for the **tribe** of the **children** of Simeon **accó**rding to **their** **families**: and **their** **inheritance** was in the **midst** of the **inheritance** of the **children** of Judah.

2 **They** had for **their** **inheritance** Beersheba, or **Sheba**, and Moladah,

3 and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Ezem,

4 and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,

6 and Beth-lebaoth, and **Sharuhen**; **thi**rteen **cities** with **their** **villages**:

7 Ain, Rimmon, and Epher, and **Ashan**; **fó**ur **cities** with **their** **villages**:

8 and **á**ll the villages **th**at were **ound** **about** **thes**_e **çities** to Baalath-**bee**r, Ramah of the **South**. **This** is the inheritan**ç**_e of the **tribe** of the **children** of Simeon acc**ô**rding to **their** familie**ş**.

9 Out of the **pá**rt of the **children** of Judah was the inheritan**ç**_e of the **children** of Simeon; for the **pó**rtion of the **children** of Judah was **tee** much for **them**: **therefó**re the **children** of Simeon had inheritan**ç**_e in the midst of **their** inheritan**ç**_e.

10 The **th**ird lot **came** up for the **children** of Zebulun acc**ô**rding to **their** familie**ş**; and the **bó**rders of **their** inheritan**ç**_e was to Sarid;

11 and **their** **bó**rders went up westward, **even** to Maralah, and **reached** to Dabbesheth; and it **reached** to the **bró**ok **th**at is bef**ó**re Jokneam;

12 and it **tú**rned from Sarid **e**astward **towá**rd the sunri**ş**_e to the **bó**rders of Chisloth-tabor; and it went **out** to Dabera**th**, and went up to Japhia;

13 and from **there** it **pá**ssed along **e**astward to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin; and it went **out** at Rimmon **whi**ch stretch**eş** to Neah;

14 and the **bó**rders **tú**rned **about** it on the **nó**th to Hannathon; and the **goings out** of it were at the valley of Iphtah-el;

15 and Kattath, and Nahalal, and **Shimron**, and Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve **çities** with **their** village**ş**.

16 **This** is the inheritan**ç**_e of the **children** of Zebulun acc**ô**rding to **their** familie**ş**, **thes**_e **çities** with **their** village**ş**.

17 The **fó**ur**th** lot **came out** for Issachar, **even** for the **children** of Issachar acc**ô**rding to **their** familie**ş**.

18 **Their** **bó**rders was to Jezreel, and Chesullo**th**, and **Shunem**,

19 and Hapharaim, and **Shion**, and Anaharath,

20 and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Ebez,

21 and Remeth, and Engannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez,

22 and the **bó**rders **reached** to Tabor, and **Shahazumah**, and Beth-shemesh; and the **goings out** of **their** **bó**rders were at the **Jó**rdan: sixteen **çities** with **their** village**ş**.

23 **This** is the inheritan**ç**_e of the **tribe** of the **children** of Issachar acc**ô**rding to **their** familie**ş**, the **çities** with **their** village**ş**.

24 The **fif**th lot **came out** for the **tribe** of the **children** of Asher acc**ô**rding to **their** familie**ş**.

25 **Their** bôrd^er was Helka**th**, and Hali, and Beten, and Ach**shaph**,

26 and Allammelech, and Amad, and Mishal; and it re**ach**d to Carmel westward, and to **Shihor-libnath**;

27 and it tûrned towârd the sunri**se** to Beth**th**-dagon, and re**ach**d to Zebulun, and to the valle**y** of I**ph**tah-el northward to Beth**th**-emek and Neiel; and it went **o**ut to Cabul on the left hand,

28 and Ebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, **even** to gre**at** Sidon;

29 and the bôrd^er tûrned to Ramah, and to the fôrtifi**e**d çity of Ty**re**; and the bôrd^er tûrned to Hosah; and the goings **o**ut of it were at the se**a** by the regi**o**n of Achzib;

30 Ummah **â**lso, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-tw**e** çities **w**ith their village**s**.

31 **This** is the inheritan**ç**e of the trib**e** of the **ch**ildren of Asher accôrding to **the**ir familie**s**, the**s**e çities **w**ith their village**s**.

32 The six**th** lot **ca**me **o**ut for the **ch**ildren of Naphtali, **even** for the **ch**ildren of Naphtali accôrding to **the**ir familie**s**.

33 **Their** bôrd^er was from Hele**ph**, from the **o**ak in Zaananim, and Adaminekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakkum; and the goings **o**ut of it were at the Jôrdan;

34 and the bôrd^er tûrned westward to Azno**th**-tabor, and went **o**ut from **the**re to Hukkok; and it re**ach**d to Zebulun on the **sou**th, and re**ach**d to Asher on the west, and to **Ju**dah at the Jôrdan towârd the sunri**se**.

35 The fôrtifi**e**d çities were Ziddim, Zer, and Hamma**th**, Rakkath, and Chinner**eth**,

36 and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 and Ked**esh**, and Edrei, and En-hazor,

38 Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth**th**-anath, and Beth**th**-shemesh; ninet**een** çities **w**ith their village**s**.

39 **This** is the inheritan**ç**e of the trib**e** of the **ch**ildren of Naphtali accôrding to **the**ir familie**s**, the çities **w**ith their village**s**.

40 The seven**th** lot **ca**me **o**ut for the trib**e** of the **ch**ildren of Dan accôrding to **the**ir familie**s**.

41 The bôrd^er of **the**ir inheritan**ç**e was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-**shemesh**,

42 and **Sh**aalabbin, and Aijalon, and I**th**lah,

43 and Elon, and Timnah, and Ekron,

44 and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 and Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border over against Joppa.

47 The border of the children of Dan went out beyond them; for the children of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by the borders of it; and the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun in the midst of them:

50 according to the commandment of YAHWEH they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in the hill-country of Ephraim; and he built the city, and lived therein.

51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' [houses] of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before YAHWEH, at the door of the tent of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

Joshua 20

1 YAHWEH spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Assign you the cities of refuge, whereof I spoke to you by Moses,

3 that the manslayer who kills any person unwittingly [and] unawares may flee there: and they shall be to you for a refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 He shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city; and they shall take him into the city to them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 If the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unawares, and didn't hate him before.

6 He shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the

manslayer ret^urn, and c^ome to his o^wn çity, and to his o^wn h^ouse, to the çity from wh^enç^e he fled.

7 They set ap^ärt Kedeshin Galilee in the hill-c^ountry of Naph^tali, and Shechem in the hill-c^ountry of Eph^raim, and Kiriath-arba (the sam^e is Hebron) in the hill-c^ountry of Judah.

8 Beyond the J^ordan at Jericho e^astward, they assi^gned Bezer in the wilderness in the plain ^out of the trib^e of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead ^out of the trib^e of Gad, and Golan in Bashan ^out of the trib^e of Manasseh.

9 The^se were the appointed çities for ^äll the children of I^srael, and for the stranger wh^o soj^ourn^s among them, that wh^oever kill^s any p^erson unwittingly mi^ght flee there, and not di^e by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he st^ood bef^ore the congregati^on.

Joshua 21

1 Then cam^e near the head^s of f^äther^s' [hou^se^s] of the Levites to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the s^on of Nun, and to the head^s of f^äther^s' [hou^se^s] of the trib^e^s of the children of I^srael;

2 and they spok^e to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, sayⁱng, YAHWEH commanded Mo^se^s to give us çities to dwell in, with the sub^urb^s of it for ^our cattle.

3 The children of I^srael gav^e to the Levites ^out of their inheritan^çe, acc^ording to the commandment of YAHWEH, the^se çities with their sub^urb^s.

4 The lot cam^e ^out for the familie^s of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, wh^o were of the Levites, had by lot ^out of the trib^e of Judah, and ^out of the trib^e of the Simeonites, and ^out of the trib^e of Benjamin, thⁱrteen çities.

5 The rest of the children of Kohath had by lot ^out of the familie^s of the trib^e of Eph^raim, and ^out of the trib^e of Dan, and ^out of the hä^f-trib^e of Manasseh, ten çities.

6 The children of G^ershon had by lot ^out of the familie^s of the trib^e of Issachar, and ^out of the trib^e of Asher, and ^out of the trib^e of Naph^tali, and ^out of the hä^f-trib^e of Manasseh in Bashan, thⁱrteen çities.

7 The children of Merari acc^ording to their familie^s had ^out of the trib^e of Reuben, and ^out of the trib^e of Gad, and ^out of the trib^e of Zebulun, twelve çities.

8 The children of I^srael gav^e by lot to the Levites the^se çities with their sub^urb^s, as YAHWEH commanded by Mo^se^s.

9 **They gave** out of the tribe of the **children** of **Judah**, and out of the tribe of the **children** of Simeon, **these cities** which are [here] mentioned by name:

10 and **they** were for the **children** of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the **children** of Levi; for **theirs** was the first lot.

11 **They gave** them Kiriath-arba, [which Arba was] the father of Anak (the same is Hebron), in the hill-country of **Judah**, with the suburbs of it round about it.

12 But the fields of the city, and the villages of it, gave **they** to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 To the **children** of Aaron the priest **they gave** Hebron with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Libnah with its suburbs,

14 and Jattir with its suburbs, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs,

15 and Holon with its suburbs, and Debir with its suburbs,

16 and Ain with its suburbs, and Juttah with its suburbs, [and] Beth-shemesh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 Out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs,

18 Anathoth with its suburbs, and Almon with its suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the **children** of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 The families of the **children** of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the **children** of Kohath, **they** had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 **They gave** them Shechem with its suburbs in the hill-country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer with its suburbs,

22 and Kibzaim with its suburbs, and Beth-horon with its suburbs; four cities.

23 Out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs,

24 Aijalon with its suburbs, Gath-rimmon with its suburbs; four cities.

25 Out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with its suburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the **children** of Kohath were ten with their suburbs.

27 To the **children** of Gershon, of the **families** of the **Levites**, **out** of the **häf-tribe** of Manasseh [**they gave**] Golan in **Bashan** **with** its **subûrbş**, the **çity** of **refugē** for the **manslayer**, and **Be-eshterah** **with** its **subûrbş**; **two çities**.

28 Out of the **tribe** of Issachar, **Kishion** **with** its **subûrbş**, **Dabera****th** **with** its **subûrbş**,

29 **Jarmuth** **with** its **subûrbş**, **En-gannim** **with** its **subûrbş**; **fôur çities**.

30 Out of the **tribe** of **Asher**, **Mishal** **with** its **subûrbş**, **Abdon** **with** its **subûrbş**,

31 **Helkath** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Rehob** **with** its **subûrbş**; **fôur çities**.

32 Out of the **tribe** of **Naph tali**, **Kedesh** in **Galilee** **with** its **subûrbş**, the **çity** of **refugē** for the **manslayer**, and **Hammoth-dor** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Kärtan** **with** its **subûrbş**; **three çities**.

33 All the **çities** of the **Gërshoites** **accôrding** to **their families** were **thirteen çities** **with their subûrbş**.

34 To the **families** of the **children** of Merari, the rest of the **Levites**, **out** of the **tribe** of Zebulun, **Jokneam** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Kartah** **with** its **subûrbş**,

35 **Dimnah** **with** its **subûrbş**, **Nahalal** **with** its **subûrbş**; **fôur çities**.

36 Out of the **tribe** of Reuben, **Bezer** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Jahaz** **with** its **subûrbş**,

37 **Kedemoth** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Mephaath** **with** its **subûrbş**; **fôur çities**.

38 Out of the **tribe** of Gad, **Ramoth** in **Gilead** **with** its **subûrbş**, the **çity** of **refugē** for the **manslayer**, and **Mahanaim** **with** its **subûrbş**,

39 **Heshbon** **with** its **subûrbş**, **Jazer** **with** its **subûrbş**; **fôur çities** in **áll**.

40 All [**thesē** were] the **çities** of the **children** of Merari **accôrding** to **their families**, **even** the rest of the **families** of the **Levites**; and **their** lot was **twelve çities**.

41 All the **çities** of the **Levites** in the midst of the **posşession** of the **children** of **Işrael** were **fôrtly-eight çities** **with their subûrbş**.

42 These **çities** were every one **with their subûrbş** **round about them**: **thus** it was **with áll thesē çities**.

43 So **YAHWEH** **gave** to **Işrael** **áll** the land **whiçh** he **swôre** to **give** to **their fäthers**; and **they** **posşessed** it, and lived **therein**.

44 **YAHWEH** **gave** **them** rest **round about**, **accôrding** to **áll** **that** he **swôre** to **their fäthers**: and **there** **stôod** not a man of **áll** **their enemies** **befôre** **them**; **YAHWEH** **delivered** **áll** **their enemies** into **their** hand.

45 **There** failed not any**th**ing of any **gòod th**ing **wh**ich YAHWEH had **sp**oken to the **h**ouse of **I**şrael; **á**ll **ca**me to **p**äss.

Joshua 22

1 **Then** Joshua **cá**lled the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the **há**f-tribe of Manasseh,

2 and said to **th**em, **You** have kept **á**ll **th**at **Mo**şeş the **sê**rvant of YAHWEH commanded you, and have listened to my **vo**icę in **á**ll **th**at I commanded you:

3 you have not left **yô**ur **br**others **th**eş **th**e many **da**yş to **th**is **da**y, but have kept the **ch**ärgę of the commandment of YAHWEH **yô**ur Elohim.

4 **N**ow YAHWEH **yô**ur Elohim haş given rest to **yô**ur **br**others, as he **sp**oke to **th**em: **th**ere**fô**re **n**ow **tû**rn you, and get you to **yô**ur tents, to the land of **yô**ur **po**şşessiön, **wh**ich **Mo**şeş the **sê**rvant of YAHWEH **ga**ve you beyond the **Jô**rdan.

5 Only **ta**ke diligent **h**eed to **d**o the commandment and the **lá**w **wh**ich **Mo**şeş the **sê**rvant of YAHWEH commanded you, to **lô**ve YAHWEH **yô**ur Elohim, and to **wá**lk in **á**ll his **wa**yş, and to **ke**ep his commandments, and to cleave to him, and to **sê**rve him with **á**ll **yô**ur **h**eärt and with **á**ll **yô**ur soul.

6 So Joshua **bles**sed **th**em, and sent **th**em **awa**y; and **th**ey went to **th**eir tents.

7 **N**ow to the one **há**f-tribe of Manasseh **Mo**şeş had given [inheritançę] in **Ba**shan; but to the **ô**ther **há**f **ga**ve Joshua among **th**eir **br**others beyond the **Jô**rdan westward; **mô**reover when Joshua sent **th**em **awa**y to **th**eir tents, he **bles**sed **th**em,

8 and **sp**oke to **th**em, **sa**ying, **Re**tûrn with **mu**ch **we**alth to **yô**ur tents, and with **ve**ry **mu**ch **ca**ttle, with **si**lver, and with **go**ld, and with **br**äss, and with **ir**ön, and with **ve**ry **mu**ch **cl**othing: **di**vide the spoil of **yô**ur **en**emieş with **yô**ur **br**others.

9 The **ch**ildren of Reuben and the **ch**ildren of Gad and the **há**f-tribe of Manasseh **re**tûrned, and **de**pärted from the **ch**ildren of **I**şrael **o**ut of **Sh**iloh, **wh**ich is in the land of Canaan, to **go** to the land of Gilead, to the land of **th**eir **po**şşessiön, **wh**ereof **th**ey were **po**şşesse**d**, **accô**rding to the commandment of YAHWEH **by** **Mo**şeş.

10 When **th**ey **ca**me to the **re**giön **ab**out the **Jô**rdan, **th**at is in the land of Canaan, the **ch**ildren of Reuben and the **ch**ildren of Gad and the **há**f-tribe of Manasseh **bu**ilt **th**ere an **á**ltar **by** the **Jô**rdan, a **gr**eat **á**ltar to **lô**ök on.

11 The **ch**ildren of **I**şrael **h**eärd **sa**y, **Beh**old, the **ch**ildren of Reuben and the **ch**ildren of Gad and the **há**f-tribe of Manasseh have **bu**ilt an **á**ltar in the **fô**refrönt of the land of Canaan, in the **re**giön **ab**out the **Jô**rdan, on the **si**de **th**at **p**êrtain to the **ch**ildren of **I**şrael.

12 When the **children** of **Išrael** hêard of it, the **whole** congregati**o**n of the **children** of **Išrael** gather**e**d **themselves** together at **Shiloh**, to go up against **them** to w**ar**.

13 The **children** of **Išrael** sent to the **children** of Reuben, and to the **children** of Gad, and to the h**ä**f-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, **Phinehas** the s**o**n of Eleazar the priest,

14 and **with** him ten prin**ce**s, one prin**ce** of a f**ä**ther**s'** h**o**use for **each** of the trib**e**s of **Išrael**; and **they** were everyone of **them** head of **their** f**ä**ther**s'** h**o**use**s** among the **thou**sand**s** of **Išrael**.

15 **They** came to the **children** of Reuben, and to the **children** of Gad, and to the h**ä**f-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and **they** spok**e** **with** **them**, saying,

16 **Thus** say**s** the **whole** congregati**o**n of YAHWEH, **Wh**at tresp**ä**ss is **this** **th**at you have committed against the Elohim of **Išrael**, to t**u**rn away **this** day from following YAHWEH, in **th**at you have built you an **ä**ltar, to rebel **this** day against YAHWEH?

17 Is the iniquity of Pe**o**r t**ee** little for us, from **wh**ich **w**e have not clean**s**ed **o**ur**se**l**ve**s to **this** day, **ä**l**th**ough **th**ere came a plag**ue** on the congregati**o**n of YAHWEH,

18 **th**at you must t**u**rn away **this** day from following YAHWEH? and it will be, **see**ing you rebel today against YAHWEH, **th**at t**o**morrow he will be angry **with** the **wh**ole congregati**o**n of **Išrael**.

19 **H**owever, if the land of y**o**ur poss**ess**ion be unclean, **th**en p**ä**ss over to the land of the poss**ess**ion of YAHWEH, in **wh**ich Y**ä**hweh's tent dwell**s**, and take poss**ess**ion among us: but **don't** rebel against YAHWEH, **n**o**r** rebel against us, in building you an **ä**ltar beside**s** the **ä**ltar of YAHWEH **o**ur Elohim.

20 Didn't Achan the s**o**n of Zerah commit a tresp**ä**ss in the devoted **th**ing, and wr**ä**th fell on **ä**ll the congregati**o**n of **Išrael**? and **th**at man didn't perish alone in his iniquity.

21 **Then** the **children** of Reuben and the **children** of Gad and the h**ä**f-tribe of Manasseh answer**e**d, and spok**e** to the head**s** of the **thou**sand**s** of **Išrael**,

22 The **Mi**ghty One, Elohim, YAHWEH, the **Mi**ghty One, Elohim, YAHWEH, he **kn**ow**s**; and **Išrael** he **sh**all **kn**ow: if it be in rebell**io**n, or if in tresp**ä**ss against YAHWEH (**don't** save us **this** day,)

23 **th**at **w**e have built us an **ä**ltar to t**u**rn away from following YAHWEH; or if to offer **th**ereon b**ü**rn**t** offering or meal-offering, or if to offer sacrific**e**s of pe**a**ç**e**-offerings **th**ereon, let YAHWEH himself requir**e** it;

24 and if we have not [rather] out of carefulness done this, [and] of purpose, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel?

25 for YAHWEH has made the Jordan a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad; you have no portion in YAHWEH: so might your children make our children cease from fearing YAHWEH.

26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

27 but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of YAHWEH before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not tell our children in time to come, You have no portion in YAHWEH.

28 Therefore said we, It shall be, when they so tell us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, Behold the pattern of the altar of YAHWEH, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you.

29 Far be it from us that we should rebel against YAHWEH, and turn away this day from following YAHWEH, to build an altar for burnt-offering, for meal-offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of YAHWEH our Elohim that is before his tent.

30 When Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well.

31 Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we know that YAHWEH is in the midst of us, because you have not committed this trespass against YAHWEH: now have you delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of YAHWEH.

32 Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

33 The thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed Elohim, and spoke no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and the children of Gad lived.

34 The children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar [Ed]: For, [said they], it is a witness between us that YAHWEH is Elohim.

Joshua 23

1 It happened **ä**fter many **days**, *when* YAHWEH had given rest to **Išrael** from **ä**ll **their enemies** **rou**nd **ä**out, and Joshua was **old** and well stricken in **years**;

2 **th**at Joshua **cä**lled for **ä**ll **Išrael**, for **their** **elderš** and for **their** **headš**, and for **their** **judgeš** and for **their** **officerš**, and said to **them**, I am **old** and well stricken in **years**:

3 and you have **seen ä**ll **th**at YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim haš **dö**ne to **ä**ll **theš**e **nationš** **becä**uše of you; for YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim, he it is **th**at haš **fö**ught for you.

4 **Behold**, I have allotted to you **theš**e **nationš** **th**at remain, to be an inheritance for **yö**ur **tribeš**, from the **Jö**rdan, **with ä**ll the **nationš** **th**at I have cut off, **even** to the **great sea** **towä**rd the **going dö**wn of the sun

5 YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim, he will **th**rust **them** **ö**ut from **befö**re you, and **drive** **them** from **ö**ut of **yö**ur **sight**; and you **shall** **pošš**ess **their** land, as YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim **spö**ke to you.

6 **Therefö**re be you very **courage**ous to **keep** and to **dö** **ä**ll **th**at is written in the **bö**ök of the **lä**w of **Moš**eš, **th**at you not **tü**rn **ä**side from it to the **ri**ght hand or to the left;

7 **th**at you not **cö**me **ä**mong **theš**e **nationš**, **theš**e **th**at remain **ä**mong you; **neither** **make** **ment**ion of the **name** of **their** **godš**, **nö**r **cä**uše to swear [**by** **them**], **neither** **sê**rve **them**, **nö**r bow **dö**wn **yö**ur**selveš** to **them**;

8 but **cle**ave to YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim, as you have **dö**ne to **th**is **day**.

9 **Fö**r YAHWEH haš **driven** **ö**ut from **befö**re you **great** **nationš** and strong: but as for you, no man haš **stöö**d **befö**re you to **th**is **day**.

10 One man of you **shall** **ch**ase a **thö**ušand; for YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim, he it is **whö** **fi**ghts for you, as he **spö**ke to you.

11 **Take gö**öd **heed** **therefö**re to **yö**ur**selveš**, **th**at you **lö**ve YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim.

12 Else if you **dö** at **ä**ll **go** back, and cleave to the remnant of **theš**e **nationš**, **even** **theš**e **whö** remain **ä**mong you, and **make** **marria**geš **with** **them**, and **go** in to **them**, and **th**ey to you;

13 **know** for a **cê**rtainty **th**at YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim will no **mö**re **drive** **theš**e **nationš** from **ö**ut of **yö**ur **sight**; but **they** **shall** be a **sn**are and a trap to you, and a **scö**urğe in **yö**ur **sideš**, and **thö**rns in **yö**ur **eyeš**, until you **perish** from off **th**is **göö**öd land **wh**ich YAHWEH **yö**ur Elohim haš given you.

14 **Behold**, **th**is **day** I am **going** the **w**ay of **ä**ll the **ê**arth: and you **know** in **ä**ll **yö**ur **heä**rts and in **ä**ll **yö**ur **souls**, **th**at not one **th**ing haš **fail**ed of **ä**ll the **göö**öd **th**ingš

which YAHWEH yô_{ur} Elohim spoke cōncē_rning you; **â**ll are happen to you, not one **th**ing haş failed of it

15 It **sh**all happen, **th**at as **â**ll the **g**ôôd **th**ingş are cōme on you of *which* YAHWEH yô_{ur} Elohim spoke to you, so will YAHWEH bring on you **â**ll the **ev**il **th**ingş, until he have destroyed you from off **th**is **g**ôôd land *which* YAHWEH yô_{ur} Elohim haş given you.

16 When you disobey the cōvenant of YAHWEH yô_{ur} Elohim, *which* he commanded you, and go and sē_rve **ô**ther godş, and bow dōwn yô_{ur}selveş to **th**em; **th**en will the anger of YAHWEH be kindled agā_nst you, and you **sh**all perish **qu**ickly from off the **g**ôôd land *which* he haş given to you.

Joshua 24

1 Joshua gath_ered **â**ll the tribēş of Iş_rael to **Sh**echem, and cā_lled for the elderş of Iş_rael, and for **th**eir headş, and for **th**eir judgeş, and for **th**eir offic_erş; and **th**ey prē_sented **th**emselveş befō_re Elohim.

2 Joshua said to **â**ll the pe_ople, **Th**us sayş YAHWEH, the Elohim of Iş_rael, Yô_{ur} fā_therş lived of **o**ld timē beyond the River, **ev**en Terah, the fā_ther of **Ab**raham, and the fā_ther of Nahor: and **th**ey sē_rved **ô**ther godş.

3 I tō_ok yô_{ur} fā_ther **Ab**raham from beyond the River, and led him **th**rough_out **â**ll the land of Canaan, and multipl_ed his se_ed, and gav_e him Isaac.

4 I gav_e to Iş_aac

Jacob and **Es**â_u: and I gav_e to **Es**â_u Mō_unt Seir, to posş_ess it: and Jacob and his **ch**ildren went dōwn into **Eg**ypt.

5 I sent Moş_eş and Aaron, and I plagu_ed **Eg**ypt, accō_rd_ing to **th**at *which* I did in the midst of it: and **â**fterward I brō_ught you **o**ut.

6 I brō_ught yô_{ur} fā_therş **o**ut of **Eg**ypt: and you camē to the se_a; and the **Eg**yptianş pū_rsued **â**fter yô_{ur} fā_therş with **ch**ariōts and with hō_rsemen to the Red Se_a.

7 *When* **th**ey cri_ed **o**ut to YAHWEH, he pū_t dār_kness between you and the **Eg**yptianş, and brō_ught the se_a on **th**em, and cō_ver_ed **th**em; and yô_{ur} ey_eş sā_w *wh*at I did in **Eg**ypt: and you lived in the wilderness many **da**yş.

8 I brō_ught you into the land of the Amorit_es, **th**at lived beyond the Jō_rdan: and **th**ey fō_ught with you; and I gav_e **th**em into yô_{ur} hand, and you posş_essed **th**eir land; and I destroyed **th**em from befō_re you.

9 **Th**en Balak the sō_n of Zippor, king of Moab, arōş_e and fō_ught agā_nst Iş_rael: and he sent and cā_lled Balaam the sō_n of Beor to cū_rse you;

10 but I would not listen to Balaam; **therefôre** he **blessed** you still: so I delivered you **out** of his hand.

11 You went **over** the **Jôrdan**, and **came** to **Jericho**: and the men of **Jericho** **fôught** **against** you, the **Amorite**, and the **Perizzite**, and the **Canaanite**, and the **Hittite**, and the **Gîrgashite**, the **Hivite**, and the **Jebusite**; and I delivered **them** into **yôur** hand.

12 I sent the **hôrnet** befôre you, **which** **drove** **them** **out** from befôre you, **even** the **two** **kings** of the **Amorites**; not **with** **yôur** **swôrd**, **nôr** **with** **yôur** **bow**.

13 I **gave** you a land **whereon** you had not **labored**, and **çities** **which** you didn't **build**, and you dwell **therein**; of **vineyards** and **olive** **groves** **which** you didn't **plant** **do** you **eat**.

14 **Now** **therefôre** **fear** YAHWEH, and **sêrve** him in **sinçerity** and in **truth**; and **püt** **away** the **godş** **which** **yôur** **fäthers** **sêrved** beyond the **River**, and in **Egypt**; and **sêrve** you YAHWEH.

15 If it **seem** **evil** to you to **sêrve** YAHWEH, **cheeşe** you **this** **day** **whom** you will **sêrve**; **wheth**er the **godş** **which** **yôur** **fäthers** **sêrved** **that** were beyond the **River**, or the **godş** of the **Amorites**, in **whes**e land you dwell: but as for me and **my** **house**, we will **sêrve** YAHWEH.

16 The **people** answered, **Fär** be it from us **that** **we** **shôuld** forsake YAHWEH, to **sêrve** **other** **godş**;

17 for YAHWEH **our** **Elohim**, he it is **who** **brôught** us and **our** **fäthers** up **out** of the land of **Egypt**, from the **house** of **bondage**, and **who** did **thos**e **great** **signş** in **our** **sight**, and **preş**erved us in **âll** the **way** in **which** **we** went, and **among** **âll** the **peopleş** **through** the midst of **whom** **we** **pässe**d;

18 and YAHWEH **drove** **out** from befôre us **âll** the **peopleş**, **even** the **Amorites** **who** lived in the land: **therefôre** **we** **âls**o will **sêrve** YAHWEH; for he is **our** **Elohim**.

19 **Joshua** said to the **people**, **You** **cän**'t **sêrve** YAHWEH; for he is a **holy** **Elohim**; he is a **jealous** **Elohim**; he will not forgive **yôur** **disobedi**ençe **nôr** **yôur** **sinş**.

20 If you forsake YAHWEH, and **sêrve** **foreign** **godş**, **then** he will **tûrn** and **do** you **evil**, and **con**sume you, **âfter** **that** he **haş** **done** you **gôod**.

21 The **people** said to **Joshua**, **No**; but **we** will **sêrve** YAHWEH.

22 **Joshua** said to the **people**, **You** are witnesses **against** **yôur** **selveş** **that** you have **ços**en you YAHWEH, to **sêrve** him. **They** said, **We** are witnesses.

23 **Now** **therefôre** **püt** **away**, [said he], the **foreign** **godş** **which** are **among** you, and **in**cline **yôur** **heä**rt to YAHWEH, the **Elohim** of **Işrael**.

24 The **pe**ople said to **Joshua**, YAHWEH **o**ur Elohim will **we** **sê**rve, and to his **voic**e will **we** listen.

25 So **Joshua** **ma**de a **c**ovenant **wi**th the **pe**ople **th**at **da**y, and set **th**em a **statu**te and an **ô**rdinan**ç**e in **She**chem.

26 **Joshua** **wr**ote **th**es**e** **wô**rd**ç** in the **bô**ok of the **lâ**w of Elohim; and he **tô**ok a **gr**eat **st**one, and set it up **th**ere under the **o**ak **th**at was **by** the **sanctu**ary of YAHWEH.

27 **Joshua** said to **â**ll the **pe**ople, **Beh**old, **th**is **st**one **sh**all be a witness **ag**ainst us; for it has **h**ear**d** **â**ll the **wô**rd**ç** of YAHWEH **wh**ich he **sp**oke to us: it **sh**all be **th**ere**fô**re a witness **ag**ainst you, lest you **de**ny **yô**ur Elohim.

28 So **Joshua** sent the **pe**ople **aw**ay, every man to his **inherita**n**ç**e.

29 It happened **â**fter **th**es**e** **th**ing**ç**, **th**at **Joshua** the **so**n of Nun, the **sê**rvant of YAHWEH, **di**ed, **be**ing one hundred ten **ye**ar**ç** **ol**d.

30 **Th**ey **bur**ied him in the **bô**rd**e**r of his **inherita**n**ç**e in Timnath**ser**ah, **wh**ich is in the hill-cou**n**try of **Eph**raim, on the **nô**rth of the **mo**untain of **Ga**ash.

31 **I**sra**e**l **sê**rved YAHWEH **â**ll the **da**y**ç** of **Joshua**, and **â**ll the **da**y**ç** of the **el**der**ç** **wh**o **o**utlived **Joshua**, and had **kn**own **â**ll the **wô**rk of YAHWEH, **th**at he had **wô**rked for **I**sra**e**l.

32 The **bo**ne**ç** of **Jo**seph, **wh**ich the **ch**ildren of **I**sra**e**l **br**ô**ugh**t up **o**ut of **Eg**yp**t**, **bur**ied **th**ey in **She**chem, in the **pä**r**ç**el of **gr**ound **wh**ich **Ja**cob **bô**ught of the **so**n**ç** of Hamor the **fä**th**e**r of **She**chem for a hundred **pie**ç**e**ç of **mô**ney: and **th**ey **bec**ame the **inherita**n**ç**e of the **ch**ildren of **Jo**seph.

33 Eleazar the **so**n of Aaron **di**ed; and **th**ey **bur**ied him in the hill of **Ph**inehas his **so**n, **wh**ich was given him in the hill-cou**n**try of **Eph**raim.

Judges 1

1 It happened **ä**fter the **deäth** of **Joshua**, the **children** of **Išrael äsked** of YAHWEH, **saying**, **who shall go** up for us **first** **against** the Canaanites, to **fight** **against** **them**?

2 YAHWEH said, **Judah shall go** up: **behold**, I have **delivered** the land into his hand.

3 **Judah** said to Simeon his **brother**, **Come** up **with** me into my **lot**, **that we** may **fight** **against** the Canaanites; and I **likewise** will **go** **with** you into **yöur** lot. So Simeon went **with** him.

4 **Judah** went up; and YAHWEH **delivered** the Canaanites and the Perizzites into **their** hand: and **they** struck of **them** in Bezek ten **thouš**and men.

5 **They** **found** Adoni-bezek in Bezek; and **they** **föught** **against** him, and **they** struck the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and **they** **pürsued** **äfter** him, and **cä**ught him, and cut off his **thumbš** and his **great** **toeš**.

7 Adoni-bezek said, "Seventy **kingsš**, having **their** **thumbš** and **their** **great** **toeš** cut off, **gathered** [**their** **feed**] under my **table**: as I have **done**, so Elohim haš **requited** me." **They** **bröught** him to **Jerušalem**, and he **died** **there**.

8 The **children** of **Judah** **föught** **against** **Jerušalem**, and **töök** it, and struck it **with** the **edge** of the **swörd**, and set the **çity** on **fire**.

9 **äfterward** the **children** of **Judah** went **down** to **fight** **against** the Canaanites **who** lived in the hill-country, and in the **South**, and in the **lowland**.

10 **Judah** went **against** the Canaanites **who** lived in Hebron (**now** the **name** of Hebron **before** was Kiriath-**ärba**); and **they** struck **Sheshai**, and Ahiman, and Talmi.

11 From **there** he went **against** the inhabitants of Debir. (**Now** the **name** of Debir **before** was Kiriath-**sopher**.)

12 Caleb said, **He** **who** **strikes** Kiriath-sopher, and **takes** it, to him will I give Achsah my **dä**ughter as **wife**.

13 **Othniel** the **son** of Kenaz, Caleb's **younger** **brother**, **töök** it: and he **gave** him Achsah his **dä**ughter as **wife**.

14 It happened, **when** she **came** [to him], **that** she **möved** him to **äsk** of her **fäther** a **field**: and she **alighted** from off her **donkey**; and Caleb said to her, **What** **wöüld** you?

15 She said to him, Give me a blessing; for **that** you have set me in the land of the **South**, give me **also** springs of **wá**ter. Caleb **gave** her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 The **children** of the Kenite, **Mošeš**' **bro**ther-in-láw, went up **out** of the **ç**ity of páim trees **with** the **children** of **Judah** into the wilderness of **Judah**, **which** is in the **south** of Arad; and **they** went and lived **with** the **people**.

17 Judah went **with** Simeon his **bro**ther, and **they** struck the Canaanites **who** inhabited **Zephath**, and utterly destroyed it. The **name** of the **ç**ity was **called** **Hó**rmah.

18 **Also** **Judah** **took** **Gä**za **with** the **bó**rders of it, and Ashkelon **with** the **bó**rders of it, and Ekron **with** the **bó**rders of it.

19 YAHWEH was **with** **Judah**; and **drove** **out** [the inhabitants of] the hill-country; for he **could** not **drive** **out** the inhabitants of the valley, **because** **they** had **chariots** of **irón**.

20 **They** **gave** Hebron to **Caleb**, as **Mošeš** had spoken: and he **drove** **out** **there** the **three** **sons** of Anak.

21 The **children** of Benjamin did not **drive** **out** the Jebusites **who** inhabited **Jeru**šalem; but the Jebusites dwell **with** the **children** of Benjamin in **Jeru**šalem to **this** day.

22 The **house** of **Joseph**, **they** **also** went up against **Beth**el; and YAHWEH was **with** **them**.

23 The **house** of **Joseph** sent to **spy** **out** **Beth**el. (**Now** the **name** of the **ç**ity **before** was Luz.)

24 The **watchers** **sá**w a man **come** **forth** **out** of the **ç**ity, and **they** said to him, **Show** us, **we** **pray** you, the **entrance** into the **ç**ity, and **we** will **deal** kindly **with** you.

25 He **shown** **them** the **entrance** into the **ç**ity; and **they** struck the **ç**ity **with** the **edge** of the **swó**rd; but **they** let the man **go** and **á**ll his family.

26 The man went into the land of the Hittites, and **built** a **ç**ity, and **called** the **name** of it Luz, **which** is the **name** of it to **this** day.

27 Manasseh did not **drive** **out** [the inhabitants of] **Beth**-shean and its **towns**, **nó**r [of] Taanach and its **towns**, **nó**r the inhabitants of Dor and its **towns**, **nó**r the inhabitants of Ibleam and its **towns**, **nó**r the inhabitants of Megiddo and its **towns**; but the Canaanites **wó**uld dwell in **that** land.

28 It happened, **when** **I**šrael had **grown** strong, **that** **they** **put** the Canaanites to **forced** labor, and did not utterly **drive** **them** **out**.

29 **Ephraim** didn't drive **o**ut the **Canaanites** **wh**e lived in Gezer; but the **Canaanites** lived in Gezer **am**ong **th**em.

30 **Zebulun** didn't drive **o**ut the inhabitants of **Kitron**, **n**o**r** the inhabitants of **Nahalol**; but the **Canaanites** lived **am**ong **th**em, and **became** subject to **f**o**r**ced labor.

31 **Asher** didn't drive **o**ut the inhabitants of **Acco**, **n**o**r** the inhabitants of **Sidon**, **n**o**r** of **Ahlab**, **n**o**r** of **Achzib**, **n**o**r** of **Helbah**, **n**o**r** of **Aphik**, **n**o**r** of **Rehob**;

32 but the **Asherites** lived **am**ong the **Canaanites**, the inhabitants of the land; for **they** did not drive **th**em **o**ut.

33 **Naphthali** didn't drive **o**ut the inhabitants of **Beth-shemesh**, **n**o**r** the inhabitants of **Beth-anath**; but he lived **am**ong the **Canaanites**, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of **Beth-shemesh** and of **Beth-anath** **became** subject to **f**o**r**ced labor.

34 The **Amorites** **f**o**r**ced the **children** of **Dan** into the hill-country; for **they** **wou**ld not allow **th**em to **co**me down to the valley;

35 but the **Amorites** **wou**ld dwell in **Mount Heres**, in **Aijalon**, and in **Shaalbim**: yet the hand of the **house** of **Joseph** prevailed, so **th**at **they** **became** subject to **f**o**r**ced labor.

36 The **b**o**r**der of the **Amorites** was from the **as**cent of **Akrabbim**, from the rock, and upward.

Judges 2

1 The **angel** of **YAHWEH** **ca**me up from **Gilgal** to **Bochim**. **He** said, I **ma**de you to go up **o**ut of **Egypt**, and have **br**ought you to the land **wh**ich I **sw**ore to **y**o**u**r **f**ä**th**er**s**; and I said, I will never **br**eak my **c**o**v**enant **w**ith you:

2 and you **sh**all **ma**ke no **c**o**v**enant **w**ith the inhabitants of **th**is land; you **sh**all **br**eak down **th**eir **ä**ltar**s**. But you have not listened to my **vo**i**ç**e: **wh**y have you **d**o**n**e **th**is?

3 **T**here**f**o**r**e I **ä**l**s**o said, I will not drive **th**em **o**ut from **be**f**o**re you; but **th**ey **sh**all be [as **th**o**r**n**s**] in **y**o**u**r **si**d**e****s**, and **th**eir **god****s** **sh**all be a **sn**are to you.

4 It happened, **wh**en the **angel** of **YAHWEH** **sp**oke **th**e**s**e **w**o**r**d**s** to **ä**ll the **ch**ildren of **I**s**r**a**e**l, **th**at the **pe**ople lifted up **th**eir **vo**i**ç**e, and wept.

5 **T**hey **c**ä**l**led the **na**me of **th**at **pl**a**ç**e **B**o**ch**im: and **th**ey **s**acr**i**f**i**c**e**d **th**ere to **YAHWEH**.

6 Now **wh**en **J**o**sh**ua had sent the **pe**ople **aw**ay, the **ch**ildren of **I**s**r**a**e**l went every man to his **in**her**it**an**ç**e to **po**s**s**ess the land.

7 The people sêrved YAHWEH áll the days of Joshua, and áll the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen áll the great wôrk of YAHWEH that he had wôrked for Işrael.

8 Joshua the sôn of Nun, the sêrvant of YAHWEH, died, being one hundred ten years old.

9 They buried him in the bôrder of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill-country of Ephraim, on the nôrth of the mountain of Gaash.

10 álso áll that generation were gathered to their fâthers: and there arose another generation äfter them, who didn't know YAHWEH, nôr yet the wôrk which he had wôrked for Işrael.

11 The children of Işrael did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, and sêrved the Baals;

12 and they forsôok YAHWEH, the Elohim of their fâthers, who brôught them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples who were round about them, and bowed themselves down to them: and they provoked YAHWEH to anger.

13 They forsôok YAHWEH, and sêrved Baal and the Ashtaroth.

14 The anger of YAHWEH was kindled against Işrael, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers who despoiled them; and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Wherever they went out, the hand of YAHWEH was against them for evil, as YAHWEH had spoken, and as YAHWEH had swôrned to them: and they were sôre distressed.

16 YAHWEH raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who despoiled them.

17 Yet they didn't listen to their judges; for they played the prostitute äfter other gods, and bowed themselves down to them: they túrned aside quickly out of the way in which their fâthers wâlked, obeying the commandments of YAHWEH; [but] they didn't do so.

18 When YAHWEH raised them up judges, then YAHWEH was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies áll the days of the judge: for it repented YAHWEH because of their groaning by reason of those who oppressed them and vexed them.

19 But it happened, when the judge was dead, **that they turned back**, and dealt more corruptly **than their fathers**, in following **other gods** to **serve them**, and to **bow down to them**; **they didn't cease** from **their doings**, **nor** from **their stubborn way**.

20 The anger of YAHWEH was kindled **against Israel**; and he said, **Because this nation** have **transgressed my covenant** **which** I commanded **their fathers**, and have not listened to **my voice**;

21 I **also** will not henceforth **drive out** any from **before them** of the **nations that Joshua** left *when he died*;

22 **that by them** I may **prove Israel**, *whether* **they will keep** the way of YAHWEH to **walk therein**, as **their fathers** did **keep** it, or not.

23 So YAHWEH left **those nations**, **without driving them out** **hastily**; **neither** delivered he **them** into the hand of **Joshua**.

Judges 3

1 Now **these** are the **nations** **which** YAHWEH left, to **prove Israel by them**, **even** as many [of **Israel**] as had not **known all** the **wars** of Canaan;

2 only **that** the **generations** of the **children** of **Israel** *might know*, to **teach them war**, at the **least such** as **before** *knew nothing* of it:

3 [*namely*], the **five lords** of the **Philistines**, and **all** the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites **who** lived on **Mount Lebanon**, from **Mount Baal-hermon** to the entrance of **Hamath**.

4 They were [left], to **prove Israel by them**, to **know whether they would** listen to the commandments of YAHWEH, **which** he commanded **their fathers by Moses**.

5 The **children** of **Israel** lived **among** the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

6 and **they took their daughters** to be **their wives**, and **gave their own daughters** to **their sons** and **served their gods**.

7 The **children** of **Israel** did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, and forgot YAHWEH **their Elohim**, and **served the Baals** and the **Asheroth**.

8 **Therefore** the anger of YAHWEH was kindled **against Israel**, and he **sold them** into the hand of **Cushan-rishathaim** king of Mesopotamia: and the **children** of **Israel** **served Cushan-rishathaim eight years**.

9 When the **children** of **Išrael** **cried** to YAHWEH, YAHWEH **rais**ed up a **savior** to the **children** of **Išrael**, **who sav**ed **them**, **even** Othniel the **son** of Kenaz, Caleb's younger **brother**.

10 The Spirit of YAHWEH **came** on him, and he **judg**ed **Išrael**; and he went **out** to **war**, and YAHWEH delivered **Cushan-rishathaim** king of Mesopotamia into his hand: and his hand **prevail**ed **again**st **Cushan-rishathaim**.

11 The land had rest **f**orty **years**. Othniel the **son** of Kenaz **died**.

12 The **children** of **Išrael** **again** did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH: and YAHWEH **strength**ened Eglon the king of **Moab** **again**st **Išrael**, **beca**use **they** had **done that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH.

13 He **gather**ed to him the **children** of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and struck **Išrael**, and **they poss**essed the **city** of **p**alm **trees**.

14 The **children** of **Išrael** **s**erved Eglon the king of **Moab** **eighteen years**.

15 But **when** the **children** of **Išrael** **cried** to YAHWEH, YAHWEH **rais**ed **them** up a **savior**, Ehud the **son** of Gera, the Benjamite, a man left-handed. The **children** of **Išrael** sent **tribute** **by** him to Eglon the king of **Moab**.

16 Ehud **made** him a **sw**ord **which** had **two** **edges**, a **cubit** in **length**; and he **gird**ed it under his **cloth**ing on his **right thigh**.

17 He **offer**ed the **tribute** to Eglon king of **Moab**: **now** Eglon was a very fat man.

18 **When** he had **made** an end of offering the **tribute**, he sent **away** the **people** **who bore** the **tribute**.

19 But he himself **t**urned back from the **quarries** **that** were **by** Gilgal, and said, I have a **secret** errand to you, king. He said, **Keep** **silence**. **All** **who** **stood** **by** him went **out** from him.

20 Ehud **came** to him; and he was sitting **by** himself **alone** in the **cool** upper **room**. Ehud said, I have a **message** from Elohim to you. He **arose** **out** of his **seat**.

21 Ehud **put forth** his left hand, and **took** the **sw**ord from his **right thigh**, and **thrust** it into his body:

22 and the haft **also** went in **after** the **blade**; and the fat **clo**sed on the **blade**, for he didn't **draw** the **sw**ord **out** of his body; and it **came** **out** **behind**.

23 **Then** Ehud went **forth** into the **p**orch, and **shut** the **d**oor of the upper **room** on him, and **lock**ed **them**.

24 Now when he was gone out, his servants came; and they saw, and, behold, the doors of the upper room were locked; and they said, Surely he is covering his feet in the upper chamber.

25 They waited until they were ashamed; and, behold, he didn't open the doors of the upper room: therefore they took the key, and opened [them], and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26 Ehud escaped while they waited, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped to Seirah.

27 It happened, when he had come, that he blew a trumpet in the hill-country of Ephraim; and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill-country, and he befell them.

28 He said to them, Follow after me; for YAHWEH has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. They went down after him, and took the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and didn't allow a man to pass over.

29 They struck of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, every lusty man, and every man of valor; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. The land had rest eighty years.

31 After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also saved Israel.

Judges 4

1 The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, when Ehud was dead.

2 YAHWEH sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 The children of Israel cried to YAHWEH: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 She lived under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill-country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 She sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphthali, and said to him, Hasn't YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, commanded, [saying], Go and draw to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7 I will dr**á**w to you, to the river K**ishon**, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's **á**rmy, **w**ith his **ch**ari**ó**ts and his mult**it**ude; and I will deliver him into y**ó**ur hand.

8 Barak said to her, If you will go **w**ith me, **th**en I will go; but if you will not go **w**ith me, I will not go.

9 She said, I will **s**urely go **w**ith you: not**w**ithstanding, the jo**ú**rne**y** **th**at you **t**ake **sh**all not be for y**ó**ur honor; for YAHWEH will sell Sisera into the hand of a w**ó**man. Deborah aro**ş**e, and went **w**ith Barak to Kedesh.

10 Barak c**á**ll**ed** Zebulun and Nap**h**tali together to Kedesh; and **th**ere went up ten **th**ou**ş**and men at his **fe**et: and Deborah went up **w**ith him.

11 **N**ow Heber the Ken **it**e had separ**at**ed himself from the Ken**it**es, **e**ven from the **ch**ildren of Hobab the bro**th**er-in-l**á**w of Mo**ş**e**ş**, and had pitch**ed** his tent as **f**á**r** as the **o**ak in Zaananim, **w**h**ic**h is by Kedesh.

12 **T**hey **t**old Sisera **th**at Barak the s**ó**n of Abinoam was gone up to Mo**ú**nt Tabor.

13 Sisera gath**er**ed together **á**ll his **ch**ari**ó**ts, **e**ven **n**ine hundred **ch**ari**ó**ts of **ir**on, and **á**ll the **pe**ople **w**h**o** were **w**ith him, from Harosheth of the Gent**il**e**ş**, to the river K**ishon**.

14 Deborah said to Barak, Up; for **th**is is the **da**y in **w**h**ic**h YAHWEH ha**ş** delivered Sisera into y**ó**ur hand; ha**ş**n't YAHWEH gone **o**ut bef**ó**re you? So Barak went **do**wn from Mo**ú**nt Tabor, and ten **th**ou**ş**and men **á**fter him.

15 YAHWEH confu**ş**ed Sisera, and **á**ll his **ch**ari**ó**ts, and **á**ll his **ho**st, **w**ith the **ed**ge of the sw**ó**rd bef**ó**re Barak; and Sisera ali**gh**ted from his **ch**ari**ó**t, and fled **aw**ay on his **fe**et.

16 But Barak p**ú**rsued **á**fter the **ch**ari**ó**ts, and **á**fter the **ho**st, to Harosheth of the Gent**il**e**ş**; and **á**ll the **ho**st of Sisera fell by the **ed**ge of the sw**ó**rd; **th**ere was not a man left.

17 **H**owever Sisera fled **aw**ay on his **fe**et to the tent of Jael the **w**ife of Heber the Kenite; for **th**ere was **pe**ac**e** **bet**ween Jabin the king of Hazor and the **ho**use of Heber the Ken**it**e.

18 Jael went **o**ut to **me**et Sisera, and said to him, T**ú**rn in, my **l**ó**r**d, t**ú**rn in to me; **do**n't be af**r**aid. He t**ú**rn**ed** in to her into the tent, and she **c**ó**ve**red him **w**ith a rug.

19 He said to her, Ple**a**se give me a little w**á**ter to drink; for I am **th**irsty. **S**he **o**pened a bottle of milk, and **g**ave him drink, and **c**ó**ve**red him.

20 He said to her, Stand in the d**ó**or of the tent, and it **sh**all be, **w**hen any man **do**e**ş** **c**ó**m**e and in**q**uire of you, and **s**ay, Is **th**ere any man **h**ere? **th**at you **sh**all **s**ay, No.

21 **Then** Jael Heber's **wife** **tòok** a tent-pin, and **tòok** a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and struck the pin into his temple_s, and it **piêrçed througħ** into the **grounđ**; for he was in a **deêp sleep**; so he **swœoned** and **diêd**.

22 Behold, as Barak **pûrsued** Sisera, Jael **came** **œut** to **meet** him, and said to him, **Côme**, and I will **show** you the man **whœm** you **seek**. **He came** to her; and, behold, Sisera **lay** dead, and the tent-pin was in his temple_s.

23 So Elohim **subdued** on **that day** Jabin the king of Canaan befœre the **children** of **Işrael**.

24 The hand of the **children** of **Işrael** **prevailed** **mœre** and **mœre** **against** Jabin the king of Canaan, until **they** had **destroyed** Jabin king of Canaan.

Judges 5

1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the **sœn** of Abinoam on **that day**, **saying**,

2 **Fœr** **that** the **leaders** **tòok** the lead in **Işrael**, **Fœr** **that** the **people** offered **themselves** willingly, Bless you YAHWEH.

3 **Hear**, you **kings**; give **ear**, you **prinçes**; I, [**even**] I, will sing to YAHWEH; I will sing **praişe** to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**.

4 YAHWEH, *when you went* **fœrth** **œut** of Seir, *When you* **märçed** **œut** of the **fielđ** of Edom, the **œarth** trembled, the **sky** **also** **dropped**, Yes, the **clouds** **dropped** **wäter**.

5 The **mountains** **quaked** at the **preşençe** of YAHWEH, **Even** yon Sinai at the **preşençe** of YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**.

6 In the **days** of **Shamgar** the **sœn** of Anath, In the **days** of Jael, the **highways** were unoccupied, The **travelers** **wäked througħ** **byways**.

7 The **rulers** **çeased** in **Işrael**, **they** **çeased**, Until **that** I Deborah **aroşe**, **That** I **aroşe** a **mœther** in **Işrael**.

8 **They** **choşe** new **gods**; **Then** was **wär** in the **gates**: Was **there** a **shield** or **spear** **seen** Among **fœrty** **thœuşand** in **Işrael**?

9 My **heärt** is **towärd** the **gœvernors** of **Işrael**, **whœ** offered **themselves** willingly among the **people**: Bless you YAHWEH.

10 Tell [of it], you **whœ** **ride** on **white** **donkeys**, **You** **whœ** sit on **rich** **cärpets**, **You** **whœ** **wä**k **by** the **way**.

11 Far from the **noişe** of **ärcher**s, in the **plaçes** of **dräwing** **wäter**, **There** **shall** **they** **rehœarse** the **righteous** acts of YAHWEH, [**Even**] the **righteous** acts of his **rule** in **Işrael**. **Then** the **people** of YAHWEH went **down** to the **gates**.

12 Awake, awake, Deborah; Awake, awake, utter a song: Arise, Barak, and lead away your captiveš, you son of Abinoam.

13 Then came down a remnant of the nobleš [and] the people; YAHWEH came down for me against the mighty.

14 Out of Ephraim [came down] they whose root is in Amalek; after you, Benjamin, among your peopleš; out of Machir came down governorš, out of Zebulun those who handle the marshal's staff.

15 The princeš of Issachar were with Deborah; As was Issachar, so was Barak; Into the valley they rushed forth at his feet. By the watercourseš of Reuben There were great resolveš of heart.

16 Why sat you among the sheepfolds, To hear the whistling for the flocks? At the watercourseš of Reuben There were great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond the Jordan: Dan, why did he remain in ships? Asher sat still at the haven of the sea, Abode by his creeks.

18 Zebulun was a people that jeopardized their lives to the death, Naphtali, on the high placeš of the field.

19 The kingš came and fought; Then fought the kingš of Canaan. In Taanach by the waters of Megiddo: They took no gain of money.

20 From the sky the stars fought, From their courses they fought against Sisera.

21 The river Kishon swept them away, That ancient river, the river Kishon. My soul, march on with strength.

22 Then did the horse hoofs stamp By reason of the prancingš, the prancingš of their strong oneš.

23 Curse you Meroz, said the angel of YAHWEH. Curse you bitterly the inhabitants of it, Because they didn't come to the help of YAHWEH, To the help of YAHWEH against the mighty.

24 Blessed above women shall Jael be, The wife of Heber the Kenite; Blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 He asked water, [and] she gave him milk; She brought him butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the tent-pin, Her right hand to the workmen's hammer; With the hammer she struck Sisera, she struck through his head; Yes, she pierced and struck through his temples.

27 At her **feet** he **bow**ed , he fell, he **lay**; At her **feet** he **bow**ed , he fell; *Where* he **bow**ed , **there** he fell **down** dead.

28 **th**rough the window she **lòok**ed **fòrth**, and **cri**ed, The **mòth**er of Sisera [**cri**ed] **th**rough the lattic**e**, *Why* is his **chariòt** so long in **cò**ming? *Why* **dø** the **whe**el**ş** of his **chariòts** wait?

29 Her **wi**ş**e** **ladi**e**ş** answered her, Yes, she **retù**rn**e**d answer to h**e**rself,

30 Have **they** not **fo**und, have **they** not divided the spoil? A **lady**, **two** **ladi**e**ş** to every man; To Sisera a spoil of **dy**ed **gä**rments, A spoil of **dy**ed **gä**rments embroidered, Of **dy**ed **gä**rments embroidered on **both** **side**ş, on the necks of the spoil?

31 So let **ä**ll **yò**ur **enemie**ş **perish**, YAHWEH: But let **tho**ş**e** **who** **lò**ve him be as the sun *when* he **go**e**ş** **fòrth** in his **mi**ght. The land had rest **fòrty** **year**ş.

Judges 6

1 The **children** of **Iş**rael did **that** *which* was **evil** in the **si**ght of YAHWEH: and YAHWEH delivered **them** into the hand of Midian seven **year**ş.

2 The hand of Midian **prev**ailed **again**st **Iş**rael; and **beca**u**ş**e of Midian the **children** of **Iş**rael **made** **them** the den**ş** *which* are in the **mò**untain**ş**, and the **cave**ş, and the **stronghold**ş.

3 So it was, *when* **Iş**rael had **sown**, **that** the Midianites **came** up, and the Amale **ites**, and the **children** of the **e**ast; **they** **came** up **again**st **them**;

4 and **they** encamped **again**st **them**, and destroyed the **inc**rease of the **è**arth, until you **cò**me to Gäza, and left no sustenan**ç**e in **Iş**rael, **neither** **sheep**, **nò**r ox, **nò**r donkey.

5 For **they** **came** up **with** **their** cattle and **their** tents; **they** **came** in as **locusts** for multitude; **both** **they** and **their** camel**ş** were **with**out number: and **they** **came** into the land to destroy it.

6 **Iş**rael was **brò**ught very **low** **beca**u**ş**e of Midian; and the **children** of **Iş**rael **cri**ed to YAHWEH.

7 It happened, *when* the **children** of **Iş**rael **cri**ed to YAHWEH **beca**u**ş**e of Midian,

8 **that** YAHWEH sent a **prophet** to the **children** of **Iş**rael: and he said to **them**, **Thus** say**ş** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Iş**rael, I **brò**ught you up from **Egypt**, and **brò**ught you **fòrth** **ò**ut of the **hou**se of bondag**e**;

9 and I delivered you **ò**ut of the hand of the **Egyptian**ş, and **ò**ut of the hand of **ä**ll **who** oppresse**d** you, and **dro**ve **them** **ò**ut from befò**r**e you, and **ga**ve you **their** land;

10 and I said to you, I am YAHWEH yô_{ur} Elohim; you shall not fear the godš of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But you have not listened to my voice.

11 The angel of YAHWEH came, and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained to Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 The angel of YAHWEH appeared to him, and said to him, YAHWEH is with you, you mighty man of valor.

13 Gideon said to him, Oh, my lôrd, if YAHWEH is with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not YAHWEH bring us up from Egypt? but now YAHWEH has cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian.

14 YAHWEH looked at him, and said, Go in this yô_{ur} might, and save Işrael from the hand of Midian: have not I sent you?

15 He said to him, Oh, Lôrd, with which shall I save Işrael? behold, my family is the pôrest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 YAHWEH said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.

17 He said to him, If now I have found favor in yô_{ur} sight, then show me a sign that it is you who talk with me.

18 Please don't go away, until I come to you, and bring out my present, and lay it before you. He said, I will wait until you come again.

19 Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him under the oak, and presented it.

20 The angel of Elohim said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth. He did so.

21 Then the angel of YAHWEH put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of YAHWEH departed out of his sight.

22 Gideon saw that he was the angel of YAHWEH; and Gideon said, Alas, Lôrd YAHWEH! because I have seen the angel of YAHWEH face to face.

23 YAHWEH said to him, Peace be to you; don't be afraid: you shall not die.

24 **Then** Gideon built an **altar** **there** to YAHWEH, and **called** it YAHWEH-**shalom**: to **this day** it is yet in **Ophrah** of the Abiezrites.

25 It happened the **same night**, **that** YAHWEH said to him, **Take** **yôur** **fäther's** **bull**, **even** the **second bull** **seven years** **old**, and **throw** **down** the **altar** of Baal **that** **yôur** **fäther** **has**, and cut **down** the **Asherah** **that** is **by** it;

26 and **build** an **altar** to YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim on the top of **this** **stronghold**, in the **orderly** manner, and **take** the **second bull**, and offer a **burnt** offering **with** the **wood** of the **Asherah** **which** you **shall** cut **down**.

27 **Then** Gideon **took** ten men of his **servants**, and did as YAHWEH had spoken to him: and it happened, **because** he **feared** his **fäther's** **household** and the men of the **city**, so **that** he **could** not **do** it **by day**, **that** he did it **by night**.

28 **When** the men of the **city** **arose** **early** in the **morning**, **behold**, the **altar** of Baal was **broken** **down**, and the **Asherah** was cut **down** **that** was **by** it, and the **second bull** was offered on the **altar** **that** was built.

29 **They** said one to another, **who** **has** **done** **this** **thing**? **When** **they** **inquired** and **asked**, **they** said, Gideon the **son** of Joash **has** **done** **this** **thing**.

30 **Then** the men of the **city** said to Joash, **Bring** **out** **yôur** **son**, **that** he **may** **die**, **because** he **has** **broken** **down** the **altar** of Baal, and **because** he **has** cut **down** the **Asherah** **that** was **by** it.

31 Joash said to **all** **who** **stood** against him, Will you contend for Baal? Or will you **save** him? he **who** will contend for him, let him be **put** to **death** **while** [it is yet] **morning**: if he be a god, let him contend for himself, **because** one **has** **broken** **down** his **altar**.

32 **Therefore** on **that** **day** he **named** him Jerubbaal, **saying**, Let Baal contend against him, **because** he **has** **broken** **down** his **altar**.

33 **Then** **all** the Midianites and the Amalekites and the **children** of the **east** assembled **themselves** **together**; and **they** **passed** **over**, and encamped in the **valley** of Jezreel.

34 But the Spirit of YAHWEH **came** on Gideon; and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was **gathered** **together** **after** him.

35 He sent **messenger**s **through** **out** **all** Manasseh; and **they** **also** were **gathered** **together** **after** him: and he sent **messenger**s to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to **Naphthali**; and **they** **came** up to **meet** **them**.

36 Gideon said to Elohim, If you will **save** **Israel** **by** **my** hand, as you have **spoken**,

37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there be dew on the fleece only, and it be dry on all the ground, then shall I know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken.

38 It was so; for he rose up early on the next day, and pressed the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 Gideon said to Elohim, Don't let your anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once: Please let me make a trial just this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew.

40 Elohim did so that night: for it was dry on the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

Judges 7

1 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people who were with him, rose up early, and encamped beside the spring of Harod: and the camp of Midian was on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 YAHWEH said to Gideon, The people who are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, My own hand has saved me.

3 Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead. There returned of the people twenty-two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 YAHWEH said to Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down to the water, and I will try them for you there: and it shall be, that of whom I tell you, This shall go with you, the same shall go with you; and of whoever I tell you, This shall not go with you, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people to the water: and YAHWEH said to Gideon, Everyone who laps of the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, him shall you set by himself; likewise everyone who bows down on his knees to drink.

6 The number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

7 YAHWEH said to Gideon, By the three hundred men who lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand; and let all the people go every man to his place.

8 So the **pe**ople **t**ook victuals in **the**ir hand, and **the**ir trumpets; and he sent **á**ll the men of **I**srael every man to his tent, but **ret**ained the **th**ree hundred men: and the camp of Midian was **ben**eath him in the valley.

9 It happened the **sa**me **ni**ght, **th**at YAHWEH said to him, **A**ri^se, get you **do**wn into the camp; for I have **del**ivered it into **y**o^ur hand.

10 But if you **fe**ar to **go** **do**wn, **go** you **with** Purah **y**o^ur **s**e^rvant **do**wn to the camp:

11 and you **sh**all **he**ar **wh**at **the**y **sa**y; and **á**fterward **sh**all **y**o^ur **ha**nds^þ be **stre**ng^thened to **go** **do**wn into the camp. **Th**en went he **do**wn **with** Purah his **s**e^rvant to the **o**uterm^ost **p**á^rt of the **á**rmed men **wh**o were in the camp.

12 The Midianites and the Amalekites and **á**ll the **ch**ildren of the **ea**st **la**y along in the valley **li**ke **lo**custs for **mu**ltit^ude; and **the**ir **ca**mels^þ were **with**o^ut number, as the sand **wh**ich is on the **se**a-**sh**ó^re for **mu**ltit^ude.

13 **Wh**en Gideon had **co**me, **be**hold, **the**re was a man telling a **dre**am to his fellow; and he said, **Be**hold, I **dre**amed a **dre**am; and, **be**hold, a **ca**ke of **b**á^rley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and **ca**me to the tent, and struck it so **th**at it fell, and **t**ú^rned it **u**p^side **do**wn, so **th**at the tent **la**y flat.

14 His **fe**llow answered, **Th**is is **no**thⁱng else **sa**ve the **sw**ó^rd of Gideon the **so**n of Joash, a man of **I**srael: into his hand **E**lohim **ha**s^þ **del**ivered Midian, and **á**ll the **ho**st.

15 It was so, **wh**en Gideon **he**ard the telling of the **dre**am, and the **int**e^rpretation of it, **th**at he **w**ó^rshipe^d; and he **re**tú^rned into the camp of **I**srael, and said, **A**ri^se; for YAHWEH **ha**s^þ **del**ivered into **y**o^ur hand the **ho**st of Midian.

16 He **di**vided the **th**ree hundred men into **th**ree **co**mpanies^þ, and he **pu**t into the hands^þ of **á**ll of **the**m trumpets, and empty **pit**chers^þ, **with** **t**ó^rches^þ **with**in the **pit**chers^þ.

17 He said to **the**m, **L**ó^ok on me, and **de** **li**kewi^se: and, **be**hold, **wh**en I **co**me to the **o**uterm^ost **p**á^rt of the camp, it **sh**all be **th**at, as I **de**, so **sh**all you **de**.

18 **Wh**en I **bl**ow the trumpet, I and **á**ll **wh**o are **with** me, **the**n **bl**ow you the trumpets **á**lso on every **si**de of **á**ll the camp, and **sa**y, **F**ó^r YAHWEH and for Gideon.

19 So Gideon, and the hundred men **wh**o were **with** him, **ca**me to the **o**uterm^ost **p**á^rt of the camp in the beginning of the **mi**ddle **wa**tch, **wh**en **the**y had but newly set the **wa**tch: and **the**y blew the trumpets, and **bro**ke in **pie**ces^þ the **pit**chers^þ **th**at were in **the**ir hands^þ.

20 The **th**ree **co**mpanies^þ blew the trumpets, and **bro**ke the **pit**chers^þ, and held the **t**ó^rches^þ in **the**ir left hands^þ, and the trumpets in **the**ir **ri**ght hands^þ **with** **wh**ich to **bl**ow; and **the**y **cri**ed, The **sw**ó^rd of YAHWEH and of Gideon.

21 **They stood** every man in his **place** **round** about the camp; and **all** the **host** ran; and **they shouted**, and **put** [them] to **flight**.

22 **They** blew the **three** hundred trumpets, and YAHWEH set every man's **sword** against his **fellow**, and against **all** the **host**; and the **host** fled as **far** as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as **far** as the **border** of Abel-meholah, **by** Tabbath.

23 The men of **Israel** were **gathered** together **out** of **Naphtali** , and **out** of **Asher**, and **out** of **all** **Manasseh**, and **pursued** **after** Midian.

24 Gideon sent **messengers** **through** **out** **all** the hill-country of **Ephraim**, **saying**, **Come** **down** against Midian, and **take** **before** **them** the **waters**, as **far** as Beth-barah, **even** the **Jordan**. So **all** the men of **Ephraim** were **gathered** together, and **took** the **waters** as **far** as Beth-barah, **even** the **Jordan**.

25 **They** **took** the **two** **princes** of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and **they** killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb **they** killed at the **winepress** of Zeeb, and **pursued** Midian: and **they** **brought** the **heads** of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the **Jordan**.

Judges 8

1 The men of **Ephraim** said to him, **Why** have you **served** us **thus**, **that** you didn't **call** us, **when** you went to **fight** **with** Midian? **They** did **chide** **with** him **sharply**.

2 He said to **them**, **What** have I **now** **done** in **comparison** **with** you? **Isn't** the **gleaning** of the **grapes** of **Ephraim** better **than** the **vintage** of Abiezer?

3 Elohim **has** **delivered** into **your** hand the **princes** of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and **what** was I **able** to **do** in **comparison** **with** you? **Then** **their** anger was **abated** toward him, **when** he had said **that**.

4 Gideon **came** to the **Jordan**, [and] **passed** **over**, he, and the **three** hundred men **who** were **with** him, **faint**, yet **pursuing**.

5 He said to the men of Succoth, **Please** give **loaves** of bread to the **people** **who** follow me; for **they** are **faint**, and I am **pursuing** **after** Zebah and Zalmunna, the **kings** of Midian.

6 The **princes** of Succoth said, Are the **hands** of Zebah and Zalmunna **now** in **your** hand, **that** **we** **should** give bread to **your** **army**?

7 Gideon said, **Therefore** **when** YAHWEH **has** **delivered** Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, **then** I will **tear** **your** **flesh** **with** the **thorns** of the wilderness and **with** **briers**.

8 He went up **there** to Penuel, and **spoke** to **them** in **like** manner; and the men of Penuel **answered** him as the men of Succoth had **answered**.

9 He **spoke** **also** to the men of Penuel, **saying**, When I **come** again in **peace**, I will **break** **down** **this** **tower**.

10 **Now** Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and **their** **hosts** **with** **them**, about **fifteen** **thousand** men, **all** **who** were left of **all** the **host** of the **children** of the **east**; for **there** fell one hundred twenty **thousand** men **who** drew **sword**.

11 Gideon went up **by** the **way** of **those** **who** lived in tents on the **east** of Nobah and Jogbehah, and struck the **host**; for the **host** was **secure**.

12 Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he **pursued** **after** **them**; and he **took** the **two** **kings** of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and **confused** **all** the **host**.

13 Gideon the **son** of Joash **returned** from the battle from the **ascent** of Heres. 14 He **caught** a young man of the men of Succoth, and **inquired** of him: and he **described** for him the **princes** of Succoth, and the **elders** of it, seventy-seven men.

15 He **came** to the men of Succoth, and said, **See** Zebah and Zalmunna, **concerning** **whom** you did **taunt** me, **saying**, Are the **hands** of Zebah and Zalmunna **now** in **your** hand, **that** **we** **should** give bread to **your** men **who** are weary?

16 He **took** the **elders** of the **city**, and **thorns** of the wilderness and **briers**, and **with** **them** he **taught** the men of Succoth.

17 He **broke** **down** the **tower** of Penuel, and killed the men of the **city**.

18 **Then** said he to Zebah and Zalmunna, **What** manner of men were **they** **whom** you killed at Tabor? **They** answered, As you are, so were **they**; **each** one **resembled** the **children** of a king.

19 He said, **They** were **my** **brothers**, the **sons** of **my** **mother**: as YAHWEH **lives**, if you had **saved** **them** **alive**, I **would** not kill you.

20 He said to Jether his **firstborn**, Up, and kill **them**. But the **youth** didn't **draw** his **sword**; for he **feared**, **because** he was yet a **youth**.

21 **Then** Zebah and Zalmunna said, **Rise** you, and **fall** on us; for as the man is, so is his **strength**. Gideon **arose**, and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and **took** the **crests** **that** were on **their** **camels'** necks.

22 **Then** the men of **Israel** said to Gideon, **Rule** you **over** us, **both** you, and **your** **son**, and **your** **son's** **son** **also**; for you have **saved** us **out** of the hand of Midian.

23 Gideon said to **them**, I will not **rule** **over** you, **neither** **shall** **my** **son** **rule** **over** you: YAHWEH **shall** **rule** **over** you.

24 Gideon said to **them**, I would make a request of you, **that** you would give me every man the **ear-rings** of his spoil. (For **they** had golden **ear-rings**, because **they** were **Ishmaelites**.)

25 **They** answered, **We** will willingly give **them**. **They** spread a garment, and did cast **therein** every man the **ear-rings** of his spoil.

26 The weight of the golden **ear-rings** **that** he requested was one **thou**sand and seven hundred [**shekel**s] of gold, besides the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple **clothing** **that** was on the kings of Midian, and besides the **chains** **that** were about **their** camels' necks.

27 Gideon made an **ephod** of it, and put it in his **city**, **even** in **Ophrah**: and **all** **I**srael played the prostitute **after** it **there**; and it became a snare to Gideon, and to his **house**.

28 So Midian was subdued before the **children** of **I**srael, and **they** lifted up **their** heads no more. The land had rest **fo**rty **year**s in the **day**s of Gideon.

29 Jerubbaal the **son** of **Joash** went and lived in his **own** **house**.

30 Gideon had seventy **sons** **con**ceived from his body; for he had many **wive**s.

31 His concubine **wh**o was in **Shechem**, she **also** bore him a **son**, and he named him Abimelech.

32 Gideon the **son** of **Joash** died in a good old **ag**e, and was buried in the **tom**b of **Joash** his **f**ather, in **Ophrah** of the Abiezrites.

33 It happened, as **so**on as Gideon was dead, **that** the **children** of **I**srael turned **ag**ain, and played the prostitute **after** the Baals, and made Baal-berith **their** god.

34 The **children** of **I**srael didn't remember YAHWEH **their** Elohim, **wh**o had delivered **them** **o**ut of the hand of **all** **their** **enemie**s on every **side**;

35 **neither** **shown** **they** kindness to the **house** of Jerubbaal, [**wh**o is] Gideon, according to **all** the goodness **wh**ich he had **shown** to **I**srael.

Judges 9

1 Abimelech the **son** of Jerubbaal went to **Shechem**, to his **mo**ther's **bro**thers, and spoke **with** **them**, and **with** **all** the family of the **house** of his **mo**ther's **f**ather, **saying**,

2 Please speak in the **ear**s of **all** the men of **Shechem**, , **Wh**ether is better for you, **that** **all** the **sons** of Jerubbaal, **wh**o are seventy **p**ersons, **rule** **o**ver you, or **that** one **rule** **o**ver you? Remember **also** **that** I am your **bone** and your **flesh**.

3 His **móther's** **bróther's** **spoke** of him in the **ear's** of **á**ll the men of **Shechem**, **á**ll **thes**e **wó**rds: and **the**ir **he**árts inclined to follow Abimelech; for **the**y said, **He** is **o**ur **bró**ther.

4 They **gave** him seventy [**pieçes**] of silver **o**ut of the **hou**se of Baal-berith, **with** **wh**ich Abimelech **h**ired **vain** and **light** **fello**w's, **wh**o **follow**ed him.

5 He went to his **fá**ther's **hou**se at **Ophrah** , and killed his **bró**ther's the **son**s of Jerubbaal, **be**ing seventy **p**erson's, on one **stone**: but Jotham the youngest **son** of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 **á**ll the men of **Shechem**, assembled **the**mselfe's **to**gether, and **á**ll the **hou**se of Millo, and went and **made** Abimelech king, **by** the **oak** of the pillar **that** was in **Shechem**, .

7 **When** **the**y **told** it to Jotham, he went and **stó**od on the top of **Mount** Gerizim, and lifted up his **voic**e, and **cri**ed, and said to **the**m, Listen to me, you men of **Shechem**, , **that** **Elohim** may listen to you.

8 The **tree**s went **fó**rth on a **ti**me to anoint a king **o**ver **the**m; and **the**y said to the olive **tree**, Reign you **o**ver us.

9 But the olive **tree** said to **the**m, **Shó**uld I **le**ave **my** fatness, **with** **wh**ich **by** me **the**y honor **Elohim** and man, and **go** to **wave** back and **fó**rth **o**ver the **tree**s?

10 The **tree**s said to the fig **tree**, **Có**me you, and reign **o**ver us.

11 But the fig **tree** said to **the**m, **Shó**uld I **le**ave **my** sweetness, and **my** **gó**od fruit, and **go** to **wave** back and **fó**rth **o**ver the **tree**s?

12 The **tree**s said to the **vine**, **Có**me you, and reign **o**ver us.

13 The **vine** said to **the**m, **Shó**uld I **le**ave **my** new **wine**, **wh**ich **che**er's **Elohim** and man, and **go** to **wave** back and **fó**rth **o**ver the **tree**s?

14 **Then** said **á**ll the **tree**s to the **bramble**, **Có**me you, and reign **o**ver us.

15 The **bramble** said to the **tree**s, If in **truth** you anoint me king **o**ver you, **the**n **có**me and **take** **refu**ge in **my** **sh**ade; and if not, let **fi**re **có**me **o**ut of the **bramble**, and **de**vour the **çedar**s of Lebanon.

16 **N**ow **the**refóre, if you have dealt **truly** and **right**eously, in **that** you have **made** Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well **with** Jerubbaal and his **hou**se, and have **dó**ne to him **accó**rding to the **des**erving of his **hand**s

17 (for **my** **fá**ther **fó**ught for you, and **adventu**red his **life**, and delivered you **o**ut of the hand of Midian:

18 and you are riſen up againſt my fäther'ſ houſe thiſ day, and have ſlain hiſ ſonſ, ſeventy pèrſonſ, on one ſtone, and have made Abimelech, the ſon of hiſ maid-ſèrvant, king over the men of Shechem, , becauſe he iſ yòur bróther);

19 if you then have dealt truly and righteouſly with Jerubbaal and with hiſ houſe thiſ day, then rejoicè you in Abimelech, and let him äſo rejoicè in you:

20 but if not, let fire còme out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, , and the houſe of Millo; and let fire còme out from the men of Shechem, , and from the houſe of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

21 Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and lived there, for fear of Abimelech hiſ bróther.

22 Abimelech waſ prince over Iſrael three yearſ.

23 Elohim ſent an evil ſpirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem, ; and the men of Shechem, dealt treacherouſly with Abimelech:

24 that the violençe done to the ſeventy ſonſ of Jerubbaal might còme, and that their blood might be laid on Abimelech their bróther, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, , who ſtrengthened hiſ handſ to kill hiſ brótherſ.

25 The men of Shechem, ſet liers-in-wait for hiſ on the topſ of the mountainſ, and they robbed äll who came along that way by them: and it waſ told Abimelech.

26 Gaal the ſon of Ebed came with hiſ brótherſ, and went over to Shechem, ; and the men of Shechem, püt their truſt in hiſ.

27 They went out into the field, and gathered their vineyardſ, and trod [the grapeſ], and held feſtival, and went into the houſe of their god, and did eat and drink, and cürſed Abimelech.

28 Gaal the ſon of Ebed ſaid, who iſ Abimelech, and who iſ Shechem, , that we ſhouìd ſèrve hiſ? Iſn't he the ſon of Jerubbaal? and Zebul hiſ officer? ſèrve you the men of Hamor the fäther of Shechem, : but why ſhouìd we ſèrve hiſ?

29 Wouìd that thiſ people were under my hand! then wouìd I remove Abimelech. He ſaid to Abimelech, Increaſe yòur ärmey, and còme out.

30 When Zebul the ruler of the çity heard the wòrdſ of Gaal the ſon of Ebed, hiſ anger waſ kindled.

31 He ſent meſſengerſ to Abimelech craftily, ſaying, Behold, Gaal the ſon of Ebed and hiſ brótherſ are còme to Shechem, ; and, behold, they cònſtrain the çity [to take pärt] againſt you.

32 Now **therefôre**, up **by night**, you and the **people who** are **with** you, and **lie** in **wait** in the **field**:

33 and it **shall** be, **that** in the **môrning**, as **soon** as the sun is up, you **shall rise** **early**, and **rush** on the **çity**; and, behold, *when* he and the **people who** are **with** him **come** **out** against you, **then may** you **do** to **them** as you **shall find** **ocçasion**.

34 Abimelech **roşe** up, and **âll** the **people who** were **with** him, **by night**, and **they laid** **wait** against **Shechem**, in **fôur** **çompanies**.

35 Gaal the **son** of Ebed went **out**, and **stôod** in the **entrançe** of the **gate** of the **çity**: and Abimelech **roşe** up, and the **people who** were **with** him, from the **ambush**.

36 *When* Gaal **sâw** the **people**, he said to Zebul, Behold, **there come** **people** **down** from the tops of the **mouñtainş**. Zebul said to him, *You see* the **shadow** of the **mouñtainş** as if **they** were men.

37 Gaal **spoke** again and said, Behold, **there come** **people** **down** **by** the middle of the land, and one **çompany** **comes** **by** the **way** of the **oak** of Meonenim.

38 **Then** said Zebul to him, *Where* is now **yôur** **mouñth**, **that** you said, **who** is Abimelech, **that we** **shouïd** **sêrve** him? is not **this** the **people** **that** you have **despişed**? **go** **out** now, I **pray**, and **fight** **with** **them**.

39 Gaal went **out** befôre the men of **Shechem**, , and **fôught** **with** Abimelech.

40 Abimelech **chased** him, and he fled befôre him, and **there** fell many **wounded**, **even** to the **entrançe** of the **gate**.

41 Abimelech lived at Arumah: and Zebul **drove** **out** Gaal and his **brothers**, **that** **they shouïd** not dwell in **Shechem**, .

42 It happened on the next **day**, **that** the **people** went **out** into the **field**; and **they told** Abimelech.

43 He **tôok** the **people**, and **divided** **them** into **three** **çompanies**, and **laid** **wait** in the **field**; and he **lôoked**, and, behold, the **people** **came** **fôrth** **out** of the **çity**; He **roşe** up against **them**, and struck **them**.

44 Abimelech, and the **çompanies** **that** were **with** him, **rushed** **fôrward**, and **stôod** in the **entrançe** of the **gate** of the **çity**: and the **two** **çompanies** **rushed** on **âll** **who** were in the **field**, and struck **them**.

45 Abimelech **fôught** against the **çity** **âll** **that** **day**; and he **tôok** the **çity**, and killed the **people** **who** were **therein**: and he **beat** **down** the **çity**, and **sowed** it **with** **sâlt**.

46 When **á**ll the men of the **t**ower of **S**hechem, **h**éard of it, **th**ey entered into the stronghold of the **h**ouse of Elberith.

47 It was **t**old Abimelech **th**at **á**ll the men of the **t**ower of **S**hechem, were **g**athered together.

48 Abimelech got him up to **M**ount Zalmon, he and **á**ll the **p**eople **wh**o were **w**ith him; and Abimelech **t**ook an ax in his hand, and cut **d**own a **b**ough from the **t**rees, and **t**ook it up, and **l**aid it on his **s**houlder: and he said to the **p**eople **wh**o were **w**ith him, **Wh**at you have **s**een me **d**o, **m**ake **h**aste, and **d**o as I have **d**one.

49 All the **p**eople **l**ikewi**s**e cut **d**own every man his **b**ough, and **f**ollowed Abimelech, and **p**ut **th**em to the stronghold, and set the stronghold on **f**ire on **th**em; so **th**at **á**ll the men of the **t**ower of **S**hechem, **d**ied **á**lso, **a**bout a **t**housand men and women.

50 **Th**en went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped **a**gainst Thebez, and **t**ook it.

51 But **th**ere was a strong **t**ower **w**ithin the **ç**ity, and **th**ere fled **á**ll the men and women, and **á**ll **th**ey of the **ç**ity, and **sh**ut **th**emselv**e**s in, and got **th**em up to the **r**oof of the **t**ower.

52 Abimelech **c**ame to the **t**ower, and **f**ought **a**gainst it, and drew **n**ear to the **d**oor of the **t**ower to **b**urn it with **f**ire.

53 A **ç**ertain **w**oman **c**ast an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, and **b**roke his skull.

54 **Th**en he **c**alled **h**astily to the young man his **ä**rmor bearer, and said to him, **Dr**aw **y**our **sw**ord, and kill me, **th**at men not **s**ay of me, A **w**oman killed him. His young man **th**rusted him **th**rough, and he **d**ied.

55 **Wh**en the men of **I**srael **s**aw **th**at Abimelech was dead, **th**ey **d**epart**e**d every man to his **pl**açe.

56 **Th**us Elohim requited the wickedness of Abimelech, **wh**ich he did to his **f**äther, in killing his seventy **br**other**s**;

57 and **á**ll the wickedness of the men of **S**hechem, did Elohim **r**equite on **th**eir head**s**: and on **th**em **c**ame the **c**urse of Jotham the **s**on of Jerubbaal.

Judges 10

1 After Abimelech **th**ere **a**ro**s**e to **s**ave **I**srael Tola the **s**on of Puah, the **s**on of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he lived in Shamir in the hill-country of **E**phraim.

2 He **j**udg**e**d **I**srael twenty-**th**ree **y**ear**s**, and **d**ied, and was buried in **S**hamir.

3 After him **a**ro**s**e Jair, the Gileadite; and he **j**udg**e**d **I**srael twenty-**tw**o **y**ear**s**.

4 He had **thirty sons** **who** rode on **thirty** donkey colts, and **they** had **thirty cities**, **which** are called Havvo**th-jair** to **this day**, **which** are in the land of Gilead.

5 Jair **died**, and was buried in Kamon.

6 The **children** of **Išrael** again did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, and **served** the Baal**s**, and the **Ashtaroth**, and the god**s** of Syria, and the god**s** of Sidon, and the god**s** of **Moab**, and the god**s** of the **children** of Ammon, and the god**s** of the **Philistines**; and **they** forso**ok** YAHWEH, and didn't **serve** him.

7 The anger of YAHWEH was kindled **against** **Išrael**, and he **sold** **them** into the hand of the **Philistines**, and into the hand of the **children** of Ammon.

8 **They** vexed and oppressed the **children** of **Išrael** **that year**: **eighteen years** [oppressed **they**] **all** the **children** of **Išrael** **that** were beyond the **Jordan** in the land of the Amorites, **which** is in Gilead.

9 The **children** of Ammon **passed** over the **Jordan** to **fight** **also** **against** Judah, and **against** Benjamin, and **against** the **house** of Ephraim; so **that** **Išrael** was **so**re distressed.

10 The **children** of **Išrael** cried to YAHWEH, **saying**, **We** have sinned **against** you, **even** because **we** have forsaken **our** Elohim, and have **served** the Baal**s**.

11 YAHWEH said to the **children** of **Išrael**, Didn't I **save** you from the **Egyptians**, and from the Amorites, from the **children** of Ammon, and from the **Philistines**?

12 The Sidonians **also**, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and you **cried** to me, and I **saved** you **out** of **their** hand.

13 Yet you have forsaken me, and **served** **other** god**s**: **therefore** I will **save** you no **more**.

14 **Go** and **cry** to the god**s** **which** you have **chosen**; let **them** **save** you in the **time** of **your** distress.

15 The **children** of **Išrael** said to YAHWEH, **We** have sinned: **do** you to us **whatever** **seems** **good** to you; **only** deliver us, **we** **pray** you, **this** **day**.

16 **They** **put** away the foreign god**s** from among **them**, and **served** YAHWEH; and his **soul** was **grieved** for the **misery** of **Išrael**.

17 **Then** the **children** of Ammon were **gathered** together, and encamped in Gilead. The **children** of **Išrael** assembled **themselves** together, and encamped in Mizpah.

18 The **people**, the **princes** of Gilead, said one to another, **What** man is he **who** will begin to **fight** **against** the **children** of Ammon? he **shall** be head **over** **all** the inhabitants of Gilead.

Judges 11

1 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a prostitute: and Gilead became the father of Jephthah.

2 Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said to him, You shall not inherit in our father's house; for you are the son of another woman.

3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers, and lived in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out with him.

4 It happened after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 It was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah out of the land of Tob;

6 and they said to Jephthah, Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Didn't you hate me, and drive me out of my father's house? and why are you come to me now when you are in distress?

8 The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, Therefore are we turned again to you now, that you may go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon; and you shall be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you bring me home again to fight with the children of Ammon, and YAHWEH deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

10 The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, YAHWEH shall be witness between us; surely according to your word so will we do.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them: and Jephthah spoke all his words before YAHWEH in Mizpah.

12 Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you are come to me to fight against my land?

13 The king of the children of Ammon answered to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan: now therefore restore those [lands] again peaceably.

14 Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the children of Ammon;

15 and he said to him, **Thus** says **Jephthah**: **Išrael** didn't **take** away the land of **Moab**, **nōr** the land of the **children** of **Ammon**,

16 but **when** **they** **came** up from **Egypt**, and **Išrael** went **through** the wilderness to the **Red Sea**, and **came** to **Kadesh**;

17 **then** **Išrael** sent **messengerš** to the king of **Edom**, **saying**, **Please** let me **päss** **through** **yōur** land; but the king of **Edom** didn't **listen**. In the **same** **way**, he sent to the king of **Moab**; but he **wōuld** not: and **Išrael** **abode** in **Kadesh**.

18 **Then** **they** went **through** the wilderness, and went **around** the land of **Edom**, and the land of **Moab**, and **came** **by** the **east** **side** of the land of **Moab**, and **they** encamp**ed** on the **ōther** **side** of the **Arnon**; but **they** didn't **cōme** **within** the **bōrder** of **Moab**, for the **Arnon** was the **bōrder** of **Moab**.

19 **Išrael** sent **messengerš** to **Sihon** king of the **Amorites**, the king of **Heshbon**; and **Išrael** said to him, Let us **päss**, **we** **pray** you, **through** **yōur** land to **my** **placē**.

20 But **Sihon** didn't trust **Išrael** to **päss** **through** his **bōrder**; but **Sihon** **gathered** **āll** his **people** **together**, and encamp**ed** in **Jahaz**, and **fōught** against **Išrael**.

21 **YAHWEH**, the **Elohim** of **Išrael**, **delivered** **Sihon** and **āll** his **people** into the hand of **Išrael**, and **they** struck **them**: so **Išrael** **posšessed** **āll** the land of the **Amorites**, the inhabitants of **that** **country**.

22 **They** **posšessed** **āll** the **bōrder** of the **Amorites**, from the **Arnon** **even** to the **Jabbok**, and from the wilderness **even** to the **Jōrdan**.

23 So **nōw** **YAHWEH**, the **Elohim** of **Išrael**, **haš** **disposšessed** the **Amorites** from **befōre** his **people** **Išrael**, and **shōuld** you **posšess** **them**?

24 **Wōn't** you **posšess** **that** **which** **Chemosh** **yōur** god **giveš** you to **posšess**? So **whōever** **YAHWEH** **ōur** **Elohim** **haš** **disposšessed** from **befōre** us, **them** will **we** **posšess**.

25 **Nōw** are you any**th**ing better **th**an **Balak** the **sōn** of **Zippor**, king of **Moab**? did he ever **strive** **against** **Išrael**, or did he ever **fight** **against** **them**?

26 **While** **Išrael** **lived** in **Heshbon** and its **townš**, and in **Aroer** and its **townš**, and in **āll** the **ci**ti**es** **th**at are along **by** the **side** of the **Arnon**, **th**re**e** hundred **yearš**; **wh**y**** didn't you **re**c**over** **them** **with**i**n** **th**at**** **time**?

27 I **th**er**efōre** have not sinned **against** you, but you **de** me **wrong** to **w**ā**r** **against** me: **YAHWEH**, the **Jud**g**e**, be **jud**g**e** **th**i**s** **day** **between** the **children** of **Išrael** and the **children** of **Ammon**.

28 However the king of the **children** of Ammon didn't listen to the **words** of Jephthah *which* he sent him.

29 Then the Spirit of YAHWEH **came** on Jephthah, and he **passed over** Gilead and Manasseh, and **passed over** Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he **passed over** to the **children** of Ammon.

30 Jephthah **vowed** a **vow** to YAHWEH, and said, If you will **indeed** deliver the **children** of Ammon into **my** hand,

31 **then** it **shall** be, **that** *whatever* **comes forth** from the **doors** of **my** house to **meet** me, *when* I **return** in **peace** from the **children** of Ammon, it **shall** be Yähwē's, and I will offer it up for a **burnt** offering.

32 So Jephthah **passed over** to the **children** of Ammon to **fight** against **them**; and YAHWEH **delivered** **them** into his hand.

33 He struck **them** from Aroer until you **come** to Minnith, **even** twenty **cities**, and to Abelcheramim, **with** a very **great** **slaughter**. So the **children** of Ammon were **subdued** **before** the **children** of **Israel**.

34 Jephthah **came** to Mizpah to his **house**; and, **behold**, his **daughter** **came** **out** to **meet** him **with** tambourines and **with** **dances**; and she was his **only** **child**; **besides** her he had **neither** **son** **nor** **daughter**.

35 It happened, *when* he **saw** her, **that** he **tore** his **clothes**, and said, Alas, my **daughter**! you have **brought** me very **low**, and you are one of **those** **who** trouble me; for I have **opened** **my** **mouth** to YAHWEH, and I **can't** **go** back.

36 She said to him, **My** **father**, you have **opened** **your** **mouth** to YAHWEH; **do** to me **according** to **that** *which* has **proceeded** **out** of **your** **mouth**, **because** YAHWEH has **taken** **vengeance** for you on **your** **enemies**, **even** on the **children** of Ammon.

37 She said to her **father**, Let **this** **thing** be **done** for me: let me **alone** **two** **months**, **that** I **may** **depart** and **go** **down** on the **mountains**, and **bewail** **my** **virginity**, I and **my** **companions**.

38 He said, **Go**. He sent her **away** for **two** **months**: and she **departed**, she and her **companions**, and **mourned** her **virginity** on the **mountains**.

39 It happened at the end of **two** **months**, **that** she **returned** to her **father**, **who** did **with** her **according** to his **vow** *which* he had **vowed**: and she was a **virgin**. It was a **custom** in **Israel**,

40 that the **daughters** of **Israel** went yearly to **celebrate** the **daughter** of Jephthah the Gileadite **four** **days** in a **year**.

Judges 12

1 The men of Ephraim were gathered together, and passed northward; and they said to Jephthah, Why did you pass over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didn't call us to go with you? we will burn your house on you with fire.

2 Jephthah said to them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, you didn't save me out of their hand.

3 When I saw that you didn't save me, I put my life in my hand, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and YAHWEH delivered them into my hand: why then are you come up to me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim, [and] in the midst of Manasseh.

5 The Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. It was so, that when [any of] the fugitives of Ephraim said, Let me go over, the men of Gilead said to him, Are you an Ephraimite? If he said, No;

6 then said they to him, Say now Shibboleth; and he said Shibboleth; for he couldn't manage to pronounce it right: then they laid hold on him, and killed him at the fords of the Jordan. There fell at that time of Ephraim forty-two thousand.

7 Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in [one of] the cities of Gilead.

8 After him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel.

9 He had thirty sons; and thirty daughters he sent abroad, and thirty daughters he brought in from abroad for his sons. He judged Israel seven years.

10 Ibzan died, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.

12 Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

13 After him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel.

14 He had forty sons and thirty sons' sons, who rode on seventy donkey colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill-country of the Amalekites.

Judges 13

1 The **children** of **Išrael** again did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH; and YAHWEH delivered **them** into the hand of the **Philistines** **fórtý** **years**.

2 **There** was a **cêrtain** man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, **whesè** **name** was Manoah; and his **wifè** was barren, and didn't bear.

3 The **angel** of YAHWEH **appeared** to the **wòman**, and said to her, **See now**, you are barren, and **don't** bear; but you **shall cónceive**, and bear a **sòn**.

4 **Now** **therefóre** **pleasè** **beware** and drink no **wine** **nór** strong drink, and **don't** **eat** any **unclean thín**g:

5 for, **behold**, you **shall cónceive**, and bear a **sòn**; and no **razor** **shall còme** on his head; for the **child** **shall** be a Nazirite to Elohim from the **womb**: and he **shall** begin to **save** **Išrael** **òut** of the hand of the **Philistines**.

6 **Then** the **wòman** **came** and **told** her **husband**, **saying**, A man of Elohim **came** to me, and his **face** was **like** the **face** of the **angel** of Elohim, very **àwesòme**; and I didn't **àsk** him **whence** he was, **neither** did he tell me his **name**:

7 but he said to me, **Behold**, you **shall cónceive**, and bear a **sòn**; and **now** drink no **wine** **nór** strong drink, and **eat** not any **unclean thín**g; for the **child** **shall** be a Nazirite to Elohim from the **womb** to the **day** of his **death**.

8 **Then** Manoah **entreated** YAHWEH, and said, **Oh**, **Lòrd**, **pleasè** let the man of Elohim **whom** you did send **còme** again to us, and **teach** us **whàt** **we shall dè** to the **child** **whò** **shall** be **bòrn**.

9 Elohim **listened** to the **voicè** of Manoah; and the **angel** of Elohim **came** again to the **wòman** as she sat in the **field**: but Manoah, her **husband**, **wasn't** **with** her.

10 The **wòman** **made** **haste**, and ran, and **told** her **husband**, and said to him, **Behold**, the man **has** **appeared** to me, **whò** **came** to me the [**òther**] **day**.

11 Manoah **aròsè**, and went **àfter** his **wifè**, and **came** to the man, and said to him, Are you the man **whò** **spoke** to the **wòman**? **He** said, I am.

12 Manoah said, **Now** let **yòur wòrd**s happen: **whàt** **shall** be the **òrdering** of the **child**, and [**hòw**] **shall** **we dè** to him?

13 The **angel** of YAHWEH said to Manoah, Of **àll** **that** I said to the **wòman** let her **beware**.

14 She **may** not **eat** of any **thín**g **thàt** **còmes** of the **vine**, **neither** let her drink **wine** or strong drink, **nór** **eat** any **unclean thín**g; **àll** **that** I commanded her let her **òbsèrve**.

15 Manoah said to the **angel** of YAHWEH, I **pray** you, let us **detain** you, **that we may make** ready a kid for you.

16 The **angel** of YAHWEH said to Manoah, **Though** you **detain** me, I **won't eat** of **yôur** bread; and if you will **make** ready a **bûrnt** offering, you must offer it to YAHWEH. **Fôr** Manoah didn't **know that** he was the **angel** of YAHWEH.

17 Manoah said to the **angel** of YAHWEH, **What** is **yôur name**, **that when yôur wôrds** happen, **we may honor** you?

18 The **angel** of YAHWEH said to him, **Why de** you **äsk äfter my name**, **seeing** it is **wonderfûl**?

19 So Manoah **tôok** the kid **with** the **meal-offering**, and offered it on the rock to YAHWEH: and [the **angel**] did **wôndrously**, and Manoah and his **wife lóoked** on.

20 For it happened, **when** the **flame** went up **towârd** the **sky** from off the **altar**, **that** the **angel** of YAHWEH **ascended** in the **flame** of the **altar**: and Manoah and his **wife lóoked** on; and **they** fell on **their faces** to the **ground**.

21 But the **angel** of YAHWEH did no **môre appear** to Manoah or to his **wife**. **Then** Manoah **knew that** he was the **angel** of YAHWEH.

22 Manoah said to his **wife**, **We shall surely die**, **becäuse we** have **seen** Elohim.

23 But his **wife** said to him, If YAHWEH were **pleasèd** to kill us, he **wôudn't** have **receivèd** a **bûrnt** offering and a **meal-offering** at **our** hand, **neither wôud** he have **shown** us **äll thesè things**, **nôr wôud** at **this time** have **told such things** as **thesè**.

24 The **wôman bôre** a **sôn**, and **named** him Samson: and the **child** grew, and YAHWEH **blessèd** him.

25 The Spirit of YAHWEH began to **move** him in Mahaneh-dan, **between** Zorah and Eshtaol.

Judges 14

1 Samson went **down** to Timnah, and **säw** a **wôman** in Timnah of the **däughters** of the **Philistines**.

2 He **came** up, and **told** his **fäther** and his **móther**, and said, I have **seen** a **wôman** in Timnah of the **däughters** of the **Philistines**: **now therêfôre** get her for me as **wife**.

3 **Then** his **fäther** and his **móther** said to him, Is **there** never a **wôman** among the **däughters** of **yôur brothers**, or among **äll my people**, **that you go** to **take** a **wife** of the **uncircumcised Philistines**? Samson said to his **fäther**, Get her for me; for she **pleases** me well.

4 But his **fäther** and his **móther** didn't *know* **that** it was of YAHWEH; for he *sóught* an **ocasión** **against** the **Philistines**. **Now** at **that time** the **Philistines** had **rule over** **Işrael**.

5 **Then** went Samson **down**, and his **fäther** and his **móther**, to Timnah, and **came** to the viney**ärds** of Timnah: and, **behold**, a young **lión** **róared** **against** him.

6 The Spirit of YAHWEH **came** *mightily* on him, and he **tóre** him as he *would* have **törn** a kid; and he had **nóthing** in his hand: but he didn't tell his **fäther** or his **móther** *what* he had **dóne**.

7 He went **down**, and **táked** **with** the **wóman**, and she **pleşed** Samson well.

8 After a *while* he **retúrned** to **take** her; and he **túrned** **aside** to **see** the **cärcass** of the **lión**: and, **behold**, **there** was a sw**á**rm of **bees** in the body of the **lión**, and **hóney**.

9 He **tóok** it into his hand**s**, and went on, **eating** as he went; and he **came** to his **fäther** and **móther**, and **gave** to **them**, and **they** **ate**: but he didn't tell **them** **that** he had **taken** the **hóney** **out** of the body of the **lión**.

10 His **fäther** went **down** to the **wóman**: and Samson **made** **there** a **feast**; for so **used** the young men to **do**.

11 It **happened**, *when* **they** **sáw** him, **that** **they** **bróught** **thirty** **companion**s**** to be **with** him.

12 Samson said to **them**, Let me **now** **pút** **fórt**h**** a riddle to you: if you can **decla**re it to me **with**in the seven **day**s**** of the **feast**, and **find** it **out**, **then** I will give you **thirty** linen **gä**rments and **thirty** **change**s**** of **cloth**ing;

13 but if you **cä**n't **decla**re it to me, **then** **shall** you give me **thirty** linen **gä**rments and **thirty** **change**s**** of **cloth**ing. **They** said to him, **Pút** **fórt**h**** **yóur** riddle, **that** we may **hear** it.

14 He said to **them**, **out** of the **eater** **came** **fórt**h**** **feed**, **out** of the strong **came** **fórt**h**** **sweetness**. **They** **cou**ldn't in **three** **day**s**** **decla**re the riddle.

15 It **happened** on the seventh **day**, **that** **they** said to Samson's **wife**, **Enti**çe **yóur** hu**ş**band, **that** he may **decla**re to us the riddle, lest we **bû**rn you and **yóur** **fäther**'**s** **hou**se **with** **fire**: have you **cá**ll**ed** us to **impoverish** us? is it not [so]?

16 Samson'**s** **wife** wept **befó**re him, and said, **You** **de** but **hate** me, and **don**'t **love** me: you have **pút** **fórt**h**** a riddle to the **child**ren of **my** **pe**ople, and haven't **told** it me. He said to her, **Behold**, I haven't **told** it **my** **fäther** **nó**r **my** **móther**, and **shall** I tell you?

17 She wept bef^ore him the seven days, while their feast l^asted: and it happened on the seventh day, that he told her, beca^use she pressed him s^ore; and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

18 The men of the city said to him on the seventh day bef^ore the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? He said to them, If you hadn't plowed with my heifer, You w^ouldn't have found out my riddle.

19 The Spirit of YAHWEH came mightily on him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and struck thirty men of them, and t^ook their spoil, and gave the changes [of clothing] to those who declared the riddle. His anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was [given] to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

Judges 15

1 But it happened after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father w^ouldn't allow him to go in.

2 Her father said, I most assuredly th^ought that you had utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion: isn't her younger sister more beautiful than she? Please take her, instead.

3 Samson said to them, This time shall I be blameless in regard of the Philistines, when I do them a mischief.

4 Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between every two tails.

5 When he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and the standing grain, and also the olive groves.

6 Then the Philistines said, Who has done this? They said, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife, and given her to his companion. The Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 Samson said to them, If you do after this manner, surely I will be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

8 He struck them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and lived in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9 Then the Philistines went up, and encamped in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.

10 The men of **Judah** said, **Why** are you **come** up against us? **They** said, To **bind** Samson are **we** **come** up, to **do** to him as he **has done** to us.

11 **Then three thousand** men of **Judah** went **down** to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "**Don't** you **know that** the **Philistines** are **rulers** over us? **What then** is **this that** you have **done** to us?" He said to **them**, As **they** did to me, so have I **done** to **them**.

12 **They** said to him, **We** have **come down** to **bind** you, **that we** may deliver you into the hand of the **Philistines**. Samson said to **them**, Swear to me **that** you will not **fall** on me **yourselves**.

13 **They** **spoke** to him, **saying**, No; but **we** will **bind** you **fast**, and deliver you into **their** hand: but **surely we** will not kill you. **They** **bound** him with **two** new **ropes**, and **brought** him up from the rock.

14 **When** he **came** to Lehi, the **Philistines** **shouted** as **they** met him: and the Spirit of YAHWEH **came mightily** on him, and the **ropes that** were on his **arms** became as flax **that** was **burnt with fire**, and his **bands** **dropped** from off his **hands**.

15 He **found** a **fresh** jawbone of a donkey, and **put forth** his hand, and **took** it, and struck a **thousand** men **therewith**.

16 Samson said, **With** the jawbone of a donkey, **heaps** on **heaps**, **With** the **jawbone** of a donkey I have struck a **thousand** men.

17 It happened, **when** he had **made** an end of **speaking**, **that** he **cast** away the **jawbone** out of his hand; and **that place** was **called** Ramath-lehi.

18 He was very **thirsty**, and **called** on YAHWEH, and said, **You** have given **this** great deliverance **by** the hand of **your** **servant**; and **now** shall I **die** for **thirst**, and **fall** into the hand of the un**circumcised**.

19 But Elohim split the **hollow place** **that** is in Lehi, and **water** **came** out of it. **When** he had drunk, his spirit **came** again, and he **revived**: **therefore** the **name** of it was **called** En-hakkore, **which** is in Lehi, to **this** day.

20 He **judged** **Israel** in the **days** of the **Philistines** twenty **years**.

Judges 16

1 Samson went to G^aza, and **saw** **there** a prostitute, and went in to her.

2 [It was **told**] the Gazites, **saying**, Samson is **come** **here**. **They** compassed him in, and **laid** wait for him **all** **night** in the **gate** of the **city**, and were **quiet** **all** the **night**, **saying**, [Let be] until **morning** **light**, **then** **we** will kill him.

3 Samson lay until midn~~igh~~t, and aro~~s~~e at midn~~igh~~t, and laid hold of the d~~o~~r~~s~~ of the gate of the c~~it~~y, and the tw~~o~~ posts, and plucke~~d~~ them up, b~~ar~~ and ~~al~~l, and put them on his ~~sh~~oulder~~s~~, and carried them up to the top of the m~~ou~~ntain that is bef~~o~~re Hebron.

4 It ca~~m~~e to p~~as~~s afterward, that he lov~~e~~d a w~~o~~man in the valley of Sorek, wh~~o~~s~~e~~ name was Delilah.

5 The l~~o~~r~~d~~s of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, Entic~~e~~ him, and see in wh~~ic~~h his great strength li~~e~~s, and by wh~~at~~ me~~an~~s we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will e~~ac~~h give you of us eleven hundred [piec~~e~~s] of silver.

6 Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, Ple~~a~~s~~e~~, in wh~~ic~~h y~~o~~ur great strength li~~e~~s, and with wh~~ic~~h you mi~~gh~~t be b~~o~~und to afflict you.

7 Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven green c~~o~~rds that were never dried, then shall I bec~~o~~me weak, and be as an~~o~~ther man.

8 Then the l~~o~~r~~d~~s of the Philistines bro~~u~~ght up to her seven green c~~o~~rds wh~~ic~~h had not been dried, and she b~~o~~und him with them.

9 Now she had liers-in-wait abiding in the inner chamber. She said to him, The Philistines are on you, Samson. He bro~~k~~e the c~~o~~rds, as a string of tow is broken when it touc~~h~~e~~s~~ the fire. So his strength was not known.

10 Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have mocke~~d~~ me, and told me lie~~s~~: now tell me, Ple~~a~~s~~e~~, with wh~~ic~~h you mi~~gh~~t be b~~o~~und.

11 He said to her, If they only bind me with new rop~~e~~s with wh~~ic~~h no w~~o~~rk has been done, then shall I bec~~o~~me weak, and be as an~~o~~ther man.

12 So Delilah too~~k~~ new rop~~e~~s, and b~~o~~und him therewith, and said to him, The Philistines are on you, Samson. The liers-in-wait were abiding in the inner chamber. He bro~~k~~e them off his ~~ar~~m~~s~~ like a th~~re~~ad.

13 Delilah said to Samson, Hithert~~e~~ you have mocke~~d~~ me, and told me lie~~s~~: tell me with wh~~ic~~h you mi~~gh~~t be b~~o~~und. He said to her, If you we~~av~~e the seven locks of my head with the web.

14 She f~~as~~tened it with the pin, and said to him, The Philistines are on you, Samson. He awa~~k~~ened out of his sleep, and plucke~~d~~ away the pin of the beam, and the web.

15 She said to him, How can you say, I lov~~e~~ you, when y~~o~~ur he~~ar~~t is not with me? you have mocke~~d~~ me the~~se~~ three time~~s~~, and have not told me in wh~~ic~~h y~~o~~ur great strength li~~e~~s.

16 It happened, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, that his soul was vexed to death.

17 He told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come on my head; for I have been a Nazirite to Elohim from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will go from me, and I will become weak, and be like any other man."

18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he has told me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hand.

19 She made him sleep on her knees; and she called for a man, and shaved off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 She said, The Philistines are on you, Samson. He awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free. But he didn't know that YAHWEH had departed from him.

21 The Philistines laid hold on him, and put out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gāza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison-house.

22 However the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaved.

23 The lords of the Philistines gathered them together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said, our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, our god has delivered into our hand our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, who has slain many of us.

25 It happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. They called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made sport before them. They set him between the pillars:

26 and Samson said to the boy who held him by the hand, Allow me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house rests, that I may lean on them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were on the roof about three thousand men and women, who saw while Samson made sport.

28 Samson called to YAHWEH, and said, Lord YAHWEH, remember me, Please, and strengthen me, Please, only this once, Elohim, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 Samson **t**ook hold of the **tw**e middle pillar**s** on **wh**ich the **h**ouse rested, and **l**eaned on **th**em, the one with his **r**ight hand, and the **o**ther with his left.

30 Samson said, Let me **d**ie with the **Ph**ilistine**s**. He **b**owed himself with **a**ll his **m**ight; and the **h**ouse fell on the **l**ord**s**, and on **a**ll the **p**eople **wh**o were **th**erein. So the dead **th**at he killed at his **d**eath were **m**ore **th**an **tho**s**e** **wh**o he killed in his **l**ife.

31 **T**hen his **br**other**s** and **a**ll the **h**ouse of his **f**ather **c**ame **d**own, and **t**ook him, and **b**rought him up, and **b**uried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying-**pl**ac**e** of Manoah his **f**ather. He **j**udg**e**d **I**sra**e**l twenty **y**ear**s**.

Judges 17

1 **T**here was a man of the hill-country of **Eph**raim, **wh**o**s**e **n**ame was Micah.

2 He said to his **m**other, The eleven hundred [**pie**ce**s**] of silver **th**at were **t**aken from you, **a**bout **wh**ich you did utter a **c**u**r**se, and did **a**lso **s**peak it in **m**y **e**ar**s**, behold, the silver is **w**ith me; I **t**ook it. His **m**other said, **B**less**e**d be **m**y **s**on of YAHWEH.

3 He **r**est**o**red the eleven hundred [**pie**ce**s**] of silver to his **m**other; and his **m**other said, I **m**ost **a**ssu**r**edly **d**edicat**e** the silver to YAHWEH from **m**y **h**and for **m**y **s**on, to **m**ak**e** an engrav**e**d imag**e** and a mol**t**en imag**e**: **n**ow **th**er**e**f**o**re I will **r**est**o**re it to you.

4 **W**hen he **r**est**o**red the **m**oney to his **m**other, his **m**other **t**ook **tw**e hundred [**pie**ce**s**] of silver, and **g**av**e** **th**em to the **f**ounder, **wh**o **m**ad**e** of it an engrav**e**d imag**e** and a mol**t**en imag**e**: and it was in the **h**ouse of Micah.

5 The man Micah had a **h**ouse of god**s**, and he **m**ad**e** an **e**phod, and teraphim, and consecrat**e**d one of his **s**on**s**, **wh**o **b**ecam**e** his **p**riest.

6 In **tho**s**e** **d**ay**s** **th**er**e** was no king in **I**sra**e**l: every man did **th**at **wh**ich was **r**ight in his **o**wn **e**y**e**s.

7 **T**here was a young man **o**ut of **B**eth-lehem-judah, of the family of **J**udah, **wh**o was a Levite; and he **s**oj**o**urn**e**d **th**er**e**.

8 The man **d**ep**ar**ted **o**ut of the **ç**ity, **o**ut of **B**eth-lehem-judah, to **s**oj**o**urn **wh**er**e** he **c**o**u**ld **f**ind [**a** **pl**ac**e**], and he **c**am**e** to the hill-country of **Eph**raim to the **h**ouse of Micah, as he **j**o**u**rn**e**yed.

9 Micah said to him, **W**hen**ç**e **c**om**e** you? He said to him, I am a Levite of **B**eth-lehem-judah, and I **g**o to **s**oj**o**urn**wh**er**e** I **m**ay **f**ind [**a** **pl**ac**e**].

10 Micah said to him, **D**well **w**ith me, and be to me a **f**ather and a **p**riest, and I will give you ten [**pie**ce**s**] of silver **b**y the **y**ear, and a **s**uit of **cl**oth**ing**, and **y**our **v**ictual**s**. So the Levite went in.

11 The **Levite** was content to dwell **with** the man; and the young man was to him as one of his **sons**.

12 Micah consecrated the **Levite**, and the young man became his **priest**, and was in the **house** of Micah.

13 **Then** said Micah, **Now know I that** YAHWEH will **do** me **good**, **seeing** I have a Levite to my **priest**.

Judges 18

1 In **those days** **there** was no king in **Israel**: and in **those days** the **tribe** of the Danites **sought** **them** an inheritance to dwell in; for to **that day** [**their**] inheritance had not **fallen** to **them** among the **tribes** of **Israel**.

2 The **children** of Dan sent of **their** family **five** men from **their** **whole** number, men of valor, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to **spy** **out** the land, and to **search** it; and **they** said to **them**, Go, **search** the land. **They** came to the hill-country of **Ephraim**, to the **house** of Micah, and lodged **there**.

3 When **they** were by the **house** of Micah, **they** knew the **voice** of the young man the **Levite**; and **they** **turned** aside **there**, and said to him, **Who** brought you **here**? and **what** do you in **this** **place**? and **what** have you **here**?

4 He said to **them**, **Thus** and **thus** has Micah dealt **with** me, and he has **hired** me, and I am become his **priest**.

5 **They** said to him, **ask** **counsel**, we pray you, of Elohim, **that** we may **know** **whether** **our** way **which** we go shall be prosperous.

6 The **priest** said to **them**, Go in **peace**: before YAHWEH is **your** way wherein you go.

7 **Then** the **five** men departed, and came to Laish, and **saw** the **people** **who** were **therein**, **how** **they** lived in security, **after** the manner of the Sidonians, **quiet** and **secure**; for **there** was **none** in the land, **possessing** **authority**, **that** might put [**them**] to **shame** in any**thing**, and **they** were **far** from the Sidonians, and had no **dealings** **with** any man.

8 **They** came to **their** **brothers** to Zorah and Eshtaol: and **their** **brothers** said to **them**, **What** [**say**] you?

9 **They** said, **Arise**, and let us go up against **them**; for we have **seen** the land, and, **behold**, it is very **good**: and are you still? **don't** be **lothful** to go and to enter in to **possess** the land.

10 When you go, you shall come to a people secure, and the land is large; for Elohim has given it into your hand, a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth.

11 There set forth from there of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men girt with weapons of war.

12 They went up, and encamped in Kiriath-jearim, in Judah: therefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan, to this day; behold, it is behind Kiriath-jearim.

13 They passed there to the hill-country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.

14 Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish answered, and said to their brothers, Do you know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and an engraved image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what you have to do.

15 They turned aside there, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even to the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare.

16 The six hundred men girt with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

17 The five men who went to spy out the land went up, and came in there, and took the engraved image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men girt with weapons of war.

18 When these went into Micah's house, and fetched the engraved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image, the priest said to them, What do you?

19 They said to him, Hold your peace, lay your hand on your mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 The priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the engraved image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the goods before them.

22 When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 **They** cried to the **children** of Dan. **They** tŭrned **their** **façes**, and said to Micah, **Wha**t **ail**s you, **tha**t you **cô**me **with** **such** a **cô**mpany?

24 He said, you have **taken** **away** **my** **god**s **whi**ch I **made**, and the **priest**, and are **gone** **away**, and **wha**t have I **mô**re? and **hew** **then** **say** you to me, **Wha**t **ail**s you?

25 The **children** of Dan said to him, "**Don**'t let **yô**ur **voiç**e be **hê**ard **amô**ng us, lest **angry** **fello**w^s **fâ**ll on you, and you **le**s^e **yô**ur **life**, **with** the **live**s^e of **yô**ur **house**hold."

26 The **children** of Dan went **their** **way**: and **when** Micah **sâ**w **tha**t **they** were **tee** strong for him, he tŭrned and went back to his **house**.

27 **They** **tô**ok **tha**t **whi**ch Micah had **made**, and the **priest** **whom** he had, and **came** to **Laish**, to a **peo**ple **quiet** and **secu**re, and struck **them** **with** the **edg**e of the **swô**rd; and **they** **bû**rn^t the **ç**ity **with** **fire**.

28 **There** was no deliverer, **becau**s^e it was **fâr** from Sidon, and **they** had no **dealings** **with** any man; and it was in the **valley** **tha**t **lie**s **by** **Beth**-rehob. **They** built the **ç**ity, and lived **there**in.

29 **They** **câ**ll^ed the **name** of the **ç**ity Dan, **â**fter the **name** of Dan **their** **fâ**ther, **whô** was **bô**rn to **I**s^rael: **how**ever the **name** of the **ç**ity was **Laish** at the **first**.

30 The **children** of Dan set up for **themselv**e^s the **engraved** **imag**e: and **Jonath**an, the **son** of **Gê**rshom, the **son** of **Mos**e^s, he and his **son**s were **priests** to the **tribe** of the Dan **ite**s until the **day** of the captivity of the land.

31 So **they** set **them** up Micah's **engraved** **imag**e **whi**ch he **made**, **â**ll the **time** **tha**t the **house** of Elohim was in **Shiloh**.

Judges 19

1 It happened in **thos**e **day**s, **when** **there** was no king in **I**s^rael, **tha**t **there** was a **ç**ertain **Levite** **sojo**urn^{ing} on the **fâ**ther **side** of the hill-country of **Eph**raim, **whô** **tô**ok to him a **concu**bine **out** of **Beth**-lehem-judah.

2 His **concu**bine **play**ed the **prostitut**e **agai**nst him, and went **away** from him to her **fâ**ther's **house** to **Beth**-lehem-judah, and was **there** the **spac**e of **fô**ur **mon**th^s.

3 Her **hus**band **arô**s^e, and went **â**fter her, to **spe**ak **kindly** to her, to bring her **agai**n, having his **sê**r^vant **with** him, and a **couple** of **donkey**s: and she **brô**ught him into her **fâ**ther's **house**; and **when** the **fâ**ther of the young **lady** **sâ**w him, he **rejoiç**ed to **meet** him.

4 His **fâ**ther-in-lâ^w, the young **lady**'s **fâ**ther, **retain**ed him; and he abode **with** him **three** **day**s: so **they** **ate** and **drink**, and **lodg**ed **there**.

5 It happened on the **fóurth** day, **that they aroſe** éarly in the mórning, and he **roſe** up to depärt: and the young lady's **fäther** said to his **ſón-in-láw**, Strengthen **yóur** heärt **with** a **mórsel** of bread, and **äfterward** you **ſhall go yóur way**.

6 So **they** sat **dówn**, and **ate** and drink, **both** of **them** together: and the young lady's **fäther** said to the man, **Pleaſe** be **pleaſed** to **ſtay äll night**, and let **yóur** heärt be merry.

7 The man **roſe** up to depärt; but his **fäther-in-láw** **úrged** him, and he **lodged** **there** again.

8 He **aroſe** éarly in the mórning on the **fifth** day to depärt; and the young lady's **fäther** said, **Pleaſe** strengthen **yóur** heärt and **ſtay** until the **day declines**; and **they** **ate, both** of **them**.

9 **When** the man **roſe** up to depärt, he, and his concubine, and his **ſervant**, his **fäther-in-láw**, the young lady's **fäther**, said to him, **Behold, now** the **day dráws** toward **evening**, **pleaſe ſtay äll night**: **behold**, the **day grows** to an end, **lodge** **here**, **that yóur** heärt **may** be merry; and **tómmorrow** get you éarly on **yóur way**, **that** you **may go home**.

10 But the man **wóuld**n't **ſtay** **that night**, but he **roſe** up and **depär**ted, and **came** **over** **againſt** Jebus (the **ſame** is **Jeruſalem**): and **there** were **with** him a couple of **donkeys** saddled; his concubine **älsó** was **with** him.

11 **When** **they** were **by** Jebus, the **day** was **fär** ſpent; and the **ſervant** said to his **mäſter**, **Pleaſe** **come** and let us **túrn** **äſide** into **this çity** of the Jebusites, and **lodge** in it.

12 His **mäſter** said to him, **We wó**n't **túrn** **äſide** into the **çity** of a foreigner, **that** is not of the **children** of **Iſrael**; but **we** will **päſs** **over** to Gibeah.

13 He said to his **ſervant**, **Cóme** and let us **dráw** **near** to one of **theſe** **plaçes**; and **we** will **lodge** in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 So **they** **päſſed** on and went **their way**; and the sun went **dówn** on **them** **near** to Gibeah, **whiçh** belongs to Benjamin.

15 **They** **túrn**ed **äſide** **there**, to **go** in to **lodge** in Gibeah: and he went in, and sat him **dówn** in the **ſtreet** of the **çity**; for **there** was no man **who** **tóok** **them** into his **houſe** to **lodge**.

16 **Behold**, **there** **came** an **old** man from his **wórk** **out** of the **field** at **even**: **now** the man was of the hill-country of **Ephraim**, and he **ſojoúrn**ed in Gibeah; but the men of the **plaçe** were Benjamites.

17 He lifted up his **ey**eş, and **s**áw the **way**faring man in the **street** of the **ç**ity; and the **old** man said, **Where** go you? and **whence** **c**ome you?

18 He said to him, **We** are **p**assing from **Beth**-lehem-judah to the **f**arther side of the hill-country of **Eph**raim; from **there** am I, and I went to **Beth**-lehem-judah: and I am [**now**] **going** to the **house** of YAHWEH; and **there** is no man **who** **takes** me into his **house**.

19 Yet **there** is **both** **str**áw and provender for **our** **donkeys**; and **there** is bread and **wine** **also** for me, and for **y**our handmaid, and for the young man **who** is **with** **y**our **s**ervants: **there** is no **want** of any**th**ing.

20 The **old** man said, **Pea**çe be to you; **howsoever** let **all** **y**our **wants** **lie** on me; **only** **don't** **lodg**e in the **street**.

21 So he **br**ought him into his **house**, and **gave** the **donkeys** fodder; and **they** **washed** **their** **feet**, and **ate** and drink.

22 As **they** were **making** **their** **hearts** merry, **behold**, the men of the **ç**ity, **c**ertain **base** **fellow**s, beset the **house** **round** **about**, **beating** at the **d**oor; and **they** **spoke** to the **m**aster of the **house**, the **old** man, **saying**, **Bring** **f**orth the man **who** **came** into **y**our **house**, **that** **we** **may** **know** him.

23 The man, the **m**aster of the **house**, went **out** to **them**, and said to **them**, **No**, my **brother**s, **plea**se **don't** act so wickedly; **seeing** **that** **this** man is **come** into my **house**, **don't** **de** **this** folly.

24 **Behold**, **here** is my **d**áughter a **v**irgin, and his concubine; **them** I will bring **out** **now**, and humble you **them**, and **de** **with** **them** **what** **seems** **good** to you: but to **this** man **don't** **de** any **such** folly.

25 But the men **wouldn't** listen to him: so the man **laid** **hold** on his concubine, and **br**ought her **f**orth to **them**; and **they** **knew** her, and **abus**ed her **all** the **night** until the **m**orning: and **when** the **day** began to spring, **they** let her **go**.

26 **Then** **came** the **w**oman in the **d**awning of the **day**, and fell **down** at the **d**oor of the man's **house** **where** her **l**ord was, until it was **light**.

27 Her **l**ord **ro**se up in the **m**orning, and **opened** the **d**oor of the **house**, and went **out** to **go** his **way**; and, **behold**, the **w**oman his concubine was **fallen** **down** at the **d**oor of the **house**, **with** her hands on the **th**reshold.

28 He said to her, **Up**, and let us be **going**; but **none** **answered**: **then** he **took** her up on the **donkey**; and the man **ro**se up, and got him to his **plac**e.

29 When he was c**o**me into his h**o**use, he t**o**ok a *kn**i**fe*, and l**a**id h**o**ld on his concubine, and divided her, limb **b**y limb, into twelve p**i**eces, and sent her **t**h**r**ough**o**ut **a**ll the b**o**rd**e**r**s** of I**s**rael.

30 It was so, **t**h**a**t **a**ll **w**h**o** s**a**w it said, **T**here was no **s**uch **d**eed **d**one **n**or **s**een from the **d**ay **t**h**a**t the **c**hildren of I**s**rael **c**ame up **o**ut of the land of **E**gypt to **t**his **d**ay: **C**onsider it, **t**ake **c**ounsel, and **s**peak.

Judges 20

1 **T**hen **a**ll the **c**hildren of I**s**rael went **o**ut, and the congregati**o**n was assembled as one man, from Dan **e**ven to Beersheba, **w**ith the land of Gilead, to YAHWEH at Mizpah.

2 The **c**hiefs of **a**ll the **p**eople, **e**ven of **a**ll the **t**ribes of I**s**rael, p**r**esented **t**hemselves in the assembly of the **p**eople of Elohim, **f**our hundred **t**housand **f**ootmen **w**h**o** drew sword.

3 (**N**ow the **c**hildren of Benjamin **h**ear**d** **t**h**a**t the **c**hildren of I**s**rael had gone up to Mizpah.) The **c**hildren of I**s**rael said, Tell us, **h**ow was **t**his wickedness **b**rought to **p**ass?

4 The **L**evite, the **h**usband of the **w**oman **w**h**o** was **m**urdered, answered, I **c**ame into Gibeah **t**h**a**t belongs to Benjamin, I and **m**y concubine, to **l**odge.

5 The men of Gibeah **r**ose against me, and beset the **h**ouse **r**ound about me **b**y **n**ight; **m**e **t**h**e**y **t**h**o**ught to have slain, and **m**y concubine **t**h**e**y **f**orced, and she is dead.

6 I **t**ook **m**y concubine, and cut her in **p**ieces, and sent her **t**h**r**ough**o**ut **a**ll the country of the inheritan**c**e of I**s**rael; for **t**hey have committed lewdness and folly in I**s**rael.

7 **B**ehold, you **c**hildren of I**s**rael, **a**ll of you, give **h**ere **y**our **a**dvice and **c**ounsel.

8 All the **p**eople **a**rose as one man, **s**aying, **W**e will not any of us **g**o to his tent, **n**either will **w**e any of us **t**urn to his **h**ouse.

9 **B**ut **n**ow **t**his is the **t**hing **w**h**i**ch **w**e will **d**o to Gibeah: [**w**e will **g**o up] against it **b**y lot;

10 and **w**e will **t**ake ten men of one hundred **t**hrough**o**ut **a**ll the **t**ribes of I**s**rael, and one hundred of one **t**housand, and a **t**housand **o**ut of ten **t**housand, to get victuals for the **p**eople, **t**h**a**t **t**hey may **d**o, **w**h**e**n **t**hey **c**ome to Gibeah of Benjamin, **a**cc**o**rding to **a**ll the folly **t**h**a**t **t**hey have **w**orked in I**s**rael.

11 **S**o **a**ll the men of I**s**rael were **g**athered against the **c**ity, **k**nit together as one man.

12 The **t**ribes of I**s**rael sent men **t**h**r**ough **a**ll the **t**ribe of Benjamin, **s**aying, **W**hat wickedness is **t**his **t**h**a**t is happen among you?

13 Now **therefôre** deliver up the men, the **base fellows**, **who** are in Gibeah, **that we may put them to death**, and **put away evil** from **Išrael**. But Benjamin **wôuld** not listen to the **voicë** of **their brothers** the **children** of **Išrael**.

14 The **children** of Benjamin **gathered themselves together** **out** of the **çities** to Gibeah, to **go out** to battle **against** the **children** of **Išrael**.

15 The **children** of Benjamin were numbered on **that day** **out** of the **çities** twenty-six **thousand** men **who** drew the **swôrd**, **besides** the inhabitants of Gibeah, **who** were numbered seven hundred **çošen** men.

16 Among **âll this people** **there** were seven hundred **çošen** men left-handed; everyone **côuld** sling **stones** at a **hair-breadth**, and not miss.

17 The men of **Išrael**, **besides** Benjamin, were numbered **fôur** hundred **thousand** men **who** drew **swôrd**: **âll these** were men of **wâr**.

18 The **children** of **Išrael** **arose**, and went up to **Bethel**, and **âsked** counsel of Elohim; and **they** said, **who shall go** up for us **first** to battle **against** the **children** of Benjamin? YAHWEH said, **Judah [shall go up] first**.

19 The **children** of **Išrael** **rose** up in the **môrning**, and encamp**ed** **against** Gibeah.

20 The men of **Išrael** went **out** to battle **against** Benjamin; and the men of **Išrael** set the battle in **array** **against** **them** at Gibeah.

21 The **children** of Benjamin **came fôrth** **out** of Gibeah, and destroyed **down** to the **ground** of the **Išraelites** on **that day** Twenty-**two thousand** men.

22 The **people**, the men of **Išrael**, encourag**ed** **themselves**, and set the battle **again** in **array** in the **placë** *where* **they** set **themselves** in **array** the **first day**.

23 The **children** of **Išrael** went up and wept befôre YAHWEH until **even**; and **they** **âsked** of YAHWEH, **saying**, **Shall I again drâw near** to battle **against** the **children** of Benjamin **my brother**? YAHWEH said, **Go** up **against** him.

24 The **children** of **Išrael** **came near** **against** the **children** of Benjamin the **second day**.

25 Benjamin went **fôrth** **against** **them** **out** of Gibeah the **second day**, and destroyed **down** to the **ground** of the **children** of **Išrael** **again** **eighteen thousand** men; **âll these** drew the **swôrd**.

26 **Then** **âll** the **children** of **Išrael**, and **âll** the **people**, went up, and **came** to **Bethel**, and wept, and sat **there** befôre YAHWEH, and **fâsted** **that day** until **even**; and **they** offered **burnt-offerings** and **peaçe-offerings** befôre YAHWEH.

27 The **children** of **Išrael** **äsked** of YAHWEH (for the **ärk** of the **cövenant** of Elohim was **there** in **thoſe** **dayſ**,

28 and **Phinehas**, the **ſön** of Eleazar, the **ſön** of Aaron, **ſtoöd** **beföre** it in **thoſe** **dayſ**), **ſaying**, **Shall** I yet again **go** **out** to battle **againſt** the **children** of Benjamin my **brother**, or **ſhall** I **ceäſe**? YAHWEH ſaid, **Go** up; for **tömorrow** I will deliver him into **yöur** hand.

29 **Išrael** ſet **liers-in-wait** **againſt** Gibeah **round** **about**.

30 The **children** of **Išrael** went up **againſt** the **children** of Benjamin on the **thirđ** **day**, and ſet **themſelveſ** in array **againſt** Gibeah, as at **öther** **timeſ**.

31 The **children** of Benjamin went **out** **againſt** the **people**, and were **dráwn** **away** from the **çity**; and **they** began to **ſtrike** and kill of the **people**, as at **öther** **timeſ**, in the **highwayſ**, of **whiçh** one **goeſ** up to **Bethel**, and the **öther** to Gibeah, in the **field**, **about** **thirty** men of **Išrael**.

32 The **children** of Benjamin ſaid, **They** are ſtruck **down** **beföre** us, as at the **fiřſt**. But the **children** of **Išrael** ſaid, Let us **flee**, and **dráw** **them** **away** from the **çity** to the **highwayſ**.

33 All the men of **Išrael** **roſe** up **out** of **their** **plaçe**, and ſet **themſelveſ** in array at Baal-tamar: and the **liers-in-wait** of **Išrael** **broke** **forth** **out** of **their** **plaçe**, **even** **out** of Maareh-geba.

34 **There** came **over** **againſt** Gibeah ten **thouſand** **choſen** men **out** of **äll** **Išrael**, and the battle was **ſöre**; but **they** didn't **know** **that** **evil** was **cloſe** on **them**.

35 YAHWEH ſtruck Benjamin **beföre** **Išrael**; and the **children** of **Išrael** **deſtroyed** of Benjamin **that** **day** twenty-five **thouſand** one hundred men: **äll** **theſe** drew the **ſwörd**.

36 So the **children** of Benjamin **ſáw** **that** **they** were ſtruck; for the men of **Išrael** **gave** **plaçe** to Benjamin, **becäſe** **they** **trüſted** to the **liers-in-wait** **whöm** **they** had ſet **againſt** Gibeah.

37 The **liers-in-wait** **hurried**, and **rüſhed** on Gibeah; and the **liers-in-wait** drew **themſelveſ** **along**, and ſtruck **äll** the **çity** **with** the **edg**e of the **ſwörd**.

38 **Now** the appointed **ſign** **between** the men of **Išrael** and the **liers-in-wait** was **that** **they** **ſhöüd** **make** a **great** **cloud** of **ſmoke** **riſe** up **out** of the **çity**.

39 The men of **Išrael** **türned** in the battle, and Benjamin began to **ſtrike** and kill of the men of **Išrael** **about** **thirty** **pérſonſ**; for **they** ſaid, **Sü**rely **they** are ſtruck **down** **beföre** us, as in the **fiřſt** battle.

40 But when the cloud began to arise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them; and, behold, the whole of the city went up in smoke to the sky.

41 The men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were dismayed; for they saw that evil had come on them.

42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness; but the battle followed hard after them; and those who came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst of it.

43 They enclosed the Benjamites round about, [and] chased them, [and] trod them down at [their] resting-place, as far as over against Gibeah toward the sunrise.

44 There fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these [were] men of valor.

45 They turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men, and followed hard after them to Gidom, and struck of them two thousand men.

46 So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men who drew the sword; all these [were] men of valor.

47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and abode in the rock of Rimmon four months.

48 The men of Israel turned again on the children of Benjamin, and struck them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city, and the cattle, and all that they found: moreover all the cities which they found they set on fire.

Judges 21

1 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter to Benjamin as wife.

2 The people came to Bethel, and sat there until evening before Elohim, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore.

3 They said, YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, why has this happened in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel?

4 It happened on the next day that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace-offerings.

5 The children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who didn't come up in the assembly to YAHWEH? For they had made a great oath concerning him who didn't come up to YAHWEH to Mizpah, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 The **children** of **Išrael** repented **them** for Benjamin **their brother**, and said, **There** is one **tribe** cut off from **Išrael** **this day**.

7 **How shall we do** for **wiveš** for **thoše** **who** remain, **seeing** we have **swōrn** by YAHWEH **that we** will not give **them** of **our dāughters** to **wiveš**?

8 **They** said, **What** one is **there** of the **tribeš** of **Išrael** **who** didn't **come** up to YAHWEH to Mizpah? **Behold**, **there** **came** **none** to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For **when** the **people** were numbered, **behold**, **there** were **none** of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead **there**.

10 The congregation sent **there** twelve **thouš**and men of the **most** valiant, and commanded **them**, **saying**, **Go** and **strike** the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead **with** the **edge** of the **swōrd**, **with** the women and the little oneš.

11 **This** is the **thing** **that** you **shall** **do**: you **shall** utterly destroy every **male**, and every **wōman** **who** haš **lain** by man.

12 **They** **found** among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead **fōur** hundred young **virginš**, **who** had not **known** man by **lying** **with** him; and **they** **brōught** **them** to the camp to **Shiloh**, **which** is in the land of Canaan.

13 The **whole** congregation sent and **spoke** to the **children** of Benjamin **who** were in the rock of Rimmon, and **proclaimed** **peāce** to **them**.

14 Benjamin **retūrn**ed at **that** **time**; and **they** **gave** **them** the women **whom** **they** had **saved** **alive** of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so **they** **wēren't** **enough** for **them**.

15 The **people** repented **them** for Benjamin, **becaūš** **that** YAHWEH had **made** a **breach** in the **tribeš** of **Išrael**.

16 **Then** the **elderš** of the congregation said, **How shall we do** for **wiveš** for **thoše** **who** remain, **seeing** the women are destroyed **out** of Benjamin?

17 **They** said, **There** must be an inheritance for **thoše** **who** are **escapeđ** of Benjamin, **that** a **tribe** not be blotted **out** from **Išrael**.

18 **However** we **may** not give **them** **wiveš** of **our dāughters**, for the **children** of **Išrael** had **swōrn**, **saying**, **Cūrseđ** be he **who** giveš a **wife** to Benjamin.

19 **They** said, **Behold**, **there** is a **feast** of YAHWEH from **year** to **year** in **Shiloh**, **which** is on the **nōth** of **Bethel**, on the **east** **side** of the **highway** **that** **goeš** up from **Bethel** to **Shechem**, , and on the **south** of **Lebonah**.

20 **They** commanded the **children** of Benjamin, **saying**, **Go** and **lie** in **wait** in the viney**ards**,

21 and **see**, and, **behold**, if the d**au**ghter**s** of **Shiloh** **come** **out** to dan**ce** in the dan**ces**, **then** **come** you **out** of the viney**ards**, and **catch** you every man his **wife** of the d**au**ghter**s** of **Shiloh**, and **go** to the land of Benjamin.

22 It **shall** be, *when* **their** f**ä**ther**s** or **their** br**ö**ther**s** **come** to **complain** to us, **that** **we** will **say** to **them**, Grant **them** gra**ci**ously to us, be**ca**use **we** didn't **take** for **each** man his **wife** in battle, **neither** did you give **them** to **them**, else **would** you **now** be *guilty*.

23 The **children** of Benjamin did so, and **took** **them** **wives**, acc**ö**rding to **their** number, of **thos**e *wh*e dan**ced**, *wh*em **they** carried off: and **they** went and ret**ü**rn**ed** to **their** inheritan**ce**, and **built** the **ci**ties, and lived in **them**.

24 The **children** of **I**s**r**ael dep**ä**r**t**ed **there** at **that** **time**, every man to his **tribe** and to his family, and **they** went **out** from **there** every man to his inheritan**ce**.

25 In **thos**e **days** **there** was no king in **I**s**r**ael: every man did **that** *wh*ich was **right** in his **own** **eye**s.

Ruth 1

1 It happened in the **days** when the **judges** **judged**, **that there** was a famine in the land. A **certain** man of Bethlehem-judah went to **sojourn** in the country of **Moab**, he, and his **wife**, and his **two sons**.

2 The **name** of the man was Elimelech, and the **name** of his **wife** Naomi, and the **name** of his **two sons** Mahlon and Chilion, **Ephrathites** of Bethlehem-judah. **They came** into the country of **Moab**, and **continued there**.

3 Elimelech, **Naomi's** husband, **died**; and she was left, and her **two sons**.

4 **They took them wives** of the women of **Moab**; the **name** of the one was Orpah, and the **name** of the **other Ruth**: and **they lived there** about ten years.

5 Mahlon and Chilion **died both** of **them**; and the **woman** was left of her **two children** and of her husband.

6 **Then she arose with** her **daughters-in-law**, **that she might return** from the country of **Moab**: for she had **heard** in the country of **Moab** **how that** YAHWEH had **visited his people** in giving **them** bread.

7 She went **forth** out of the **place** where she was, and her **two daughters-in-law with** her; and **they went on the way** to **return** to the land of **Judah**.

8 **Naomi** said to her **two daughters-in-law**, **Go, return each** of you to her **mother's house**: YAHWEH **deal kindly with** you, as you have **dealt with** the dead, and **with** me.

9 YAHWEH grant you **that you may find rest**, **each** of you in the **house** of her husband. **Then she kissed them**, and **they lifted up their voice**, and wept.

10 **They** said to her, No, but **we will return with** you to **your people**.

11 **Naomi** said, **Turn again, my daughters**: **why will you go with** me? have I yet **sons** in my **womb**, **that they may** be **your husbands**?

12 **Turn again, my daughters, go your way**; for I am **too old** to have a husband. If I **should say**, I have **hope**, if I **should even** have a husband **tonight**, and **should also** bear **sons**;

13 **Would you therefore wait** until **they were grown**? **would you therefore stay** from having **husbands**? nay, **my daughters**, for it **grieves me much** for **your sakes**, for the hand of YAHWEH is gone **forth** against me.

14 **They** lifted up **their voice**, and wept **again**: and Orpah **kissed her mother-in-law**, but **Ruth** joined **with** her.

15 She said, Behold, y^our sister-in-l^aw is gone back to her pe^ople, and to her god: ret^urn you ^after y^our sister-in-l^aw.

16 Ruth said, "Don't entre^at me to le^ave you, and to ret^urn from following ^after you, for where you go, I will go; and where you lodg^e, I will lodg^e; y^our pe^ople shall be my pe^ople, and y^our Elohim my Elohim;

17 Where you di^e, will I di^e, and there will I be buried: YAHWEH d^e so to me, and m^ore ^also, if anythⁱng but deat^h p^art you and me."

18 When she s^aw that she was steadf^astly minded to go with her, she left off spe^aking to her.

19 So they tw^o went until they cam^e to Bethlehem. It happen^ed, when they were com^e to Bethlehem, that ^all the cⁱty was mov^ed about them, and [the women] said, Is this Naomi?

20 She said to them, "Don't c^all me Naomi, c^all me Mara; for the Almi^ghty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went ^out full, and YAHWEH has br^ought me home again empty; why d^e you c^all me Naomi, seeⁱng YAHWEH has testifi^ed against me, and the Almi^ghty has afflicted me?"

22 So Naomi ret^urn^ed, and Ruth the Moabitess, her d^aughter-in-l^aw, with her, wh^o ret^urn^ed ^out of the country of Moab: and they cam^e to Bethlehem in the beginning of b^arley h^arvest.

Ruth 2

1 Naomi had a kin^sman of her husb^and's, a mi^ghty man of wealt^h, of the family of Elimelech, and his nam^e was Boaz.

2 Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me ⁿow go to the field, and glean among the ear^s of grain ^after him in wh^ose sight I shall find favor. She said to her, Go, my d^aughter.

3 She went, and cam^e and gleaned in the field ^after the reaper^s: and she happen^ed to com^e to the p^ortion of the field belonging to Boaz, wh^o was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Behold, Boaz cam^e from Bethlehem, and said to the reaper^s, YAHWEH be with you. They answer^ed him, YAHWEH bless you.

5 Then said Boaz to his s^ervant wh^o was set ^over the reaper^s, wh^ose young lady is this?

6 The sêrvant *who* was set **over** the reapers answered, It is the Moabite lady *who* came back with Naomi **out** of the country of Moab:

7 She said, Please let me glean and gather **after** the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, except that she stayed a little in the house.

8 Then said Boaz to Ruth, Don't you hear, my daughter? Don't go to glean in another field, neither pass from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens.

9 Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them: haven't I charged the young men that they shall not touch you? and when you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take knowledge of me, seeing I am a foreigner?

11 Boaz answered her, It has fully been shown me, all that you have done to your mother-in-law since the death of your husband; and how you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and have come to a people that you didn't know before.

12 YAHWEH recompense your work, and a full reward be given you of YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, under whose wings you are come to take refuge.

13 Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not as one of your handmaids.

14 At meal-time Boaz said to her, Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. She sat beside the reapers, and they reached her parched grain, and she ate, and was sufficed, and left of it.

15 When she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and don't reproach her.

16 Also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and don't rebuke her.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 She took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth and gave to her that which she had left after she was sufficed.

19 Her **móther-in-láw** said to her, *Where have you gleaned today?* and *where have you wórked?* **blesed** be he **who** did **take** **knowledg**e of you. **She shown** her **móther-in-láw** **with whom** she had **wórked**, and said, The man's **name** **with whom** I **wórked** today is Boaz.

20 **Naomi** said to her **dáughter-in-láw**, **Blesed** be he of YAHWEH, **who** **has** not left off his **kindness** to the living and to the dead. **Naomi** said to her, The man is a **close** relative to us, one of **our** **near** **kinşmen**.

21 **Ruth** the Moabitess said, Yes, he said to me, **You shall keep fast by my** young men, until **they** have ended **áll my há**rvest.

22 **Naomi** said to **Ruth** her **dáughter-in-láw**, It is **góod**, **my dáughter**, **that you go out** **with** his **maidens**, and **that they** not **meet** you in any **óther** field.

23 So she kept **fast by** the **maidens** of Boaz, to **glean** to the end of **bárl**ey **há**rvest and of **whe**at **há**rvest; and she lived **with** her **móther-in-láw**.

Ruth 3

1 **Naomi** her **móther-in-láw** said to her, **My dáughter**, **shall** I not **seek** rest for you, **that** it may be well **with** you?

2 Now **isn't** Boaz **our** **kinşman**, **with whose** **maidens** you were? **Behold**, he **winnows** **bárl**ey **tonight** in the **threshing fló**or.

3 **Wash yó**urself **therefó**re, and anoint you, and **pút yó**ur **clothing** on you, and get you **down** to the **threshing fló**or, but **don't** **make yó**urself **known** to the man, until he **shall** have **done** **eating** and drinking.

4 It **shall** be, *when* he **lies** **down**, **that** you **shall** **má**rk the **plá**ce *where* he **shall** **lie**, and you **shall** **go** in, and **uncover** his **feet**, and **lay** you **down**; and he will tell you **whá**t you **shall** **de**.

5 She said to her, **áll** **that** you **say** I will **de**.

6 She went **down** to the **threshing fló**or, and did **accó**rding to **áll** **that** her **móther-in-láw** **bade** her.

7 *When* Boaz had **eaten** and drunk, and his **heá**rt was merry, he went to **lie** **down** at the end of the **he**ap of **grain**: and she **came** softly, and **uncovered** his **feet**, and **laid** her **down**.

8 It happened at **midnight**, **that** the man was **afraid**, and **tú**rned himself; and, **behold**, a **wóman** **lay** at his **feet**.

9 He said, *Who* are you? **She** answered, I am Ruth *yôur* handmaid: spread **therefôre** *yôur* skîrt **over** *yôur* handmaid; for you are a **near** kinsman.

10 He said, Blessed **are** you **by** YAHWEH, **my** *dâughter*: you have **shown** **môre** kindness in the latter end **than** at the beginning, **inasmuch** as you didn't follow young men, **whether** **pôor** or **rich**.

11 **Now**, **my** *dâughter*, **don't** be afraid; I will **do** to you **âll** **that** you say; for **âll** the **çity** of **my** **people** **doeş** **know** **that** you are a **wôrthy** **wôman**.

12 **Now** it is **true** **that** I am a **near** kinsman; **however** **there** is a kinsman **nearer** **than** I.

13 **Stay** **this** **night**, and it **shall** be in the **môrning**, **that** if he will **perfôrm** to you the **pârt** of a kinsman, well; let him **do** the kinsman's **pârt**: but if he will not **do** the **pârt** of a kinsman to you, **then** will I **do** the **pârt** of a kinsman to you, as YAHWEH **liveş**: **lie** **down** until the **môrning**.

14 She **lay** at his **feet** until the **môrning**. **She** **roşe** up **befôre** one **cou**ld **disçern** an **ôther**. **Fôr** he said, Let it not be **known** **that** the **wôman** **came** to the **threshing** **flôor**.

15 He said, Bring the mantle **that** is on you, and **hold** it; and she held it; and he **meaşured** six [**meaşureş**] of **bârley**, and **laid** it on her: and he went into the **çity**.

16 **When** she **came** to her **môther-in-lâw**, she said, *Who* are you, **my** *dâughter*? She **told** her **âll** **that** the man had **done** to her.

17 She said, **Theşe** six [**meaşureş**] of **bârley** **gave** he me; for he said, "**Don't** go empty to *yôur* **môther-in-lâw**."

18 **Then** said she, "Sit still, **my** *dâughter*, until you **know** **how** the matter will **fâll**; for the man will not rest, until he **haş** **finished** the **thing** **this** **day**."

Ruth 4

1 Now Boaz went up to the **gate**, and sat him **down** **there**: and, **behold**, the **near** kinsman of *whom* Boaz **spoke** **came** **by**; to *whom* he said, Ho, **such** a one! **tûrn** **aside**, sit **down** **here**. **He** **tûrned** **aside**, and sat **down**.

2 He **took** ten men of the **elderş** of the **çity**, and said, Sit you **down** **here**. **They** sat **down**.

3 He said to the **near** kinsman, **Naomi**, *who* **haş** **come** back **out** of the country of **Moab**, is selling the **pârçel** of land, **which** was **our** **brother** Elimelech's:

4 I **thôught** to **disçloşe** it to you, **saying**, **Buy** it **befôre** **thoşe** *who* sit **here**, and **befôre** the **elderş** of **my** **people**. If you will **redeem** it, **redeem** it: but if you will not **redeem** it,

then tell me, **that** I may know; for **there** is **no**ne to **redeem** it **beside**s you; and I am **ä**fter you. **He** said, I will **redeem** it.

5 **Then** said Boaz, **What** day you **buy** the **field** of the hand of Naomi, you must **buy** it **ä**lso of **Ruth** the Moabitess, the **wife** of the dead, to **rais**e up the **name** of the dead on his inheritanc**e**.

6 The **near** kin**sm**an said, I **cä**n't **redeem** it for **my**self, lest I **mä**r **my** own inheritanc**e**: **take** **my** **right** of redempti**o**n on you; for I **cä**n't **redeem** it.

7 **Now** **this** was [the **custo**m] in **fö**rmer **time** in **I**srael **con**c**e**rning **redeem**ing and **con**c**e**rning **exchang**ing, to **con**f**ir**m **ä**ll **th**ings: a man drew off his **sho**e, and **gave** it to his **neigh**bor; and **this** was the [manner of] attestati**o**n in **I**srael.

8 So the **near** kin**sm**an said to Boaz, **Buy** it for **yö**urself. **He** drew off his **sho**e.

9 Boaz said to the elder**s**, and to **ä**ll the **peo**ple, **You** are witness**e**s **this** day, **that** I have **bö**ught **ä**ll **that** was Elimelech's, and **ä**ll **that** was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of **Naomi**.

10 **Mö**reover **Ruth** the Moabitess, the **wife** of Mahlon, have I **pü**rchas**e**d to be my **wife**, to **rais**e up the **name** of the dead on his inheritanc**e**, **that** the **name** of the dead not be cut off from among his **brö**ther**s**, and from the **gate** of his **plac**e: you are witness**e**s **this** day.

11 All the **peo**ple **whö** were in the **gate**, and the elder**s**, said, **We** are witness**e**s. **YAHWEH** **make** the **wö**man **whö** has **come** into **yö**ur **house** **like** Rachel and **like** Leah, **whi**ch **twö** built the **house** of **I**srael: and **de** you **wö**rthily in Ephrathah, and be **famous** in **Beth**lehem:

12 and let **yö**ur **house** be **like** the **house** of Perez, **whö**m Tamar **bö**re to **Judah**, of the **seed** **whi**ch **YAHWEH** **shall** give you of **this** young **wö**man.

13 So Boaz **tö**ok **Ruth**, and she **became** his **wife**; and he went in to her, and **YAHWEH** **gave** her **con**cepti**o**n, and she **bö**re a **son**.

14 The women said to **Naomi**, **Bless**e**d** be **YAHWEH**, **whö** has not left you **this** day **witho**ut a **near** kin**sm**an; and let his **name** be **famous** in **I**srael.

15 He **shall** be to you a restö**r**er of **life**, and **sustain** you in **yö**ur **old** **ag**e, for **yö**ur **dä**ughter-in-lä**w**, **whö** **lö**ves you, **whö** is better to you **than** seven **son**s, has **bö**rne him.

16 **Naomi** **tö**ok the **child**, and **laid** it in her **bö**so**m**, and **became** n**ü**rse to it.

17 The women her **neigh**bor**s** **gave** it a **name**, saying, **There** is a **son** **bö**rn to **Naomi**; and **they** **name**d him Obed: he is the **fä**ther of Jesse, the **fä**ther of David.

18 Now **th**is is the history of the **generati**o**n**s of Perez: Perez beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Hezron,

19 and Hezron beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Ram, and Ram beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Amminadab,

20 and Amminadab beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Nah**sh**on, and Nah**sh**on beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Salm**o**n,

21 and Salm**o**n beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Boaz, and Boaz beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Obed,

22 and Obed beca**m**e the **fäth**er of Jesse, and Jesse beca**m**e the **fäth**er of **Da**vid.

1 Samuel 1

1 **N**ow **th**ere was a **ç**ertain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill-country of Ephraim, and his **n**ame was Elkanah, the **s**on of Jeroham, the **s**on of Elihu, the **s**on of Tohu, the **s**on of Zuph, an Ephraimite:

2 and he had **tw**o **w**ives; the **n**ame of the one was Hannah, and the **n**ame of **o**ther Peninnah: and Peninnah had **ch**ildren, but Hannah had no **ch**ildren.

3 **T**his man went up **o**ut of his **ç**ity from **y**ear to **y**ear to **w**orship and to sacrific**ç**e to YAHWEH of Hosts in Shiloh. The **tw**o **s**ons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests to YAHWEH, were **th**ere.

4 When the **day** **cam**e **th**at Elkanah sacrific**ç**ed, he **g**ave to Peninnah his **w**ife, and to **â**ll her **s**ons and her **d**ughters, **p**ortions:

5 but to Hannah he **g**ave a double **p**ortion; for he **l**oved Hannah, but YAHWEH had **sh**ut up her **w**omb.

6 Her rival **prov**oked her **s**ore, to **m**ake her fret, **bec**aus**e** YAHWEH had **sh**ut up her **w**omb.

7 [as] he did so **y**ear **by** **y**ear, **wh**en she went up to the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, so she **prov**oked her; **th**er**e****f**ore she wept, and did not **e**at.

8 Elkanah her **h**usband said to her, Hannah, **wh**y **w**ee**p** you? and **wh**y **don't** you **e**at? and **wh**y is **y**our **h**eart **g**rieved? am I not better to you **th**an ten **s**ons?

9 So Hannah **ro**se up **â**fter **th**ey had **e**aten in Shiloh, and **â**fter **th**ey had drunk. **N**ow Eli the **p**riest was sitting on his **se**at **by** the **d**oor-post of the temple of YAHWEH.

10 She was in bitterness of **s**oul, and **pr**ayed to YAHWEH, and wept **s**ore.

11 She **v**owed a **v**ow, and said, YAHWEH of **h**osts, if you will **inde**ed **l**ook on the affliction of **y**our **h**andmaid, and remember me, and not forget **y**our **h**andmaid, but will give to **y**our **h**andmaid a man-**ch**ild, **th**en I will give him to YAHWEH **â**ll the **day**s of his **l**ife, and **th**ere **sh**all no **raz**or **c**ome on his head.

12 It happened, as she **cont**inued **pr**aying **bef**ore YAHWEH, **th**at Eli **m**arked her **m**outh.

13 **N**ow Hannah, she **sp**oke in her **h**eart; **o**nly her lips **m**oved, but her **vo**ic**ç**e was not **h**ear**d**: **th**er**e****f**ore Eli **th**ought she had **be**en drunken.

14 Eli said to her, **H**ow long will you be drunken? **put** **away** **y**our **w**ine from you.

15 Hannah answered, No, **m**y **l**ord, I am a **w**oman of a **s**orrowful spirit: I have drunk **ne**ither **w**ine **n**or strong drink, but I **p**oured **o**ut **m**y **s**oul **bef**ore YAHWEH.

16 Don't count yôur handmaid for a wicked wôman; for out of the abundance of my complaint and my provocation have I spoken hitherte.

17 Then Eli answered, Go in peace; and the Elohim of Işrael grant yôur petition that you have asked of him.

18 She said, Let yôur handmaid find favor in yôur sight. So the wôman went her way, and ate; and her façial expression wasn't sad any môre.

19 They roşe up in the môrning early, and wôrshipeđ befôre YAHWEH, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and YAHWEH remembered her.

20 It happened, when the time was come about, that Hannah conceived, and bore a sôn; and she named him Samuel, [saying], Because I have asked him of YAHWEH.

21 The man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer to YAHWEH the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah didn't go up; for she said to her husband, [I will not go up] until the child be weaned; and then I will bring him, that he may appear befôre YAHWEH, and there abide forever.

23 Elkanah her husband said to her, Do what seems you good; wait until you have weaned him; only YAHWEH establish his wôrd. So the wôman waited and nursed her sôn, until she weaned him.

24 When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, and one ephah of meal, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the house of YAHWEH in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25 They killed the bull, and brought the child to Eli.

26 She said, Oh, my lôrd, as yôur soul lives, my lôrd, I am the wôman who stood by you here, praying to YAHWEH.

27 For this child I prayed; and YAHWEH has given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 therefore also I have granted him to YAHWEH; as long as he lives he is granted to YAHWEH. He wôrshipeđ YAHWEH there.

1 Samuel 2

1 Hannah prayed, and said: My heart exults in YAHWEH; My hôrned is exalted in YAHWEH; My mouth is enlarged over my enemies; Because I rejoice in yôur salvation.

2 **There** is **nóne** **holy** as YAHWEH; **Fór** **there** is **nóne** **besides** you, **Neither** is **there** any rock **like** **our** Elohim.

3 **Tá**k no **móre** so **exçeeding** **próudly**; **Don't** let **arroganç**e **cóme** **out** of **yóur** **mouth**; **Fór** YAHWEH is a Elohim of **knowledg**e, **By** him **actións** are **weighed**.

4 The **bows** of the **míghty** men are **broken**; **Thos**e **who** **stumbled** are **gîrded** **with** **strength**.

5 **Thos**e **who** were **fúll** have **hîred** **out** **themselves** for **bread**; **Thos**e **who** were **hungry** have **çeased** [to **hunger**]: **Yes**, the **barren** has **bórne** **seven**; **She** **who** has **many** **children** **languishes**.

6 YAHWEH **kills**, and **makes** **alíve**: **He** **bríngs** **dówn** to **Sheol**, and **bríngs** **up**.

7 YAHWEH **makes** **póor**, and **makes** **rich**: **He** **bríngs** **low**, he **á**lso **lífts** **up**.

8 He **raíses** **up** the **póor** **out** of the **dust**, **He** **lífts** **up** the **needy** from the **dunghill**, **To** **make** **them** **sít** **with** **prínçes**, **Inherit** the **throne** of **glóry**: **Fór** the **pillars** of the **éarth** are **Yáhweh's**, **He** has **set** the **wó**rd on **them**.

9 He will **keep** the **feet** of his **holy** **one**s; **But** the **wicked** **shall** be **pút** to **silénç**e in **dá**rkness; **Fór** **by** **strength** **shall** no man **prevail**.

10 **Thos**e **who** **stríve** **with** YAHWEH **shall** be **broken** to **pieçes**; **Against** **them** will he **th**under in the **sky**: YAHWEH will **judg**e the **end**s of the **éarth**; **He** will **gíve** **strength** to his **king**, **Exá**lt the **hó**rn of his **anointed**.

11 Elkanah went to Ramah to his **house**. The **child** did **minister** to YAHWEH **befóre** Eli the **priest**.

12 **Now** the **sons** of Eli were **base** men; **they** **didn't** **know** YAHWEH.

13 The **custóm** of the **priests** **with** the **peop**le was **that** **when** any man offered **sacríf**çe, the **priest's** **sérvant** **came**, **whíle** the **flesh** was **boíling**, **with** a **flesh-hóok** of **thre**e **teeth** in his hand;

14 and he **struck** it into the **pan**, or **kettle**, or **cáldron**, or **pot**; **á**ll **that** the **flesh-hóok** **bró**ught up the **priest** **tóok** **therewith**. So **they** **did** in **Shíloh** to **á**ll the **Ísra**elites **who** **came** **there**.

15 **Yes**, **befóre** **they** **bú**rn the **fat**, the **priest's** **sérvant** **came**, and **said** to the man **who** **sacríf**çed, **Give** **flesh** to **roast** for the **priest**; for he will not have **boíled** **flesh** of you, but **ráw**.

16 If the man **said** to him, **They** will **surely** **bú**rn the **fat** **fí**rst, and **then** **take** as **much** as **yóur** **soul** **desí**res; **then** he **wó**uld **say**, **No**, but you **shall** **gíve** it **me** **now**: and if not, I will **take** it **by** **fó**çe.

17 The sin of the young men was very great before YAHWEH; for the men despised the offering of YAHWEH.

18 But Samuel ministered before YAHWEH, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, YAHWEH give you seed of this woman for the petition which was asked of YAHWEH. They went to their own home.

21 YAHWEH visited Hannah, and she conceived, and bore three sons and two daughters. The child Samuel grew before YAHWEH.

22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons did to all Israel, and how that they lay with the women who served at the door of the tent of meeting.

23 He said to them, Why do you such things? for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people.

24 No, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: you make Yähwëh's people to disobey.

25 If one man sin against another, Elohim shall judge him; but if a man sin against YAHWEH, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding, they didn't listen to the voice of their father, because YAHWEH was minded to kill them.

26 The child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with YAHWEH, and also with men.

27 There came a man of Elohim to Eli, and said to him, Thus says YAHWEH, Did I reveal myself to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt [in bondage] to Pharaoh's house?

28 and did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire?

29 Why kick you at my sacrifice and at my offering, which I have commanded in [my] habitation, and honor your sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Therefore YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, says, I said indeed that your house, and the house of your father, should walk before me forever: but now YAHWEH

says, Be it fār from me; for **thosē whē** honor me I will honor, and **thosē whē** despise me **shall** be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the **days** come, **that** I will cut off **yōur** ārm, and the ārm of **yōur** fāther's house, **that there shall** not be an old man in **yōur** house.

32 You **shall see** the affliction of [my] habitatiōn, in **āll** the wealth **which** [Elohim] **shall** give Işrael; and **there shall** not be an old man in **yōur** house forever.

33 The man of **yōur**s, [whēm] I **shall** not cut off from my **āltar**, [**shall be**] to consume **yōur** eyes, and to grieve **yōur** heärt; and **āll** the increase of **yōur** house **shall die** in the flower of **their** age.

34 **This shall** be the sign to you, **that shall** come on **yōur** twe sons, on Hophniand Phinehas: in one day **they shall die** both of **them**.

35 I will raise me up a faithful priest, **that shall** do accōrding to **that which** is in my heärt and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he **shall wālk** befōre my anointed forever.

36 It **shall** happen, **that** everyone **whē** is left in **yōur** house **shall** come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and **shall say**, Please put me into one of the priests' offices, **that I may** eat a morsel of bread.

1 Samuel 3

1 The **child** Samuel ministered to YAHWEH befōre **Eli**. The wōrd of YAHWEH was precious in **thosē** days; **there** was no frequent visiōn.

2 It happened at **that** time, **when** **Eli** was laid down in his place (now his eyes had begun to grow dim, so **that** he could not see),

3 and the lamp of Elohim hadn't yet gone out, and Samuel had laid down [to sleep], in the temple of YAHWEH, **where** the ārk of Elohim was;

4 that YAHWEH cāllēd Samuel; and he said, **Here** am I.

5 He ran to **Eli**, and said, **Here** am I; for you cāllēd me. **He** said, I didn't cāll; lie down again. **He** went and lay down.

6 YAHWEH cāllēd yet again, Samuel. Samuel arose and went to **Eli**, and said, **Here** am I; for you cāllēd me. **He** answered, I didn't cāll, my sōn; lie down again.

7 **Now** Samuel didn't yet know YAHWEH, **neither** was the wōrd of YAHWEH yet revealed to him.

8 YAHWEH cāllēd Samuel again the **third** time. **He** arose and went to **Eli**, and said, **Here** am I; for you cāllēd me. **Eli** pērceived **that** YAHWEH had cāllēd the **child**.

9 **Therefore** **Eli** said to **Samuel**, **Go, lie down**: and it **shall** be, if he **call** you, **that** you **shall say**, **Speak**, **YAHWEH**; for **yôur sêrvant hears**. So **Samuel** went and **lay down** in his **placê**.

10 **YAHWEH** **came**, and **stôod**, and **câllèd** as at **ôther times**, **Samuel**, **Samuel**. **Then Samuel** said, **Speak**; for **yôur sêrvant hears**.

11 **YAHWEH** said to **Samuel**, **Behold**, I will **dø** a **thing** in **Išrael**, at **which both** the **ears** of everyone **whø hears** it **shall** tingle.

12 In **that day** I will **perførm** against **Eli** **âll** **that** I have **spoken** **conçèrning** his **house**, from the beginning **even** to the end.

13 For I have **told** him **that** I will **judgè** his **house** forever, for the **iniquity** **which** he **knew**, **becausè** his **sons** did bring a **curse** on **themselves**, and he didn't **restrain** **them**.

14 **Therefore** I have **swørn** to the **house** of **Eli**, **that** the **iniquity** of **Eli's house** **shall** not be **expiated** **with** **sacrificè** **nør** offering forever.

15 **Samuel** **lay** until the **mørning**, and **openèd** the **dør**s of the **house** of **YAHWEH**. **Samuel** **feared** to **show Eli** the **višion**.

16 **Then Eli** **câllèd** **Samuel**, and said, **Samuel**, **my sòn**. **He** said, **Here** am I.

17 He said, "**What** is the **thing** **that** [**YAHWEH**] **has** **spoken** to you? **Please** **don't** **hide** it from me. **Elohim** **dø** so to you, and **mørè** **âlsø**, if you **hide** any**thing** from me of **âll** the **things** **that** he **spøkè** to you."

18 **Samuel** **told** him every whit, and hid **nothiing** from him. **He** said, It is **YAHWEH**: let him **dø** **whâ**t **seem**s him **gøød**.

19 **Samuel** grew, and **YAHWEH** was **with** him, and did let **nøne** of his **wørds** **fâll** to the **grøund**.

20 All **Išrael** from Dan **even** to **Beersheba** **knew** **that** **Samuel** was **establishèd** to be a **prophet** of **YAHWEH**.

21 **YAHWEH** **appeared** again in **Shiloh**; for **YAHWEH** **revealed** himself to **Samuel** in **Shiloh** by the **wør**d of **YAHWEH**.

1 Samuel 4

1 The **wør**d of **Samuel** **came** to **âll** **Išrael**. **Nøw** **Išrael** went **øut** against the **Philistines** to battle, and encampèd **beside** Eben-ezer: and the **Philistines** encampèd in **Aphèk**.

2 The **Philistines** put **themselves** in array against **Ishraël**: and **when they** joined battle, **Ishraël** was struck **before** the **Philistines**; and **they** killed of the **ä**rmý in the **field** about **fóur** **thous**and men.

3 **When** the **pe**ople were **cóme** into the camp, the **elder**s of **Ishraël** said, **Why** has **YAHWEH** struck us **today** **before** the **Philistines**? Let us get the **ä**rk of the **có**venant of **YAHWEH** **out** of **Shiloh** to us, **that** it **may** **cóme** **among** us, and **save** us **out** of the hand of **our** **enemies**.

4 So the **pe**ople sent to **Shiloh**; and **they** **bró**ught from **there** the **ä**rk of the **có**venant of **YAHWEH** of **Hosts**, **who** sits [abóve] the cherubim: and the **two** **son**s of **Eli**, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, were **there** **with** the **ä**rk of the **có**venant of **Elohim**.

5 **When** the **ä**rk of the **có**venant of **YAHWEH** **came** into the camp, **ä**ll **Ishraël** **shouted** **with** a **great** **shout**, so **that** the **é**arth rang again.

6 **When** the **Philistines** **hé**ard the **nois**e of the **shout**, **they** said, **What** **mean**s the **nois**e of **this** **great** **shout** in the camp of the **Hebrews**? **They** **understó**od **that** the **ä**rk of **YAHWEH** was **cóme** into the camp.

7 The **Philistines** were **afraid**, for **they** said, **Elohim** is **cóme** into the camp. **They** said, **Wo**e to us! for **there** **has** not **been** **such** a **th**ing **heretó**re.

8 **Wo**e to us! **who** **shall** deliver us **out** of the hand of **thes**e **mighty** **god**s? **thes**e are the **god**s **that** struck the **Egyptians** **with** **ä**ll manner of **plague**s in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and **behave** **yó**ur**selve**s **like** men, O you **Philistines**, **that** you not be **sé**rva**n**ts to the **Hebrews**, as **they** have **been** to you: **quit** **yó**ur**selve**s **like** men, and **fi**ght.

10 The **Philistines** **fó**ught, and **Ishraël** was struck, and **they** fled every man to his tent: and **there** was a very **great** **slá**ughter; for **there** fell of **Ishraël** **thirty** **thous**and **fó**otmen.

11 The **ä**rk of **Elohim** was **taken**; and the **two** **son**s of **Eli**, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, were **slain**.

12 **There** ran a man of Benjamin **out** of the **ä**rmý, and **came** to **Shiloh** the **same** **day**, **with** his **cloth**s **tó**rn, and **with** **é**arth on his head.

13 **When** he **came**, **behold**, **Eli** was sitting on his **seat** **by** the **road** **watching**; for his **hé**ärt trembled for the **ä**rk of **Elohim**. **When** the man **came** into the **çity**, and **told** it, **ä**ll the **çity** **cried** **out**.

14 **When** **Eli** **hé**ard the **nois**e of the **crying**, he said, **What** **mean**s the **nois**e of **this** **tumult**? The man **hurried**, and **came** and **told** **Eli**.

15 Now **Eli** was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, so that he could not see.

16 The man said to **Eli**, I am he who came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army. He said, How went the matter, my son?

17 He who brought the news answered, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of Elohim is taken.

18 It happened, when he made mention of the ark of Elohim, that [Eli] fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck broke, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years.

19 His daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the news that the ark of Elohim was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and brought forth; for her pains came on her.

20 About the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, Don't be afraid; for you have brought forth a son. But she didn't answer, neither did she regard it.

21 She named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel; because the ark of Elohim was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22 She said, The glory is departed from Israel; for the ark of Elohim is taken.

1 Samuel 5

1 Now the Philistines had taken the ark of Elohim, and they brought it from Eben-ezer to Ashdod.

2 The Philistines took the ark of Elohim, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 When they of Ashdod arose early on the next day, behold, Dagon was fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of YAHWEH. They took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4 When they arose early on the next day morning, behold, Dagon was fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of YAHWEH; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands [lay] cut off on the threshold; only [the stump of] Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any who come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, to this day.

6 But the hand of YAHWEH was heavy on **them** of Ashdod, and he destroyed **them**, and struck **them with tumors**, even Ashdod and the **borders** of it.

7 When the men of Ashdod **saw that** it was so, **they** said, The **ark** of the Elohim of **Ishrael shall not abide with** us; for his hand is **sore** on us, and on Dagon **our** god.

8 **They** sent **therefore** and gathered **all** the **lords** of the **Philistines** to **them**, and said, **What shall we do with** the **ark** of the Elohim of **Ishrael**? **They** answered, Let the **ark** of the Elohim of **Ishrael** be carried about to Gath. **They** carried the **ark** of the Elohim of **Ishrael** [**there**].

9 It was so, **that after they** had carried it about, the hand of YAHWEH was against the **city with** a very great **confusion**: and he struck the men of the **city**, **both** small and great; and **tumors** broke **out** on **them**.

10 So **they** sent the **ark** of Elohim to Ekron. It happened, as the **ark** of Elohim came to Ekron, **that** the Ekronites cried **out, saying, They** have brought about the **ark** of the Elohim of **Ishrael** to us, to kill us and **our** people.

11 **They** sent **therefore** and gathered together **all** the **lords** of the **Philistines**, and **they** said, Send away the **ark** of the Elohim of **Ishrael**, and let it go again to its **own** place, **that** it not kill us and **our** people. **For there** was a deadly **confusion throughout** **all** the **city**; the hand of Elohim was very heavy **there**.

12 The men **who** didn't die were struck **with** the **tumors**; and the cry of the **city** went up to heaven.

1 Samuel 6

1 The **ark** of YAHWEH was in the country of the **Philistines** seven **months**.

2 The **Philistines** called for the priests and the diviners, **saying, "What shall we do with** the **ark** of YAHWEH? **Show** us **with which** we shall send it to its place."

3 **They** said, "If you send away the **ark** of the Elohim of **Ishrael**, don't send it empty; but **by all means** return him a trespass-offering: **then** you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you **why** his hand is not removed from you."

4 **Then they** said, "**What shall** be the trespass-offering **which** we shall return to him?" **They** said, "**Five** golden **tumors**, and **five** golden **mic**, [according to] the number of the **lords** of the **Philistines**; for one **plague** was on you **all**, and on **your** **lords**."

5 **Therefore** you shall make images of **your** **tumors**, and images of **your** **mic** that **mar** the land; and you shall give glory to the Elohim of **Ishrael**: peradventure he will **lighten** his hand from off you, and from off **your** gods, and from off **your** land.

6 **Why then** **de** you **härden** **yôur** **heärts**, as the **Egyptians** and **Pharaoh** **härdened** **their** **heärts**? *When* he had **wôrked** **wonderföully** **among** **them**, didn't **they** let the **people** **go**, and **they** **depärted**?

7 **Now** **thereföre** **take** and **prepare** **yôurselves** a new **cärt**, and **twö** milk cattle, on **which** **there** has **come** no **yoke**; and **tie** the cattle to the **cärt**, and bring **their** **cäives** **home** from **them**;

8 and **take** the **ärk** of YAHWEH, and **lay** it on the **cärt**; and **püt** the **jewelş** of **gold**, **which** you **retûrn** him for a **trespäss-offering**, in a **coffer** **by** the **side** of it; and send it **away**, **that** it may **go**.

9 **Behold**; if it **goeş** up **by** the **way** of its **own** **bôrder** to Beth-shemesh, **then** he has **done** us **this** **great** **evil**: but if not, **then** **we** **shall** **know** **that** it is not his hand **that** struck us; it was a **chançe** **that** happened to us."

10 The men did so, and **töök** **twö** milk cattle, and **tied** **them** to the **cärt**, and **shut** up **their** **cäives** at **home**;

11 and **they** **püt** the **ärk** of YAHWEH on the **cärt**, and the **coffer** **with** the **miçe** of **gold** and the **imageş** of **their** **tumorş**.

12 The cattle **töök** the **straigh**t way **by** the way to **Beth-shemesh**

; **they** went along the **highway**, **lowing** as **they** went, and didn't **tûrn** **aside** to the **right** hand or to the left; and the **lôrdş** of the **Philistineş** went **äfter** **them** to the **bôrder** of **Beth-shemesh**.

13 **They** of **Beth-shemesh** were **reaping** **their** **wheat** **härvest** in the **valley**; and **they** lifted up **their** **eyes**, and **säw** the **ärk**, and **rejoiced** to **see** it.

14 The **cärt** **came** into the **field** of **Joshua** the **Beth-shemite**, and **stood** **there**, *where* **there** was a **great** **stone**: and **they** split the **wöod** of the **cärt**, and offered up the cattle for a **bûrnt** offering to YAHWEH.

15 The **Levites** **töök** **down** the **ärk** of YAHWEH, and the **coffer** **that** was **with** it, in **which** the **jewelş** of **gold** were, and **püt** **them** on the **great** **stone**: and the men of **Beth-shemesh** offered **bûrnt** offerings and **sacrificed** **sacrifices** the **same** **day** to YAHWEH.

16 *When* the **five** **lôrdş** of the **Philistineş** had **seen** it, **they** **retûrned** to Ekron the **same** **day**.

17 **Theşe** are the **golden** **tumorş** **which** the **Philistineş** **retûrned** for a **trespäss-offering** to YAHWEH: for **Ashdod** one, for **Gäza** one, for **Ashkelon** one, for **Gath** one, for **Ekron** one;

18 and the golden micē, accōrding to the number of āll the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lōrds, both of fōrtified cities and of country villages, even to the great stone, whereon they set down the ärk of YAHWEH, [which stone remains] to this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite

.19 He struck of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had lōoked into the ärk of YAHWEH, he struck of the people fifty thousand seventy men; and the people mōrned, because YAHWEH had struck the people with a great slāughter.

20 The men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand befōre YAHWEH, this holy Elohim? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21 They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brōught back the ärk of YAHWEH; come you down, and bring it up to you.

1 Samuel 7

1 The men of Kiriath-jearim came, and fetched up the ärk of YAHWEH, and brōught it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his sōn to keep the ärk of YAHWEH.

2 It happened, from the day that the ärk abode in Kiriath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and āll the house of Işrael lamented āfter YAHWEH.

3 Samuel spoke to āll the house of Işrael, saying, If you do return to YAHWEH with āll yōur heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct yōur hearts to YAHWEH, and sēve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Işrael did put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and sēved YAHWEH only.

5 Samuel said, Gather āll Işrael to Mizpah, and I will pray for you to YAHWEH.

6 They gathered together to Mizpah, and drew wāter, and pōured it out befōre YAHWEH, and fāsted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against YAHWEH. Samuel judgēd the children of Işrael in Mizpah.

7 When the Philistines heard that the children of Işrael were gathered together at Mizpah, the lōrds of the Philistines went up against Işrael. When the children of Işrael heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 The children of Işrael said to Samuel, "Don't cease to cry to YAHWEH our Elohim for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines."

9 Samuel **t**ook a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole **b**urnt-offering to YAHWEH: and Samuel **cri**ed to YAHWEH for **I**srael; and YAHWEH answered him.

10 As Samuel was offering up the **b**urnt offering, the **Philistines** drew **n**ear to battle against **I**srael; but YAHWEH **th**undered with a great **th**under on **th**at day on the **Philistines**, and **confu**sed **th**em; and **th**ey were struck **d**own bef**o**re **I**srael.

11 The men of **I**srael went **o**ut of Mizpah, and **p**ursued the **Philistines**, and struck **th**em, until **th**ey **ca**me under Beth-cär.

12 **Th**en Samuel **t**ook a **st**one, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and **ca**lled the **n**ame of it Eben-ezer, **s**aying, **H**ithert**e** has YAHWEH help**e**d us.

13 So the **Philistines** were subdu**e**d, and **th**ey **ca**me no m**o**re within the **b**order of **I**srael: and the hand of YAHWEH was against the **Philistines** **ä**ll the **day**s of Samuel.

14 The **ci**ties **wh**ich the **Philistines** had **ta**ken from **I**srael were rest**o**red to **I**srael, from Ekron **e**ven to Gath; and the **b**order of it did **I**srael deliver **o**ut of the hand of the **Philistines**. **Th**ere was **pe**a**ç**e between **I**srael and the Amorites.

15 Samuel judg**e**d **I**srael **ä**ll the **day**s of his **li**fe.

16 He went from **ye**ar to **ye**ar in **ç**ircuit to Beth**e**l and Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judg**e**d **I**srael in **ä**ll **tho**s**e** **pl**a**ç**e**s**.

17 His ret**u**rn was to Ramah, for **th**ere was his **h**ouse; and **th**ere he judg**e**d **I**srael: and he **bu**ilt **th**ere an **ä**ltar to YAHWEH.

1 Samuel 8

1 It happen**e**d, **w**hen Samuel was **o**ld, **th**at he **ma**de his **s**on**s** judg**e**s over **I**srael.

2 **N**ow the **n**ame of his **f**irst**b**orn was Joel; and the **n**ame of his **se**cond, Abijah: **th**ey were judg**e**s in Beersheba.

3 His **s**on**s** didn't **wä**lk in his **wä**y**s**, but **tü**rn**e**d **a**side **ä**fter lucre, and **t**ook **br**ib**e**s, and **p**erv**e**rted **ju**stic**e**.

4 **Th**en **ä**ll the elder**s** of **I**srael **ga**th**e**red **th**e**m**selv**e**s together, and **ca**me to Samuel to Ramah;

5 and **th**ey said to him, Beh**o**ld, you are **o**ld, and **y**our **s**on**s** **don't** **wä**lk in **y**our **wä**y**s**: **n**ow **ma**ke us a king to judg**e** us **li**ke **ä**ll the **n**ation**s**.

6 But the **th**ing **disple**as**e**d Samuel, **w**hen **th**ey said, Give us a king to judg**e** us. Samuel **pr**a**y**ed to YAHWEH.

7 YAHWEH said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in **all that they** tell you; for **they** have not rejected you, but **they** have rejected me, **that I should** not be king over **them**.

8 According to **all** the works which **they** have done since the day that I brought **them** up out of **Egypt** even to **this day**, in **that they** have forsaken me, and served **other gods**, so **do they also** to you.

9 Now **therefore** listen to **their** voice: **however** you shall protest solemnly to **them**, and **shall show them** the manner of the king **who shall** reign over **them**.

10 Samuel told **all** the words of YAHWEH to the people **who asked** of him a king.

11 He said, **This** will be the manner of the king **who shall** reign over you: he will take **your sons**, and appoint **them** to him, for his **chariots**, and to be his **horsemen**; and **they shall** run before his **chariots**;

12 and he will appoint **them** to him for captains of **thousands**, and captains of **fifties**; and [he will set some] to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his **chariots**.

13 He will take **your daughters** to be **perfumers**, and to be **cooks**, and to be **bakers**.

14 He will take **your fields**, and **your vineyards**, and **your olive groves**, even the best of **them**, and give **them** to his **servants**.

15 He will take the tenth of **your seed**, and of **your vineyards**, and give to his **officers**, and to his **servants**.

16 He will take **your men-servants**, and **your maid-servants**, and **your best young men**, and **your donkeys**, and put **them** to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of **your flocks**: and you shall be his **servants**.

18 You shall cry out in **that day** because of **your king** whom you shall have **chosen** you; and YAHWEH will not answer you in **that day**.

19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; and **they** said, No: but we will have a king over us,

20 **that we also** may be like **all** the nations, and **that our** king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight **our battles**.

21 Samuel heard **all** the words of the people, and he rehearsed **them** in the ears of YAHWEH.

22 YAHWEH said to Samuel, Listen to **their** voice, and make **them** a king. Samuel said to the men of Israel, Go you every man to his city.

1 Samuel 9

1 **N**ow **there** was a man of Benjamin, **whose name** was **Kish**, the **son** of Abiel, the **son** of Zeror, the **son** of Becorath, the **son** of **Aphiah**, the **son** of a Benjamite, a **mighty** man of valor.

2 He had a **son**, **whose name** was **Sául**, a young man and a **goodly**: and **there** was not among the **children** of **Israel** a better **person** **than** he: from his **shoulders** and upward he was **higher** **than** any of the **people**.

3 The **donkeys** of **Kish**, **Sául's father**, were lost. **Kish** said to **Saul** his **son**, **Take now** one of the **servants** **with** you, and **arise**, **go seek** the **donkeys**.

4 He **passed through** the hill-country of **Ephraim**, and **passed through** the land of **Shalishah**, but **they** didn't **find** **them**: **then they passed through** the land of **Shaalim**, and **there they weren't there**: and he **passed through** the land of the **Benjamites**, but **they** didn't **find** **them**.

5 **When they** had **come** to the land of **Zuph**, **Sául** said to his **servant** **who** was **with** him, **Come**, and let us **return**, lest **my father** **leave** off **caring** for the **donkeys**, and be **anxious** for us.

6 He said to him, **See now**, **there** is in **this city** a man of **Elohim**, and he is a man **who** is held in *honor*; **all that** he **says** **comes** **surely** to **pass**: **now** let us **go there**; **peradventure** he can tell us **concerning** **our journey** **whereon** **we go**.

7 **Then** said **Sául** to his **servant**, **But**, **behold**, if **we go**, **what shall** **we** bring the man? for the **bread** is spent in **our vessels**, and **there** is not a **present** to bring to the man of **Elohim**: **what** have **we**?

8 The **servant** **answered** **Sául** **again**, and said, **Behold**, I have in **my hand** the **fourth** **part** of a **shekel** of silver: **that** will I **give** to the man of **Elohim**, to tell us **our way**.

9 (In **earlier times** in **Israel**, **when** a man went to **inquire** of **Elohim**, **thus** he said, **Come**, and let us **go** to the **seer**; for he **who** is **now** **called** a **Prophet** was **before** **called** a **Seer**.)

10 **Then** said **Sául** to his **servant**, **Well** said; **come**, let us **go**. So **they** went to the **city** **where** the man of **Elohim** was.

11 As **they** went up the **ascent** to the **city**, **they** **found** young **maidens** **going** **out** to **draw** **water**, and said to **them**, Is the **seer** **here**?

12 **They** **answered** **them**, and said, **He** is; **behold**, [he is] **before** you: **make** **haste** **now**, for he is **come** today into the **city**; for the **people** have a **sacrifice** today in the **high place**:

13 as **seen** as you are **come** into the **city**, you **shall** immediately **find** him, **before** he **goes** up to the **high place** to **eat**; for the **people** will not **eat** until he **come**, **because** he **does** bless the **sacrifice**; [and] **afterwards** **they** **eat** **who** are invited. **Now** **therefore** get you up; for at **this** **time** you **shall** **find** him.

14 **They** went up to the **city**; [and] as **they** **came** **within** the **city**, **behold**, **Samuel** **came** **out** **toward** **them**, to **go** up to the **high place**.

15 **Now** **YAHWEH** had **revealed** to **Samuel** a **day** **before** **Saul** **came**, **saying**,

16 **Tomorrow** **about** **this** **time** I will send you a man **out** of the land of Benjamin, and you **shall** anoint him to be **prince** **over** **my** **people** **Israel**; and he **shall** **save** **my** **people** **out** of the hand of the **Philistines**: for I have **looked** on **my** **people**, **because** **their** **cry** is **come** to me.

17 **When** **Samuel** **saw** **Saul**, **YAHWEH** said to him, **Behold**, the man of **whom** I **spoke** to you! **this** **same** **shall** have **authority** **over** **my** **people**.

18 **Then** **Saul** drew **near** to **Samuel** in the **gate**, and said, Tell me, **Please**, **where** the **seer's** **house** is.

19 **Samuel** answered **Saul**, and said, I am the **seer**; **go** up **before** me to the **high place**, for you **shall** **eat** **with** me **today**: and in the **morning** I will let you **go**, and will tell you **all** **that** is in **your** **heart**.

20 As for **your** **donkeys** **who** were lost **three** **days** ago, **don't** set **your** **mind** on **them**; for **they** are **found**. **For** **whom** is **all** **that** is desirable in **Israel**? Is it not for you, and for **all** **your** **father's** **house**?

21 **Saul** answered, Am I not a **Benjamite**, of the **smallest** of the **tribes** of **Israel**? and **my** **family** the **least** of **all** the **families** of the **tribe** of Benjamin? **why** **then** **speak** you to me **after** **this** **manner**?

22 **Samuel** **took** **Saul** and his **servant**, and **brought** **them** into the **guest-chamber**, and **made** **them** sit in the best **place** **among** **those** **who** were invited, **who** were about **thirty** **persons**.

23 **Samuel** said to the **cook**, Bring the **portion** **which** I **gave** you, of **which** I said to you, Set it **by** you.

24 The **cook** **took** up the **thigh**, and **that** **which** was on it, and set it **before** **Saul**. [**Samuel**] said, **Behold**, **that** **which** has **been** **reserved**! set it **before** you and **eat**; **because** to the appointed **time** has it **been** kept for you, for I said, I have invited the **people**. So **Saul** **ate** **with** **Samuel** **that** **day**.

25 **When** **they** were **come** **down** from the **high place** into the **city**, he **talked** **with** **Saul** on the **housetop**.

26 **They arose** *early*: and it happened **about** the spring of the **day**, **that** Samuel **called** to **Sául** on the **housetop**, **saying**, **Up**, **that** I **may** send you away. **Sául arose**, and **they** went **out both** of **them**, he and Samuel, **abroad**.

27 As **they** were **going down** at the end of the **city**, Samuel said to **Sául**, Bid the **sêrvant** **päss** on **befôre** us (and he **pässed** on), but stand you still **first**, **that** I **may** **câuse** you to **hear** the **wôrd** of Elohim.

1 Samuel 10

1 **Then** Samuel **tôok** the **vial** of oil, and **pôured** it on his head, and **kissed** him, and **said**, **Isn't** it **that** YAHWEH **has** **anointed** you to be **prince** **over** his **inheritance**?

2 **When** you are **depärted** from me **today**, **then** you **shall** **find** **two** men **by** **Rachel's** **tomb**, in the **bôrd**er of Benjamin at Zelzah; and **they** will tell you, The **donkeys** **which** you went to **seek** are **found**; and, **behold**, **yôur** **fäther** **has** left off **caring** for the **donkeys**, and is **anxious** for you, **saying**, **What** **shall** I **de** for my **son**?

3 **Then** **shall** you **go** on **fôrward** from **there**, and you **shall** **come** to the **oak** of Tabor; and **there** **shall** **meet** you **there** **three** men **going** up to Elohim to **Bethel**, one carrying **three** kids, and **another** carrying **three** **loaves** of bread, and **another** carrying a bottle of **wine**:

4 and **they** will **Greet** you, and **give** you **two** **loaves** of bread, **which** you **shall** **receive** of **their** hand.

5 After **that** you **shall** **come** to the hill of Elohim, *where* is the garrison of the **Philistines**: and it **shall** happen, *when* you are **come** **there** to the **city**, **that** you **shall** **meet** a band of **prophets** **coming** **down** from the **high** **place** with a psaltery, and a tambourine, and a **pipe**, and a **härp**, **befôre** **them**; and **they** will be **prophesying**:

6 and the Spirit of YAHWEH will **come** **mightily** on you, and you **shall** **prophecy** with **them**, and **shall** be **tûrned** into **another** man.

7 Let it be, *when* **thesè** **signs** are **come** to you, **that** you **de** as **ocçasion** **shall** **sêrve** you; for Elohim is **with** you.

8 You **shall** **go** **down** **befôre** me to Gilgal; and, **behold**, I will **come** **down** to you, to offer **bûrnt** offerings, and to **sacrificè** **sacrifices** of **peaçe**-offerings: **seven** **days** **shall** you **wait**, until I **come** to you, and **show** you **what** you **shall** **de**.

9 It was so, **that** *when* he had **tûrned** his back to **go** from Samuel, Elohim **gave** him **another** **heärt**: and **âll** **thosè** **signs** happened **that** **day**.

10 **When** **they** **came** **there** to the hill, **behold**, a band of **prophets** met him; and the Spirit of Elohim **came** **mightily** on him, and he **prophesied** **among** **them**.

11 It happened, when **á**ll **wh**o knew him bef**ó**re **sá**w **th**at, behold, he prophesied with the prophets, **th**en the **pe**ople said one to an**ó**ther, **Wh**at is **th**is **th**at is **có**me to the **só**n of Kish? Is S**á**ul **á**lso among the prophets?

12 One of the **sa**me **pl**açe answered, **Wh**o is **th**eir **fá**ther? **Th**ere**ó**re it became a prov**ê**rb, Is S**á**ul **á**lso among the prophets?

13 **Wh**en he had **ma**de an end of prophesying, he **ca**me to the **hi**gh **pl**açe.

14 S**á**ul's **u**ncle said to him and to his **sê**rvant, **Wh**ere went you? **H**e said, **To** **se**ek the donkeys; and **wh**en **w**e **sá**w **th**at **th**ey were not **fo**und, **w**e **ca**me to Samuel.

15 S**á**ul's **u**ncle said, **T**ell me, **P**le**á**se, **wh**at Samuel said to you.

16 S**á**ul said to his uncle, **H**e **to**ld us plainly **th**at the donkeys were **fo**und. **B**ut **có**nc**ê**rning the matter of the king**ó**m, **wh**ereof Samuel **sp**oke, he didn't tell him.

17 Samuel **cá**lled the **pe**ople **to**gether to YAHWEH to Mizpah;

18 and he said to the **ch**ildren of **I**sr**á**el, **Th**us **sa**y**ş** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**sr**á**el, I **bró**ught up **I**sr**á**el **ó**ut of **E**gypt, and I delivered you **ó**ut of the hand of the **E**gyptians, and **ó**ut of the hand of **á**ll the king**ó**m**ş** **th**at oppres**ê**d you:

19 but you have **th**is **da**y rejected **yó**ur Elohim, **wh**o himself **sa**ve**ş** you **ó**ut of **á**ll **yó**ur calamities and **yó**ur distresses; and you have said to him, [No], but set a king **ó**ver us. **N**ow **th**ere**ó**re **pre**sent **yó**ur**se**l**ve**ş **be**f**ó**re YAHWEH **by** **yó**ur tribes, and **by** **yó**ur **th**ou**ş**and**ş**.

20 So Samuel **bró**ught **á**ll the tribes of **I**sr**á**el **ne**ar, and the tribe of Benjamin was **ta**ken.

21 He **bró**ught the tribe of Benjamin **ne**ar **by** **th**eir families; and the family of the Matrites was **ta**ken; and S**á**ul the **só**n of Kish was **ta**ken: but **wh**en **th**ey **só**ught him, he **co**uld not be **fo**und.

22 **Th**ere**ó**re **th**ey **á**ske**d** of YAHWEH **Fú**rther, Is **th**ere yet a man to **có**me **he**re? YAHWEH answered, **B**e**ho**ld, he **ha**ş hid himself among the **ba**ggag**e**.

23 **Th**ey ran and **fe**tch**d** him **th**ere; and **wh**en he **stó**od among the **pe**ople, he was **hi**gher **th**an any of the **pe**ople from his **sh**oulder**ş** and upward.

24 Samuel said to **á**ll the **pe**ople, "**Y**ou **se**e him **wh**om YAHWEH **ha**ş **ch**o**ş**en, **th**at **th**ere is **nó**ne like him among **á**ll the **pe**ople?" **á**ll the **pe**ople **sh**outed, and said, [Long] **li**ve the king.

25 **Th**en Samuel **to**ld the **pe**ople the manner of the king**ó**m, and **w**rote it in a **bó**ok, and **la**id it up **be**f**ó**re YAHWEH. Samuel sent **á**ll the **pe**ople **aw**ay, every man to his **ho**use.

26 S^ául **á**lso went to his house to Gibeah; and **there** went **with** him the **host**, **wh**o**s**e hearts Elohim had **touch**ed.

27 But **c**ertain **w**orthless fellows said, **How shall this man save us? They** despised him, and **br**o**u**ght him no **pre**sent. But he held his **pe**a**ç**e.

1 Samuel 11

1 Then Nahash the Ammonite **came** up, and encamp**e**d **against** Jabesh-gilead: and **á**ll the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, **Make** a **c**o**v**en**an**t **with** us, and **we** will **s**e**r**ve you.

2 Nahash the Ammonite said to **them**, On **this** **c**o**n**di**ti**o**n** will I **make** it **with** you, **that á**ll **y**o**u**r **ri**gh**t** **ey**e**s** be **pu**t **o**ut; and I will **lay** it for a **re**pro**ach** on **á**ll **I**s**r**ael.

3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, Give us seven **day**s' **res**pite, **that we** may send **m**ess**en**ger**s** to **á**ll the **b**o**r**der**s** of **I**s**r**ael; and **then**, if **there** be **n**o**n**e to **save** us, **we** will **co**m**e** **o**ut to you.

4 **Then** **came** the **m**ess**en**ger**s** to Gibeah of S^ául, and **spoke** **the**s**e** **w**o**r**d**s** in the **ear**s of the **pe**o**pl**e: and **á**ll the **pe**o**pl**e lifted up **the**ir **voic**e, and wept.

5 **Beh**old, S^ául **came** following the oxen **o**ut of the **fi**eld; and S^ául said, **Wh**at **ail**s the **pe**o**pl**e **that they** **we**ep? **They** **told** him the **w**o**r**d**s** of the men of Jabesh.

6 The Spirit of Elohim **came** **mi**gh**t**ily on S^ául **wh**en he **h**e**ar**d **tho**s**e** **w**o**r**d**s**, and his anger was kindled **gr**e**at**ly.

7 He **to**ok a **y**o**k**e of oxen, and cut **them** in **pie**ç**e**s, and sent **them** **th**ro**u**gh**o**ut **á**ll the **b**o**r**der**s** of **I**s**r**ael **by** the hand of **m**ess**en**ger**s**, **saying**, **Wh**e**ver** **do**e**s**n't **co**m**e** **f**o**r**th **á**fter S^ául and **á**fter Samuel, so **sh**all it be **do**ne to his oxen. The dread of YAHWEH fell on the **pe**o**pl**e, and **they** **came** **o**ut as one man.

8 He numbered **them** in Bezek; and the **ch**il**d**ren of **I**s**r**ael were **th**ree hundred **th**o**u**s**an**d, and the men of Judah **th**irty **th**o**u**s**an**d.

9 **They** said to the **m**ess**en**ger**s** **wh**o **came**, **Th**us **sh**all you tell the men of Jabesh-gilead, **T**o**m**o**r**ro**w**, **by** the **ti**m**e** the sun is hot, you **sh**all have **del**iver**an**ç**e**. The **m**ess**en**ger**s** **came** and **told** the men of Jabesh; and **they** were glad.

10 **Th**er**e**f**o**r**e** the men of Jabesh said, **T**o**m**o**r**ro**w** **we** will **co**m**e** **o**ut to you, and you **sh**all **do** **with** us **á**ll **th**at **se**e**m**s **g**o**o**d to you.

11 It was so on the next **day**, **that** S^ául **pu**t the **pe**o**pl**e in **th**ree **co**m**pa**nies; and **they** **came** into the midst of the camp in the **m**o**r**ning **w**at**ch**, and struck the Ammonites until the **he**at of the **day**: and it happened, **that** **tho**s**e** **wh**o **re**mained were scattered, so **th**at no **tw**o of **them** were left **to**g**et**her.

12 The pe~~o~~ple said to Samuel, *who* is he *who* said, **Shall S~~á~~ul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.**

13 S~~á~~ul said, **There shall not a man be put to death this day; for today YAHWEH has worked deliverance in I~~s~~rael.**

14 **Then** said Samuel to the pe~~o~~ple, **Come**, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingd~~o~~m **there**.

15 All the pe~~o~~ple went to Gilgal; and **there they made S~~á~~ul king before YAHWEH in Gilgal; and there they offered sacrifices of peace-offerings before YAHWEH; and there S~~á~~ul and ~~á~~ll the men of I~~s~~rael rejoiced greatly.**

1 Samuel 12

1 Samuel said to ~~á~~ll I~~s~~rael, **Behold**, I have listened to *y~~o~~ur voice* in ~~á~~ll **that** you said to me, and have **made** a king over you.

2 **Now**, **behold**, the king *w~~á~~lks* before you; and I am **old** and **gray-headed**; and, **behold**, **my sons** are with you: and I have *w~~á~~lked* before you from **my youth** to **this day**.

3 **Here** I am: witness against me before YAHWEH, and before his anointed: *wh~~o~~se* ox have I **taken**? or *wh~~o~~se* donkey have I **taken**? or *wh~~o~~m* have I **defrauded**? *wh~~o~~m* have I **oppressed**? or of *wh~~o~~se* hand have I **taken** a ransom to blind *my eyes* **therewith**? and I will **restore** it you.

4 **They** said, **You** have not **defrauded** us, **n~~o~~r** **oppressed** us, **neither** have you **taken** anything of any man's hand.

5 He said to **them**, YAHWEH is witness against you, and his anointed is witness **this day**, **that** you have not **found** anything in **my** hand. **They** said, **He** is witness.

6 Samuel said to the pe~~o~~ple, It is YAHWEH *wh~~o~~* appointed **Mo~~s~~es** and Aaron, and **that** *br~~o~~ught* *y~~o~~ur fathers* up out of the land of **Egypt**.

7 **Now** **therefore** stand still, **that** I may **plead** with you before YAHWEH **concerning** ~~á~~ll the **righteous** acts of YAHWEH, *wh~~i~~ch* he did to you and to *y~~o~~ur fathers*.

8 **When** **Jacob** was **come** into **Egypt**, and *y~~o~~ur fathers* cried to YAHWEH, **then** YAHWEH sent **Mo~~s~~es** and Aaron, *wh~~o~~* *br~~o~~ught forth* *y~~o~~ur fathers* out of **Egypt**, and **made** **them** to dwell in **this place**.

9 But **they** forgot YAHWEH **their** Elohim; and he **sold** **them** into the hand of Sisera, captain of the **host** of Hazor, and into the hand of the **Philistines**, and into the hand of the king of **Moab**; and **they** *f~~o~~ught* against **them**.

10 **They** cried to YAHWEH, and said, **We** have sinned, **because** we have forsaken YAHWEH, and have **sêrved** the Baalš and the **Ashtaroth**: but **now** deliver us **out** of the hand of **our** enemies, and **we** will **sêrve** you.

11 YAHWEH sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and **Jephthah**, and Samuel, and delivered you **out** of the hand of **yôur** enemies on every **side**; and you lived in **safety**.

12 **When** you **sâw** **that** Nahash the king of the **children** of Ammon **came** against you, you said to me, No, but a king **shall** reign **over** us; **when** YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim was **yôur** king.

13 **Now** **therefôre** **see** the king **whom** you have **chôsen**, and **whom** you have **âsked** for: and, **behold**, YAHWEH **haš** set a king **over** you.

14 If you will **fear** YAHWEH, and **sêrve** him, and listen to his **voicê**, and not rebel **against** the commandment of YAHWEH, and **both** you and **âlso** the king **who** reignš **over** you are followers of YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim, [well]:

15 but if you will not listen to the **voicê** of YAHWEH, but rebel **against** the commandment of YAHWEH, **then** will the hand of YAHWEH be **against** you, as it was **against** **yôur** **fâtherš**.

16 **Now** **therefôre** stand still and **see** **this** **great** **thing**, **which** YAHWEH will **do** **befôre** **yôur** **eyes**.

17 **Išn't** it **when** **harvest** today? I will **call** to YAHWEH, **that** he **may** send **thunder** and **rain**; and you **shall** **know** and **see** **that** **yôur** wickedness is **great**, **which** you have **done** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, in **âsking** you a king.

18 So Samuel **called** to YAHWEH; and YAHWEH sent **thunder** and **rain** **that** **day**: and **âll** the **people** **greatly** **feared** YAHWEH and Samuel.

19 All the **people** said to Samuel, **Pray** for **yôur** **sêrvants** to YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim, **that** we not **die**; for **we** have added to **âll** **our** sins [this] **evil**, to **âsk** us a king.

20 Samuel said to the **people**, "**Don't** be afraid; you have **indeed** **done** **âll** **this** **evil**; yet **don't** **tûrn** **aside** from following YAHWEH, but **sêrve** YAHWEH with **âll** **yôur** **heârt**:

21 and **don't** **tûrn** **aside**; for [**then** **would** you go] **âfter** **vain** **things** **which** **cân't** profit **nôr** deliver, for **they** are **vain**.

22 **Fôr** YAHWEH will not forsake his **people** for his **great** name's **sake**, **because** it has **pleasêd** YAHWEH to **make** you a **people** to himself.

23 **Môreover** as for me, **fâr** be it from me **that** I **shôuld** sin **against** YAHWEH in **ceasing** to **pray** for you: but I will instruct you in the **gôod** and the **right** way.

24 Only fear YAHWEH, and sêrve him in truth with áll yôur heärt; for Cònsider how great things he has dône for you.

25 But if you shall still de wickedly, you shall be consumed, both you and yôur king."

1 Samuel 13

1 Sâul was [fôrtý] yearş old when he began to reign; and when he had reigned twe yearş over Işrael,

2 Sâul choşe him three thouşand men of Işrael, whereof twe thouşand were with Sâul in Michmash and in the Mount of Bethel, and one thouşand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3 Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistineş that was in Geba: and the Philistineş heard of it. Sâul blew the trumpet througħout áll the land, saying, Let the Hebrewş hear.

4 All Işrael heard say that Sâul had struck the garrison of the Philistineş, and álso that Işrael was had in abomination with the Philistineş. The people were gathered together äfter Sâul to Gilgal.

5 The Philistineş assembled themselvéş together to fight with Işrael, thirty thouşand chariots, and six thouşand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea-shôre in multitude: and they came up, and encampêd in Michmash, eastward of Beth-aven.

6 When the men of Işrael säw that they were in a strait (for the people were distressed), then the people did hide themselvéş in caveş, and in thicket, and in rocks, and in covêrts, and in pits.

7 Now some of the Hebrewş had gone over the Jôrdan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Sâul, he was yet in Gilgal, and áll the people followed him trembling.

8 He stayêd seven dayş, accôrding to the set time that Samuel [had appointed]: but Samuel didn't còme to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 Sâul said, Bring here the bûrnt offering to me, and the peacê-offeringş. He offerêd the bûrnt offering.

10 It came to päsş that as soeøn as he had made an end of offering the bûrnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Sâul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

11 Samuel said, *What* have you **d**one? S^ául said, *Be*ca^use I **s**áw **t**hat the **p**eople were scattered from me, and **t**hat you didn't **c**ome **w**ithin the **d**ays appointed, and **t**hat the **Philistines** assembled **t**hemselves **t**ogether at Michmash;

12 **t**heref^ore said I, **N**ow will the **Philistines** **c**ome **d**own on me to Gilgal, and I haven't **e**ntreated the **f**avor of YAHWEH: I **f**o^rced **m**yself **t**heref^ore, and offered the **b**urnt offering.

13 Samuel said to S^ául, *Y*ou have **d**one **f**oolishly; you have not kept the commandment of YAHWEH **y**our Elohim, **w**hich he commanded you: for **n**ow **w**ould YAHWEH have **e**stablished **y**our kingdom on **I**srael forever.

14 But **n**ow **y**our kingdom **s**hall not **c**ontinue: YAHWEH has **s**ought him a man **a**fter his **o**wn **h**e^art, and YAHWEH has appointed him to be **p**rin^ce **o**ver his **p**eople, **b**e^{ca}use you have not kept **t**hat **w**hich YAHWEH commanded you.

15 Samuel **a**ro^se, and got him up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. S^ául numbered the **p**eople **w**h^o were **p**re^sent **w**ith him, **a**b^out six hundred men.

16 S^ául, and Jonath^{an} his **s**on, and the **p**eople **w**h^o were **p**re^sent **w**ith **t**hem, **a**b^ode in Geba of Benjamin: but the **Philistines** encamped in **M**ichmash.

17 The **s**poilers **c**ame **o**ut of the camp of the **Philistines** in **t**hree **c**ompanies: one **c**ompany **t**urned to the way **t**hat **l**eads to **O**phrah, to the land of Shual;

18 and **a**n^other **c**ompany **t**urned the way to Beth-horon; and **a**n^other **c**ompany **t**urned the way of the **b**order **t**hat **l**ooks **d**own on the valley of Zeboim **t**oward the wilderness.

19 **N**ow **t**here was no smith **f**ound **t**hrough^out **a**ll the land of **I**srael; for the **Philistines** said, *Lest* the **H**ebrews **m**ake **t**hem **s**w^ords or spears:

20 but **a**ll the **I**sraelites went **d**own to the **Philistines**, to **s**h^arpen every man his **p**l^owshare, mattock, ax, and sickle;

21 yet **t**hey had a **f**ile for the mattocks, and for the **p**l^owshares, and for the **f**orks, and for the axes, and to set the **g**oads.

22 So it **c**ame to **p**ass in the day of battle, **t**hat **t**here was **n**either **s**w^ord **n**or **s**pear **f**ound in the hand of any of the **p**eople **w**h^o were **w**ith S^ául and Jonath^{an}: but **w**ith S^ául and **w**ith Jonath^{an} his **s**on was **t**here **f**ound.

23 The garrison of the **Philistines** went **o**ut to the **p**ass of Michmash.

1 Samuel 14

1 Now it fell on a day, **th**at Jonath**an** the s**on** of S**á**ul said to the young man **wh**e b**ô**re his **ä**rmor, C**ó**me, and let us go over to the **Philistines'** garrison, **th**at is on yonder **sid**e. But he didn't tell his **fä**ther.

2 S**á**ul ab**o**de in the utter**ost** p**ä**rt of Gibeah under the pomegranate **tree** **wh**ich is in Migron: and the **pe**ople **wh**e were **with** him were ab**o**ut six hundred men;

3 and Ahijah, the s**on** of Ahitub, Ichabod's **br**óther, the s**on** of **Ph**inehas, the s**on** of **E**li, the priest of YAHWEH in **Sh**iloh, wearing an **eph**od. The **pe**ople didn't **kn**ow **th**at Jonath**an** was gone.

4 Bet**we**en the p**ä**sses, **by** **wh**ich Jonath**an** s**ó**ught to go over to the **Philistines'** garrison, **th**ere was a rocky crag on the one **sid**e, and a rocky crag on the **ó**ther **sid**e: and the **na**me of the one was Bozez, and the **na**me of the **ó**ther Seneh.

5 The one crag **ro**se up on the **nó**rth in **ró**nt of Mich**ma**sh, and the **ó**ther on the **só**uth in **ró**nt of Geba.

6 Jonath**an** said to the young man **wh**e b**ô**re his **ä**rmor, C**ó**me, and let us go over to the garrison of **th**es**e** un**ç**ircum**ç**ised: it may be **th**at YAHWEH will **wó**rk for us; for **th**ere is no **re**straint to YAHWEH to **sa**ve **by** many or **by** few.

7 His **ä**rmor bearer said to him, **D**e **á**ll **th**at is in y**ó**ur **heä**rt: t**ú**rn you, behold, I am **with** you acc**ó**rding to y**ó**ur **heä**rt.

8 **Th**en said Jonath**an**, Behold, **w**e will p**ä**ss over to the men, and **w**e will **dis**clo**s**e **o**urselves to **th**em.

9 If **th**ey say **th**us to us, **W**ait until **w**e c**ó**me to you; **th**en **w**e will stand still in **ó**ur **plac**e, and will not go up to **th**em.

10 But if **th**ey say **th**us, C**ó**me up to us; **th**en **w**e will go up; for YAHWEH has delivered **th**em into **ó**ur hand: and **th**is **sh**all be the **si**gn to us.

11 **B**oth of **th**em **dis**clo**s**ed **th**emsel**ve**s to the garrison of the **Philistines'** and the **Philistines'** said, Behold, the **H**ebrews c**ó**me **fó**rth **ó**ut of the **hol**e**s** **wh**ere **th**ey had hid **th**emsel**ve**s.

12 The men of the garrison answered Jonath**an** and his **ä**rmor bearer, and said, C**ó**me up to us, and **w**e will **sh**ow you a **th**ing. Jonath**an** said to his **ä**rmor bearer, C**ó**me up **ä**fter me; for YAHWEH has delivered **th**em into the hand of **I**s**r**ael.

13 Jonath**an** **cl**im**b**ed up on his **hand**s and on his **fe**et, and his **ä**rmor bearer **ä**fter him: and **th**ey fell bef**ó**re Jonath**an**; and his **ä**rmor bearer killed **th**em **ä**fter him.

14 **That** first sláughter, **which** Jonathán and his ärmor bearer **made**, was about twenty men, **with**in as it were hälf a furrow's length in an acre of land.

15 **There** was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among äll the people; the garrison, and the spoilerş, **they** älsö trembled; and the **earth** quaked: so **there** was an ex**ceeding** great trembling.

16 The **watch**men of Sául in Gibeah of Benjamin **looked**; and, behold, the multitude melted awa**y**, and **they** went [**here**] and **there**.

17 **Then** said Sául to the people **who** were **with** him, Number **now**, and **see** **who** is gone from us. **When** **they** had numbered, behold, Jonathán and his ärmor bearer were not **there**.

18 Sául said to Ahijah, Bring **here** the ärk of Elohim. **För** the ärk of Elohim was [**there**] at **that** time **with** the **children** of Işrael.

19 It happened, **while** Sául **tälked** to the priest, **that** the tumult **that** was in the camp of the **Philistines** went on and incre**ased**: and Sául said to the priest, **With**draw **yöur** hand.

20 Sául and äll the people **who** were **with** him were gathered together, and **came** to the battle: and, behold, every man's swörd was against his fellow, [**and there** was] a very great **confu**sion.

21 **Now** the Hebrewş **who** were **with** the **Philistines** as befö**re**, and **who** went up **with** **them** into the camp, [**from** the country] **round** about, **even** **they** älsö [**tü**rned] to be **with** the Işraelites **who** were **with** Sául and Jonathán.

22 **Likewis**e äll the men of Işrael **who** had hid **themselve**ş in the hill-country of Ephraim, **when** **they** **heard** **that** the **Philistines** fled, **even** **they** älsö followed härd äfter **them** in the battle.

23 So YAHWEH **saved** Işrael **that** day: and the battle **pässe**d over by Beth-aven.

24 The men of Işrael were distressed **that** day; for Sául had **adju**red the people, **saying**, **Cürse**d be the man **who** **eats** any **feed** until it be **evening**, and I be **aveng**ed on **my** enemies. So **no**ne of the people **tasted** **feed**.

25 All the people **came** into the forest; and **there** was **honey** on the **ground**.

26 **When** the people were **come** to the forest, behold, the **honey** **dropp**ed: but no man **put** his hand to his **mouth**; for the people **feared** the **oath**.

27 But Jonathán didn't **hear** **when** his **fäther** **chärg**ed the people **with** the **oath**: **therefö**re he **put** **förth** the end of the rod **who** was in his hand, and **dipp**ed it in the **honeycomb**, and **put** his hand to his **mouth**; and his **eyes** were **enli**ghtened.

28 **Then** answered one of the **people**, and said, **Your fäther** directly **chärged** the **people with** an **oath**, saying, **Cürsed** be the man **who eats food this day**. The **people** were faint.

29 **Then** said **Jonathan**, **My fäther** haş troubled the land. **Please löök how my eyes** have **been enlihtened**, **becäuse** I **tasted** a little of **this höney**.

30 **How much möre**, if haply the **people** had **eaten freely** today of the spoil of **their enemies** **which they found**? for **now haş there been** no **great släughter** among the **Philistines**.

31 **They** struck of the **Philistines** **that day** from **Michmash** to **Aijalon**. The **people** were very faint;

32 and the **people** flew on the spoil, and **töök sheep**, and **oxen**, and **cäves**, and killed **them** on the **ground**; and the **people ate** **them with** the **blöod**.

33 **Then they told Säul**, saying, **Behold**, the **people** sin **against YAHWEH**, in **that they eat with** the **blöod**. **He** said, you have dealt **treacherously**: **roll a great stone** to me **this day**.

34 **Säul** said, **Dispërse yourselves** among the **people**, and tell **them**, **Bring me here** every man his **ox**, and every man his **sheep**, and kill **them here**, and **eat**; and **don't** sin **against YAHWEH** in **eating with** the **blöod**. **Äll** the **people** **bröught** every man his **ox with** him **that night**, and killed **them there**.

35 **Säul** built an **ältar** to **YAHWEH**: the **same** was the **first ältar** **that** he built to **YAHWEH**.

36 **Säul** said, **Let us go down äfter** the **Philistines** **by night**, and **take** spoil among **them** until the **mörning light**, and let us not **leave** a man of **them**. **They** said, **De** **what**ever **seemş good** to you. **Then** said the **priest**, **Let us dräv** **near here** to **Elohim**.

37 **Säul äsked** counsel of **Elohim**, **Shall I go down äfter** the **Philistines**? will you deliver **them** into the hand of **Işrael**? But he didn't answer him **that day**.

38 **Säul** said, **Dräv** **near here**, **Äll** you **chiefs** of the **people**; and **know** and **see** in **which** **this** sin haş **been** **this** day.

39 For, as **YAHWEH** liveş, **who saveş Işrael**, **thoügh** it be in **Jonathan** **my sön**, he **shall** **surely die**. But **there** was not a man among **Äll** the **people** **who** answered him.

40 **Then** said he to **Äll Işrael**, Be you on one **side**, and I and **Jonathan** **my sön** will be on the **öther** **side**. The **people** said to **Säul**, **De** **what** **seemş good** to you.

41 **Therefore** S^ául said to YAHWEH, the Elohim of I^šrael, **Show** the **right**. Jonath^han and S^ául were **taken** [by lot]; but the **people** **escaped**.

42 S^ául said, C^äst [lots] betweeⁿ me and Jonath^han my **son**. Jonath^han was **taken**.

43 **Then** S^ául said to Jonath^han, Tell me **what** you have **done**. Jonath^han **told** him, and said, I did **certainly** **taste** a little **honey** with the end of the rod **that** was in my hand; and, **behold**, I must **die**.

44 S^ául said, Elohim **do** so and **more** **also**; for you **shall** **surely** **die**, Jonath^han.

45 The **people** said to S^ául, **Shall** Jonath^han **die**, **who** has **worke**d this **great** **salvation** in I^šrael? **Fär** from it: as YAHWEH **live**s, **there** **shall** not one **hair** of his head **fall** to the **ground**; for he has **worke**d with Elohim **this** **day**. So the **people** **rescu**ed Jonath^han, **that** he didn't **die**.

46 **Then** S^ául went up from following the **Philistine**s; and the **Philistine**s went to **their** **own** **place**.

47 **Now** **when** S^ául had **taken** the **kingdom** **over** I^šrael, he **fought** **against** **all** his **enemie**s on every **side**, **against** **Moab**, and **against** the **children** of Ammon, and **against** Edom, and **against** the **kings** of Zobah, and **against** the **Philistine**s; and **wherever** he **turned** himself, he **put** [them] to the **worse**.

48 He did **valiantly**, and struck the Amalekite^s, and **delivered** I^šrael **out** of the **hand**s of **those** **who** **despoiled** **them**.

49 **Now** the **sons** of S^ául were Jonath^han, and Ishvi, and Malshishua; and the **name**s of his **two** **daughte**r^s were **these**: the **name** of the **firstborn** Merab, and the **name** of the **younger** Michal:

50 and the **name** of S^ául's **wife** was Ahinoam the **daughte**r of Ahimaaz. The **name** of the captain of his **host** was Abner the **son** of Ner, S^ául's **uncle**.

51 **Kish** was the **fäther** of S^ául; and Ner the **fäther** of Abner was the **son** of Abiel.

52 **There** was **so**re **wär** **against** the **Philistine**s **all** the **day**s of S^ául: and **when** S^ául **saw** any **mighty** man, or any **valiant** man, he **took** him to him.

1 Samuel 15

1 **Samuel** said to S^ául, YAHWEH sent me to anoint you to be **king** **over** his **people**, **over** I^šrael: **now** **therefore** listen you to the **voic**e of the **wor**d^s of YAHWEH.

2 **Thus** **says** YAHWEH of **Hosts**, I have **marke**d **that** **which** Amalek did to I^šrael, **how** he set himself **again**st him in the **way**, **when** he **came** up **out** of **Egypt**.

3 Now go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy **á**ll **th**at **they** have, and don't spare **them**; but kill **both** man and wóman, infant and suckling, ox and **sheep**, camel and donkey.

4 Sául summoned the peóple, and numbered **them** in Telaim, twe hundred **thou**sand **foó**tmen, and ten **thou**sand men of Judah.

5 Sául came to the çity of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

6 Sául said to the Kenites, Go, depärt, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with **them**; for you **shown** kindness to **á**ll the **children** of Işrael, when **they** came up out of **Egypt**. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 Saul struck the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, **th**at is befóre **Egypt**.

8 He **toók** Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed **á**ll the peóple with the edge of the swórd.

9 But Sául and the peóple spared Agag, and the best of the **sheep**, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and **á**ll **th**at was **gó**od, and wóuldn't utterly destroy **them**: but every**th**ing **th**at was vile and refuse, **th**at **they** destroyed utterly.

10 Then came the wórd of YAHWEH to Samuel, saying,

11 It repents me **th**at I have set up Sául to be king; for he is tórned back from following me, and has not perfórméd **my** commandments. Samuel was angry; and he criéd to YAHWEH **á**ll night.

12 Samuel rose éarly to meet Sául in the mórníng; and it was told Samuel, saying, Sául came to Cärmel, and, behold, he set him up a monument, and tórned, and pássed on, and went down to Gilgal.

13 Samuel came to Sául; and Sául said to him, Blessed are you by YAHWEH: I have perfórméd the commandment of YAHWEH.

14 Samuel said, *What means then this* bleating of the **sheep** in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen *which* I hear?

15 Sául said, **They** have bróught **them** from the Amalekites: for the peóple spared the best of the **sheep** and of the oxen, to sacrificé to YAHWEH yóur Elohim; and the rest **we** have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said to Sául, Stay, and I will tell you *wh*at YAHWEH has said to me **this** night. He said to him, Say on.

17 Samuel said, "**Tho**ugh you were little in yóur own sight, wéren't you made the head of the tribes of Işrael? YAHWEH anointed you king over Işrael;

18 and YAHWEH sent you on a j^ourney, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners^s the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.

19 Why then didn't you obey the voice of YAHWEH, but flew on the spoil, and did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH?"

20 S^ául said to Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of YAHWEH, and have gone the way which YAHWEH sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things^s, to sacrifice to YAHWEH y^our Elohim in Gilgal.

22 Samuel said, Has YAHWEH as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of YAHWEH? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams^s.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim. Because you have rejected the word of YAHWEH, he has also rejected you from being king.

24 S^ául said to Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of YAHWEH, and y^our words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship YAHWEH.

26 Samuel said to S^ául, I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of YAHWEH, and YAHWEH has rejected you from being king over Israel.

27 As Samuel turned about to go away, [S^ául] laid hold on the skirt of his robe, and it tore.

28 Samuel said to him, YAHWEH has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of y^ours^s who is better than you.

29 Also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned: yet honor me now, Please, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship YAHWEH y^our Elohim.

31 So Samuel turned again after S^ául; and S^ául worshipped YAHWEH.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring you here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 Samuel said, As y^our sw^ord ha^s ma^de women **childless**, so **shall y^our mo^ther be childless among women**. Samuel hewed Agag in **piec^es** bef^ore YAHWEH in Gilgal.

34 **Then** Samuel went to Ramah; and S^aul went up to his ho^use to Gibeah of S^aul.

35 Samuel **came** no m^ore to **see** S^aul until the **day** of his dea^th; for Samuel m^ourned for S^aul: and YAHWEH repented **that** he had ma^de S^aul king **over I^srael**.

1 Samuel 16

1 YAHWEH said to Samuel, **How** long will you m^ourn for S^aul, **seeing** I have rejected him from **being** king **over I^srael**? fill y^our h^orn **with** oil, and **go**: I will send you to Jesse the Beth-lehemite; for I have **provid^ed** me a king **among** his s^on^s.

2 Samuel said, **How** can I **go**? if S^aul **hear** it, he will kill me. YAHWEH said, **Take** a heifer **with** you, and **say**, I am **come** to sacrific^e to YAHWEH.

3 Call Jesse to the sacrific^e, and I will **show** you **wha^t** you **shall do**: and you **shall** anoint to me him **whom** I **name** to you.

4 Samuel did **that** **which** YAHWEH **spoke**, and **came** to Bethlehem. The elder^s of the **city** **came** to **meet** him trembling, and said, **Come** you **peac^eably**?

5 He said, **Peac^eably**; I am **come** to sacrific^e to YAHWEH: sanctify y^our^{selv}e^s, and **come** **with** me to the sacrific^e. **He** sanctified Jesse and his s^on^s, and **called** **them** to the sacrific^e.

6 It happen^ed, **when** **they** had **come**, **that** he **look^ed** at Eliab, and said, **Surely** Y^ahweh'^s anointed is bef^ore him.

7 But YAHWEH said to Samuel, "**Don't** **look** on his **fac^e**, or on the **height** of his **statu^re**; **beca^use** I have rejected him: for [YAHWEH **see^s**] not as man **see^s**; for man **look^s** at the **outward appe^aran^ce**, but YAHWEH **look^s** at the **he^art**."

8 **Then** Jesse **called** Abinadab, and **made** him **pass** bef^ore Samuel. **He** said, **Neither** ha^s YAHWEH **cho^sen** **this**.

9 **Then** Jesse **made** Shammah to **pass** **by**. **He** said, **Neither** ha^s YAHWEH **cho^sen** **this**.

10 Jesse **made** seven of his s^on^s to **pass** bef^ore Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, YAHWEH ha^s not **cho^sen** **thes^e**.

11 Samuel said to Jesse, Are **he^re** **all** y^our **children**? **He** said, **There** **remain^s** yet the youngest, and, **behold**, he is **keeping** the **sheep**. Samuel said to Jesse, Send and get him; for **we** will not sit **down** until he **come** **he^re**.

12 He sent, and br^ought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful fa^çe, and go^oddly to lo^ok on. YAHWEH said, Ari^se, anoint him; for **this** is he.

13 **Then** Samuel to^ook the ho^rn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his bro^ther^s; and the Spirit of YAHWEH came mi^ghtily on David from **that day fo**ward. So Samuel ro^se up, and went to Ramah.

14 Now the Spirit of YAHWEH dep^arted from S^aul, and an evil spirit from YAHWEH troubled him.

15 S^aul's se^rvants said to him, See now, an evil spirit from Elohim trouble^s you.

16 Let ou^r lo^rd now command yo^ur se^rvants who are bef^ore you, to seek ou^t a man who is a skil^ful player on the ha^rp: and it shall happen, when the evil spirit from Elohim is on you, **that he shall play with** his hand, and you shall be well.

17 S^aul said to his se^rvants, Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me.

18 **Then** answered one of the young men, and said, Behold, I have seen a soⁿ of Jesse the Beth-lehemit, who is skil^ful in playing, and a mi^ghty man of valor, and a man of wa^r, and prudent in spee^ch, and a co^mely pe^rson; and YAHWEH is with him.

19 **Therefo**re S^aul sent messenger^s to Jesse, and said, Send me David yo^ur soⁿ, who is with the sheep.

20 Jesse to^ook a donkey [laden] with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent **them by** David his soⁿ to S^aul.

21 David came to S^aul, and sto^od bef^ore him: and he lo^ved him great^ly; and he became his a^rmor bearer.

22 S^aul sent to Jesse, saying, Plea^se let David stand bef^ore me; for he ha^s found favor in my si^ght.

23 It happened, when the [evil] spirit from Elohim was on S^aul, **that David to**ok the ha^rp, and play^ed with his hand: so S^aul was refresh^ed, and was well, and the evil spirit dep^arted from him.

1 Samuel 17

1 Now the Philistine^s gather^ed together their a^rmie^s to battle; and they were gather^ed together at Socoh, whi^ch belong^s to Judah, and encamp^ed between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

2 Saul and the men of I^srael were gather^ed together, and encamp^ed in the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistine^s.

3 The **Philistine**s stóod on the móuntain on the one side, and **I**sráel stóod on the móuntain on the óther side: and **there** was a valley between **them**.

4 **There** went óut a **champion** óut of the camp of the **Philistine**s, named Goliath, of Gath, whóse height was six cubits and a span.

5 He had a helmet of bräss on his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thóousand shekel^s of bräss.

6 He had bräss shin-ármor on his leg^s, and a javelin of bräss between his shoulder^s.

7 The stáff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head [weighed] six hundred shekel^s of irón: and his shield- bearer went befóre him.

8 He stóod and cried to the ármie^s of **I**sráel, and said to **them**, Why are you cóme óut to set yóur battle in array? am I not a **Philistin**, and you sérvants to Sául? **chee**se you a man for you, and let him cóme ówn to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, **then** will we be yóur sérvants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, **then** shall you be óur sérvants, and sérve us.

10 The **Philistine** said, I defy the ármie^s of **I**sráel **this** day; give me a man, **that** we may fight together.

11 **When** Sául and áll **I**sráel héard thóse wórd^s of the **Philistine**, **they** were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 **Now** David was the són of **that** Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whóse name was Jesse; and he had eight són^s: and the man was an óld man in the day^s of Sául, stricken [in year^s] among men.

13 The **three** eldest són^s of Jesse had gone áfter Sául to the battle: and the name^s of his **three** són^s whó went to the battle were Eliab the firstbórn, and next to him Abinadab, and the **th**ird **Shammah**.

14 **Da**vid was the youngest; and the **three** eldest followed Sául.

15 **Now** David went back and fórt^h from Sául to feed his fáther's sheep at Beth-lehem.

16 The **Philistine** drew near mórning and evening, and presented himself fórt^y day^s.

17 Jesse said to David his són, Take **now** for yóur bróther^s an ephah of **this** párchéd grain, and **thes**e ten loave^s, and carry [them] **quickly** to the camp to yóur bróther^s;

18 and bring **thes**e ten **chees**eş to the captain of **thei**r **thou**şand, and **l**ook **h**ow **y**our **br**otherş fare, and **t**ake **thei**r **pled**ge.

19 **N**ow **S**aul, and **the**y, and **all** the men of **I**şrael, were in the valley of Elah, **f**ighting **w**ith the **Ph**ilistineş.

20 **D**avid **ro**şe up **ear**ly in the **m**orning, and left the **sheep** **w**ith a **kee**per, and **t**ook, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he **came** to the **plac**e of the **wag**onş,, as the **host** **wh**ich was going **f**orth to the **fi**ght **sh**outed for the battle.

21 **I**şrael and the **Ph**ilistineş **p**ut the battle in array, **är**my against **är**my.

22 **D**avid left his **bagga**ge in the hand of the **kee**per of the **bagga**ge, and ran to the **är**my, and **came** and **greeted** his **br**otherş.

23 As he **t**alked **w**ith **the**m, behold, **there** **came** up the **ch**ampion, the **Ph**ilistine of **Gath**, **Goliath** **by** name, **out** of the ranks of the **Ph**ilistineş, and **spoke** **acc**ording to the **same** **w**ordş: and **D**avid **h**ear**d** **the**m.

24 All the men of **I**şrael, **wh**en **the**y **s**aw the man, fled from him, and were **s**ore afraid.

25 The men of **I**şrael said, **H**ave you **seen** **this** man **wh**o is **come** up? **surely** to **defy** **I**şrael is he **come** up: and it **shall** be, **that** the man **wh**o kills him, the king will **enrich** him **w**ith **great** **riches**, and will give him his **d**äughter, and **make** his **f**äther's **hou**se **free** in **I**şrael.

26 **D**avid **spoke** to the men **wh**o **st**ood **by** him, **saying**, **Wh**at **shall** be **done** to the man **wh**o **kill**ş **this** **Ph**ilistine, and **takes** **away** the **reproach** from **I**şrael? for **wh**o is **this** **un**circumcişed **Ph**ilistine, **that** he **sh**ould **defy** the **är**miesş of the living **Elohim**?

27 The **pe**ople answered him **ä**fter **this** manner, **saying**, So **shall** it be **done** to the man **wh**o **kill**ş him.

28 **E**liab his eldest **br**other **h**ear**d** **wh**en he **spoke** to the men; and **E**liab's anger was kindled **against** **D**avid, and he said, **Wh**y are you **come** **down**? and **w**ith **wh**o**m** have you left **thos**e few **sheep** in the wilderness? I **know** **y**our **pride**, and the **n**äughtiness of **y**our **he**ärt; for you have **come** **down** **that** you **mi**ght **see** the battle.

29 **D**avid said, **Wh**at have I **now** **done**? Is **there** not a **ca**uşe?

30 He **t**urned **away** from him **tow**ärd **an**other, and **spoke** **ä**fter the **same** manner: and the **pe**ople answered him **again** **ä**fter the **f**örmer manner.

31 When the **w**ordş were **h**ear**d** **wh**ich **D**avid **spoke**, **the**y **re**h**ear**şed **the**m **bef**öre **S**aul; and he sent for him.

32 David said to S^ául, Let no man's he^ärt fail beca^use of him; y^our s^er^vant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 S^ául said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, and he a man of w^ár from his youth.

34 David said to S^ául, Y^our s^er^vant was keeping his f^äther's sheep; and when there came a li^on, or a bear, and t^ook a lamb out of the flock,

35 I went out ^äfter him, and struck him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I c^äught him by his beard, and struck him, and killed him.

36 Y^our s^er^vant struck both the li^on and the bear: and this un^çircum^çised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the ^ärmies of the living Elohim.

37 David said, Y^ähweh who delivered me out of the p^áw of the li^on, and out of the p^áw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. S^ául said to David, Go, and Y^ähweh shall be with you.

38 S^ául clad David with his clothing, and he p^ut a helmet of br^äss on his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail.

39 David gⁱrded his sw^ord on his clothing, and he tri^ed to go; for he had not proved it. David said to Saul, I c^än't go with thes^e; for I have not proved them. David p^ut them off him.

40 He t^ook his st^äff in his hand, and ch^ose him five sm^ooth stones out of the br^ook, and p^ut them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his w^ället; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David; and the man who b^ore the shield went bef^ore him.

42 When the Philistine l^ook^ed about, and s^áw David, he di^sdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair face.

43 The Philistine said to David, Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks? The Philistine c^urse^d David by his gods.

44 The Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give y^our flesh to the bⁱrds of the sky, and to the animals of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, You come to me with a sw^ord, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come to you in the name of Y^ähweh of hosts, the Elohim of the ^ärmies of I^srael, whom you have defied.

46 **This day** will Yähweh deliver you into **my** hand; and I will **strike** you, and **take** yôur head from off you; and I will give the dead bodies of the **host** of the **Philistines** **this day** to the **birds** of the **sky**, and to the **wild animals** of the **êarth**; **that** **âll** the **êarth** may know **that** **there** is a God in **Işrael**,

47 and **that** **âll** **this** assembly may know **that** Yähweh **doeşn't** **save** with **swôrd** and **spear**: for the battle is Yähweh's, and he will give you into **our** hand.

48 It happened, *when* the **Philistine** **aroşe**, and **came** and drew **near** to **meet** David, **that** David **hurried**, and ran **towârd** the **ârmy** to **meet** the **Philistine**.

49 David **püt** his hand in his bag, and **tôok** **there** a **stone**, and **slang** it, and struck the **Philistine** in his **forehead**; and the **stone** sank into his **forehead**, and he fell on his **façe** to the **êarth**.

50 So David **prevailed** **over** the **Philistine** **with** a sling and **with** a **stone**, and struck the **Philistine**, and killed him; but **there** was no **swôrd** in the hand of David.

51 **Then** David ran, and **stôod** **over** the **Philistine**, and **tôok** his **swôrd**, and drew it **out** of the **sheat** of it, and killed him, and cut off his head **therewith**. *When* the **Philistines** **sâw** **that** **their** **champion** was dead, **they** fled.

52 The men of **Işrael** and of **Judah** **aroşe**, and **shouted**, and **pûrsued** the **Philistines**, until you **come** to Gai, and to the **gates** of Ekron. The **wounded** of the **Philistines** fell **down** **by** the **way** to **Shaaraim**, **even** to **Gath**, and to Ekron.

53 The **children** of **Işrael** **retûrned** from **chasing** **âfter** the **Philistines**, and **they** plundered **their** camp.

54 David **tôok** the head of the **Philistine**, and **brôught** it to **Jeruşalem**; but he **püt** his **ârmor** in his tent.

55 *When* Saul **sâw** David **go** **fôrth** **aga**inst the **Philistine**, he said to Abner, the captain of the **host**, Abner, *whes* **son** is **this** **youth**? Abner said, As **yôur** **soul** **liveş**, O king, I **cân't** tell.

56 The king said, "**Inquire** *whes* **son** the young man is!"

57 As David **retûrned** from the **slâughter** of the **Philistine**, Abner **tôok** him, and **brôught** him **befôre** Saul **with** the head of the **Philistine** in his hand.

58 **Sâul** said to him, *whes* **son** are you, you young man? David **answered**, I am the **son** of **yôur** **sêrvant** Jesse the **Beth-**lehemite.

1 Samuel 18

1 It happened, *when* he had made an end of **speaking** to **Sâul**, **that** the **soul** of **Jonathan** was **knit** **with** the **soul** of **David**, and **Jonathan** **loved** him as his **own** **soul**.

2 Sâul took him **that day**, and would let him go no **môre home** to his **fâther's house**.

3 **Then** Jonath**an** and **David** made a **covenant**, because he **loved** him as his **own soul**.

4 Jonath**an** stripped himself of the **robe** **that** was on him, and **gave** it to **David**, and his **clothing**, **even** to his **swôrd**, and to his **bow**, and to his **sash**.

5 **David** went **out** *wherever* Sâul sent him, [and] behav**ed** himself **wisely**: and Sâul set him **over** the men of **wâr**, and it was **gôod** in the **sight** of **âll** the **people**, and **âls**o in the **sight** of Sâul's **sêrvants**.

6 It happen**ed** as **they came**, *when* **David** ret**urned** from the sl**ughter** of the **Philistine**, **that** the women came **out** of **âll** the **çities** of **Ishraël**, singing and dan**çing**, to **meet** king Sâul, **with** tambourine**s**, **with** joy, and **with** instruments of **mu**sic****.

7 The women sang one to **another** as **they play**ed****, and said, Sâul has **slain** his **thou**sand**s**, **David** his ten **thou**sand**s**.

8 Sâul was very angry, and **this saying** displeas**ed** him; and he said, **They** have ascribed to **David** ten **thou**sand**s**, and to me **they** have ascribed but **thou**sand**s**: and *what* can he have **môre** but the **kingd**om****?

9 Sâul **ey**ed**** **David** from **that day** and **fôward**.

10 It happen**ed** on the next **day**, **that** an **evil** spirit from Elohim **came** **mightily** on Sâul, and he **proph**esied**** in the midst of the **house**: and **David** play**ed** **with** his hand, as he did **day by day**. Sâul had his **spear** in his hand;

11 and Sâul **câst** the **spear**; for he said, I will **strike** **David** **even** to the **wâll**. **David** avoided **out** of his **pre**sence**** **twi**çe****.

12 Saul was **afraid** of **David**, because **Yâhweh** was **with** him, and was **depârted** from Sâul.

13 **Ther**efôre**** Sâul **remov**ed**** him from him, and **made** him his **captain** **over** a **thou**sand****; and he went **out** and **came** in **befôre** the **people**.

14 **David** behav**ed** himself **wisely** in **âll** his **way**s****; and **YAHWEH** was **with** him.

15 *When* Sâul **sâw** **that** he behav**ed** himself very **wisely**, he **stôod** in **âwe** of him.

16 But **âll** **Ishraël** and **Judah** **loved** **David**; for he went **out** and **came** in **befôre** **them**.

17 Sâul said to **David**, Behold, my **elder dâughter** Merab, her will I **give** you as **wife**: **only** be valiant for me, and **fight** **Yâhweh's** **battle**s****. **Fôr** Sâul said, **Don't** let my hand be on him, but let the hand of the **Philistine**s**** be on him.

18 David said to S^ául, *who* am I, and *what* is my life, [or] my f^äther's family in I^srael, **that** I **sho**uld be s^{ón}-in-l^áw to the king?

19 But it happened at the time *when* Merab, S^ául's d^áughter, **sho**uld have **been** given to David, **that** she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as wife.

20 Michal, Saul's d^áughter, **lo**ved David: and **they** told S^ául, and the **th**ing **ple**ased him.

21 S^ául said, I will give her to him, **that** she **may** be a snare to him, and **that** the hand of the **Philistines** **may** be against him. **Therefo**re S^ául said to David, **You shall this day** be my s^{ón}-in-l^áw a second time.

22 S^ául commanded his s^êrvents, [saying], **commu**ne with David secretly, and **say**, Behold, the king has delight in you, and **á**ll his s^êrvents **lo**ve you: **now therefo**re be the king's s^{ón}-in-l^áw.

23 S^ául's s^êrvents **spo**ke **tho**se w^ôrds in the ear^s of David. David said, **Seem**s it to you a **li**ght **th**ing to be the king's s^{ón}-in-l^áw, **see**ing **that** I am a p^ôor man, and **li**ghtly **esteem**ed?

24 The s^êrvents of S^ául told him, **saying**, On **this** manner **spo**ke David.

25 S^ául said, **Thus shall** you tell David, The king **desi**res no dowry **ex**cept one hundred f^ôreskins of the **Philistines**, to be **aveng**ed of the king's enemies. **Now** S^ául **th**o^ught to **ma**ke David **fá**ll **by** the hand of the **Philistines**.

26 *When* his s^êrvents told David **thes**e w^ôrds, it **ple**ased David well to be the king's s^{ón}-in-l^áw. The **day**s were not **expir**ed;

27 and David **ar**ose and went, he and his men, and killed of the **Philistines** **two** hundred men; and David **br**o^ught **thei**r f^ôreskins, and **they** **gav**e **them** in **fu**ll number to the king, **that** he **mi**ght be the king's s^{ón}-in-l^áw. S^ául **gav**e him Michal his d^áughter as wife.

28 S^ául **sá**w and *knew* **that** Y^ähweh was **with** David; and Michal, Saul's d^áughter, **lo**ved him.

29 S^ául was yet the **m**ore **afraid** of David; and S^ául was David's enemy **co**ntinually.

30 **Then** the **prin**ces of the **Philistines** went **fó**th: and it happened, as often as **they** went **fó**th, **that** David **behav**ed himself **m**ore **wi**sely **than** **á**ll the s^êrvents of S^ául; so **that** his **na**me was **much** set by.

1 Samuel 19

1 S^ául **spo**ke to Jonath^{an} his s^{ón}, and to **á**ll his s^êrvents, **that they sho**uld kill David. But Jonath^{an}, Saul's s^{ón}, **deli**ghted **much** in David.

2 Jonathan told David, saying, Sâul my fâther seeks to kill you: now therefore, please take care of yourself in the mórning, and live in a secret place, and hide yourself:

3 and I will go out and stand beside my fâther in the field where you are, and I will commune with my fâther of you; and if I see anything, I will tell you.

4 Jonathan spoke good of David to Sâul his fâther, and said to him, Don't let the king sin against his sêrvant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you:

5 for he put his life in his hand, and struck the Philistine, and YAHWEH worked a great victory for âll Israel: you sâw it, and did rejoice; why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?

6 Sâul listened to the voice of Jonathan: and Sâul swore, As YAHWEH lives, he shall not be put to death.

7 Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shown him âll those things. Jonathan brought David to Sâul, and he was in his presence, as before.

8 There was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him.

9 An evil spirit from YAHWEH was on Sâul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand.

10 Sâul sought to strike David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Sâul's presence, and he struck the spear into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Sâul sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to kill him in the mórning: and Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, If you don't save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be slain.

12 So Michal let David down through the window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 Michal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' [hair] at the head of it, and covered it with the clothes.

14 When Sâul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

15 Sâul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him.

16 When the messengers came in, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' [hair] at the head of it.

17 S^ául said to Michal, Why have you deceived me thus, and let my enemy go, so that he is escaped? Michal answered S^ául, He said to me, Let me go; why should I kill you?

18 Now David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him **á**ll that S^ául had done to him. He and Samuel went and lived in Naioth.

19 It was told S^ául, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 S^ául sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of Elohim came on the messengers of S^ául, and they **á**lso prophesied.

21 When it was told S^ául, he sent other messengers, and they **á**lso prophesied. S^ául sent messengers again the third time, and they **á**lso prophesied.

22 Then went he **á**lso to Ramah, and came to the great well that is in Secu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? One said, Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah.

23 He went there to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of Elohim came on him **á**lso, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 He **á**lso stripped off his clothes, and he **á**lso prophesied before Samuel, and lay down naked **á**ll that day and **á**ll that night. Therefore they say, "Is S^ául **á**lso among the prophets?"

1 Samuel 20

1 David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is my iniquity? and what is my sin before y^óur f^áther, that he seeks my life?

2 He said to him, F^ár from it; you shall not die: behold, my f^áther does nothing either great or small, but that he discloses it to me; and why should my f^áther hide this thing from me? it is not so.

3 David swore moreover, and said, Y^óur f^áther knows well that I have found favor in y^óur eyes; and he says, Don't let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as YAHWEH lives, and as y^óur soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan to David, Whatever y^óur soul desires, I will even do it for you.

5 David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field to the third day at even.

6 If your father miss me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, It is well; your servant shall have peace: but if he be angry, then know that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of YAHWEH with you: but if there be in me iniquity, kill me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?

9 Jonathan said, Far be it from you; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then wouldn't I tell you that?

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me if perchance your father answer you roughly?

11 Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go out into the field. They went out both of them into the field.

12 Jonathan said to David, YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, [be witness]: when I have sounded my father about this time tomorrow, [or] the third day, behold, if there be good toward David, shall I not then send to you, and disclose it to you?

13 YAHWEH do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do you evil, if I don't disclose it to you, and send you away, that you may go in peace: and YAHWEH be with you, as he has been with my father.

14 You shall not only while yet I live show me the lovingkindness of YAHWEH, that I not die;

15 but also you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever; no, not when YAHWEH has cut off the enemies of David everyone from the surface of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, [saying], YAHWEH will require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 Jonathan caused David to swear again, for the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to him, Tomorrow is the new moon: and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty.

19 When you have stayed **three days**, you **shall go down quickly**, and **come** to the **place** where you did **hide yourself** when the business was in hand, and **shall remain by** the **stone Ezel**.

20 I will **shoot three arrows** on the **side** of it, as **though** I **shot** at a **märk**.

21 Behold, I will send the boy, [saying], **Go**, find the **arrows**. If I tell the boy, Behold, the **arrows** are on **this side** of you; **take them**, and **come**; for **there is peace** to you and no **hurt**, as YAHWEH **lives**.

22 But if I **say thus** to the boy, Behold, the **arrows** are beyond you; **go your way**; for YAHWEH **has sent you away**.

23 As **touching** the matter **which** you and I have **spoken** of, behold, YAHWEH is **between** you and me forever.

24 So **David** hid himself in the **field**: and **when** the new **moon** was **come**, the king sat him **down** to **eat food**.

25 The king sat on his **seat**, as at **other times**, **even** on the **seat by** the **wall**; and **Jonathan** **stood** up, and Abner sat **by** Saul's **side**: but David's **place** was empty.

26 Never**theless** **Saul** didn't **say anything** **that day**: for he **thought**, **Something** **has befallen** him, he is not **clean**; **surely** he is not **clean**.

27 It happened on the next **day** **after** the new **moon**, [**which** was] the **second** [day], **that** David's **place** was empty: and **Saul** said to **Jonathan** his **son**, **Why doesn't** the **son** of **Jesse** **come** to **meat**, **neither** yesterday, **nor** today?

28 **Jonathan** answered **Saul**, **David** **earnestly** **asked** **leave** of me to **go** to **Beth-lehem**:

29 and he said, **Please** let me **go**, for **our** family **has** a **sacrifice** in the **city**; and my **brother**, he **has** **commanded** me [to be **there**]: and **now**, if I have **found favor** in **your eyes**, let me get **away**, I **pray** you, and **see my** **brothers**. **Therefore** he is not **come** to the king's **table**.

30 **Then** **Saul's** anger was kindled **against** **Jonathan**, and he said to him, **You** **son** of a **pervêrse** rebellious **woman**, **don't** I **know** **that** you have **chosen** the **son** of **Jesse** to **your own** **shame**, and to the **shame** of **your mother's** **nakedness**?

31 **For** as long as the **son** of **Jesse** **lives** on the **earth**, you **shall** not be **established**, **nor** **your** **kingdom**. **Therefore** **now** send and bring him to me, for he **shall** **surely** **die**.

32 **Jonathan** answered **Saul** his **father**, and said to him, **Why should** he be **put** to **death**? **What** **has** he **done**?

33 **Saul** **cast** his **spear** at him to **strike** him; whereby **Jonathan** **knew** **that** is was **determined** of his **father** to **put** **David** to **death**.

34 So Jonath**an** aro**se** from the ta**ble** in fie**rc**e anger, and a**te** no fee**d** the se**co**nd da**y** of the mo**n**th; for he was grie**ve**d for Da**vi**d, beca**us**e his fa**th**er had do**ne** him sha**me**.

35 It happen**e**d in the m**o**rning, **th**at Jonath**an** went **o**ut into the fie**ld** at the ti**m**e appointed **w**ith Da**vi**d, and a little boy **w**ith him.

36 He said to his boy, Run, fi**nd** **n**ow the arrow**s** **w**h**ic**h I **sh**oot. As the boy ran, he **sh**ot an arrow beyond him.

37 **W**hen the boy was co**m**e to the pla**ce** of the arrow **w**h**ic**h Jonath**an** had **sh**ot, Jonath**an** **cri**ed **a**fter the boy, and said, I**s**n't the arrow beyond you?

38 Jonath**an** **cri**ed **a**fter the boy, Go **f**ast! Hurry! **D**on't dela**y**! Jonath**an**'s boy ga**th**ered up the arrow**s**, and ca**m**e to his ma**st**er.

39 But the boy didn't **kn**ow any**th**ing: **o**nly Jonath**an** and Da**vi**d **k**new the matter.

40 Jonath**an** ga**v**e his wea**po**n**s** to his boy, and said to him, Go, carry **th**em to the ci**ty**.

41 As so**o**n as the boy was gone, Da**vi**d aro**se** **o**ut of [a pla**ce**] to**wa**rd the So**uth**, and fell on his fa**ce** to the gro**u**nd, and bow**e**d himself **th**ree ti**m**e**s**: and **th**ey kis**se**d one ano**th**er, and wept one **w**ith ano**th**er, until Da**vi**d ex**ce**eded.

42 Jonath**an** said to Da**vi**d, Go in pe**ac**e, beca**us**e **w**e have sw**o**rn **bo**th of us in the na**m**e of YAHWEH, sa**y**ing, YAHWEH **sh**all be betwe**ee**n me and you, and betwe**ee**n my se**e**d and yo**u**r se**e**d, forever. He aro**se** and dep**ar**ted: and Jonath**an** went into the ci**ty**.

1 Samuel 21

1 Then ca**m**e Da**vi**d to Nob to Ahimelech the prie**st**: and Ahimelech ca**m**e to mee**t** Da**vi**d trembling, and said to him, **W**h**y** are you **al**one, and no man **w**ith you?

2 Da**vi**d said to Ahimelech the prie**st**, The king ha**s** commanded me a business, and ha**s** said to me, Let no man **kn**ow any**th**ing of the business abo**u**t **w**h**ic**h I send you, and **w**h**at** I have commanded you: and I have appointed the young men to **su**ch and **su**ch a pla**ce**.

3 **N**ow **th**ere**fo**re **w**h**at** is under yo**u**r hand? give me **fi**ve lo**av**e**s** of bread in my hand, or **w**h**at**ever **th**ere is pre**se**nt.

4 The prie**st** answer**e**d Da**vi**d, and said, **T**here is no commo**n** bread under my hand, but **th**ere is holy bread; if **o**nly the young men have kept **th**emsel**ve**s from women.

5 Da**vi**d answer**e**d the prie**st**, and said to him, Of a **tr**uth women have **bee**n kept from us abo**u**t **th**ese **th**ree da**y**s; **w**hen I ca**m**e **o**ut, the vessel**s** of the young men were

holy, **tho**ugh it was but a comm**o**n jo**u**rne**y**; **h**ow much m**o**re **th**en today **sh**all **th**eir vessels be holy?

6 So the priest **g**ave him holy [bread]; for **th**ere was no bread **th**ere but the **sh**ow bread, **th**at was **t**aken from bef**o**re YAHWEH, to **p**ut hot bread in the **d**ay *when it was taken away*.

7 **N**ow a **ç**ertain man of the s**e**r**v**ants of S**â**ul was **th**ere **th**at **d**ay, detained bef**o**re YAHWEH; and his **n**ame was Doeg the Edomite, the best of the h**e**r**d**s**m**en **wh**o belonged to S**â**ul.

8 **D**avid said to Ahimelech, **I**s**n**'t **th**ere **h**ere under **y**our hand **s**pear or **s**w**o**rd? for I have **n**e**i**ther br**o**ught my **s**w**o**rd n**o**r my **w**eap**o**n**s** **w**ith me, **b**e**c**a**u**s**e** the king's business **r**equ**i**red **h**aste.

9 The priest said, The **s**w**o**rd of Goliath the **P**hilistine, **wh**om you killed in the valley of Elah, **b**e**h**old, it is **h**ere **w**rapp**e**d in a clo**th** behind the **e**phod: if you will **t**ake **th**at, **t**ake it; for **th**ere is no **o**th**e**r **e**x**c**e**p**t **th**at **h**ere. **D**avid said, **T**here is **n**o**n**e **l**i**k**e **th**at; give it me.

10 **D**avid **a**ro**s**e, and fled **th**at **d**ay for **f**ear of S**â**ul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

11 The s**e**r**v**ants of Achish said to him, "**I**s**n**'t **th**is **D**avid the king of the land? Didn't **th**ey sing one to an**o**th**e**r **a**bout him in **d**ance**s**, **s**aying, 'S**â**ul has slain his **th**ou**s**and**s**, **D**avid his ten **th**ou**s**and**s**?"

12 **D**avid **l**aid up **th**ese **w**ord**s** in his **h**e**ä**rt, and was very afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 He **ch**ang**e**d his behavior bef**o**re **th**em, and feigned himself mad in **th**eir **h**and**s**, and scabbled on the **d**o**r**s of the **g**ate, and let his spittle **f**äll **d**own on his **b**eard.

14 **T**hen said Achish to his s**e**r**v**ants, **L**ook, you **s**ee the man is mad; **wh**y **th**en have you br**o**ught him to me?

15 Do I lack madmen, **th**at you have br**o**ught **th**is fellow to **p**lay the madman in my **p**re**s**en**ç**e? **sh**all **th**is fellow **c**ome into my **h**ouse?

1 Samuel 22

1 **D**avid **th**ere**f**ore dep**ä**r**t**ed **th**ere, and escap**e**d to the **c**ave of Adullam: and *when his brothers and äll his fäther's house h**e**ard it, they went down **th**ere to him.*

2 Everyone **wh**o was in distress, and everyone **wh**o was in debt, and everyone **wh**o was discontented, **g**ath**e**red **th**emsel**v**e**s** to him; and he **b**ecame captain **o**ver **th**em: and **th**ere were **w**ith him **a**bout **f**our hundred men.

3 David went **there** to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said to the king of Moab, **Please** let my **fä**ther and my **moth**er **cö**me **fö**rth, [and be] **with** you, until I **know** **wh**at Elohim will **dö** for me.

4 He brö^ught **them** befö^re the king of Moab: and **they** lived **with** him **äl**l the **wh**ile **th**at David was in the stronghold.

5 The **prophet** Gad said to David, **Don't** **stay** in the stronghold; depä^rt, and get you into the land of Judah. **Then** David depä^rted, and **came** into the forest of Hereth.

6 Säu^l hê^ard **th**at David was discö^vered, and the men **whö** were **with** him: **nö**w Säu^l was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk **tree** in Ramah, **with** his **spe**ar in his hand, and **äl**l his **sê**r^vants were standing **abö**ut him.

7 Säu^l said to his **sê**r^vants **whö** stö^ood **abö**ut him, **Hear** **nö**w, you Benjamites; will the **sö**n of Jesse give everyone of you **fiel**d^s and viney^ärd^s, will he **make** you **äl**l **captain**s of **thö**usand^s and **captain**s of hundred^s,

8 **th**at **äl**l of you have **cö**nspir^ed against me, and **th**ere is **nö**ne **whö** disclo^se^s to me **wh**en my **sö**n **make**s a **le**ague **with** the **sö**n of Jesse, and **th**ere is **nö**ne of you **whö** is sorry for me, or disclo^se^s to me **th**at my **sö**n has **stir**red up my **sê**r^vant against me, to **li**e in **wait**, as at **th**is **day**?

9 **Then** answered Doeg the Edomite, **whö** stö^ood **by** the **sê**r^vants of Säu^l, and said, I **sä**w the **sö**n of Jesse **cö**mⁱng to Nob, to Ahimelech the **sö**n of Ahitub.

10 He **inqui**red of YAHWEH for him, and **gave** him **victual**s, and **gave** him the **swö**rd of Goliath the **Philistine**.

11 **Then** the king sent to **cäl**l Ahimelech the **priest**, the **sö**n of Ahitub, and **äl**l his **fä**ther's **hö**use, the **priests** **whö** were in Nob: and **they** **came** **äl**l of **th**em to the king.

12 Säu^l said, **Hear** **nö**w, you **sö**n of Ahitub. **He** answered, **H**ere I am, my **lö**rd.

13 Säu^l said to him, **Wh**y have you **cö**nspir^ed against me, you and the **sö**n of Jesse, in **th**at you have given him bread, and a **swö**rd, and have **inqui**red of Elohim for him, **th**at he **shö**uld **ri**se against me, to **li**e in **wait**, as at **th**is **day**?

14 **Then** Ahimelech answered the king, and said, **whö** **amö**ng **äl**l yö^ur **sê**r^vants is so **faith**ful as David, **whö** is the king's **sö**n-in-lä^w, and is **taken** into yö^ur **cö**un^cil, and is **honor**able in yö^ur **hö**use?

15 **H**ave I today begun to **inqui**re of Elohim for him? be it **fä**r from me: **don't** let the king **imput**e any**th**ing to his **sê**r^vant, **nö**r to **äl**l the **hö**use of my **fä**ther; for yö^ur **sê**r^vant **know**s **nö**thⁱng of **äl**l **th**is, less or **mö**re.

16 The king said, **Yö**u **sh**all **sure**ly **di**e, Ahimelech, you, and **äl**l yö^ur **fä**ther's **hö**use.

17 The king said to the guärd whe stood about him, Türn, and kill the priests of YAHWEH; because their hand älso is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and didn't disclose it to me. But the servants of the king wouldn't put forth their hand to fäll on the priests of YAHWEH.

18 The king said to Doeg, Türn you, and fäll on the priests. Doeg the Edomite türned, and he fell on the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five persons whe wore a linen ephod.

19 Nob, the çity of the priests, struck he with the edge of the swörd, both men and women, çildren and nürsing babies, and oxen and donkeys and sheep, with the edge of the swörd.

20 One of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled äfter David.

21 Abiathar told David that Säul had slain Yähweh's priests.

22 David said to Abiathar, I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Säul: I have occasioned [the death] of äll the persons of yor fäther's house.

23 Abide you with me, don't be afraid; for he whe seeks my life seeks yor life: for with me you shall be in safeguärd.

1 Samuel 23

1 They told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing flöors.

2 Thereföre David inqired of YAHWEH, saying, Shall I go and strike these Philistines? YAHWEH said to David, Go, and strike the Philistines, and save Keilah.

3 David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah: höw much möre then if we go to Keilah against the ärmies of the Philistines?

4 Then David inqired of YAHWEH yet again. YAHWEH answered him, and said, Arise, go döwn to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into yor hand

5 David and his men went to Keilah, and föught with the Philistines, and bröught away their cattle, and killed them with a great släughter. So David save the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 It happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came döwn with an ephod in his hand.

7 It was told Säul that David was cöme to Keilah. Säul said, Elohim has delivered him into my hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that has gates and bärs.

8 S^ául summoned **á**ll the **pe**ople to **wá**r, to **go** **down** to Keilah, to **besiege** David and his men.

9 David *knew* **th**at S^ául was devising **mischie**f **ag**ainst him; and he said to Abiath^{ar} the **p**riest, Bring **he**re the **eph**od.

10 **Th**en said David, O YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**srael, **yó**ur **sê**r^ovant has **su**rely **hê**ard **th**at S^ául **see**ks to **có**me to Keilah, to **de**stroy the **ç**ity for **my** **sake**.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will S^ául **có**me **down**, as **yó**ur **sê**r^ovant has **hê**ard? YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**srael, I beg you, tell **yó**ur **sê**r^ovant. YAHWEH said, **He** will **có**me **down**.

12 **Th**en said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver up to me and **my** men into the hand of S^ául? YAHWEH said, **Th**ey will deliver you up.

13 **Th**en David and his men, **wh**o were **ab**out six hundred, **ar**ose and **de**parted **out** of Keilah, and went *wherever* **th**ey **cou**ld **go**. It was **told** S^ául **th**at David was **escap**ed from Keilah; and he **gave** up **going** **th**ere.

14 David **ab**ode in the wilderness in the **stronghold**s, and **re**main^ed in the hill-country in the wilderness of Ziph. S^ául **só**ught him every **day**, but Elohim didn't deliver him into his hand

15 David **sá**w **th**at S^ául had **có**me **out** to **seek** his **life**: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in the **wó**od.

16 Jonathan, Saul's **só**n, **ar**ose, and went to David into the **wó**od, and **streng**th^ened his hand in Elohim.

17 He said to him, **Don**'t be **af**raid; for the hand of S^ául **my** **fá**th^er **sh**all not **f**ind you; and you **sh**all be king **over** **I**srael, and I **sh**all be next to you; and **th**at **á**lso S^ául **my** **fá**th^er *know*s.

18 **Th**ey **tw**o **made** a **có**venant **befó**re YAHWEH: and David **ab**ode in the **wó**od, and Jonathan went to his **hou**se.

19 **Th**en **came** up the Ziphites to S^ául to Gibeah, **saying**, **Do**esn't David **hi**de himself **with** us in the **stronghold**s in the **wó**od, in the hill of Hachilah, **wh**ich is on the **south** of the **des**ert

20 **Now** **th**ere^ofore, O king, **có**me **down**, **accó**rding to **á**ll the **de**sire of **yó**ur **soul** to **có**me **down**; and **our** **pá**rt **sh**all be to deliver him up into the king's hand.

21 S^ául said, **Bless**ed be you of YAHWEH; for you have had **comp**assⁱon on me

22 Please **go** **make** yet **mó**re **su**re, and *know* and **see** his **plac**e *where* his **há**unt is, [and] **wh**o has **seen** him **th**ere; for it is **told** me **th**at he **de**al^s very subtly.

23 See **therefōre**, and **take** knowledge of **āll** the **lūrking-plaçeş** where he **hideş** himself, and **cōme** you again to me of a **çertainty**, and I will **go with** you: and it **shall** happen, if he be in the land, **that** I will **sēarch** him **out** among **āll** the **thouşandş** of Judah.

24 **They** **aroşe**, and went to Ziph befōre **Sāul**: but **David** and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the **south** of the **deşert**.

25 **Sāul** and his men went to **seek** him. **They** **told** **David**: *why* he **came** **down** to the rock, and **abode** in the wilderness of Maon. *When* **Sāul** **heard** [**that**], he **pūrsued** **āfter** **David** in the wilderness of Maon.

26 **Sāul** went on **this** **side** of the **mountain**, and **David** and his men on **that** **side** of the **mountain**: and **David** **made** **haste** to get **away** for **fear** of **Sāul**; for **Sāul** and his men compassed **David** and his men **ound** **about** to **take** **them**.

27 But **there** **came** a messenger to **Sāul**, **saying**, **Haste** you, and **cōme**; for the **Philistineş** have **made** a **raid** on the land.

28 So **Sāul** **retūrned** from **pūrsuing** **āfter** **David**, and went **against** the **Philistineş**: **therefōre** **they** **cāll**ed **that** **plaçe** Sela-hammahlekoth.

29 **David** went up from **there**, and lived in the **strongholdş** of En-gedi.

1 Samuel 24

1 It happened, *when* **Sāul** was **retūrned** from **following** the **Philistineş**, **that** it was **told** him, **saying**, **Behold**, **David** is in the wilderness of En-gedi.

2 **Then** **Sāul** **tōok** **three** **thouşand** **choşen** men **out** of **āll** **Işrael**, and went to **seek** **David** and his men on the rocks of the **wild** **goats**.

3 He **came** to the **sheep** pens **by** the **way**, *where* was a **cave**; and **Sāul** went in to **cōver** his **feet**. **Now** **David** and his men were abiding in the innermost **pārts** of the **cave**.

4 The men of **David** said to him, **Behold**, the **day** of **which** **YAHWEH** said to you, **Behold**, I will deliver **yōur** enemy into **yōur** hand, and you **shall** **de** to him as it **shall** **seem** **gōōd** to you. **Then** **David** **aroşe**, and cut off the **skirt** of **Saul's** **robe** **secretly**.

5 It happened **āfterward**, **that** **David's** **heart** struck him, **becāuse** he had cut off **Saul's** **skirt**.

6 He said to his men, **YAHWEH** **fōrbid** **that** I **shōuld** **de** **this** **thing** to my **lōrd**, **Yāhweh's** **anointed**, to **pūt** **fōrth** my hand **against** him, **seeing** he is **Yāhweh's** **anointed**.

7 So David **checke**d his men with **thes**e w**ord**s, and didn't allow **them** to **ris**e against S**aul**. S**aul** **ros**e up **out** of the **cave**, and went on his way.

8 David **also** **aros**e **afterward**, and went **out** of the **cave**, and **crie**d **after** S**aul**, **saying**, My **lord** the king. *When* S**aul** **look**e**d** behind him, David **bow**ed with his **face** to the **earth**, and did obeisance.

9 David said to S**aul**, **Why** listen you to men's w**ord**s, **saying**, Behold, David **seek**s y**our** h**urt**?

10 Behold, **this** day y**our** **eye**s have **seen** **how** **that** YAHWEH had deliver**ed** you today into **my** hand in the **cave**: and **some** bade me kill you; but [**my** **eye**] **spar**ed you; and I said, I will not **put** **forth** **my** hand against **my** **lord**; for he is Y**ahweh**'s anointed.

11 **More**over, **my** **father**, behold, yes, **see** the sk**irt** of y**our** **robe** in **my** hand; for in **that** I cut off the sk**irt** of y**our** **robe**, and didn't kill you, *know* you and **see** **that** **there** is **neither** **evil** **nor** **disobedi**ence in **my** hand, and I have not sinned against you, **though** you hunt **after** **my** **life** to **take** it.

12 YAHWEH **judg**e between me and you, and YAHWEH **aveng**e me of you; but **my** hand **shall** not be on you.

13 As **says** the **prov**erb of the **anc**ients, **out** of the wicked **com**e**s** **forth** wickedness; but **my** hand **shall** not be on you.

14 After **whom** is the king of **Isra**el **com**e **out**? **after** **whom** **do** you **purs**ue? **after** a dead dog, **after** a **flea**.

15 YAHWEH **theref**ore be **judg**e, and **give** **sent**ence between me and you, and **see**, and **plea**d **my** **caus**e, and deliver me **out** of y**our** hand.

16 It **cam**e to **pass**, *when* David had **made** an end of **spea**king **thes**e w**ord**s to S**aul**, **that** S**aul** said, Is **this** y**our** **voic**e, **my** **son** David? S**aul** lifted up his **voic**e, and wept.

17 He said to David, **You** are **more** **right**eous **than** I; for you have rendered to me **good**, *whereas* I have rendered to you **evil**.

18 You have **decla**red **this** day **how** **that** you have dealt well with me, **becaus**e *when* YAHWEH had deliver**ed** me up into y**our** hand, you didn't kill me.

19 For if a man **find**s his enemy, will he let him **go** away unh**arm**ed? **Theref**ore may YAHWEH **rewa**rd you **good** for **that** **which** you have **don**e to me **this** day.

20 **Now**, behold, I **know** **th**at you **shall** **surely** be king, and **that** the **kingd**om of **Isra**el **shall** be **establi**sh**e**d in y**our** hand.

21 Swear **now** **theref**ore to me **by** YAHWEH, **th**at you will not cut off **my** **seed** **after** me, and **th**at you will not destroy **my** **name** **out** of **my** **father**'s **hou**se.

22 David sw~~o~~re to S~~a~~ul. S~~a~~ul went home; but David and his men got **them** up to the stronghold.

1 Samuel 25

1 Samuel di~~e~~d; and **all** I~~s~~rael ga~~t~~hered **themselv**e~~s~~ together, and lamented him, and buried him in his ho~~u~~se at Ramah. David aro~~s~~e, and went **down** to the wilderness of Paran.

2 **There** was a man in Maon, **wh**o~~s~~e po~~s~~session~~s~~ were in C~~a~~rmel; and the man was very gr~~e~~at, and he had **three thousand** **sheep**, and a **thousand** goats: and he was **shearing** his **sheep** in C~~a~~rmel.

3 **Now** the **name** of the man was Nabal; and the **name** of his wif~~e~~ Abigail; and the w~~o~~man was of g~~o~~od understanding, and of a **beautiful** fa~~ç~~e: but the man was **ch**u~~r~~lish and **evil** in his d~~o~~ing~~s~~; and he was of the ho~~u~~se of Caleb.

4 David h~~e~~ard in the wilderness **that** Nabal was **shearing** his **sheep**.

5 David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, **Go** up to C~~a~~rmel, and **go** to Nabal, and **greet** him in **my** **name**:

6 and **thus** **shall** you tell him **wh**o lives [in prosperity], **Pea**çe be to you, and **pea**çe be to y~~o~~ur ho~~u~~se, and **pea**çe be to **all** **that** you have.

7 **Now** I have h~~e~~ard **that** you have **shearers**: y~~o~~ur **shepherds** have **now** **been** with us, and **we** did **th**em no h~~u~~rt, **neither** was **th**ere any~~th~~ing missing to **th**em, **all** the **wh**ile **th**ey were in C~~a~~rmel.

8 Ask y~~o~~ur young men, and **th**ey will tell you: **th**ere~~f~~ore let the young men **find** **favor** in y~~o~~ur **eye**s; for **we** **come** in a **good** day. **Pl**ea~~s~~e give **wh**atever **come**s to y~~o~~ur hand, to y~~o~~ur **se**r~~v~~ants, and to y~~o~~ur **son** David.

9 **When** David's young men **came**, **th**ey **spoke** to Nabal acc~~o~~rding to **all** **tho**se **w**o~~r~~ds in the **name** of David, and **ce**ase~~d~~.

10 Nabal answered David's **se**r~~v~~ants, and said, **wh**o is David? and **wh**o is the **son** of Jesse? **th**ere are many **se**r~~v~~ants **now-a-days** **wh**o **break** away every man from his **ma**ster.

11 **Shall** I **th**en **take** **my** bread, and **my** **w**at~~e~~r, and **my** **me**at **that** I have killed for my **shearers**, and give it to men **wh**o I **don't** **know** **wh**ere **th**ey **come** from?

12 So David's young men **tu**rn~~e~~d on **th**eir **way**, and went back, and **came** and **told** him acc~~o~~rding to **all** **th**ese **w**o~~r~~ds.

13 David said to his men, Gird you on every man his sword. They girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the baggage.

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master; and he railed at them.

15 But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we anything, as long as we went with them, when we were in the fields:

16 they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and Consider what you will do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his house: for he is such a worthless fellow that one can't speak to him.

18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched grain, and one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on donkeys.

19 She said to her young men, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she didn't tell her husband, Nabal.

20 It was so, as she rode on her donkey, and came down by the covert of the mountain, that behold, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them.

21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained to him: and he has returned me evil for good.

22 God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all that belongs to him by the morning light so much as one man-child.

23 When Abigail saw David, she hurried, and alighted from her donkey, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground.

24 She fell at his feet, and said, On me, my lord, on me be the iniquity; and please let your handmaid speak in your ears. Hear the words of your handmaid.

25 Please don't let my lord regard this worthless fellow, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I your handmaid didn't see the young men of my lord, whom you did send.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as YAHWEH lives, and as your soul lives, seeing YAHWEH has withheld you from blood guiltiness, and from avenging yourself with

yôur own hand, **n**ow **th**ere**f**ore let yôur enemies, and **tho**se **wh**o seek evil to my lôrd, be as Nabal.

27 **N**ow **th**is present **wh**ich yôur sêrvant haş brôught to my lôrd, let it be given to the young men **wh**o follow my lôrd.

28 **P**leas**e** forgive the trespäss of yôur handmaid: for YAHWEH will **c**ertainly **m**ake my lôrd a **s**ure **h**ouse, **b**ecä**u**se my lôrd **f**ights the battles of YAHWEH; and **ev**il **sh**all not be **f**ound in you **ä**ll yôur **d**ays.

29 **T**hough men be rîşen up to pûrsue you, and to seek yôur soul, yet the soul of my lôrd **sh**all be **b**ound in the bundle of life **w**ith YAHWEH yôur Elohim; and the souls of yôur enemies, **th**em **sh**all he sling **o**ut, as from the hollow of a sling.

30 It **sh**all **c**ome to päss, **w**hen YAHWEH **sh**all have **d**one to my lôrd **a**ccôrding to **ä**ll the **g**ôod **th**at he haş spoken **c**on**c**erning you, and **sh**all have appointed you **p**rin**c**e over Işrael,

31 **th**at **th**is **sh**all be no grief to you, **n**ôr offense of **h**eärt to my lôrd, **e**ith**e**r **th**at you have **sh**ed **bl**ôod **w**ithout **c**ä**u**se, or **th**at my lôrd haş **a**ven**g**ed himself. **W**hen YAHWEH **sh**all have dealt well **w**ith my lôrd, **th**en remember yôur handmaid.

32 **D**avid said to Abigail, **B**less**e**d be YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael, **wh**o sent you **th**is **d**ay to **m**ee**t** me:

33 and **b**less**e**d be yôur **d**iscreti**o**n, and **b**less**e**d be you, **th**at have kept me **th**is **d**ay from **bl**ôod **g**uiltiness, and from **a**ven**g**ing **m**yself **w**ith my own hand.

34 **F**or in very **d**eed, as YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael, **l**ives, **wh**o haş **w**ithheld me from **h**ûrt**ing** you, **e**x**c**ept you had **h**urried and **c**ome to **m**ee**t** me, **s**urely **th**ere **w**ô**u**ldn't have **b**een left to Nabal **b**y the **m**ôrning **l**ight so **m**uch as one **m**an-**c**hild.

35 **S**o **D**avid **r**ec**e**ived of her hand **th**at **wh**ich she had brôught him: and he said to her, **G**o up in **p**ea**c**e to yôur **h**ouse; **b**ehold, I have **l**istened to yôur **v**oi**c**e, and have **a**cc**e**pted yôur **p**er**s**on.

36 **A**bigail **c**ame to Nabal; and, **b**ehold, he held a **f**east in his **h**ouse, **l**ike the **f**east of a king; and Nabal's **h**eärt was merry **w**ithin him, for he was very drunken: **th**ere**f**ore she **t**old him **n**ô**th**ing, less or **m**ôre, until the **m**ôrning **l**ight.

37 It happened in the **m**ôrning, **w**hen the **w**ine was gone **o**ut of Nabal, **th**at his **w**ife **t**old him **th**es**e** **th**ings, and his **h**eärt **d**ied **w**ithin him, and he **b**ecame as a **s**tone.

38 It happened **a**bout ten **d**ays **ä**fter, **th**at YAHWEH struck Nabal, so **th**at he **d**ied.

39 **W**hen **D**avid **h**eärd **th**at Nabal was dead, he said, **B**less**e**d be YAHWEH, **wh**o haş **p**lea**d**ed the **c**ä**u**se of my **r**ep**r**och from the hand of Nabal, and haş kept back his

sêrvant from evil: and the evil-dœing of Nabal haş YAHWEH retûrned on his own head. David sent and spokê concêrning Abigail, to takê her to him as wife.

40 When the sêrvants of David were cômê to Abigail to Cărmel, they spokê to her, saying, David haş sent us to you, to takê you to him as wife.

41 She arose, and bowed hêrself with her façe to the êarth, and said, Behold, yôur handmaid is a sêrvant to wash the feet of the sêrvants of my lôrd.

42 Abigail hurried, and arose, and rode on a donkey, with five ladies of hêrş who followed her; and she went äfter the messengerş of David, and became his wife.

43 David älsô toók Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they became both of them his wives.

44 Now Săul had given Michal his dăughter, David's wife, to Palti the sôn of Laish, whœ was of Gallim.

1 Samuel 26

1 The Ziphites came to Săul to Gibeah, saying, Dœşn't David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is befôre the deşert?

2 Then Săul arose, and went œwn to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand choşen men of Işrael with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 Săul encampêd in the hill of Hachilah, which is befôre the deşert, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he sâw that Săul came äfter him into the wilderness.

4 David therefôre sent œut spies, and understœod that Săul was cômê of a cêrtainty.

5 David arose, and came to the plaçe where Săul had encampêd; and David sâw the plaçe where Săul lay, and Abner the sôn of Ner, the captain of his host: and Săul lay within the plaçe of the wagônş,, and the peopê were encampêd round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the sôn of Zeruah, brôther to Joab, saying, Whœ will go œwn with me to Săul to the camp? Abishai said, I will go œwn with you.

7 So David and Abishai came to the peopê by night: and, behold, Săul lay sleeping within the plaçe of the wagônş,, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the peopê lay round about him.

8 Then said Abishai to David, Elohim haş delivered up yôur enemy into yôur hand this day: now therefôre pleaş let me strike him with the spear to the êarth at one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time.

9 David said to Abishai, Don't destroy him; for **who** can **püt fört**h his hand against Yähweh's anointed, and be guiltless?

10 David said, As YAHWEH lives, YAHWEH will strike him; or his **day shall cöme to die**; or he **shall go döwn** into battle and **perish**.

11 YAHWEH förbid **that I shöü**d **püt fört**h my hand against Yähweh's anointed: but **now please take** the spear **that** is at his head, and the **jär** of **wäter**, and let us go.

12 So David **töök** the spear and the **jär** of **wäter** from Säu's head; and **they got them away**: and no man **säu** it, **nör** knew it, **neither** did any **awake**; for **they were äll asleep**, **becä**use a **deep sleep** from YAHWEH was **fällen** on **them**.

13 **Then** David went **över** to the **öther side**, and **stööd** on the top of the **mountain afär** off; a **great space** **being** between **them**;

14 and David **cried** to the **people**, and to Abner the **son** of Ner, **saying**, Don't you answer, Abner? **Then** Abner answered, **who** are you **who cries** to the king?

15 David said to Abner, **ären't** you a [valiant] man? and **who** is **like** you in **Işrael**? **why then** have you not kept **watch över** **yöur lörd**, the king? for **there came** one of the **people** in to destroy the king **yöur lörd**.

16 **This th**ing **isn't gööd that** you have **döne**. As YAHWEH lives, you are **wörthy to die**, **becä**use you have not kept **watch över** **yöur lörd**, Yähweh's anointed. **Now see** **where** the king's **spear** is, and the **jär** of **wäter that** was at his head.

17 Säu knew David's **voic**e, and said, Is **this yöur voic**e, **my son** David? David said, It is **my voic**e, **my lörd**, O king.

18 He said, **Why döes** **my lörd pürsu**e **äfter** his **sêrvant**? for **wha**t have I **döne**? or **wha**t **evil** is in **my** hand?

19 **Now ther**eföre, **please** let **my lörd** the king **hear** the **wörds** of his **sêrvant**. If it be YAHWEH **that has** **stîrred** you up against me, let him **accep**t an offering: but if it be the **children** of men, **cürsed** be **they beföre** YAHWEH: for **they** have driven me **öut this day that** I **shöü**dn't cling to Yähweh's inheritance, **saying**, **Go**, **sêrve öther** gods.

20 **Now ther**eföre, **don't** let **my blööd fäll** to the **êarth** away from the **presenç**e of YAHWEH: for the king of **Işrael** is **cöme öut to seek** a **flea**, as **when** one **döes** hunt a partridge in the **mountains**.

21 **Then** said Säu, I have sinned: **retürn**, **my son** David; for I will no **möre dö** you **härm**, **becä**use **my lif**e was **precious** in **yöur eyes** **this day**: **behold**, I have **play**ed the **fool**, and have **êrred exçeedingly**.

22 David answered, Behold the spear, O king! let **then** one of the young men **come over** and get it.

23 YAHWEH will render to every man his **righteousness** and his **faithfulness**; **because** YAHWEH delivered you into **my** hand **today**, and I **wouldn't put forth** my hand **against** Yähweh's **anointed**.

24 Behold, as **yôur** life was **much** set **by this day** in **my eyes**, so let **my** life be **much** set **by** in the **eyes** of YAHWEH, and let him deliver me **out of** **âll** oppression.

25 **Then** Sâul said to David, Blessed **be** you, **my** **son** David: you **shall both** **do** **mightily**, and **shall** **surely** prevail. So David went his **way**, and Sâul **retûrned** to his **place**.

1 Samuel 27

1 David said in his **heärt**, I **shall** **now** **perish** one **day** **by** the hand of Sâul: **there** is **noth**ing better for me **than** **that** I **shûld** **escape** into the land of the **Philistine**s; and Sâul will **despair** of me, to **seek** me any **môre** in **âll** the **bôrders** of **Israël**: so **shall** I **escape** **out of** his hand.

2 David **arose**, and **passed** **over**, he and the six hundred men **who** were **with** him, to Achish the **son** of Maoch, king of Gath.

3 David lived **with** Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man **with** his **household**, **even** David **with** his **two** **wive**s, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Cärmelitess, Nabal's **wife**.

4 It was **told** Sâul **that** David was fled to Gath: and he **sôught** no **môre** again for him.

5 David said to Achish, If **now** I have **found** **favor** in **yôur** **eyes**, let **them** give me a **place** in one of the **çities** in the country, **that** I may dwell **there**: for **why** **shûld** **yôur** **sêrvant** dwell in the royal **çity** **with** you?

6 **Then** Achish **gave** him Ziklag **that** **day**: **why** Ziklag **pertains** to the **kings** of **Judah** to **this** **day**.

7 The number of the **days** **that** David lived in the country of the **Philistine**s was a **full** **year** and **fôur** **mônths**.

8 David and his men went up, and **made** a **raid** on the **Geshurites**, and the **Gîrzites**, and the **Amalekites**; for **thosê** [**nations**] were the inhabitants of the land, **who** were of **old**, as you **go** to **Shûr**, **even** to the land of **Egypt**.

9 David struck the land, and **saved** **neither** man **nôr** **wôman** **alive**, and **tôok** **away** the **sheep**, and the oxen, and the donkeys, and the camels, and the **clothing**; and he **retûrned**, and **came** to Achish.

10 Achish said, Against whom have you made a raid today? David said, Against the South of Judah, and against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites.

11 David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell of us, saying, So did David, and so has been his manner all the while he has lived in the country of the Philistines.

12 Achish believed David, saying, He has made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant forever.

1 Samuel 28

1 It happened in those days, that the Philistines gathered their hosts together for warfare, to fight with Israel. Achish said to David, Know you assuredly, that you shall go out with me in the host, you and your men.

2 David said to Achish, Therefore you shall know what your servant will do. Achish said to David, Therefore will I make you keeper of my head for ever.

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. Saul had put away those who had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 The Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped in Gilboa.

5 When Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.

6 When Saul inquired of YAHWEH, YAHWEH didn't answer him, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

7 Then said Saul to his servants, Seek me a woman who has a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. His servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman who has a familiar spirit at En-dor.

8 Saul disguised himself, and put on other clothing, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, Please divine to me by the familiar spirit, and bring me up whoever I shall name to you.

9 The woman said to him, Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: why then lay you a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 Saul swore to her by YAHWEH, saying, As YAHWEH lives, there shall no punishment happen to you for this thing.

11 **Then** said the w**o**man, **Wh**em **sh**all I bring up to you? **He** said, Bring me up **Samuel**.

12 **When** the w**o**man **s**aw **Samuel**, she **cried with** a **loud voi**ce; and the w**o**man **spoke** to **S**aul, **saying**, **Why** have you **deceived** me? for you are **S**aul.

13 The king said to her, **Don't** be **afraid**: for **wh**at **do** you **see**? The w**o**man said to **S**aul, I **see** a god **coming** up **out** of the **e**arth.

14 He said to her, **Wh**at **f**orm is he of? **She** said, An **old** man **comes** up; and he is **covered with** a **robe**. **S**aul **per**ceived **that** it was **Samuel**, and he **bowed with** his **face** to the **ground**, and did **obeisance**.

15 **Samuel** said to **S**aul, **Why** have you **disquieted** me, to bring me up? **S**aul answered, I am **so**re **distressed**; for the **Philistines** **make w**ar **against** me, and **Elohim** is **departed** from me, and **answers** me no **more**, **neither by** **prophets**, **nor by** **dreams**: **therefore** I have **called** you, **that** you **may** **make known** to me **what** I **shall** **do**.

16 **Samuel** said, **Why** **then** **do** you **ask** of me, **seeing** **YAHWEH** is **departed** from you, and is **become** **yo**ur **adversary**?

17 **YAHWEH** **has** **done** to you, as he **spoke by** me: and **YAHWEH** **has** **torn** the **kingdom** **out** of **yo**ur **hand**, and given it to **yo**ur **neighbor**, **even** to **David**.

18 **Because** you didn't **obey** the **vo**ice of **YAHWEH**, and didn't **execute** his **fi**erce **wr**ath on **Amalek**, **therefore** **has** **YAHWEH** **done** **this** **thing** to you **this** **day**.

19 **More**over **YAHWEH** will deliver **Israel** **also** **with** you into the hand of the **Philistines**; and **tomorrow** **shall** you and **yo**ur **sons** be **with** me: **YAHWEH** will deliver the **host** of **Israel** **also** into the hand of the **Philistines**.

20 **Then** **S**aul fell **immediately** his **full** **length** on the **e**arth, and was **so**re **afraid**, **because** of the **w**ords of **Samuel**: and **there** was no **strength** in him; for he had **eaten** no **bread** **all** the **day**, **nor** **all** the **night**.

21 The w**o**man **came** to **S**aul, and **saw** **that** he was **so**re **troubled**, and said to him, **Behold**, **yo**ur **handmaid** **has** **listened** to **yo**ur **vo**ice, and I have **put** **my** **life** in **my** **hand**, and have **listened** to **yo**ur **w**ords **which** you **spoke** to me.

22 **Now** **therefore**, **please** **listen** **also** to the **vo**ice of **yo**ur **handmaid**, and let me set a **mor**sel of **bread** **before** you; and **eat**, **that** you **may** have **strength**, **when** you **go** on **yo**ur **way**.

23 But he **refused**, and said, I will not **eat**. But his **servants**, **together** **with** the w**o**man, **constrained** him; and he **listened** to **their** **vo**ice. So he **arose** from the **e**arth, and sat on the **bed**.

24 The w**o**man had a fattened c**ä**ff in the h**o**use; and she hurri**e**d, and killed it; and she t**o**ok fl**o**ur, and kn**e**aded it, and did bak**e** unleavened bread of it:

25 and she br**o**ught it bef**o**re S**ä**ul, and bef**o**re his s**e**r**v**ants; and **th**ey at**e**. **Th**en **th**ey r**o**s**e** up, and went aw**ay** **th**at ni**gh**t.

1 Samuel 29

1 **N**ow the **Ph**ilistines**g**athered together **ä**ll **th**eir hosts to Aphek: and the **I**sraelites encamp**e**d by the spring **wh**ich is in Jezreel.

2 The **l**ords of the **Ph**ilistines**p**assed on by hundreds, and by **th**ousands; and **D**avid and his men **p**assed on in the rearward **with** Achish.

3 **Th**en said the prin**ç**es of the **Ph**ilistines, **Wh**at [d**e**] **th**es**e** Hebrews [h**e**re]? Achish said to the prin**ç**es of the **Ph**ilistines, **I**s'n't **th**is David, the s**e**r**v**ant of S**ä**ul the king of **I**srael, **wh**o has **bee**n with me **th**es**e** days, or [r**ä**ther] **th**es**e** year**s**, and I have **fo**und no **f**ault in him sin**ç**e he fell aw**ay** [to me] to **th**is day?

4 But he prin**ç**es of the **Ph**ilistines were angry **with** him; and the prin**ç**es of the **Ph**ilistines said to him, **M**ake the man ret**u**rn, **th**at he **may** go back to his plac**e** **wh**ere you have appointed him, and let him not go **down** **with** us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adv**e**r**s**ary to us: for **with** **wh**at **sh**ould **th**is [fellow] recon**ç**ile himself to his **l**ord? **sh**ould it not be **with** the head**s** of **th**es**e** men?

5 Is not **th**is David, of **wh**em **th**ey sang one to an**o**ther in dan**ç**es, saying, S**ä**ul has slain his **th**ousands, David his ten **th**ousands?

6 **Th**en Achish **c**alled David, and said to him, As YAHWEH live**s**, you have **bee**n upright, and y**o**ur going **o**ut and y**o**ur **c**oming in **with** me in the host is **g**ood in my **s**ight; for I have not **fo**und **e**vil in you sin**ç**e the day of y**o**ur **c**oming to me to **th**is day: never**th**eless the **l**ords **don't** favor you.

7 **Th**ere**fo**re **n**ow ret**u**rn, and go in **pe**ac**e**, **th**at you not displ**e**as**e** the **l**ords of the **Ph**ilistines.

8 **D**avid said to Achish, But **wh**at have I **do**ne? and **wh**at have you **fo**und in y**o**ur s**e**r**v**ant so long as I have **bee**n bef**o**re you to **th**is day, **th**at I **may** not go and **fi**ght **ag**ainst the enem**i**es of my **l**ord the king?

9 Achish **ans**wered David, I **kn**ow **th**at you are **g**ood in my **s**ight, as an **an**gel of Elohim: not**with**standing the prin**ç**es of the **Ph**ilistines have said, **H**e shall not go up **with** us to the battle.

10 **Therefore now rise** up **early** in the **mó**rning **with** the **sê**rvents of **yô**ur **lô**rd **who** have **cô**me **with** you; and as **seen** as you are up **early** in the **mó**rning, and have **li**ght, **dep**art.

11 So **David ro**se up **early**, he and his men, to **dep**art in the **mó**rning, to **ret**urn into the land of the **Philistine**s. The **Philistine**s went up to Jezreel.

1 Samuel 30

1 It happened, *when* **David** and his men were **cô**me to Ziklag on the **th**ird **day**, **that** the Amalekites had **made** a **raid** on the **South**, and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag, and **bû**rned it **with** **fire**,

2 and had **taken** captive the women [and **â**ll] **who** were **therein**, **both** **sm**all and **great**: **they** didn't kill any, but **carried** **them** off, and went **their** way.

3 *When* **David** and his men **came** to the **ç**ity, **behold**, it was **bû**rned **with** **fire**; and **their** **wive**s, and **their** **son**s, and **their** **dâ**ughters, were **taken** captive.

4 Then **David** and the **pe**ople **who** were **with** him lifted up **their** **voi**çe and wept, until **they** had no **mô**re **power** to **weep**.

5 **David's** **two** **wive**s were **taken** captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and **Abigail** the **wife** of Nabal the **Câ**rmelite.

6 **David** was **greatly** **distressed**; for the **pe**ople **spoke** of **stoning** him, **becâ**use the **soul** of **â**ll the **pe**ople was **griev**ed, every man for his **son**s and for his **dâ**ughters: but **David** **streng**thened himself in YAHWEH his Elohim.

7 **David** said to **Abiath**ar the **priest**, the **son** of Ahimelech, **Pl**ea^se bring me **here** the **ephod**. **Abiath**ar **brô**ught **there** the **ephod** to **David**.

8 **David** **inquir**ed of YAHWEH, **saying**, If I **pû**rsue **â**fter **this** **tre**ep, **shall** I **overtake** **them**? **He** answered him, **Pû**rsue; for you **shall** **surely** **overtake** [**them**], and **shall** **witho**ut **fail** **reco**ver [**â**ll].

9 So **David** went, he and the six hundred men **who** were **with** him, and **came** to the **brô**ok Besor, *where* **tho**se **who** were left behind **stay**ed.

10 But **David** **pû**rsued, he and **fô**ur hundred men; for **two** hundred **stay**ed behind, **who** were so **faint** **that** **they** **cou**ldn't **go** **over** the **brô**ok Besor.

11 **They** **fo**und an **Egyptian** in the **fi**eld, and **brô**ught him to **David**, and **gave** him bread, and he **ate**; and **they** **gave** him **wâ**ter to drink.

12 **They** **gave** him a **pie**çe of a **ca**ke of **fig**s, and **two** **cluster**s of **raisin**s: and *when* he had **eaten**, his spirit **came** **again** to him; for he had **eaten** no bread, **nô**r drunk any **wâ**ter, **th**ree **day**s and **th**ree **nigh**ts.

13 David said to him, To whom belong you? and whence are you? He said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

14 We made a raid on the South of the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

15 David said to him, Will you bring me down to this troop? He said, Swear to me by Elohim, that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this troop.

16 When he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the ground, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day: and there not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men, who rode on camels and fled.

18 David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David rescued his two wives.

19 There was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor anything that they had taken to them: David brought back all.

20 David took all the flocks and the herds, [which] they drove before those [other] cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

21 David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to abide at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him: and when David came near to the people, he greeted them.

22 Then answered all the wicked men and base fellows, of those who went with David, and said, Because they didn't go with us, we will not give them anything of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away, and depart.

23 Then said David, You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which YAHWEH has given to us, who has preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand.

24 Who will listen to you in this matter? for as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who carries by the baggage: they shall share alike.

25 It was so from **that day fôward**, **that** he **made** it a **statute** and an **ôrdinançe** for **Işrael** to **this day**.

26 *When* **David came** to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil to the elderş of **Judah**, **even** to his **friendş**, **saying**, **Behold**, a **preşent** for you of the spoil of the **enemieş** of **YAHWEH**:

27 To **thoşe who** were in **Bethel**, and to **thoşe who** were in **Ramoth** of the **South**, and to **thoşe who** were in **Jattir**,

28 and to **thoşe who** were in **Aroer**, and to **thoşe who** were in **Siphmoth**, and to **thoşe who** were in **Eshtemoa**,

29 and to **thoşe who** were in **Racal**, and to **thoşe who** were in the **çities** of the **Jerahmeelites**, and to **thoşe who** were in the **çities** of the **Kenites**,

30 and to **thoşe who** were in **Hormah**, and to **thoşe who** were in **Bor-ashan**, and to **thoşe who** were in **Athach**,

31 and to **thoşe who** were in **Hebron**, and to **âll** the **plaçeş** *where* **David** himself and his men **used** to **stay**.

1 Samuel 31

1 **Now** the **Philistineş** **fôught** against **Işrael**: and the men of **Işrael** fled from **befôre** the **Philistineş**, and fell **down** **slain** on **Mount Gilboa**.

2 The **Philistineş** **followed** **hârd** on **Sâul** and on his **sonş**; and the **Philistineş** killed **Jonathan**, and **Abinadab**, and **Malchishua**, the **sonş** of **Sâul**.

3 The battle went **sôre** against **Sâul**, and the **ârchers** **overtôok** him; and he was **greatly** **distressed** **by reşon** of the **ârchers**.

4 **Then** said **Sâul** to his **ârmor bearer**, **Drâw** **yôur** **swôrd**, and **thrust** me **throug** **therewith**, lest **theşe** **unçircumçişed** **come** and **thrust** me **throug**, and **abuse** me. But his **ârmor bearer** **wôuld** not; for he was **sôre** **afraid**. **Therefore** **Sâul** **tôok** his **swôrd**, and fell on it.

5 *When* his **ârmor bearer** **sâw** **that** **Sâul** was **dead**, he **likewiş** fell on his **swôrd**, and **died** **with** him.

6 So **Sâul** **died**, and his **three** **sonş**, and his **ârmor bearer**, and **âll** his men, **that** **same** **day** **together**.

7 *When* the men of **Işrael** **who** were on the **ôther** **side** of the **valley**, and **thoşe who** were beyond the **Jôrdan**, **sâw** **that** the men of **Işrael** fled, and **that** **Sâul** and his **sonş** were **dead**, **they** **forsôok** the **çities**, and fled; and the **Philistineş** **came** and lived in **them**.

8 It happened on the next **day**, *when* the **Philistines** came to strip the slain, **that they** found **Sául** and his **three sons** fallen on **Mount Gilboa**.

9 **They** cut off his head, and stripped off his **armor**, and sent into the land of the **Philistines** round about, to carry the news to the house of **their idols**, and to the people.

10 **They** put his **armor** in the house of the **Ashtaroth**; and **they** fastened his body to the wall of **Beth-shan**.

11 When the inhabitants of **Jabesh-gilead** heard concerning him **that which** the **Philistines** had done to **Sául**,

12 all the valiant men arose, and went **all night**, and took the body of **Sául** and the bodies of his **sons** from the wall of **Beth-shan**; and **they** came to **Jabesh**, and burnt them there.

13 **They** took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk tree in **Jabesh**, and fasted seven days.

2 Samuel

1 It happened **ä**fter the **deä**th of **Sä**ul, *when* **Da**vid was **retü**rned from the **slä**ughter of the Amalekites, and **Da**vid had abode **twö** **day**s in Ziklag;

2 It happened on the **th**ird **day**, **thät** **behö**ld, a man **cam**e **ö**ut of the camp from Saul, **with** his **cloth**s **törn**, and **ë**arth on his head: and so it was, *when* he **cam**e to **Da**vid, **thät** he fell to the **ë**arth, and did **obeisanc**e.

3 **Da**vid said to him, From **whenc**e **com**e you? **H**e said to him, **ö**ut of the camp of **Is**rael am I **escap**ed.

4 **Da**vid said to him, **H**ow went the matter? **Pleas**e tell me. **H**e answered, The **pe**ople are fled from the battle, and many of the **pe**ople **ä**lso are **fä**llen and dead; and **Sä**ul and **Jonath**an his **sön** are dead **ä**lso.

5 **Da**vid said to the young man **whö** **tö**ld him, **H**ow **know** you **thät** **Sä**ul and **Jonath**an his **sön** are dead?

6 The young man **whö** **tö**ld him said, As I happened **by** **chanc**e on **Me**unt Gilboa, **behö**ld, Saul was **lean**ing on his **spe**ar; and, **behö**ld, the **ch**ariöts and the **hö**rsemen **follow**ed **hä**rd **ä**fter him.

7 **W**hen he **löök**ed **behind** him, he **sä**w me, and **cä**ll^{ed} to me. I answered, **H**ere am I.

8 He said to me, **Whö** are you? I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

9 He said to me, Stand, I **pray** you, **beside** me, and kill me; for **anguish** has **taken** **hö**ld of me, **becaus**e **my** **life** is yet **whö**le in me.

10 So I **stööd** **beside** him, and killed him, **becaus**e I was **sur**e **thät** he **cou**ld not live **ä**fter **thät** he was **fä**llen: and I **töök** the **crow**n **thät** was on his head, and the **brac**elet **thät** was on his **ä**rm, and have **brö**ught **th**em **h**ere to **my** **lö**rd.

11 **Th**en **Da**vid **töök** **hö**ld on his **cloth**s, and **tö**re **th**em; and **likewis**e **ä**ll the men **whö** were **with** him:

12 and **th**ey **mö**urned, and wept, and **fä**sted until **even**, for **Sä**ul, and for **Jonath**an his **sön**, and for the **pe**ople of **Yäh**weh, and for the **hou**se of **Is**rael; **becaus**e **th**ey were **fä**llen **by** the **swö**rd.

13 **Da**vid said to the young man **whö** **tö**ld him, **Whenc**e are you? **H**e answered, I am the **sön** of a sojourner, an Amalekite.

14 **Da**vid said to him, **H**ow were you not **afraid** to **put** **fö**th **yö**ur hand to destroy **Yäh**weh's **anointed**?

15 David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall on him. He struck him, so that he died.

16 David said to him, Your blood be on your head; for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I have slain Yähhweh's anointed.

17 David lamented with this lamentation over Säul and over Jonathan his son

18 (and he bade them teach the children of Judah [the song of] the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jashar):

19 Your glory, Israel, is slain on your high places! How are the mighty fallen!

20 Don't tell it in Gath, Don't publish it in the streets of Ashkelon; Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 You mountains of Gilboa, Let there be no dew nor rain on you, neither fields of offerings: For there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away, The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, The bow of Jonathan didn't turn back, The sword of Saul didn't return empty.

23 Säul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, In their death they were not divided: They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions.

24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet delicately, who put ornaments of gold on your clothing.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain on your high places.

26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan: Very pleasant have you been to me: Your love to me was wonderful, Passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, The weapons of war perished!

2 Samuel 2

1 It happened after this, that David inquired of Yähhweh, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? Yähhweh said to him, Go up. David said, Where shall I go up? He said, To Hebron.

2 So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

3 His men who were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they lived in the cities of Hebron.

4 The men of **Judah** came, and **there** they anointed **David** king over the house of **Judah**. **They** told **David**, saying, The men of **Jabesh-gilead** were those who buried **Saul**.

5 **David** sent messengers to the men of **Jabesh-gilead**, and said to **them**, Blessed be you of **Yahweh**, that you have shown this kindness to your lord, even to **Saul**, and have buried him.

6 Now **Yahweh** show lovingkindness and truth to you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because you have done this thing.

7 Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be you valiant; for **Saul** your lord is dead, and also the house of **Judah** have anointed me king over **them**.

8 Now **Abner** the son of **Ner**, captain of **Saul's** host, had taken **Ish-bosheth** the son of **Saul**, and brought him over to **Mahanaim**;

9 and he made him king over **Gilead**, and over the **Ashurites**, and over **Jezreel**, and over **Ephraim**, and over **Benjamin**, and over all **Israel**.

10 **Ish-bosheth**, **Saul's** son, was forty years old when he began to reign over **Israel**, and he reigned two years. But the house of **Judah** followed **David**.

11 The time that **David** was king in **Hebron** over the house of **Judah** was seven years and six months.

12 **Abner** the son of **Ner**, and the servants of **Ish-bosheth** the son of **Saul**, went out from **Mahanaim** to **Gibeon**.

13 **Joab** the son of **Zeruiah**, and the servants of **David**, went out, and met **them** by the pool of **Gibeon**; and **they** sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

14 **Abner** said to **Joab**, Please let the young men arise and play before us. **Joab** said, Let **them** arise.

15 Then **they** arose and went over by number: twelve for **Benjamin**, and for **Ish-bosheth** the son of **Saul**, and twelve of the servants of **David**.

16 **They** caught everyone his fellow by the head, and [thrust] his sword in his fellow's side; so **they** fell down together: therefore that place was called **Helkath-hazzurim**, which is in **Gibeon**.

17 The battle was very severe that day: and **Abner** was beaten, and the men of **Israel**, before the servants of **David**.

18 The three sons of **Zeruiah** were there, **Joab**, and **Abishai**, and **Asahel**: and **Asahel** was as light of foot as a wild roe.

19 Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he didn't turn to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.

20 **T**hen Abner looked behind him, and said, Is it you, Asahel? **H**e answered, It is I.

21 Abner said to him, Turn you aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay you hold on one of the young men, and take you his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following him.

22 Abner said again to Asahel, Turn you aside from following me: why should I strike you to the ground? how **t**hen should I hold up my façe to Joab your brother?

23 **H**owever he refused to turn aside: **t**herefore Abner **w**ith the hinder end of the spear struck him in the body, so **t**hat the spear came **o**ut behind him; and he fell **d**own **t**here, and **d**ied in the same plaçe: and it happened, **t**hat as many as came to the plaçe *where* Asahel fell **d**own and **d**ied stood still.

24 But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went **d**own *when* **t**hey were come to the hill of Ammah, **t**hat lies before Giah **b**y the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 The **ch**ildren of Benjamin gathered **t**hemselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill.

26 **T**hen Abner called to Joab, and said, "**S**hall the sword deveour forever? **D**on't you know **t**hat it will be bitterness in the latter end? **H**ow long **s**hall it be **t**hen, before you bid the people return from following **t**heir brothers?"

27 Joab said, As Elohim lives, if you had not spoken, **s**urely **t**hen in the morning the people had gone away, nor followed everyone his brother.

28 So Joab blew the trumpet; and **a**ll the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, **n**either fought **t**hey any more.

29 Abner and his men went **a**ll **t**hat night through the Arabah; and **t**hey passed over the Jordan, and went through **a**ll Bithron, and came to Mahanaim.

30 Joab returned from following Abner: and *when* he had gathered **a**ll the people together, **t**here lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.

31 But the servants of David had struck of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, [so **t**hat] **t**hree hundred sixty men **d**ied.

32 **T**hey took up Asahel, and buried him in the tomb of his father, *which* was in Beth-lehem. Joab and his men went **a**ll night, and the day broke on **t**hem at Hebron.

2 Samuel 3

1 Now **there** was long **wár** between the **house** of **Sául** and the **house** of **David**: and **David** grew stronger and stronger, but the **house** of **Sául** grew weaker and weaker.

2 To **David** were **sons** **börn** in Hebron: and his **firstbörn** was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

3 and his **second**, Chileab, of Abigail the **wife** of Nabal the **Cärmelite**; and the **third**, Absalom the **son** of Maacah the **dáughter** of Talmai king of **Geshur**;

4 and the **fourth**, Adonijah the **son** of Haggith; and the **fifth**, Shephatiah the **son** of Abital;

5 and the **sixth**, **Ithream**, of Eglah, David's **wife**. **Thesē** were **börn** to **David** in Hebron.

6 It happened, **while there** was **wár** between the **house** of **Sául** and the **house** of **David**, **that** Abner made himself strong in the **house** of **Sául** .

7 **Now** **Sául** had a concubine, **whesē** name was Rizpah, the **dáughter** of Aiah: and [**ish-bosheth**] said to Abner, **Why** have you gone in to my **fáther's** concubine?

8 **Then** was Abner very angry for the **wórdš** of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head **that** belongs to **Judah**? **This** day **de** I **show** kindness to the **house** of **Sául** **yóur** **fáther**, to his **brothers**, and to his **friends**, and have not delivered you into the hand of **David**; and yet you **chärgē** me **this** day with a **fáult** **concerning** **this** **wóman**.

9 Elohim **de** so to Abner, and **móre** **álsó**, if, as **YAHWEH** has **swörn** to **David**, I **don't** **de** even so to him;

10 to **transfēr** the **kingdóm** from the **house** of **Sául** , and to set up the **throne** of **David** **over** **Išrael** and **over** **Judah**, from Dan **even** to **Beersheba**.

11 He **could** not answer Abner **another** **wórd**, **becaúse** he **feared** him.

12 Abner sent **messengerš** to **David** on his **behälf**, **saying**, **Whesē** is the land? **saying** [**álsó**], **Make** **yóur** **league** with me, and, **behold**, my hand **shall** be with you, to bring **about** **áll** **Išrael** to you.

13 He said, Well; I will **make** a **league** with you; but one **thing** I **require** of you: **that** is, you **shall** not **see** my **façe**, **except** you **first** bring Michal, Saul's **dáughter**, **when** you **come** to **see** my **façe**.

14 David sent **messengerš** to **Ish-bosheth**, **Sául's** **son**, **saying**, Deliver me my **wife** Michal, **whém** I **pledged** to be **married** to me for one hundred **fóreskinš** of the **Philistines**.

15 **Ish-bosheth** sent, and **tòok** her from her hu**ş**band, **even** from Paltiel the **şon** of Laith.

16 Her hu**ş**band went **with** her, **weeping** as he went, and **followed** her to Bahurim. **Then** said Abner to him, **Go**, ret**urn**: and he ret**urned**.

17 Abner had **communication with** the elder**ş** of I**ş**rael, **saying**, In **timeş** **päst** you **sought** for **David** to be king **over** you:

18 **now then do** it; for YAHWEH ha**ş** spoken of **David**, **saying**, **By** the hand of my **servant David** I will **save my people Işrael** **out** of the hand of the **Philistineş**, and **out** of the hand of **all their enemies**.

19 Abner **also** **spoke** in the **earş** of Benjamin: and Abner went **also** to **speak** in the **earş** of **David** in Hebron **all that seemed good** to I**ş**rael, and to the **whole house** of Benjamin.

20 So Abner **came** to **David** to Hebron, and twenty men **with** him. **David made** Abner and the men **who** were **with** him a **feast**.

21 Abner said to **David**, I will **arise** and **go**, and will **gather all Işrael** to my **lord** the king, **that they may make** a **covenant with** you, and **that you may reign over all that your soul desireş**. **David** sent Abner **away**; and he went in **peace**.

22 **Behold**, the **servants** of **David** and Joab **came** from a foray, and **brought** in a **great** spoil **with them**: but Abner was not **with David** in Hebron; for he had sent him **away**, and he was gone in **peace**.

23 **When** Joab and **all the host who** was **with** him had **come**, **they told** Joab, **saying**, Abner the **son** of Ner **came** to the king, and he **haş** sent him **away**, and he is gone in **peace**.

24 **Then** Joab **came** to the king, and said, **What** have you **done**? **behold**, Abner **came** to you; **why** is it **that** you have sent him **away**, and he is **quite** gone?

25 You **know** Abner the **son** of Ner, **that** he **came** to **deceive** you, and to **know your going out** and **your coming in**, and to **know all that you do**.

26 **When** Joab was **come out** from **David**, he sent messenger**ş** **after** Abner, and **they brought** him back from the well of Sirah: but **David** didn't **know** it.

27 **When** Abner was ret**urned** to Hebron, Joab **tòok** him **aside** into the midst of the **gate** to **speak with** him **quietly**, and struck him **there** in the body, so **that** he **died**, for the **blood** of Asahel his **brother**.

28 **afterward**, **when David heard** it, he said, I and my **kingdom** are **guiltless before** YAHWEH forever of the **blood** of Abner the **son** of Ner:

29 let it fáll on the head of Joab, and on áll his fäther's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has an issue, or who is a leper, or who leans on a stäff, or who fällt by the sword, or who lacks bread.

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 David said to Joab, and to áll the people who were with him, Tear yóur clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mórn befóre Abner. King David followed the bier.

32 They buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and áll the people wept.

33 The king lamented for Abner, and said, Shóuld Abner die as a fool dies?

34 Yóur hands were not bound, nór yóur feet put into fetters: As a man fällt befóre the children of iniquity, so did you fáll. áll the people wept again over him.

35 All the people came to cáuse David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David swore, saying, Elohim de so to me, and móre álso, if I taste bread, or anything else, until the sun be down.

36 All the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as whatever the king did pleased áll the people.

37 So áll the people and áll Işrael understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the sòn of Ner.

38 The king said to his servants, "Don't you know that there a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Işrael?"

39 I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sònş of Zeruiah are too hárd for me. May YAHWEH reward the evil-dóer according to his wickedness."

2 Samuel 4

1 When [Ish-bosheth], Sául's sòn, heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became feeble, and áll the Işraelites were troubled.

2 [Ish-bosheth], Sául's sòn, [had] two men who were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the óther Rechab, the sònş of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin (for Beeroth álso is reckoned to Benjamin:

3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and have been sojourners there until this day).

4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the news came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel; and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.

5 The sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, as he took his rest at noon.

6 They came there into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they struck him in the body: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 Now when they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, they struck him, and killed him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went by the way of the Arabah all night.

8 They brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; and YAHWEH has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

9 David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, As YAHWEH lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

10 when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good news, I took hold of him, and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news.

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 David commanded his young men, and they killed them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

2 Samuel 5

1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel: and YAHWEH said to you, You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.

3 So **á**ll the elders of **Işrael** came to the king to Hebron; and king **David** made a covenant **with them** in Hebron bef^ore **YAHWEH**: and **they** anointed **David** king **over Işrael**.

4 **David** was **thirty** years old when he began to reign, and he reigned **fó**rty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned **over Judah** seven years and six months; and in **Jeruşalem** he reigned **thirty-three** years **over á**ll **Işrael** and **Judah**.

6 The king and his men went to **Jeruşalem** against the **Jebusites**, the inhabitants of the land, **who** spoke to **David**, saying, Except you **take away** the **blind** and the **lame**, you **shall not come** in **here**; **th**inking, **David** **cán't come** in **here**.

7 Never**th**eless **David** **tó**ok the stronghold of **Zion**; the **same** is the **ç**ity of **David**.

8 **David** said on **that day**, **Who**eever strikes the **Jebusites**, let him get up to the **wá**terc^ourse, and [strike] the **lame** and the **blind**, **who** are **hated** of **David's soul**. **Therefó**re **they say**, **There** are the **blind** and the **lame**; he **cán't come** into the **house**.

9 **David** lived in the stronghold, and **cá**lled it the **ç**ity of **David**. **David** built **round abó**ut from **Millo** and inward.

10 **David** grew **greá**ter and **greá**ter; for **YAHWEH**, the **Elohim** of **hosts**, was **with** him.

11 **Hiram** king of **Tyre** sent **messengerş** to **David**, and **ç**edar **trees**, and **cá**rpenter**ş**, and **masonş**; and **they** built **David** a **house**.

12 **David** **pê**ceived **that** **YAHWEH** had **establiş**hed him king **over Işrael**, and **that** he had **exá**lted his **kingdó**m for his **pe**ople **Işrael's sake**.

13 **David** **tó**ok him **mó**re **concupineş** and **wiveş** **ó**ut of **Jeruşalem**, **á**fter he was **come** from Hebron; and **there** were yet **sonş** and **dá**ughter**ş** **bó**rn to **David**.

14 **Theş**e are the **nameş** of **thoş**e **who** were **bó**rn to him in **Jeruşalem**: **Shammua**, and **Shobab**, and **Nathan**, and **Solomon**,

15 and **Ibhar**, and **Elishua**, and **Nepheg**, and **Japhia**,

16 and **Elishama**, and **Eliada**, and **Eliphelet**.

17 **When** the **Philistineş** **hê**ard **that they** had anointed **David** king **over Işrael**, **á**ll the **Philistineş** went up to **seek** **David**; and **David** **hê**ard of it, and went **down** to the stronghold.

18 **Now** the **Philistineş** had **come** and spread **themselveş** in the valley of **Rephaim**.

19 David **inquired** of YAHWEH, saying, **Shall I go** up against the **Philistines**? will you deliver **them** into **my** hand? YAHWEH said to David, **Go up**; for I will **certainly** deliver the **Philistines** into **your** hand.

20 David **came** to Baal-perazim, and David struck **them there**; and he said, YAHWEH has **broken my** enemies **before** me, like the **breach** of **waters**. **Therefore** he **called** the **name** of **that place** Baal-perazim.

21 **They** left **their images** **there**; and David and his men **took** **them** away.

22 The **Philistines** **came** up yet **again**, and spread **themselves** in the valley of Rephaim.

23 *When* David **inquired** of YAHWEH, he said, **You shall not go** up: **make** a **circuit** behind **them**, and **come** on **them** **over** against the mulberry **trees**.

24 It **shall** be, *when* you **hear** the **sound** of **marching** in the tops of the mulberry **trees**, **that then** you **shall** **bestir** **yourself**; for **then** is YAHWEH gone **out** **before** you to **strike** the **host** of the **Philistines**.

25 David did so, as YAHWEH commanded him, and struck the **Philistines** from Geba until you **come** to Gezer.

2 Samuel 6

1 David **again** **gathered** together **all** the **chosen** men of **Israel**, **thirty thousand**.

2 David **arose**, and went **with** **all** the **people** **who** were **with** him, from Baale-judah, to bring up from **there** the **ark** of Elohim, **which** is **called** by the **Name**, **even** the **name** of YAHWEH of **Hosts** **who** sits [**above**] the cherubim.

3 **They** set the **ark** of Elohim on a new **cart**, and **brought** it **out** of the **house** of Abinadab **that** was in the hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the **sons** of Abinadab, **drove** the new **cart**.

4 **They** **brought** it **out** of the **house** of Abinadab, **which** was in the hill, **with** the **ark** of Elohim: and Ahio went **before** the **ark**.

5 David and **all** the **house** of **Israel** **played** **before** YAHWEH **with** **all** manner of [**instruments** **made** of] **fir-wood**, and **with** **harps**, and **with** **psalteries**, and **with** **tambourines**, and **with** **castanets**, and **with** **cymbals**.

6 *When* **they** **came** to the **threshing floor** of Nacon, Uzzah **put forth** [**his hand**] to the **ark** of Elohim, and **took** **hold** of it; for the oxen **stumbled**.

7 The anger of YAHWEH was kindled **against** Uzzah; and Elohim struck him **there** for his error; and **there** he **died** by the **ark** of Elohim.

8 David was displeasēd, becaūse YAHWEH had broken fōrth on Uzzah; and he cāllēd that placē Perez-uzzah, to this day.

9 David was afraid of YAHWEH that day; and he said, How shall the ārk of YAHWEH cōme to me?

10 So David wōuld not remōve the ārk of YAHWEH to him into the çity of David; but David carried it asīde into the hōuse of Obed-edom the Gitite.

11 The ārk of YAHWEH remaīned in the hōuse of Obed-edom the Gittite threē mōnths; and YAHWEH blessed Obed-edom, and āll his hōuse.

12 It was told king David, sayīng, YAHWEH haş blessed the hōuse of Obed-edom, and āll that pertains to him, becaūse of the ārk of Elohim. David went and brōught up the ārk of Elohim from the hōuse of Obed-edom into the çity of David with joy.

13 It was so, that, when thoşe whō bōre the ārk of YAHWEH had gone six paçes, he sacrificēd an ox and a fattēd cāf.

14 David dançēd befōre YAHWEH with āll his miight; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

15 So David and āll the hōuse of Işrael brōught up the ārk of YAHWEH with shouting, and with the sōund of the trumpet.

16 It was so, as the ārk of YAHWEH came into the çity of David, that Michal the dāughter of Sāul lōoked out at the window, and sāw king David leaping and dançing befōre YAHWEH; and she despisēd him in her hēārt.

17 They brōught in the ārk of YAHWEH, and set it in its placē, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offerēd būrnt offerings and peaçe-offerings befōre YAHWEH.

18 When David had made an end of offering the būrnt offering and the peaçe-offerings, he blessed the peōple in the name of YAHWEH of Hosts.

19 He dealt among āll the peōple, even among the whōle multītude of Işrael, both to men and women, to everyone a cakē of bread, and a pōrtiōn [of flesh], and a cakē of raisīns. So āll the peōple depārtēd everyone to his hōuse.

20 Then David retūrned to bless his hōusehold. Michal the dāughter of Sāul came out to meet David, and said, How glōrious was the king of Işrael today, whō uncōverēd himself today in the eyēs of the handmaidş of his sērvants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncōvers himself!

21 David said to Michal, [It was] bef^ore YAHWEH, wh^e cho^se me ab^ove y^our f^ather, and ab^ove ^all his ho^use, to appoint me princ^e over the pe^ople of YAHWEH, over I^srael: the^ref^ore will I play bef^ore YAHWEH.

22 I will be yet m^ore vile th^an this, and will be base in my own sig^ht: but of the handmaid^s of wh^om you have spok^en, of th^em shall I be had in honor.

23 Michal the d^aughter of S^aul had no child to the da^y of her deat^h.

2 Samuel 7

1 It happen^ed, wh^en the king liv^ed in his ho^use, and YAHWEH had given him rest from ^all his enemⁱe^s round ab^out,

2 th^at the king said to Nathan the proph^et, See n^ow, I dwell in a ho^use of ced^ar, but the ^ark of Elohim dwell^s withⁱn c^urtain^s.

3 Nathan said to the king, Go, de ^all th^at is in y^our he^art; for YAHWEH is with you.

4 It happen^ed the sam^e nig^ht, th^at the w^ord of YAHWEH cam^e to Nathan, sayⁱng,

5 Go and tell my s^er^vant David, Th^us say^s YAHWEH, Sh^all you build me a ho^use for me to dwell in?

6 for I have not liv^ed in a ho^use sinc^e the da^y th^at I br^ought up the child^ren of I^srael out of Eg^ypt, even to thⁱs da^y, but have w^alk^ed in a tent and in a tent.

7 In ^all plac^es in whⁱch I have w^alk^ed with ^all the child^ren of I^srael, spok^e I a w^ord with any of the trib^es of I^srael, wh^om I command^ed to be shepher^d of my pe^ople I^srael, sayⁱng, Wh^y have you not built me a ho^use of ced^ar?

8 N^ow the^ref^ore th^us shall you tell my s^er^vant David, Th^us say^s YAHWEH of Hosts, I t^ook you from the shee^p pen, from following the shee^p, th^at you sh^ould be princ^e over my pe^ople, over I^srael;

9 and I have been with you wh^ere^ver you went, and have cut off ^all y^our enemⁱe^s from bef^ore you; and I will mak^e you a great name, lik^e the name of the great on^es wh^oe are in the ^ear^th.

10 I will appoint a plac^e for my pe^ople I^srael, and will plant th^em, th^at th^ey may dwell in th^eir own plac^e, and be mov^ed no m^ore; neith^er shall the child^ren of wickedness afflict th^em any m^ore, as at the fir^st,

11 and [as] from the da^y th^at I command^ed judg^es to be over my pe^ople I^srael; and I will c^ause you to rest from ^all y^our enemⁱe^s. M^oreover YAHWEH tells you th^at YAHWEH will mak^e you a ho^use.

12 When yôur days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with yôur fathers, I will set up yôur seed after you, who shall proceed out of yôur bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men;

15 but my lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it from Sâul, whom I put away before you.

16 Yôur house and yôur kingdom shall be made sure for ever before you: yôur throne shall be established forever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

18 Then David the king went in, and sat before YAHWEH; and he said, who am I, Lôrd YAHWEH, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?

19 This was yet a small thing in yôur eyes, Lôrd YAHWEH; but you have spoken also of yôur servant's house for a great while to come; and this [too] after the manner of men, Lôrd YAHWEH!

20 What can David say more to you? for you know yôur servant, Lôrd YAHWEH.

21 For yôur word's sake, and according to yôur own heart, have you worked all this greatness, to make yôur servant know it.

22 Therefore you are great, YAHWEH Elohim: for there is none like you, neither is there any Elohim beside you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 What one nation in the earth is like yôur people, even like Israel, whom Elohim went to redeem to himself for a people, and to make him a name, and to do great things for you, and awesome things for yôur land, before yôur people, whom you redeem to you out of Egypt, [from] the nations and their gods?

24 You did establish to yôurself yôur people Israel to be a people to you forever; and you, YAHWEH, became their Elohim.

25 Now, YAHWEH Elohim, the word that you have spoken concerning yôur servant, and concerning his house, confirm you it forever, and do as you have spoken.

26 Let yôur name be magnified forever, saying, YAHWEH of hosts is Elohim over Israel; and the house of yôur servant David shall be established before you.

27 F~~o~~r you, YAHWEH of Hosts, the Elohim of I~~s~~rael, have revealed to y~~o~~ur s~~e~~r~~v~~ant, saying, I will build you a house: **theref~~o~~re** has y~~o~~ur s~~e~~r~~v~~ant found in his he~~a~~rt to pray **this** prayer to you.

28 Now, O L~~o~~rd YAHWEH, you are Elohim, and y~~o~~ur w~~o~~rds are **truth**, and you have promised **this** **g~~o~~od** **th**ing to y~~o~~ur s~~e~~r~~v~~ant:

29 now **theref~~o~~re** let it please you to bless the house of y~~o~~ur s~~e~~r~~v~~ant, **that** it may **cont**inue forever bef~~o~~re you; for you, L~~o~~rd YAHWEH, have spoken it: and **with** y~~o~~ur blessing let the house of y~~o~~ur s~~e~~r~~v~~ant be blessed forever.

2 Samuel 8

1 After **this** it happened **that** David struck the **Philistines**, and subdued **them**: and David **took** the bridle of the **moth**er **city** out of the hand of the **Philistines**.

2 He struck Moab, and measured **them** with the **line**, making **them** to lie **down** on the **ground**; and he measured **tw**e **lin**es to **put** to **death**, and one **full** **line** to **keep** alive. The Moabites became s~~e~~r~~v~~ants to David, and **br~~o~~ught** tribute.

3 David struck **also** Hadadezer the **son** of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to **reco**ver his **domin**ion at the River.

4 David **took** from him one **th**ousand seven hundred h~~o~~rsemen, and twenty **th**ousand **fo**otmen: and David hamstrung **all** the **chari**ot h~~o~~rse~~s~~, but **res**erved of **them** for one hundred **chari**ots.

5 **When** the Syrians of Damascus **came** to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck of the Syrians **tw**e and twenty **th**ousand men.

6 **Then** David **put** garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became s~~e~~r~~v~~ants to David, and **br~~o~~ught** tribute. YAHWEH **gave** victory to David **where**ver he went.

7 David **took** the **sh**ields of **gold** **that** were on the s~~e~~r~~v~~ants of Hadadezer, and **br~~o~~ught** **them** to Jeru~~s~~alem.

8 From Bethah and from Bero~~t~~hai, **ci**ties of Hadadezer, king David **took** **ex**ceeding **much** **br**ass.

9 **When** Toi king of Hamath **he**ard **that** David had struck **all** the **host** of Hadadezer,

10 **then** Toi sent Joram his **son** to king David, to **greet** him, and to bless him, **beca**use he had **fo**ught **again**st Hadadezer and struck him: for Hadadezer had **w**ars **with** Toi. [Joram] **br~~o~~ught** **with** him vessels of silver, and vessels of **gold**, and vessels of **br**ass:

11 **Th**ese **also** did king David **dedicate** to YAHWEH, **with** the silver and **gold** **that** he **dedicated** of **all** the **nati**ons **wh**ich he **sub**dued;

12 of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 David got him a name when he returned from smiting the Syrians in the Valley of Salt, even eighteen thousand men.

14 He put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. YAHWEH gave victory to David wherever he went.

15 David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness to all his people.

16 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

17 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Seraiah was scribe;

18 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada [was over] the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

2 Samuel 9

1 David said, Is there yet any who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

2 There was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, Are you Ziba? He said, Your servant is he.

3 The king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of Elohim to him? Ziba said to the king, Jonathan has yet a son, who is lame of his feet.

4 The king said to him, Where is he? Ziba said to the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Look-debar.

5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Look-debar.

6 Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, and fell on his face, and did obeisance. David said, Mephibosheth. He answered, Behold, your servant!

7 David said to him, "Don't be afraid of him; for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore you all the land of Saul your father; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.

8 He did obeisance, and said, *What* is *yôur* sêrvant, **that** you **shôuld** **lôok** on **such** a dead dog as I am?

9 **Then** the king **cáll**ed to Ziba, Sâul's sêrvant, and said to him, **âll** **that** pertained to Sâul and to **âll** his **house** have I given to *yôur* **mäster's** **sôn**.

10 You **shall** till the land for him, you, and *yôur* **sôn**s, and *yôur* sêrvants; and you **shall** bring in [the fruits], **that** *yôur* **mäster's** **sôn** may have bread to **e**at: but **Mephibosheth** *yôur* **mäster's** **sôn** **shall** **e**at bread **âlways** at **my** **table**. **Now** Ziba had **fifteen** **sôn**s and twenty sêrvants.

11 **Then** said Ziba to the king, **Accôrding** to **âll** **that** **my** **lôrd** the king commands his sêrvant, so **shall** *yôur* sêrvant **d**e. As for **Mephibosheth**, [said the king], he **shall** **e**at at **my** **table**, as one of the king's **sôn**s.

12 **Mephibosheth** had a young **sôn**, *whose* name was Mica. **âll** **that** lived in the **house** of Ziba were sêrvants to **Mephibosheth**.

13 So **Mephibosheth** lived in Jeru~~s~~alem; for he **ate** **côn**tinually at the king's **table**. **He** was lame in **both** his **feet**.

2 Samuel 10

1 It happened **âfter** **this**, **that** the king of the **children** of Ammon **died**, and Hanun his **sôn** reigned in his **plac**e.

2 **David** said, I will **show** kindness to Hanun the **sôn** of Nahash, as his **fäther** **shown** kindness to me. So **David** sent **by** his sêrvants to **côm**fort him **côn**cêrning his **fäther**. **David's** sêrvants **came** into the land of the **children** of Ammon.

3 But the **prin**çes of the **children** of Ammon said to Hanun **their** **lôrd**, **D**e you **th**ink **that** **David** *honor*s *yôur* **fäther**, in **that** he has sent comforters to you? Hasn't **David** sent his sêrvants to you to **sê**ar~~c~~h the **çity**, and to spy it **o**ut, and to **o**ver~~t~~hrow it?

4 So Hanun **tôok** **David's** sêrvants, and **sh**aved off the one **hä**lf of **their** **be**ard~~s~~, and cut off **their** **gä**rm~~e~~nts in the middle, **e**ven to **their** buttocks, and sent **them** away.

5 **When** **they** **told** it to **David**, he sent to **meet** **them**; for the men were **gr**eatly **ash**amed. The king said, **Wait** at Jericho until *yôur* **be**ard~~s~~ be grown, and **then** **ret**urn.

6 **When** the **children** of Ammon **sä**w **that** **they** were becôme **odious** to **David**, the **children** of Ammon sent and **h**ired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty **th**ous~~a~~nd **f**ôotmen, and the king of Maacah **with** one **th**ous~~a~~nd men, and the men of Tob twelve **th**ous~~a~~nd men.

7 **When** **David** **h**eard of it, he sent Joab, and **âll** the **host** of the **mi**ghty men.

8 The **children** of Ammon **came out**, and **put** the battle in array at the **entrance** of the **gate**: and the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were **by themselves** in the **field**.

9 **Now** when Joab **saw** **that** the battle was set **against** him **before** and **behind**, he **chose** of **all** the **choice** men of **Israel**, and **put** **them** in array **against** the Syrians:

10 The rest of the **people** he committed into the hand of Abishai his **brother**; and he **put** **them** in array **against** the **children** of Ammon.

11 He said, If the Syrians be **too** strong for me, **then** you **shall** help me; but if the **children** of Ammon be **too** strong for you, **then** I will **come** and help you.

12 Be of **good** courage, and let us **play** the man for **our** **people**, and for the **cities** of **our** Elohim: and YAHWEH **do** **that** *which* **seems** him **good**.

13 So Joab and the **people** **who** were **with** him drew **near** to the battle **against** the Syrians: and **they** fled **before** him.

14 **When** the **children** of Ammon **saw** **that** the Syrians were fled, **they** **likewise** fled **before** Abishai, and entered into the **city**. **Then** Joab **returned** from the **children** of Ammon, and **came** to Jeru**s**alem.

15 **When** the Syrians **saw** **that** **they** were **put** to the **worse** **before** **Israel**, **they** **gathered** **themselves** **together**.

16 Hadarezer sent, and **brought** **out** the Syrians **who** were beyond the River: and **they** **came** to Helam, **with** Shobach the captain of the **host** of Hadarezer at **their** head.

17 It was **told** **David**; and he **gathered** **all** **Israel** **together**, and **passed** **over** the **Jordan**, and **came** to Helam. The Syrians set **themselves** in array **against** **David**, and **fought** **with** him.

18 The Syrians fled **before** **Israel**; and **David** killed of the Syrians [the men of] seven hundred **chariots**, and **forty** **thousand** **horsemen**, and struck **Shobach** the captain of **their** **host**, so **that** he **died** **there**.

19 **When** **all** the **kings** **who** were **servants** to Hadarezer **saw** **that** **they** were **put** to the **worse** **before** **Israel**, **they** **made** **peace** **with** **Israel**, and **served** **them**. So the Syrians **feared** to help the **children** of Ammon any **more**.

2 Samuel 11

1 It happened, at the **return** of the **year**, at the **time** when **kings** **go** **out** [to battle], **that** **David** sent Joab, and his **servants** **with** him, and **all** **Israel**; and **they** destroyed the **children** of Ammon, and **besieged** Rabbah. But **David** **stayed** at Jeru**s**alem.

2 It happened at evening, **that David arose** from off his bed, and **walked** on the **roof** of the king's house: and from the **roof** he **saw** a **woman** bathing; and the **woman** was very **beautiful** to **look** on.

3 **David** send and **inquired** **after** the **woman**. One said, Is not **this Bath-sheba**, the **daughter** of Eliam, the **wife** of Uriah the Hittite?

4 **David** sent **messenger**s, and **took** her; and she **came** in to him, and he **lay with** her (for she was **purified** from her uncleanness); and she **returned** to her **house**.

5 The **woman** **conceived**; and she sent and **told David**, and said, I am **with child**.

6 **David** sent to Joab, [**saying**], Send me Uriah the Hittite. Joab sent Uriah to **David**.

7 **When** Uriah was **come** to him, **David asked** of him **how** Joab did, and **how** the **people** **fared**, and **how** the **war** prospered.

8 **David** said to Uriah, **Go down** to **your house**, and **wash your feet**. Uriah **departed** **out** of the king's house, and **there** **followed** him a mess [of **food**] from the king.

9 But Uriah slept at the **door** of the king's house **with all** the **servants** of his **lord**, and didn't **go down** to his **house**.

10 **When they** had **told David**, **saying**, Uriah didn't **go down** to his **house**, **David** said to Uriah, Haven't you **come** from a **journey**? **why** did you not **go down** to **your house**?

11 Uriah said to **David**, The **ark**, and **Israel**, and **Judah**, **abide** in **booths**; and my **lord** Joab, and the **servants** of my **lord**, are encamped in the **open field**; **shall I then** **go** into my **house**, to **eat** and to **drink**, and to **lie with my wife**? as you **live**, and as **your soul** **lives**, I will not **do this thing**.

12 **David** said to Uriah, **Stay here** today **also**, and **tomorrow** I will let you **depart**. So Uriah **abode** in **Jerusalem** **that day**, and the next **day**.

13 **When David** had **called** him, he **ate** and **drink** **before** him; and he **made** him drunk: and at **even** he went **out** to **lie** on his bed **with** the **servants** of his **lord**, but didn't **go down** to his **house**.

14 It happened in the **morning**, **that David** **wrote** a letter to Joab, and sent it **by** the hand of Uriah.

15 He **wrote** in the letter, **saying**, Set you Uriah in the **forefront** of the hottest battle, and **retire** you from him, **that** he may be struck, and **die**.

16 It happened, **when** Joab kept **watch** on the **city**, **that** he **assigned** Uriah to the **place** **where** he **knew** **that** valiant men were.

17 The men of the çity went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people, even of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 and he charged the messenger, saying, "When you have made an end of telling all the things concerning the war to the king,

20 it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he tells you, 'Why did you go so near to the çity to fight? Didn't you know that they would shoot from the wall?

21 who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Didn't a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall? then shall you say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'

22 So the messenger went, and came and shown David all that Joab had sent him for.

23 The messenger said to David, The men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field, and we were on them even to the entrance of the gate.

24 The shooters shot at your servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

25 Then David said to the messenger, Thus shall you tell Joab, Don't let this thing displeasè you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle more strong against the çity, and overthrow it: and encourage you him.

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband.

27 When the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeasèd YAHWEH.

2 Samuel 12

1 YAHWEH sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in one çity; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds,

3 but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and raised. It grew up together with him, and with his children. It ate of his own feed, drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him like a daughter.

4 A traveler came to the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man who had come to him, but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man who had come to him."

5 David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As YAHWEH lives, the man **who** has **done** **this** is **worthy** to die!

6 He **shall** restore the lamb **fourfold**, because he did **this thing**, and because he had no pity!"

7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man. **This** is **what** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Israel**, says: I anointed you king **over Israel**, and I delivered you **out** of the hand of **Saul**.

8 I **gave** you **your** master's **house**, and **your** master's **wives** into **your** **bosom**, and **gave** you the **house** of **Israel** and of **Judah**; and if **that** would have **been** **too** little, I would have added to you many **more** **such things**.

9 Why have you despised the **word** of YAHWEH, to **do** **that** **which** is **evil** in his **sight**? You have struck Uriah the Hittite **with** the **sword**, and have **taken** his **wife** to be **your** **wife**, and have **slain** him **with** the **sword** of the **children** of Ammon.

10 **Now** **therefore** the **sword** will never depart from **your** **house**, because you have despised me, and have **taken** the **wife** of Uriah the Hittite to be **your** **wife**.

11 **This** is **what** YAHWEH says: 'Behold, I will **raise** up **evil** against you **out** of **your** **own** **house**; and I will **take** **your** **wives** before **your** **eyes**, and give **them** to **your** **neighbor**, and he will **lie** **with** **your** **wives** in the **sight** of **this** sun.

12 **For** you did it **secretly**, but I will **do** **this thing** before **all Israel**, and before the sun."

13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against YAHWEH." Nathan said to David, "YAHWEH **also** has **put** away **your** sin. You will not die.

14 **However**, because by **this deed** you have given **great** occasion to **Yahweh's** enemies to **blaspheme**, the **child** **also** **who** is **born** to you **shall** **surely** die."

15 Nathan departed to his **house**. YAHWEH struck the **child** **that** Uriah's **wife** bore to David, and it was very sick.

16 David **therefore** begged Elohim for the **child**; and David **fasted**, and went in, and lay **all** **night** on the **earth**.

17 The **elders** of his **house** arose, [and stood] beside him, to **raise** him up from the **earth**: but he would not, **neither** did he **eat** bread **with** **them**.

18 It happened on the **seventh** **day**, **that** the **child** died. The **servants** of David **feared** to tell him **that** the **child** was dead; for **they** said, Behold, **while** the **child** was yet **alive**, **we** spoke to him, and he didn't listen to **our** voice: **how** will he **then** vex himself, if **we** tell him **that** the **child** is dead!

19 But *when* David **s**áw **th**at his **s**êrvants were *whispering* together, David **p**êrçeived **th**at the **ch**ild was dead; and David said to his **s**êrvants, Is the **ch**ild dead? **T**hey said, **H**e is dead.

20 **T**hen David **a**roşe from the **ê**ar**th**, and **w**ash**ed**, and anointed himself, and **ch**ang**ed** his **cl**oth**ing**; and he **c**ame into the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, and **w**ôrsh**ip**ed: **th**en he **c**ame to his **o**wn **h**ouse; and *when* he **r**equ**ir**ed, **th**ey set bread bef**ô**re him, and he **a**te.

21 **T**hen said his **s**êrvants to him, **W**h**at** **th**ing is **th**is **th**at you have **d**one? you did **f**âst and **w**ee**p** for the **ch**ild, *while* it was **al**ive; but *when* the **ch**ild was dead, you did **r**iş**e** and **e**at bread.

22 He said, *While* the **ch**ild was yet **al**ive, I **f**âst**ed** and wept: for I said, **W**h**e** **k**nows **w**h**e**th**e**r YAHWEH will not be **g**raç**i**ous to me, **th**at the **ch**ild may **l**ive?

23 But **n**ow he is dead, **w**h**y** **sh**ould I **f**âst? can I bring him back again? I **sh**all **g**o to him, but he will not **r**et**û**rn to me.

24 David **c**omforted **B**â**th**-**s**heba his **w**ife, and went in to her, and **l**ay **w**ith her: and she **b**ôre a **s**on, and he **c**alled his **n**ame Solomon. YAHWEH **l**ov**ed** him;

25 and he sent **by** the hand of **N**ath**an** the **p**roph**et**; and he **n**am**ed** him Jedidiah, for **Y**â**h**w**e**h's **s**ake.

26 Now Joab **f**ô**u**ght **a**gainst Rabbah of the **ch**ildren of Ammon, and **t**ô**ok** the royal **ç**ity.

27 Joab sent messenger**ş** to David, and said, I have **f**ô**u**ght **a**gainst Rabbah; yes, I have **t**ak**en** the **ç**ity of **w**â**t**er**ş**.

28 **N**ow **th**er**e**f**ô**re **g**ath**e**r the rest of the **p**eopl**e** together, and encamp **a**gainst the **ç**ity, and **t**ak**e** it; lest I **t**ak**e** the **ç**ity, and it be **c**alled **â**fter **m**y **n**ame.

29 David **g**ath**e**red **â**ll the **p**eopl**e** together, and went to Rabbah, and **f**ô**u**ght **a**gainst it, and **t**ô**ok** it.

30 He **t**ô**ok** the **c**rown of **th**eir king from off his head; and the **w**eigh**t** of it was a talent of **g**old, and [in it were] **p**reç**i**ous **st**one**ş**; and it was set on David's **h**ead. **H**e **br**ô**u**ght **f**ô**th** the **s**poil of the **ç**ity, **e**xç**e**eding **m**uch.

31 He **br**ô**u**ght **f**ô**th** the **p**eopl**e** **w**h**e** **w**ere **th**erein, and **p**ut **th**em under **s**â**w**ş, and under harrows of **ir**on, and under axe**ş** of **ir**on, and **m**ad**e** **th**em **p**âss **th**rough the brick kiln: and **th**us did he to **â**ll the **ç**itie**ş** of the **ch**ildren of Ammon. David and **â**ll the **p**eopl**e** **r**et**û**rn**ed** to Jeru**ş**alem.

2 Samuel 13

1 It happened **ä**fter **this**, **that** Absalom the **s**on of David had a **be**autiful sister, **wh**ose **na**me was Tamar; and Amnon the **s**on of David **l**oved her.

2 Amnon was so vexed **th**at he fell sick **bec**ause of his sister Tamar; for she was a **v**irgin; and it **se**emed **h**ard to Amnon to **de** any**th**ing to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend, **wh**ose **na**me was Jonadab, the **s**on of **Sh**imeah, David's **br**other; and Jonadab was a very subtle man.

4 He said to him, **Wh**y, **s**on of the king, are you **th**us **le**an from **day** to **day**? **W**on't you tell me? Amnon said to him, I **l**ove Tamar, **my** **br**other Absalom's sister.

5 Jonadab said to him, **L**ay you **do**wn on **y**our bed, and feign **y**ourself sick: and **wh**en **y**our **f**ather **c**ome**s** to **se**e you, tell him, **P**le**a**se let **my** sister Tamar **c**ome and give me bread to **e**at, and dress the **fo**od in **my** **s**ight, **th**at I **ma**y **se**e it, and **e**at it from her hand.

6 So Amnon **l**ay **do**wn, and feigned himself sick: and **wh**en the king was **c**ome to **se**e him, Amnon said to the king, **P**le**a**se let her sister Tamar **c**ome, and **ma**ke me a couple of **ca**kes in **my** **s**ight, **th**at I **ma**y **e**at from her hand.

7 **T**hen David sent **ho**me to Tamar, **sa**ying, **G**o **no**w to **y**our **br**other Amnon's **ho**use, and dress him **fo**od.

8 So Tamar went to her **br**other Amnon's **ho**use; and he was **l**aid **do**wn. She **t**ook **do**ugh, and **k**neaded it, and **ma**de **ca**kes in his **s**ight, and did **ba**ke the **ca**kes.

9 She **t**ook the pan, and **p**oured **th**em **o**ut **bef**ore him; but he **ref**used to **e**at. Amnon said, **H**ave **o**ut **ä**ll men from me. **T**hey went **o**ut every man from him.

10 Amnon said to Tamar, **B**ring the **fo**od into the **ch**amber, **th**at I **ma**y **e**at from **y**our hand. Tamar **t**ook the **ca**kes **wh**ich she had **ma**de, and **br**ought **th**em into the **ch**amber to Amnon her **br**other.

11 **Wh**en she had **br**ought **th**em **ne**ar to him to **e**at, he **t**ook **ho**ld of her, and said to her, **C**ome, **lie** **with** me, **my** sister.

12 She **ans**wered him, **N**o, **my** **br**other, **de** not **f**or**ç**e me; for no **su**ch **th**ing **o**ught to be **do**ne in **I**srael. **D**on't you **de** **this** folly.

13 I, **wh**ere **sh**all I carry **my** **sh**ame? and as for you, you will be as one of the **fo**ols in **I**srael. **N**ow **th**ere**f**ore, **pl**e**a**se **sp**eak to the king; for he will not **with**hold me from you.

14 **H**owever he **w**ould not listen to her **vo**ice; but **be**ing stronger **th**an she, he **f**or**ç**ed her, and **l**ay **with** her.

15 **Then** Amnon **hated** her **with** **exceeding** **great** **hatred**; for the **hatred** **with** **which** he **hated** her was **greater** **than** the **love** **with** **which** he had **loved** her. Amnon said to her, **Arise**, be gone.

16 She said to him, Not so, **because** **this** **great** **wrong** in **putting** me **forth** is [**worse**] **than** the **other** **that** you did to me. But he **would** not listen to her.

17 **Then** he **called** his **servant** **who** ministered to him, and said, **Put** **now** **this** **woman** **out** from me, and **bolt** the **door** **after** her.

18 She had a **garment** of **various** **colors** on her; for **with** **such** **robes** were the king's **daughters** **who** were **virgins** **dressed**. **Then** his **servant** **brought** her **out**, and **bolted** the **door** **after** her.

19 Tamar **put** **ashes** on her head, and **tore** her **garment** of **various** **colors** **that** was on her; and she **laid** her hand on her head, and went her **way**, **crying** **aloud** as she went.

20 Absalom her **brother** said to her, **Has** Amnon **your** **brother** **been** **with** you? but **now** **hold** **your** **peace**, **my** sister: he is **your** **brother**; **don't** **take** **this** **thing** to **heart**. So Tamar **remained** **desolate** in her **brother** Absalom's **house**.

21 But **when** king **David** **heard** of **all** **these** **things**, he was very angry.

22 Absalom **spoke** to Amnon **neither** **good** **nor** bad; for Absalom **hated** Amnon, **because** he had **forced** his sister Tamar.

23 It happened **after** **two** **full** **years**, **that** Absalom had **sheep-shearers** in Baal-hazor, **which** is **beside** Ephraim: and Absalom **invited** **all** the king's **sons**.

24 Absalom **came** to the king, and said, **See** **now**, **your** **servant** **has** **sheep-shearers**; let the king, I **pray** you, and his **servants** **go** **with** **your** **servant**.

25 The king said to Absalom, No, **my** **son**, let us not **all** **go**, lest we be **burdensome** to you. He **pressed** him: **however** he **would** not **go**, but **blessed** him.

26 **Then** said Absalom, If not, **please** let **my** **brother** Amnon **go** **with** us. The king said to him, **Why** **should** he **go** **with** you?

27 But Absalom **pressed** him, and he let Amnon and **all** the king's **sons** **go** **with** him.

28 Absalom **commanded** his **servants**, **saying**, **Mark** you **now**, **when** Amnon's **heart** is merry **with** **wine**; and **when** I tell you, **Smite** Amnon, **then** kill him; **don't** be **afraid**; haven't I **commanded** you? be **courageous**, and be **valiant**.

29 The **servants** of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had **commanded**. **Then** **all** the king's **sons** **arose**, and every man got him up on his **mule**, and fled.

30 It happened, while **they** were in the way, **that** the news came to David, saying, Absalom has slain **all** the king's sons, and **there** is not one of **them** left.

31 **Then** the king arose, and **tore** his garments, and lay on the **earth**; and **all** his servants stood by with **their** clothes **torn**.

32 Jonadab, the son of **Shimeah**, David's brother, answered, **Don't** let my lord suppose **that** they have killed **all** the young men the king's sons; for Amnon **only** is dead; for **by** the appointment of Absalom **this** has been determined from the day **that** he **forced** his sister Tamar.

33 **Now** therefore **don't** let my lord the king take the **thing** to his heart, to **think** that **all** the king's sons are dead; for Amnon **only** is dead.

34 But Absalom fled. The young man **who** kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and **looked**, and, behold, **there** came much people **by** the way of the hill-side behind him.

35 Jonadab said to the king, Behold, the king's sons are come: as **your** servant said, so it is.

36 It happened, as **soon** as he had made an end of speaking, **that** behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up **their** voice, and wept: and the king **also** and **all** his servants wept very sore.

37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmi the son of Ammihur, king of Geshur. [David] **mourned** for his son every day.

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was **there** three years.

39 [the soul of] king David longed to go **forth** to Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, **seeing** he was dead.

2 Samuel 14

1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah **perceived** that the king's heart was toward Absalom.

2 Joab sent to Tekoa, and **fetched** there a wise woman, and said to her, please act like a mourner, and put on **mourning** clothing, please, and **don't** anoint yourself with oil, but be as a woman **who** has a long time **mourned** for the dead:

3 and go in to the king, and speak on **this** manner to him. So Joab put the words in her **mouth**.

4 **When** the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.

5 The king said to her, **What** ails you? She answered, Of a truth I am a widow, and my husband is dead.

6 Yôur handmaid had **two** sôns, and **they two** strove together in the field, and **there** was **none** to **pärt** them, but the one struck the **ôther**, and killed him.

7 Behold, the **whole** family is **risen** against yôur handmaid, and **they say**, Deliver him **who** struck his **brother**, **that we** may kill him for the **life** of his **brother** **who**m he killed, and so destroy the **heir** **âlso**. **Thus** will **they quench** my **coal** **which** is left, and will **leave** to my **husband** **neither** **name** **nôr** remainder on the **surface** of the **êarth**.

8 The king said to the **wôman**, **Go** to yôur **house**, and I will give **chârg** **conçerning** you.

9 The **wôman** of Tekoa said to the king, **My lôrd**, O king, the **iniquity** be on me, and on my **fâther's** **house**; and the king and his **throne** be **guiltless**.

10 The king said, **Whoever** says **anyth**ing to you, bring him to me, and he **shall** not **touch** you any **môre**.

11 **Then** said she, **Please** let the king remember YAHWEH yôur Elohim, **that** the **avenger** of **blood** destroy not any **môre**, lest **they** destroy my **sôn**. He said, As YAHWEH **liveš**, **there shall** not one **hair** of yôur **sôn** **fâll** to the **êarth**.

12 **Then** the **wôman** said, **Please** let yôur handmaid **speak** a **wôrd** to my **lôrd** the king. He said, **Say** on.

13 The **wôman** said, **Why** **then** have you **devisèd** **such** a **th**ing against the **people** of Elohim? for in **speaking** **this wôrd** the king is as one **who** is **guilty**, in **that** the king **doeš** not bring **home** again his **banishèd** one.

14 **Fôr** **we** must **needš** **die**, and are as **wâter** split on the **ground**, **which** **cân't** be **gathered** up again; **neither** **doeš** Elohim **take** away **life**, but **devisèš** **meanš**, **that** he **who** is **banishèd** not be an **outcâst**s from him.

15 **Now** **therefôr**e **seeing** **that** I have **come** to **speak** **this wôrd** to my **lôrd** the king, it is **becâuse** the **people** have **made** me **afraid**: and yôur handmaid said, I will **now** **speak** to the king; it may be **that** the king will **perfôr**m the **request** of his **sêrvant**.

16 **Fôr** the king will **hear**, to deliver his **sêrvant** **out** of the hand of the man **who** **wôuld** destroy me and my **sôn** together **out** of the **inheritanç**e of Elohim.

17 **Then** yôur handmaid said, **Please** let the **wôrd** of my **lôrd** the king be **cômfortable**; for as an **angel** of Elohim, so is my **lôrd** the king to **disçêrn** **gôod** and bad: and YAHWEH yôur Elohim be **with** you.

18 **Then** the king answered the **wôman**, **Please** **don't** **hide** **anyth**ing from me **that** I **shall** **âsk** you. The **wôman** said, Let my **lôrd** the king **now** **speak**.

19 The king said, Is the hand of Joab **with** you in **all this**? The **woman** answered, As **yôur** soul lives, **my lôrd** the king, **none** can **tûrn** to the **right** hand or to the left from **anything that my lôrd** the king has **spoken**; for **yôur sêrvant** Joab, he **bade** me, and he **put all these words** in the **mouth** of **yôur handmaid**;

20 to **change** the **face** of the matter has **yôur sêrvant** Joab **done this thing**: and **my lôrd** is **wise**, according to the **wisdom** of an **angel** of Elohim, to **know all things that** are in the **earth**.

21 The king said to Joab, Behold **now**, I have **done this thing**: **go therefore**, bring the young man Absalom back.

22 Joab fell to the **ground** on his **face**, and did **obedience**, and **blessed** the king: and Joab said, Today **yôur sêrvant** **knows that** I have **found favor** in **yôur sight**, **my lôrd**, king, in **that** the king has **performed** the **request** of his **sêrvant**.

23 So Joab **arose** and went to Geshur, and **brought** Absalom to Jeru**sa**lem.

24 The king said, Let him **tûrn** to his **own house**, but let him not **see my face**. So Absalom **tûrned** to his **own house**, and didn't **see** the king's **face**.

25 Now in **all Israe**l **there** was **none** to be so **much** **praised** as Absalom for his **beauty**: from the **sole** of his **foot** **even** to the **crown** of his head **there** was no **blemish** in him.

26 **When** he cut the **hair** of his head (**now** it was at every **year's** end **that** he cut it; **because** it was heavy on him, **therefore** he cut it); he **weighed** the **hair** of his head at **two** hundred **shekels**, **after** the king's **weight**.

27 To Absalom **there** were **born** **three sons**, and one **daughter**, **whose** name was Tamar: she was a **woman** of a **beautiful face**.

28 Absalom lived **two** **full years** in Jeru**sa**lem; and he didn't **see** the king's **face**.

29 **Then** Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king; but he **would** not **come** to him: and he sent **again** a **second time**, but he **would** not **come**.

30 **Therefore** he said to his **sêrvants**, Behold, Joab's **field** is **near mine**, and he has **barley** **there**; **go** and set it on **fire**. Absalom's **sêrvants** set the **field** on **fire**.

31 Then Joab **arose**, and **came** to Absalom to his **house**, and said to him, **Why** have **yôur sêrvants** set **my field** on **fire**?

32 Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent to you, **saying**, **Come here**, **that** I may send you to the king, to **say**, **Why** am I **come** from Geshur? it were better for me to be **there** still. **Now therefore** let me **see** the king's **face**; and if **there** be iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel 15

1 It happened after this, that Absalom prepared him a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him, and said, Of what city are you? He said, Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 Absalom said to him, Behold, your matters are good and right; but there is no man deputized of the king to hear you.

4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice!

5 It was so, that when any man came near to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him.

6 In this manner Absalom did to all Israel who came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 It happened at the end of forty years, that Absalom said to the king, please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to YAHWEH, in Hebron.

8 For your servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If YAHWEH shall indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve YAHWEH.

9 The king said to him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, Absalom is king in Hebron.

11 With Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, who were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they didn't know anything.

12 Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. The conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 There came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for else none of us shall escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he

overtake us quickly, and bring down evil on us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword.

15 The king's servants said to the king, Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king shall choose.

16 The king went forth, and all his household after him. The king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the house.

17 The king went forth, and all the people after him; and they stayed in Beth-mehak.

18 All his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Why go you also with us? return, and abide with the king: for you are a foreigner, and also an exile; [return] to your own place.

20 Whereas you came but yesterday, should I this day make you go up and down with us, seeing I go where I may? return you, and take back your brothers; mercy and truth be with you.

21 Ittai answered the king, and said, As YAHWEH lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will your servant be.

22 David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who were with him.

23 All the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 Behold, Zadok also [came], and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of Elohim; and they set down the ark of Elohim; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 The king said to Zadok, Carry back the ark of Elohim into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of YAHWEH, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation:

26 but if he say thus, I have no delight in you; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seems good to him.

27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "aren't you a seer? Return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28 Behold, I will stay at the fōrdš of the wilderness, until wōrd cōmeš from you to infōrm me."

29 Zadok **therefōre** and Abiathar **carried** the **ärk** of Elohim **again** to Jerušalem: and **they abode there**.

30 David went up **by** the **asçent** of the [Mount of] Oliveš, and wept as he went up; and he had his head **cōvered**, and went **barefōot**: and **äll** the **people who** were **with** him **cōvered** every man his head, and **they** went up, **weeping** as **they** went up.

31 One **told** David, **saying**, Ahithophel is among the conspiratorš **with** Absalom. David said, YAHWEH, **pleaše** **tûrn** the **cōnsel** of Ahithophel into **foolishness**.

32 It happened **that when** David had **cōme** to the top [of the **asçent**], **where** Elohim was **wōrshipped**, behold, Hushai the Archite **came** to **meet** him **with** his **coat tōrn**, and **ēarth** on his head.

33 David said to him, If you **päss** on **with** me, **then** you will be a **bûrden** to me:

34 but if you **retûrn** to the **çity**, and tell Absalom, I will be **yōur sêrvant**, O king; as I have **been** **yōur fäther's sêrvant** in **time päst**, so will I **now** be **yōur sêrvant**; **then** will you **defeat** for me the **cōnsel** of Ahithophel.

35 **Don't** you have Zadok and Abiathar the priests **there with** you? **therefōre** it **shall** be, **that whatever thing** you **shall hear** **out** of the king's **house**, you **shall** tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, **they** have **there with them** **their twe** **sonš**, Ahimaaz, Zadok's **son**, and Jonathan, Abiathar's **son**; and **by them** you **shall** send to me **everything that** you **shall hear**.

37 So Hushai, David's **friend**, **came** into the **çity**; and Absalom **came** into Jerušalem.

2 Samuel 16

1 When David was a little **päst** the top [of the **asçent**], behold, Ziba the **sêrvant** of Mephibosheth met him, **with** a **couple** of **donkeyš** saddled, and on **them twe** hundred **loaveš** of bread, and one hundred **clusterš** of **raisinš**, and one hundred summer **fruits**, and a bottle of **wine**.

2 The king said to Ziba, **Whät de** you **mean by theše**? Ziba said, The **donkeyš** are for the king's **household** to **ride** on; and the bread and summer **fruit** for the young men to **eat**; and the **wine**, **that such** as are **faint** in the wilderness **may** drink.

3 The king said, **Where** is **yōur mäster's son**? Ziba said to the king, Behold, he **abideš** at Jerušalem; for he said, Today will the **house** of **Išrael** **restōre** me the **kingdōm** of my **fäther**.

4 **Then** said the king to Ziba, **Behold**, **á**ll **that** **pertain**s to **Mephibosheth** is **yóur**s. Ziba said, I **dó** **obey**ançe; let me **find** **favor** in **yóur** **sight**, **my** **lórd**, O king.

5 **When** king **David** **came** to Bahurim, **behold**, a man of the family of the **house** of **Sául** **came** **out**, **whó**s **e** **name** was **Shimei**, the **son** of Gera. **He** **came** **out**, and **cúrsed** still as he **came**.

6 He **cást** **stones** at **David**, and at **á**ll the **sêrvants** of king **David**: and **á**ll the **peop**le and **á**ll the **mi**ghty men were on his **ri**ght hand and on his left.

7 **Thus** said **Shimei** **when** he **cúrsed**, **Be** gone, be gone, you man of **blóod**, and **base** fellow:

8 **YAHWEH** **has** **retúrn**ed on you **á**ll the **blóod** of the **house** of **Sául** , in **whó**s **e** **plac**e you have **reign**ed; and **YAHWEH** **has** **deliver**ed the **kingdó**m into the hand of **Absalom** **yóur** **son**; and, **behold**, you are [**taken**] in **yóur** **own** **mischief**, **becá**us **e** you are a man of **blóod**.

9 **Then** said **Abishai** the **son** of **Zeruiah** to the king, "**Why** **shó**uld **this** **dead** **dog** **cúrs**e **my** **lórd** the king? **Plé**as **e** let me **go** **over** and **take** off his head."

10 The king said, **Wh**at have I to **dó** **with** you, you **son**s of **Zeruiah**? **Becá**us **e** he **cúrs**es, and **becá**us **e** **YAHWEH** **has** said to him, **Cúrs**e **David**; **whó** **then** **shall** **say**, **Why** have you **dó**ne so?

11 **David** said to **Abishai**, and to **á**ll his **sêrvants**, **Behold**, **my** **son**, **whó** **came** **fó**th from **my** **bowel**s, **seek**s **my** **life**: **hó**w **much** **mó**re [**may**] **this** **Benjamite** **nó**w [**dó** it]? let him **alon**e, and let him **cúrs**e; for **YAHWEH** **has** **invit**ed him.

12 It **may** be **th**at **YAHWEH** will **lók** on the **wrong** **dó**ne to me, and **th**at **YAHWEH** will **requit**e me **góod** for [**his**] **cúrs**ing of me **this** **day**.

13 So **David** and his men went **by** the **way**; and **Shimei** went along on the **hill-side** **over** **again**st him, and **cúrsed** as he went, and **th**rew **stones** at him, and **cást** dust.

14 The king, and **á**ll the **peop**le **whó** were **with** him, **came** **weary**; and he **refresh**ed himself **ther**e.

15 **Absalom**, and **á**ll the **peop**le, the men of **I**srael, **came** to **Jeru**salem, and **Ahit**hophel **with** him.

16 It **happen**ed, **when** **Hushai** the **Archite**, **David**'s **friend**, was **com**e to **Absalom**, **th**at **Hushai** said to **Absalom**, [**Long**] **live** the king, [**Long**] **live** the king.

17 **Absalom** said to **Hushai**, Is **this** **yóur** **kindness** to **yóur** **friend**? **Why** didn't you **go** **with** **yóur** **friend**?

18 Hushai said to Absalom, No; but whom YAHWEH, and **this** people, and **á**ll the men of Işrael have **choşen**, his will I be, and **with** him will I abide.

19 Again, whom **shó**uld I **sê**rve? **Shó**uld'n't I **sê**rve in the **preşenç**e of his **şon**? as I have **sê**rved in **yó**ur **fá**ther's **preşenç**e, so will I be in **yó**ur **preşenç**e.

20 **Then** said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give **yó**ur **co**unsel **wh**at **w**e **sh**all **d**e.

21 Ahithophel said to Absalom, **Go** in to **yó**ur **fá**ther's **con**cubineş, **th**at he haş **le**ft to **ke**ep the **ho**use; and **á**ll Işrael will **he**ar **th**at you are abhórréd of **yó**ur **fá**ther: **th**en will the handş of **á**ll **wh**o are **with** you be strong.

22 So **th**ey spread Absalom a tent on the top of the **ho**use; and Absalom went in to his **fá**ther's **con**cubineş in the **si**ght of **á**ll Işrael.

23 The **co**unsel of Ahithophel, **wh**ich he **g**ave in **thoş**e **d**ayş, was as if a man **in**quird at the oracle of Elohim: so was **á**ll the **co**unsel of Ahithophel **bo**th **with** David and **with** Absalom.

2 Samuel 17

1 Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, Let me **no**w **cheeş**e out twelve **tho**uşand men, and I will **ariş**e and **pú**rsue áfter David **this** **ni**ght:

2 and I will **có**me on him **wh**ile he is **w**earý and **w**eak-handed, and will **ma**ke him **af**raid; and **á**ll the **pe**ople **wh**o are **with** him **sh**all **flee**; and I will **stri**ke the king **on**ly;

3 and I will bring back **á**ll the **pe**ople to you: the man **wh**om you **se**ek is as if **á**ll **retó**urned: [so] **á**ll the **pe**ople **sh**all be in **pe**açe.

4 The **sa**ying **ple**aşed Absalom well, and **á**ll the elderş of Işrael.

5 Then said Absalom, **Cá**ll **no**w Hushai the Archite **á**lşo, and let us **he**ar **likewiş**e **wh**at he **sa**yş.

6 When Hushai was **có**me to Absalom, Absalom **sp**oke to him, **sa**ying, Ahithophel haş **sp**oken **á**fter **th**is manner: **sh**all **w**e **d**e [áfter] his **sa**ying? if not, **sp**eak up.

7 Hushai said to Absalom, The **co**unsel **th**at Ahithophel haş **g**iven **th**is **ti**me is not **gó**od.

8 Hushai said **mó**reover, **Yo**u **kn**ow **yó**ur **fá**ther and his men, **th**at **th**ey are **mi**ghty men, and **th**ey are **fi**erçe in **th**eir **mi**ndş, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the **fi**eld; and **yó**ur **fá**ther is a man of **wá**r, and will not **lod**ge **with** the **pe**ople.

9 **Beh**old, he is hid **no**w in **so**me pit, or in **so**me [óther] **pl**açe: and it will happen, **wh**en **so**me of **th**em are **fá**llen at the **fi**rst, **th**at **wh**oever **he**arş it will **sa**y, **Th**ere is a **slá**ughter **am**ong the **pe**ople **wh**o **fo**llow Absalom.

10 Even he **who** is valiant, **whose** heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for **all** Israel **knows** that **your** father is a mighty man, and **those** **who** are with him are valiant men.

11 But I **counsel** that **all** Israel be gathered together to you, from Dan **even** to Beersheba, as the sand **that** is by the sea for multitude; and **that** you go to battle in **your** own person.

12 So **shall** we come on him in some place where he **shall** be found, and we will light on him as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of **all** the men **who** are with him we will not leave so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, **then** shall **all** Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until **there** not be one small stone found **there**.

14 Absalom and **all** the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better **than** the counsel of Ahithophel. For YAHWEH had **ordained** to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent **that** YAHWEH might bring evil on Absalom.

15 **Then** said Hushai to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, **Thus** and **thus** did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and **thus** and **thus** have I counseled.

16 **Now** therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Don't lodge this night at the fords of the wilderness, but by **all** means pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and **all** the people **who** are with him.

17 **Now** Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying by En-rogel; and a maid-servant used to go and tell **them**; and **they** went and told king David: for **they** might not be seen to come into the city.

18 But a boy saw **them**, and told Absalom: and **they** went both of **them** away quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, **who** had a well in his court; and **they** went down **there**.

19 The woman took and spread the covering over the well's mouth, and strewed bruised grain **thereon**; and **nothing** was known.

20 Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house; and **they** said, Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan? The woman said to **them**, **They** have gone over the brook of water. When **they** had sought and could not find **them**, **they** returned to Jerusalem.

21 It happened, after **they** had departed, **that** **they** came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and **they** said to David, Arise you, and pass quickly over the water; for **thus** has Ahithophel counseled against you.

22 **Then David arose**, and **all** the **people** **who** were **with** him, and **they** **passed** **over** the **Jordan**: **by** the **morning** **light** **there** lacked not one of **them** **who** had not gone **over** the **Jordan**.

23 **When Ahithophel saw** **that** his **counsel** was not **followed**, he saddled his **donkey**, and **arose**, and got him **home**, to his **city**, and set his **house** in **order**, and hanged himself; and he **died**, and was **buried** in the **tomb** of his **father**.

24 **Then David came** to Mahanaim. Absalom **passed** **over** the **Jordan**, he and **all** the men of **Israel** **with** him.

25 Absalom set Amasa **over** the **host** instead of Joab. **Now** Amasa was the **son** of a man, **whose** **name** was Ithra the **Israelite**, **who** went in to Abigail the **daughter** of Nahash, sister to Zeruah, Joab's **mother**.

26 **Israel** and Absalom encamp**ed** in the land of Gilead.

27 It happen**ed**, **when** **David** was **come** to Mahanaim, **that** **Shobi** the **son** of Nahash of Rabbah of the **children** of Ammon, and Machir the **son** of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the **Gileadite** of Rogelim,

28 **brought** **beds**, and **basins**, and **earthen** **vessels**, and **wheat**, and **barley**, and **meal**, and **barched** [grain], and **beans**, and lentils, and **barched** [pulse],

29 and **honey**, and **butter**, and **sheep**, and **cheese** of the **herd**, for **David**, and for the **people** **who** were **with** him, to **eat**: for **they** said, The **people** are hungry, and **weary**, and **thirsty**, in the wilderness.

2 Samuel 18

1 **David** numbered the **people** **who** were **with** him, and set **captains** of **thousands** and **captains** of **hundreds** **over** **them**.

2 **David** sent **forth** the **people**, a **third** **part** under the hand of Joab, and a **third** **part** under the hand of Abishai the **son** of Zeruah, Joab's **brother**, and a **third** **part** under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. The king said to the **people**, I will **surely** **go** **forth** **with** you **myself** **also**.

3 But the **people** said, **You** **shall** not **go** **forth**: for if **we** **flee** **away**, **they** will not **care** for us; **neither** if **half** of us **die**, will **they** **care** for us: but you are **worth** ten **thousand** of us; **therefore** **now** it is better **that** you are ready to help us **out** of the **city**.

4 The king said to **them**, **What** **seems** you best I will **do**. The king **stood** **by** the **gate-side**, and **all** the **people** went **out** **by** **hundreds** and **by** **thousands**.

5 The king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. All the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim.

7 The people of Israel were struck there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men.

8 For the battle was there spread over the surface of all the country; and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the sky and earth; and the mule that was under him went on.

10 A certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak.

11 Joab said to the man who told him, Behold, you saw it, and why didn't you strike him there to the ground? and I would have given you ten [pieces of] silver, and a sash.

12 The man said to Joab, Though I should receive a thousand [pieces of] silver in my hand, I still wouldn't put forth my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.

13 Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against his life (and there is no matter hid from the king), then you yourself would have set yourself against [me].

14 Then said Joab, I may not wait thus with you. He took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.

15 Ten young men who bore Joab's armor compassed about and struck Absalom, and killed him.

16 Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people.

17 They took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones: and all Israel fled everyone to his tent.

18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the king's Dale; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in memory: and he

called the pillar **ä**fter his **own name**; and it is called Absalom's **monument**, to **this day**.

19 Then said Ahimaaz the **son** of Zadok, Let me **now** run, and bear the king **news**, **how that** YAHWEH has **avenged** him of his **enemies**.

20 Joab said to him, **You shall** not be the bearer of **news this day**, but you **shall** bear **news another day**; but **this day** you **shall** bear no **news**, **because** the king's **son** is dead.

21 **Then** said Joab to the **Cushite**, **Go**, tell the king **what** you have **seen**. The **Cushite** **bowed** himself to Joab, and ran.

22 **Then** said Ahimaaz the **son** of Zadok yet **again** to Joab, But **come what may**, **Please** let me **also** run **ä**fter the **Cushite**. Joab said, **Why** will you run, **my son**, **seeing that** you will have no **reward** for the **news**?

23 But **come what may**, [said he], I will run. **He** said to him, Run. **Then** Ahimaaz ran **by** the way of the **Plain**, and **outran** the **Cushite**.

24 **Now** David was sitting **between** the **two gates**: and the **watchman** went up to the **roof** of the **gate** to the **wall**, and lifted up his **eyes**, and **looked**, and, **behold**, a man running **alone**.

25 The **watchman** **cried**, and **told** the king. The king said, If he be **alone**, **there** is **news** in his **mouth**. **He came** **apace**, and drew **near**.

26 The **watchman** **saw** **another** man running; and the **watchman** **called** to the **porter**, and said, **Behold**, [**another**] man running **alone**. The king said, **He also** brings **news**.

27 The **watchman** said, I **think** the running of the **foremost** is **like** the running of Ahimaaz the **son** of Zadok. The king said, **He** is a **good** man, and **comes with good news**.

28 Ahimaaz **called**, and said to the king, **all** is well. **He** **bowed** himself **before** the king **with** his **face** to the **earth**, and said, **Blessed** be YAHWEH **your** Elohim, **who** has delivered up the men **who** lifted up **their** hand against **my lord** the king.

29 The king said, Is it well **with** the young man Absalom? Ahimaaz answered, **When** Joab sent the king's **servant**, **even** me **your** **servant**, I **saw** a **great tumult**, but I **don't** **know** **what** it was.

30 The king said, **Turn** **aside**, and stand **here**. **He** **turned** **aside**, and **stood** still.

31 **Behold**, the **Cushite** **came**; and the **Cushite** said, **News** for **my lord** the king; for YAHWEH has **avenged** you **this day** of **all those** **who** **rose** up against you.

32 The king said to the Cushite, Is it well with the young man Absalom? The Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you to do you hurt, be as that young man is.

33 The king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would I had died for you, Absalom, my son, my son!

2 Samuel 19

1 It was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom.

2 The victory that day was turned into mourning to all the people; for the people heard say that day, The king grieves for his son.

3 The people got them by stealth that day into the city, as people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

4 The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, my son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son!

5 Joab came into the house to the king, and said, You have shamed this day the faces of all your servants, who this day have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines;

6 in that you love those who hate you, and hate those who love you. For you have declared this day, that princes and servants are nothing to you: for this day I perceive that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased you well.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably to your servants; for I swear by YAHWEH, if you don't go forth, there will not stay a man with you this night: and that will be worse to you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now.

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. They told to all the people, saying, Behold, the king is sitting in the gate: and all the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 All the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land from Absalom.

10 Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why don't you speak a word of bringing the king back?

11 King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, [to bring him] to his house.

12 You are my brothers, you are my bone and my flesh: why then are you the last to bring back the king?

13 Say you to Amasa, aren't you my bone and my flesh? Elohim do so to me, and more also, if you aren't captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.

14 He bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as [the heart of] one man; so that they sent to the king, [saying], Return you, and all your servants.

15 So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over the Jordan.

16 Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

17 There were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went through the Jordan in the presence of the king.

18 There went over a ferry-boat to bring over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, when he was come over the Jordan.

19 He said to the king, Don't let my lord impute iniquity to me, neither do you remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For your servant does know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come this day the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, Shall Shimei not be put to death for this, because he cursed Yähweh's anointed?

22 David said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be adversaries to me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for don't I know that I am this day king over Israel?

23 The king said to Shimei, You shall not die. The king swore to him.

24 Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace.

25 It happened, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, **Why** didn't you go with me, Mephibosheth?

26 He answered, **My lord**, O king, my servant deceived me: for your servant said, I will saddle me a donkey, that I may ride thereon, and go with the king; because your servant is lame.

27 He has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of Elohim: **de** therefore what is good in your eyes.

28 For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right therefore have I yet that I should cry any more to the king?

29 The king said to him, **Why** speak you any more of your matters? I say, You and Ziba divide the land.

30 Mephibosheth said to the king, yes, let him take all, because my lord the king is come in peace to his own house.

31 Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim; and he went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him over the Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even eighty years old: and he had provided the king with sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.

33 The king said to Barzillai, Come you over with me, and I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem.

34 Barzillai said to the king, How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?

35 I am this day eighty years old: can I discern between good and bad? can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? why then should your servant be yet a burden to my lord the king?

36 Your servant would but just go over the Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city, by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold, your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and **de** to him what shall seem good to you.

38 The king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will **de** to him that which shall seem good to you: and whatever you shall require of me, that will I **de** for you.

39 All the **people** went **over** the **Jōrdan**, and the king went **over**: and the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned to his **own place**.

40 So the king went **over** to Gilgal, and **Chimham** went **over with** him: and **āll** the **people** of **Judah** brought the king **over**, and **ālsō** hāf the **people** of **Išrael**.

41 Behold, **āll** the men of **Išrael** came to the king, and said to the king, **Why** have **our brothers** the men of **Judah** stolen you away, and brought the king, and his household, **over** the **Jōrdan**, and **āll** David's men **with** him?

42 All the men of **Judah** answered the men of **Išrael**, **Because** the king is a **close** relative to us: **why then** are you angry for **this** matter? have **we** eaten at **āll** at the king's cost? or has he given us any gift?

43 The men of **Išrael** answered the men of **Judah**, and said, **We** have ten **pārts** in the king, and **we** have **ālsō** **mōre** [right] in **David** than you: **why then** did you despise us, **that** **our** advice should not be first had in bringing back **our** king? The **wōrds** of the men of **Judah** were **fiē**er than the **wōrds** of the men of **Išrael**.

2 Samuel 20

1 **There** happened to be **there** a **base** fellow, **whose** name was Sheba, the **son** of Bichri, a **Benjamite**: and he blew the trumpet, and said, **We** have no **pōrtiōn** in **David**, **neither** have **we** inheritance in the **son** of Jesse: every man to his tents, **Išrael**.

2 So **āll** the men of **Išrael** went up from following **David**, and followed **Sheba** the **son** of Bichri; but the men of **Judah** joined **with** their king, from the **Jōrdan** **even** to **Jeruśalem**.

3 **David** came to his **house** at **Jeruśalem**; and the king **tōok** the ten women his concubines, **whom** he had left to **keep** the **house**, and **pūt** them in custody, and **ō**vided them with sustenance, but didn't go in to them. So **they** were **shut** up to the day of their death, living in widowhōōd.

4 **Then** said the king to Amasa, **Cāll** me the men of **Judah** together **within** **three** days, and be **here** present.

5 So Amasa went to **cāll** [the men of] **Judah** together; but he **stayēd** longer **than** the set **time** **whi**ch he had appointed him.

6 **David** said to Abishai, **Now** will **Sheba** the **son** of Bichri **de** us **mōre** hārm **than** did Absalom: **take** **yōur** lord's **sē**rvents, and **pūrsue** āfter him, lest he get him **fōrtified** cities, and **escape** **ōut** of **ōur** sight.

7 **There** went **ōut** āfter him Joab's men, and the **Cherethites** and the **Pelethites**, and **āll** the **mighty** men; and **they** went **ōut** of **Jeruśalem**, to **pūrsue** āfter **Sheba** the **son** of Bichri.

8 When **they** were at the **great stone** *which* is in Gibeon, Amasa **came** to **meet** **them**. Joab was **girded with** his apparel of **wár** **that** he had **put** on, and **thereon** was a **sash with** a **swôrd** **fä**stened on his loins in the **sheat** of it; and as he went **fôrth** it fell **out**.

9 Joab said to Amasa, Is it well **with** you, **my** **bróther**? Joab **tóok** Amasa **by** the **beard with** his **right** hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa **tóok** no **heed** to the **swôrd** **that** was in Joab's hand: so he struck him **therewith** in the body, and **shed** **out** his **bowels** to the **ground**, and didn't **strike** him **again**; and he **died**. Joab and Abishai his **bróther** **pûrsued** **äfter** **Sheba** the **son** of Bichri.

11 **There** **stóod** **by** him one of Joab's young men, and said, **He** **who** **favor**s Joab, and he **who** is for **David**, let him **follow** Joab.

12 Amasa **lay** **wallowing** in his **blóod** in the midst of the **highway**. *When* the man **sáw** **that** **á**ll the **people** **stóod** still, he **carried** Amasa **out** of the **highway** into the **field**, and **cä**st a **gä**rment **over** him, *when* he **sáw** **that** everyone **who** **came** **by** him **stóod** still.

13 *When* he was **remóved** **out** of the **highway**, **á**ll the **people** went on **äfter** Joab, to **pûrsue** **äfter** **Sheba** the **son** of Bichri.

14 He went **through** **á**ll the **tribes** of **I**srael to Abel, and to **Beth**-maacah, and **á**ll the **Berites**: and **they** were **gathered** **together**, and went **á**lso **äfter** him.

15 **They** **came** and **besieged** him in Abel of **Beth**-maacah, and **they** **cä**st up a **mound** **against** the **city**, and it **stóod** **against** the **rampärt**; and **á**ll the **people** **who** were **with** Joab **battered** the **wá**ll, to **throw** it **down**.

16 **Then** **cried** a **wi**se **wó**man **out** of the **city**, "**Hear**, **hear**! **Plea**se **say** to Joab, '**Có**me **near** **he**re, **that** I **may** **spea**k **with** you."

17 He **came** **near** to her; and the **wó**man said, Are you Joab? He **answered**, I am. **Then** she said to him, **Hear** the **wó**rds of **yó**ur **handmaid**. He **answered**, I **de** **hear**.

18 **Then** she **spoke**, **saying**, **They** were wont to **spea**k in **old** **time**, **saying**, **They** **shall** **surely** **ä**sk [**có**unsel] at Abel: and so **they** **ended** [the **matter**].

19 I am of **tho**se **who** are **pea**ceable and **faith**ful in **I**srael: you **seek** to **destroy** a **city** and a **mó**ther in **I**srael: **why** will you **swá**llow up the **inheritan**ce of YAHWEH?

20 Joab **answered**, **Fä**r be it, **fä**r be it from me, **that** I **shó**uld **swá**llow up or **destroy**.

21 The **matter** is not so: but a man of the hill-cóuntry of **Ephraim**, **Sheba** the **son** of Bichri **by** **name**, **has** **lifted** up his hand **against** the king, **even** **against** **David**; **deliver**

him **only**, and I will dep^ärt from the **ç**ity. The w^oman said to Joab, Beh^old, his head shall be **th**rown to you **o**ver the w^äll.

22 **Th**en the w^oman went to **ä**ll the **pe**ople in her wi^šd^om. **Th**ey cut off the head of Sheba the s^on of Bichri, and **th**rew it **o**ut to Joab. **H**e blew the trumpet, and **th**ey were disp^êrsed from the **ç**ity, every man to his tent. Joab ret^urn^êd to Jeru^šalem to the king.

23 **N**ow Joab was **o**ver **ä**ll the **ho**st of I^šrael; and Benaiah the s^on of Jehoiada was **o**ver the **Cherethites** and **o**ver the **Pelethites**;

24 and Adoram was **o**ver the men subject to **fô**rced labor; and Jehoshaphat the s^on of Ahilud was the rec^ôrd^êr;

25 and **Sh**e^va was scribe; and Zadok and Abiath^h were **pr**iests;

26 and **ä**lso Ira the **Jairite** was **ch**ief minister to **D**avid.

2 Samuel 21

1 **Th**ere was a famine in the **day**s of **D**avid **th**ree **year**s, **year** **ä**fter **year**; and **D**avid s^ôught the **faç**e of YAHWEH. YAHWEH said, It is for **Sä**ul , and for his **bloody** **ho**use, **beca**u^šse he **p**ut to **deat**h the Gibeonites.

2 The king **ç**ä^lled the Gibeonites, and said to **th**em (**n**ow the Gibeonites were not of the **ch**ildren of I^šrael, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the **ch**ildren of I^šrael had sw^ôrn to **th**em: and **Sä**ul s^ôught to kill **th**em in his **ze**al for the **ch**ildren of I^šrael and **J**udah);

3 and **D**avid said to the Gibeonites, **Wh**at **sh**all I **d**e for you? And **with** **wh**at **sh**all I **ma**ke **at**onement, **th**at you may **bl**ess the **in**heritanc^çe of YAHWEH?

4 The Gibeonites said to him, It is no matter of silver or **g**old **betwe**en us and **Sä**ul , or his **ho**use; **ne**ither is it for us to **p**ut any man to **deat**h in I^šrael. **H**e said, **Wh**at you **sh**all **sa**y, **th**at will I **d**e for you.

5 **Th**ey said to the king, The man **wh**o **c**onsumed us, and **wh**o **d**evi^šed **ag**ainst us, [**th**at] **w**e **sh**ou^d be **de**stroyed from **re**maining in any of the **bô**rd^êr^š of I^šrael,

6 let seven men of his **sô**n^š be **d**elivered to us, and **w**e will hang **th**em up to YAHWEH in Gibeah of **Sä**ul , the **ch**o^šen of YAHWEH. The king said, I will give **th**em.

7 But the king sp^ared **M**ephibosheth, the s^on of **Jonath**an the s^on of **Sä**ul , **beca**u^šse of **Yä**hweh's **š** o^äth that was **betwe**en **th**em, **betwe**en **D**avid and **Jonath**an the s^on of **Sä**ul .

8 But the king **t**ook the **tw**e **s**on**s** of Rizpah the **d**au**gh**ter of Aiah, **wh**om she **b**ore to S**á**ul , Armoni and Mep**h**ibosh**eth**; and the **fi**ve **s**on**s** of Michal the **d**au**gh**ter of S**á**ul , **wh**om she **b**ore to Adriel the **s**on of Barzillai the Meholathite :

9 He delivered **th**em into the hands of the Gibeonites, and **th**ey hanged **th**em in the **mo**untain bef**o**re YAHWEH, and **th**ey fell [**á**ll] seven together. **Th**ey were **p**ut to de**ath** in the **da**y**s** of **h**arvest, in the **fi**rst **da**y**s**, at the beginning of **b**arley **h**arvest.

10 Rizpah the **d**au**gh**ter of Aiah **t**ook sackcloth, and spread it for her on the rock, from the beginning of **h**arvest until **w**ater was **p**oured on **th**em from the sky; and she **all**owed **ne**ither the **bi**rd**s** of the sky to rest on **th**em **by** **da**y, **n**or the animal**s** of the field **by** **ni**ght.

11 It was **to**ld David **wh**at Rizpah the **d**au**gh**ter of Aiah, the concubine of S**á**ul , had **d**one.

12 **D**avid went and **t**ook the **bo**ne**s** of S**á**ul and the **bo**ne**s** of Jonath**an** his **s**on from the men of Jabesh-gilead, **wh**o had **st**olen **th**em from the **st**reet of Beth-shan, **wh**ere the **Ph**ilistine**s** had hanged **th**em, in the **da**y **th**at the **Ph**ilistine**s** killed S**á**ul in Gilboa;

13 and he **br**ought up from **th**ere the **bo**ne**s** of S**á**ul and the **bo**ne**s** of Jonath**an** his **s**on: and **th**ey **ga**thered the **bo**ne**s** of **th**ose **wh**o were hanged.

14 **Th**ey buried the **bo**ne**s** of S**á**ul and Jonath**an** his **s**on in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the **to**mb of Kish his **f**ather: and **th**ey **per**formed **á**ll **th**at the king commanded. **a**fter **th**at Elohim was **ent**reated for the land.

15 The **Ph**ilistine**s** had **w**ar **ag**ain **with** **I**srael; and David went **do**wn, and his **s**er**v**ants **with** him, and **f**ought against the **Ph**ilistine**s**. David grew faint;

16 and Ishbibenob, **wh**o was of the **s**on**s** of the **gi**ant, the **wei**ght of **wh**ose **sp**ear was **th**ree hundred [**she**kels] of **br**ass in **wei**ght, he **be**ing **g**irded **with** a new [**sw**ord], **th**ought to have **sl**ain David.

17 But Abishai the **s**on of Zeruah helped him, and struck the **Ph**ilistine, and killed him. **Th**en the men of David **sw**ore to him, **sa**ying, **Y**ou **sh**all **go** no **m**ore **o**ut **with** us to battle, **th**at you **do**n't **qu**ench the lamp of **I**srael.

18 It **ca**me to **p**ass **a**fter **th**is, **th**at **th**ere was **ag**ain **w**ar **with** the **Ph**ilistine**s** at Gob: **th**en Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Saph, **wh**o was of the **s**on**s** of the **gi**ant.

19 **Th**ere was **ag**ain **w**ar **with** the **Ph**ilistine**s** at Gob; and Elhanan the **s**on of Jaareoregim the Beth**le**hemite killed Goliath the Gittite's **br**other, the **st**aff of **wh**ose **sp**ear was **li**ke a **w**eaver's **be**am.

20 **Th**ere

was again w^{ar} at Gath, where was a man of great stature, who had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.

21 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, killed him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

2 Samuel 22

1 David spoke to YAHWEH the words of this song in the day that YAHWEH delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul :

2 and he said, YAHWEH is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine;

3 Elohim, my rock, in him will I take refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge; My savior, you save me from violence.

4 I will call on YAHWEH, who is worthy to be praised: So shall I be saved from my enemies.

5 For the waves of death compassed me; The floods of ungodliness made me afraid:

6 The cords of Sheol were round about me; The snares of death came on me.

7 In my distress I called on YAHWEH; Yes, I called to my Elohim: He heard my voice out of his temple, My cry [came] into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled, The foundations of heaven quaked Were shaken, because he was angry.

9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, Fire out of his mouth devoured: Coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.

11 He rode on a cherub, and did fly; Yes, he was seen on the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness pavilions round about him, Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

13 At the brightness before him Coals of fire were kindled.

14 YAHWEH thundered from heaven, The Most High uttered his voice.

15 He sent out arrows, and scattered them; Lightning, and confused them.

16 **Then** the **channel** of the **sea** **appeared**, The **foundations** of the **world** were **laid bare**, **By** the **rebuke** of YAHWEH, At the **bläst** of the **breath** of his **nostrils**.

17 He sent from on **high**, he **tóok** me; **He** drew me **out** of many **wáters**;

18 He **delivered** me from **my** strong enemy, From **thosé** **who** **hated** me; for **they** were **tee** **mighty** for me.

19 **They** **came** on me in the **day** of **my** calamity; But YAHWEH was **my** **stay**.

20 He **bróught** me **fórt**h **á**lso into a **lärg**e **plac**e; **He** **delivered** me, **becaus**e he **delighted** in me.

21 YAHWEH **reward**ed me **accó**rding to **my** **righte**ousness; **Accó**rding to the **cleann**ess of **my** **hands** **has** he **recomp**ensed me.

22 **Fó**r I have kept the **ways** of YAHWEH, And have not wickedly **depä**rted from **my** Elohim.

23 For **á**ll his **ó**rdinanc**e**s were **befó**re me; As for his **statute**, I did not **depä**rt from **them**.

24 I was **á**lso **pê**rfect **towä**rd him; I kept **myself** from **my** **iniquity**.

25 **Theréfó**re **has** YAHWEH **recomp**ensed me **accó**rding to **my** **righte**ousness, **Accó**rding to **my** **cleann**ess in his **eyesight**.

26 **Wit**th the **mê**rcif**u**l you will **show** **yó**urself **mê**rcif**u**l; **Wit**th the **pê**rfect man you will **show** **yó**urself **pê**rfect;

27 **Wit**th the **pu**re you will **show** **yó**urself **pu**re; **Wit**th the **croó**ked you will **show** **yó**urself **shrewd**.

28 The afflicted **pe**ople you will **save**; But **yó**ur **eyes** are on the **há**ughty, **th**at you **may** bring **them** **down**.

29 For you are **my** **lamp**, YAHWEH; YAHWEH will **light**en **my** **dä**rkn**e**ss.

30 For **by** you I run on a **treep**; **By** **my** Elohim **d**e I **leap** **over** a **wá**ll.

31 As for Elohim, his **way** is **pê**rfect: The **wó**rd of YAHWEH is **tri**ed; **He** is a **shield** to **á**ll **thosé** **who** **take** **refug**e in him.

32 **Fó**r **who** is Elohim, **save** YAHWEH? **who** is a rock, **save** **our** Elohim?

33 Elohim is **my** strong **fó**rtress; **He** **guid**e**s** the **pê**rfect in his **way**.

34 He **make**s his **feet** **like** hinds [**feet**], Sets me on **my** **high** **plac**e**s**.

35 He **teache**s **my** **hands** to **wä**r, So **th**at **my** **ä**rm**s** **d**e bend a **bow** of **brä**ss.

36 You have **also** given me the **shield** of **yôur** **salvatiôn**; **Yôur** **gentleness** has **made** me **great**.

37 You have **enlär**ged **my** steps under me; **My** **feet** have not **slipp**ed.

38 I have **pûrsu**ed **my** **enemieş**, and **destroy**ed **them**; **Neither** did I **tûrn** **again** until **they** were **cônsum**ed.

39 I have **cônsum**ed **them**, and **struck** **them** **throu**gh, so **th**at **they** **cän't** **ariş**e: Yes, **they** are **fäll**en under **my** **feet**.

40 For you have **gîrd**ed me **with** **streng**th to the battle; **You** have **subdu**ed under me **thoş**e **wh**e **roş**e up **again**st me.

41 You have **also** **made** **my** **enemieş** **tûrn** **their** backs to me, **Th**at I **mi**ght cut off **thoş**e **wh**e **hate** me.

42 **They** **lôok**ed, but **th**ere was **nô**ne to **save**; **Even** to YAHWEH, but he didn't answer

43 **Th**en did I **beat** **them** **smäll** as the dust of the **ear**th, I did **crush** **them** as the mire of the **streets**, and did **spread** **them** **abrô**ad.

44 You **also** have **delivered** me from the strivings of **my** **people**; **You** have kept me to be the head of the **natiônş**: A **people** **wh**om I have not **know**n **shall** **sêr**ve me.

45 The **foreignerş**, **shall** submit **themselves** to me: As **soon** as **they** **hear** of me, **they** **shall** **obey** me.

46 The **foreignerş**, **shall** **fade** away, **Sh**all **cô**me trembling **out** of **their** **cloş**e **plac**es.

47 YAHWEH **liveş**; **Bless**ed be **my** **rock**; **Exält**ed be Elohim, the rock of **my** **salvatiôn**,

48 **Even** the Elohim **wh**e **execu**tes **vengean**çe for me, **wh**e **bringş** **dô**wn **peopleş** under me,

49 **wh**e **bringş** me **fôr**th from **my** **enemieş**: Yes, you lift me up **abô**ve **thoş**e **wh**e **riş**e up **again**st me; **You** deliver me from the **violent** man.

50 **Ther**e~~f~~ôre I will give **th**anks to you, YAHWEH, **amô**ng the **natiônş**, Will sing **praiş**eş to **yôur** **name**.

51 **Great** **deliveran**çe **giveş** he to his king, **Showş** **lô**ving~~k~~indness to his **an**ointed, To **David** and to his **seed**, **forevermô**re.

2 Samuel 23

1 **N**ow **thes**e are the **läst** **wôrdş** of **David**. **David** the **sôn** of **Jesse** **sayş**, The man **wh**e was **raiş**ed on **hi**gh **sayş**, The **an**ointed of the Elohim of **Jacob**, The **sweet** **psäl**mist of **Iş**rael:

2 The Spirit of YAHWEH **spoke** by me, His **wôrd** was on my **tôngue**.

3 The Elohim of **Işrael** said, The Rock of **Işrael** **spoke** to me: One **who** **ruleş** over men **righteously**, **who** **ruleş** in the **fear** of Elohim,

4 [**He shall** be] as the **light** of the **môrning**, *when* the sun **rişeş**, A **môrning** **without** **cloudş**, [*When*] the tender **grăss** [**springs**] **out** of the **êarth**, **through** clear **shining** **ăfter** **rain**

5 **Most** assuredly my **house** is not so **with** Elohim; Yet he **haş** **made** **with** me an ever**lăsting** **côvenant**, **ôrdered** in **ăll** **things**, and **sure**: **Fôr** it is **ăll** my **salvatiôn**, and **ăll** [**my**] **deşire**, **ăltho**ugh he **dôeşn't** **make** it **grow**.

6 But the ungodly **shall** be **ăll** of **them** as **thôrnş** to be **thrust** away, **Be**ca^use **they** **căn't** be **taken** **with** the hand

7 But the man **who** **toucheş** **them** Must be **ărmed** **with** **irôn** and the **stăff** of a **spear**: **They** **shall** be utterly **bûrned** **with** **fire** in [**their**] **plăce**

8 **Theşe** are the **nameş** of the **mighty** men **whom** David had: **Josheb-basshebeth** a Tah**chemonite**, **chief** of the **captainş**; the **same** was Adino the Ezn**ite**, **against** eight hundred **slain** at one **time**.

9 After him was Eleazar the **şôn** of Dodai the **şôn** of an Ahoh**ite**, one of the **three** **mighty** men **with** David, *when* **they** **defied** the **Philistineş** **who** were **there** **gathered** **together** to battle, and the men of **Işrael** were **gone** away.

10 He **arose**, and struck the **Philistineş** until his hand was **weary**, and his hand **froze** to the **şwôrd**; and YAHWEH **wôrked** a **great** victory **that** **day**; and the **people** **retûrned** **ăfter** him **only** to **take** spoil.

11 After him was **Shammah** the **şôn** of Agee a Hararite. The **Philistineş** were **gathered** **together** into a **treep**, *where* was a plot of **ground** **full** of **lentilş**; and the **people** fled from the **Philistineş**.

12 But he **ştoôd** in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and killed the **Philistineş**; and YAHWEH **wôrked** a **great** victory.

13 **three** of the **thirty** **chief** men went **down**, and **came** to David in the **hărvest** **time** to the **cave** of Adullam; and the **treep** of the **Philistineş** was **encamped** in the **valley** of **Rephaim**.

14 David was **then** in the **stronghold**; and the garrison of the **Philistineş** was **then** in **Beth**-lehem

15 David **longed**, and said, **Oh** **that** one **would** give me **wăter** to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, **whi**ch is **by** the **gate**!

16 The **three** mighty men broke **through** the host of the **Philistines**, and drew **wá**ter out of the well of Beth-lehem, **that** was **by** the gate, and **tó**ok it, and **bró**ught it to David: but he **wó**uld not drink of it, but **pó**ured it out to YAHWEH.

17 He said, Be it **fä**r from me, YAHWEH, **that** I **shó**uld **dó** this: [shall I drink] the **bló**od of the men **whó** went in jeopardy of **their** lives? **therefó**re he **wó**uld not drink it. **Thesé** **thi**ngs did the **three** mighty men.

18 Abishai, the **bró**ther of Joab, the **só**n of Zeruiah, was **chief** of the **three**. He lifted up his **spe**ar against **three** hundred and killed **them**, and had a **name** among the **three**.

19 Wasn't he **most** honorable of the **three**? **therefó**re he was **made** **their** captain: **howe**ver he didn't **attain** to the [first] **three**

20 Benaiah the **só**n of Jehoiada, the **só**n of a valiant man of Kabzeel, **whó** had **dó**ne mighty **deeds**, he killed the **two** [sóns of] Ariel of Moab: he went **dó**wn **á**lso and killed a **lió**n in the midst of a pit in **time** of snow.

21 He killed an **Egyptian**, a **gó**odly man: and the **Egyptian** had a **spe**ar in his hand; but he went **dó**wn to him **with** a **stá**ff, and plucked the **spe**ar out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him **with** his **own** **spe**ar

22 **Thesé** **thi**ngs did Benaiah the **só**n of Jehoiada, and had a **name** among the **three** mighty men.

23 He was **mó**re honorable **than** the **thi**rty, but he didn't **attain** to the [first] **three**. David set him **ó**ver his **guá**rd.

24 Asahel the **bró**ther of Joab was one of the **thi**rty; Elhanan the **só**n of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

25 **Shammah** the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the **só**n of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the **só**n of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the **só**n of Ribai of Gibeah of the **children** of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the **bró**oks of Gaash.

31 Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the **Shaalbonite**, the **sóns** of Jashen, Jonath

33 **Shammah** the Hararite, Ahiam the son of **Sharar** the Ararite,

34 **Eliphelet** the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of **Nathan** of Zobah, Bani the Gadite

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearers to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite

39 Uriah the Hittite: **thirty-seven** in all.

2 Samuel 24

1 Again the anger of YAHWEH was kindled against **Israel**, and he moved David against them, saying, Go, number **Israel** and **Judah**.

2 The king said to Joab the captain of the host, who was with him, Go now back and forth through all the tribes of **Israel**, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number you the people, that I may know the sum of the people.

3 Joab said to the king, Now YAHWEH your Elohim add to the people, however many they may be, one hundred times; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding, the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of **Israel**.

5 They passed over the **Jordan**, and encamped in Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad, and to Jazer:

6 then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and round about to Sidon,

7 and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of **Judah**, at Beersheba.

8 So when they had gone back and forth through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: and there were in **Israel** eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword; and the men of **Judah** were five hundred thousand men.

10 David's heart struck him after that he had numbered the people. David said to YAHWEH, I have sinned greatly in that which I have done: but now, YAHWEH, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.

11 When David rose up in the morning, the word of YAHWEH came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

12 Go and speak to David, Thus says YAHWEH, I offer you three things: choose you one of them, that I may do it to you.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? now advise you, and consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me.

14 David said to Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of YAHWEH; for his mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 So YAHWEH sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beertheba seventy thousand men.

16 When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, YAHWEH repented him of the evil, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, It is enough; now stay your hand. The angel of YAHWEH was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 David spoke to YAHWEH when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said, Behold, I have sinned, and I have done perversely; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me, and against my father's house.

18 Gad came that day to David, and said to him, Go up, rear an altar to YAHWEH in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

19 David went up according to the saying of Gad, as YAHWEH commanded.

20 Araunah looked forth, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

21 Araunah said, Why is my lord the king come to his servant? David said, To buy the threshing floor of you, to build an altar to YAHWEH, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him: behold, the oxen for the burnt offering, and the threshing instruments and the yokes of the oxen for the wood:

23 all **this**, king, **do** Araunah give to the king. Araunah said to the king, YAHWEH **y**our Elohim **ac**cept you.

24 The king said to Araunah, No; but I will **most assuredly buy** it of you at a **price**. **Neither** will I offer **bu**rn^t-offerings to YAHWEH **my** Elohim **wh**ich cost me **no**thing. So **Da**vid **bo**ught the **th**reshing **fl**oor and the oxen for fifty **she**kels of silver.

25 **Da**vid built **th**ere an **al**tar to YAHWEH, and offer^{ed} **bu**rn^t offerings and **pe**ac^e-offerings. So YAHWEH was entreat^{ed} for the land, and the **pl**ague was stay^{ed} from **I**srael.

1 Kings 1

1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat.

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

3 So they sought for a beautiful young lady throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 The young lady was very beautiful; and she cherished the king, and ministered to him; but the king didn't know her intimately.

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 His father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why have you done so? and he was also a very goodly man; and he was born after Absalom.

7 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 who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 Adonijah killed sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zohelath, which is beside En-rogel; and he called all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants:

10 but Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he didn't call.

11 Then Nathan spoke to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Haven't you heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and David our lord doesn't know it?

12 Now therefore come, please let me give you counsel, that you may save your own life, and the life of your son Solomon.

13 Go and get you in to king David, and tell him, Didn't you, my lord, king, swear to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne? why then does Adonijah reign?

14 Behold, while you yet talk there with the king, I also will come in after you, and confirm your words.

15 Bath-sheba went in to the king into the **chamber**: and the king was very **old**; and Abishag the **Shunammite** was ministering to the king.

16 Bath-sheba **bowe**d, and did obeisa**n**çe to the king. The king said, *What would you?*

17 She said to him, **My lôrd**, you sw**ô**re by YAHWEH y**ô**ur Elohim to y**ô**ur handmaid, [saying], Assuredly Solomon y**ô**ur s**ô**n shall reig**n** äfter me, and he shall sit on my **throne**.

18 **Now**, behold, Adonijah reig**n**s; and you, **my lôrd** the king, **don't know** it:

19 and he ha**s** slain oxen and fatlings and **sheep** in abundan**ç**e, and ha**s** c**ä**ll**e**d ä**ll** the s**ô**n**s** of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the **host**; but he ha**s**n't c**ä**ll**e**d Solomon y**ô**ur s**e**r**v**ant.

20 You, **my lôrd** the king, the e**y**e**s** of ä**ll** I**s**ra**e**l are on you, **that you shou**ld tell **them** **wh**e shall sit on the **throne** of **my lôrd** the king äfter him.

21 **ö**therwis**e** it will happen, *when* **my lôrd** the king shall sleep with his f**ä**ther**s**, **that I and my s**ô**n Solomon shall be c**ö**unted offenders**.

22 Behold, *while* she yet t**ä**lk**e**d with the king, **Nathan** the prophet **came** in.

23 **They** told the king, saying, Behold, **Nathan** the prophet. *When* he was c**ö**me in bef**ö**re the king, he **bowe**d himself bef**ö**re the king with his f**a**ç**e** to the **grou**nd.

24 **Nathan** said, **My lôrd**, king, have you said, Adonijah shall reig**n** äfter me, and he shall sit on my **throne**?

25 For he is gone **down** **this day**, and ha**s** slain oxen and fatlings and **sheep** in abundan**ç**e, and ha**s** c**ä**ll**e**d ä**ll** the king's s**ô**n**s**, and the captai**n**s of the **host**, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, **they** are **e**ating and drinking bef**ö**re him, and say, [Long] live king Adonijah.

26 But he ha**s**n't c**ä**ll**e**d me, **even** me y**ô**ur s**e**r**v**ant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the s**ô**n of Jehoiada, and y**ô**ur s**e**r**v**ant Solomon.

27 Is **this th**ing **d**ö**ne** by **my lôrd** the king, and you haven't **sh**own to y**ô**ur s**e**r**v**ants **wh**e shou**ld** sit on the **throne** of **my lôrd** the king äfter him?

28 **Then** king **David** answered, C**ä**ll to me Bath-sheba. **She** **came** into the king's pres**e**n**ç**e, and st**ö**öd bef**ö**re the king.

29 The king sw**ô**re, and said, As YAHWEH live**s**, **wh**e ha**s** red**e**e**m**ed my soul **ö**ut of ä**ll** adv**e**r**s**ity,

30 most assuredly as I sw^ore to you by YAHWEH, the Elohim of I^srael, saying, Assuredly Solomon y^our s^on shall reign äfter me, and he shall sit on my throne in my plac^e; most assuredly so will I d^e this day.

31 Then Bät^h-sheba bowed with her fa^çe to the e^arth, and did obeisan^çe to the king, and said, Let my l^ord king David live forever.

32 King David said, C^all to me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the s^on of Jehoiada. They came bef^ore the king.

33 The king said to them, Take with you the s^er^vants of y^our l^ord, and c^ause Solomon my s^on to ride on my own mule, and bring him d^own to Gihon:

34 and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over I^srael; and blow you the trumpet, and say, [Long] live king Solomon.

35 Then you shall c^ome up äfter him, and he shall c^ome and sit on my throne; for he shall be king in my plac^e; and I have appointed him to be princ^e over I^srael and over Judah.

36 Benaiah the s^on of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: YAHWEH, the Elohim of my l^ord the king, say so [t^ee].

37 As YAHWEH ha^s been with my l^ord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my l^ord king David.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the s^on of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites

and the Pelethites, went d^own, and c^aused Solomon to ride on king David's mule, and br^ought him to Gihon.

39 Zadok the priest took the h^orn of oil out of the Tent, and anointed Solomon. They blew the trumpet; and äll the people said, [Long] live king Solomon.

40 All the people came up äfter him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the e^arth sh^ook with the sound of them.

41 Adonijah and äll the guests who were with him heard it as they had made an end of e^atⁱng. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Why is this noi^se of the city being in an upr^oar?

42 While he yet spoke, behold, Jonathan the s^on of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said, C^ome in; for you are a w^orthy man, and bring good news.

43 Jonathan answered Adonijah, Most assuredly our l^ord king David ha^s made Solomon king:

44 and the king haş 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 on 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 there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you have heard.

46 Also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

47 Moreover the king's servants came to bless our Lord king David, saying, Your Elohim make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne: and the king bowed himself on the bed.

48 Also thus said the king, Blessed be YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, my eyes even seeing it.

49 All the guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

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

51 It was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears king Solomon; for, behold, he has laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me first that he will not kill his servant with the sword.

52 Solomon said, If he shall show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth; but if wickedness be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. He came and did obeisance to king Solomon; and Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

1 Kings 2

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

2 I am going the way of all the earth: be you strong therefore, and show yourself a man;

3 and keep the charge of YAHWEH your Elohim, to walk in his ways, to keep his statute, [and] his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself.

4 That YAHWEH may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart

and with **á**ll **the**ir soul, **the**re shall not fail you (said he) a man on the **th**rone of **I**srael.

5 **M**oreover you **kn**ow **á**lso **wh**at Joab the **s**on of Zeruah did to me, **ev**en **wh**at he did to the **tw**o **cap**tains of the **h**osts of **I**srael, to Abner the **s**on of Ner, and to Amasa the **s**on of Jether, **wh**om he killed, and **sh**ed the **bl**ood of **wá**r in **pe**açe, and **p**ut the **bl**ood of **wá**r on his **s**ash **th**at was about his loins, and in his **sh**eç **th**at were on his **fe**et.

6 Do **th**erefore accórding to **y**our **wi**sdóm, and **don't** let his **gray** head **go** **down** to **Sheol** in **pe**açe.

7 But **sh**ow **kind**ness to the **s**onç of Barzillai the **Gileadite**, and let **them** be of **tho**se **wh**o **eat** at **y**our **table**; for so **they** **came** to me **wh**en I fled from Absalom **y**our **bro**ther.

8 **Beh**old, **the**re is with you **Sh**imei the **s**on of Gera, the **Benjamite**, of Bahurim, **wh**o **c**urset me with a **gri**evous **c**urse in the **day** **wh**en I went to Mahanaim; but he **came** **down** to **me**et me at the **J**ordan, and I **sw**ore to him **by** **YAHWEH**, **saying**, I will not **p**ut you to **de**ath with the **sw**ord.

9 **N**ow **th**erefore **don't** **hold** him **guiltless**, for you are a **wi**se man; and you will **kn**ow **wh**at you **ó**ught to **de** to him, and you **shall** bring his **gray** head **down** to **Sheol** with **bl**ood.

10 **Da**vid slept with his **fá**thers, and was **buried** in the **ç**ity of **Da**vid.

11 The **day**ç **th**at **Da**vid **reigned** **over** **I**srael were **fó**rty **year**ç; seven **year**ç **reigned** he in **Hebron**, and **th**irty-**th**ree **year**ç **reigned** he in **Jeru**salem.

12 **Solomon** sat on the **th**rone of **Da**vid his **fá**ther; and his **kingd**óm was **establi**shed **gr**eatly.

13 **Th**en **Adonijah** the **s**on of **Haggith** **came** to **Bá**th-sheba the **mó**ther of **Solomon**. She said, **C**ome you **pe**açeably? **H**e said, **Pe**açeably.

14 He said **m**oreover, I have **so**mewhát to tell you. **S**he said, **S**ay on.

15 He said, **Y**ou **kn**ow **th**at the **kingd**óm was **mi**ne, and **th**at **á**ll **I**srael set **the**ir **fa**çeç on me, **th**at I **sh**ould **reign**: **h**owever the **kingd**óm is **t**urned **ab**out, and is **bec**ome **my** **bro**ther'ç; for it was his from **YAHWEH**.

16 **N**ow I **á**sk one **petiti**on of you; **don't** **deny** me. **S**he said to him, **S**ay on.

17 He said, **P**leáse **spe**ak to **Solomon** the **king** (for he will not tell you 'no'), **th**at he **give** me **Abi**shag the **Shunammite** as **wife**.

18 **Bá**th-sheba said, **Well**; I will **spe**ak for you to the **king**.

19 Bāth-sheba **therefōre** went to king Solomon, to **speak** to him for Adonijah. The king **roſe** up to **meet** her, and **bowed** himself to her, and sat **down** on his **throne**, and **cāuſed** a **throne** to be set for the king's **mōther**; and she sat on his **right** hand.

20 **Then** she said, I **äsk** one smāll **petitiōn** of you; **don't deny** me. The king said to her, **äsk** on, **my mōther**; for I will not **deny** you.

21 She said, Let Abishag the **Shunammite** be given to Adonijah **yōur brōther** as **wife**.

22 King Solomon **answered** his **mōther**, **Why dē** you **äsk** Abishag the **Shunammite** for Adonijah? **äsk** for him the **kingdōm älsō**; for he is **my elder brōther**; **even** for him, and for Abiathar the **priest**, and for Joab the **sōn** of Zeruah.

23 **Then** king Solomon **swōre by** YAHWEH, **saying**, Elohim **dē** so to me, and **mōre älsō**, if Adonijah **haſ** not **spoken this wōrd** against his **own life**.

24 Now **therefōre** as YAHWEH **liveſ**, **whē** **haſ** **established** me, and set me on the **throne** of David **my fäther**, and **whē** **haſ** **made** me a **houſe**, as he **promised**, **surely** Adonijah **shall** be **pūt** to **death this day**.

25 King Solomon sent **by** Benaiah the **sōn** of Jehoiada; and he fell on him, so **that** he **died**.

26 To Abiathar the **priest** said the king, Get you to Anathoth, to **yōur own fields**; for you are **wōrthy** of **death**: but I will not at **this time pūt** you to **death**, **becāuſe** you bear the **ärk** of the **Lōrd** YAHWEH **befōre** David **my fäther**, and **becāuſe** you were afflicted in **äll** in **whiçh** **my fäther** was afflicted.

27 So Solomon **thrust out** Abiathar from **being** **priest** to YAHWEH, **that** he **might** **füll** the **wōrd** of YAHWEH, **whiçh** he **spoke cōncē**rn~~ing~~ the **houſe** of Eli in Shiloh.

28 The **newſ** **came** to Joab; for Joab had **tūrned äfter** Adonijah, **thōugh** he didn't **tūrn äfter** Absalom. Joab fled to the Tent of YAHWEH, and **cāught** **hold** on the **hōrnſ** of the **ältar**.

29 It was **told** king Solomon, Joab is fled to the Tent of YAHWEH, and, **behold**, he is **by** the **ältar**. **Then** Solomon sent Benaiah the **sōn** of Jehoiada, **saying**, **Go**, **fäll** on him.

30 Benaiah **came** to the Tent of YAHWEH, and said to him, **Thus sayſ** the king, **Cōme fōrth**. He said, No; but I will **diē here**. Benaiah **brōught** the king **wōrd** **again**, **saying**, **Thus** said Joab, and **thūſ** he **answered** me.

31 The king said to him, **Dē** as he **haſ** said, and **fäll** on him, and bury him; **that** you may **take** away the **blōōd**, **whiçh** Joab **shed** **withōut cāuſe**, from me and from **my fäther's** **houſe**.

32 YAHWEH will ret^urn his blood on his own head, because he fell on two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, and my father David didn't know it, [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 So shall their blood return on the head of Joab, and on the head of his seed forever: but to David, and to his seed, and to his house, and to his throne, shall there be peace for ever from YAHWEH.

34 Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell on him, and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 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 The king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build yourself a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and don't go forth from there any where.

37 For on the day you go out, and pass over the brook Kidron, know you for certain that you shall surely die: your blood shall be on your own head.

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

39 It happened at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. They told Shimei, saying, Behold, your servants are in Gath.

40 Shimei arose, and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish, to seek his servants; and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

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

42 The king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Didn't I adjure you by YAHWEH, and protest to you, saying, Know for certain, that on the day you go out, and walk abroad any where, you shall surely die? and you said to me, The saying that I have heard is good.

43 Why then have you not kept the oath of YAHWEH, and the commandment that I have charged you with?

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, You know all the wickedness which your heart is privy to, that you did to David my father: therefore YAHWEH shall return your wickedness on your own head.

45 But king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before YAHWEH forever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the **son** of Jehoiada; and he went **out**, and fell on him, so **that** he **died**. The kingdom was **established** in the hand of Solomon.

1 Kings 3

1 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 YAHWEH, and the **wall** of **Jerusalem** **round about**.

2 **Only** the **people** **sacrificed** in the **high places**, because **there** was no **house** built for the **name** of YAHWEH until **those** **days**.

3 Solomon **loved** YAHWEH, **walking** in the **statute** of David his **father**: **only** he **sacrificed** and **burnt** **incense** in the **high places**.

4 The king went to Gibeon to **sacrifice** **there**; for **that** was the **great high place**: a **thousand** **burnt** offerings did Solomon offer on **that** **altar**.

5 In Gibeon YAHWEH **appeared** to Solomon in a **dream by night**; and Elohim said, **ask** **what** I **shall** give you.

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

7 **Now**, YAHWEH my Elohim, you have **made** **your** **servant** king instead of David my **father**: and I am but a little **child**; I **don't** **know** **how** to **go** **out** or **come** in.

8 Your **servant** is in the midst of **your** **people** **which** you have **chosen**, a **great** **people**, **that** **can't** be numbered **nor** counted for multitude.

9 Give **your** **servant** **therefore** an understanding **heart** to **judge** **your** **people**, **that** I may **discern** between **good** and **evil**; for **who** is **able** to **judge** **this** **your** **great** **people**?

10 The **speech** **pleased** the **Lord**, **that** Solomon had **asked** **this** **thing**.

11 Elohim said to him, Because you have **asked** **this** **thing**, and have not **asked** for **yourself** long **life**, **neither** have **asked** **riches** for **yourself**, **nor** have **asked** the **life** of **your** **enemies**, but have **asked** for **yourself** understanding to **discern** **justice**;

12 **behold**, I have **done** **according** to **your** **word**: **behold**, I have given you a **wise** and an understanding **heart**; so **that** **there** has **been** **none** like you **before** you, **neither** **after** you **shall** any **arise** like you.

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

14 If you will wáik in my wayş, to keep my statute and my commandments, as yôur fâther David did wáik, then I will lengthen yôur dayş.

15 Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jeruşalem, and stóod befôre the árk of the covenant of YAHWEH, and offered up búrnt offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to áll his sêrvants.

16 Then there came twe women who were prostitutes, to the king, and stóod befôre him.

17 The one wôman said, Oh, my lôrd, I and this wôman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 It happened the thirđ day áfter I was delivered, that this wôman was delivered álso; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we twe in the house.

19 This woman's child died in the night, because she lay on it.

20 She arose at midnight, and took my sôn from beside me, while yôur handmaid slept, and laid it in her bôşôm, and laid her dead child in my bôşôm.

21 When I roşe in the môrning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead; but when I had loóked at it in the môrning, behold, it was not my sôn, whom I bôre.

22 The ôther wôman said, No; but the living is my sôn, and the dead is yôur sôn. This said, No; but the dead is yôur sôn, and the living is my sôn. Thus they spoke befôre the king.

23 Then said the king, The one sayş, This is my sôn who liveş, and yôur sôn is the dead: and the ôther sayş, No; but yôur sôn is the dead, and my sôn is the living.

24 The king said, Get me a swôrd. They brôught a swôrd befôre the king.

25 The king said, Divide the living child in twe, and give háif to the one, and háif to the ôther.

26 Then spoke the wôman whoşe the living child was to the king, for her heärt yeárned over her sôn, and she said, Oh, my lôrd, give her the living child, and in no way kill it. But the ôther said, It shall be neither mine nôr yôurş; divide it.

27 Then the king answered, Give her the living child, and in no way kill it: she is the móther of it.

28 All Işrael heard of the judgment which the king had judgêd; and they feared the king: for they sáw that the wişdóm of Elohim was in him, to de justicê.

1 Kings 4

1 King Solomon was king **over** **á**ll **I**šrael.

2 **The**ſe were the prin**ç**eſ **wh**o**m** he had: Azariah the **ſ**o**n** of Zadok, the **p**riest;

3 Elihore**ph** and Ahijah, the **ſ**o**n**ſ of **Sh**i**sh**a, scribeſ; Jeho**sh**aphat the **ſ**o**n** of Ahilud, the rec**o**rd**e**r;

4 and Benaiah the **ſ**o**n** of Jehoiada was **over** the **h**o**st**; and Zadok and Abiathar were **p**riest**s**;

5 and Azariah the **ſ**o**n** of **N**ath**an** was **over** the offi**ç**erſ; and Zabud the **ſ**o**n** of **N**ath**an** was **chief** minister, [and] the king'ſ **f**riend;

6 and Ah**ish**ar was **over** the **h**o**u**se**h**o**l**d; and Adoniram the **ſ**o**n** of Abda was **over** the men subject to **f**o**r**ç**e**d **l**abor.

7 Solomon had twelve offi**ç**erſ **over** **á**ll **I**šrael, **wh**o **pr**o**vi**ded victu**al**ſ for the king and his **h**o**u**se**h**o**l**d: **e**a**ch** man had to **ma**ke **pr**o**vi**ſi**o**n for a **m**o**n**th in the **y**ear.

8 **The**ſe are **th**eir **na**m**e**ſ: Ben-h**u**r, in the hill-cou**n**try of **E**ph**ra**im;

9 Ben-deker, in Makaz, and in **Sh**aalbim, and Beth- **sh**emesh, and Elon-beth-hanan;

10 Ben-hesed, in Arubboth (to him [pertained] Socoh, and **á**ll the land of Heph**e**r);

11 Ben-abinadab, in **á**ll the **h**eigh**t** of Dor (he had Taphath the **d**á**u**ghter of Solomon as **w**ife);

12 Baana the **ſ**o**n** of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and **á**ll Beth-**sh**ean **wh**ich is beside Zare**th**an, **b**e**n**e**ath** Jezreel, from Beth-**sh**ean to Abel-meholah, as **f**á**r** as beyond Jokmeam;

13 Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead (to him [pertained] the **to**wn**ſ** of Jair the **ſ**o**n** of Manasseh, **wh**ich are in Gilead; [even] to him [pertained] the **r**eg**io**n of Argob, **wh**ich is in **B**ashan, sixty **gr**e**a**t **ç**itieſ **with** **w**á**ll**ſ and brazen **b**á**r**ſ);

14 Ahinadab the **ſ**o**n** of Iddo, in Mahanaim;

15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he **á**l**so** **t**o**ok** Basemath the **d**á**u**ghter of Solomon as **w**ife);

16 Baana the **ſ**o**n** of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth;

17 Jeho**sh**aphat the **ſ**o**n** of Paruah, in Issachar;

18 Shimei the **ſ**o**n** of Ela, in Benjamin;

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

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

21 Solomon **ruled over** **all** the kingdoms from the 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 Solomon's **provision** for one **day** was **thirty measures** of **fine flour**, and sixty **measures** of **meal**,

23 ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen **out** of the **pastures**, and one hundred **sheep**, **besides** **harts**, and gazelles, and **roe**bucks, and fattened **fowl**.

24 For he had **dominion over** **all** [the **region**] on **this side** the River, from **Tiph**sah **even** to Gaza, **over** **all** the **kings** on **this side** the River: and he had **peace** on **all sides** **round** **about** him.

25 Judah and **I**srael lived **safely**, every man under his **vine** and under his **fig tree**, from Dan **even** to **Beersheba**, **all** the **days** of Solomon.

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

27 **Those** **officers** **provided** **victuals** for king Solomon, and for **all who** **came** to king Solomon's **table**, every man in his **month**; **they** let **nothing** be lacking.

28 **Barley** **also** and **straw** for the **horses** and **swift steeds** **brought** **they** to the **place** **where** [the **officers**] were, every man **according** to his **charge**.

29 Elohim **gave** Solomon **wisdom** and understanding **exceeding** **much**, and very **great** understanding, **even** as the sand **that** is on the **sea-shore**.

30 Solomon's **wisdom** excelled the **wisdom** of **all** the **children** of the **east**, and **all** the **wisdom** of **Egypt**.

31 **For** he was **wiser** **than** **all** men; **than** **Eth**an the **Ezrahite**, and Heman, and Calcol, and **Darda**, the **sons** of Mahol: and his **fame** was in **all** the **nations** **round** **about**.

32 He **spoke** **three thousand** **proverbs**; and his **songs** were one **thousand** **five**.

33 He **spoke** of **trees**, from the **cedar** **that** is in Lebanon **even** to the **hyssop** **that** springs **out** of the **wall**; he **spoke** **also** of **animals**, and of **birds**, and of **creeping things**, and of **fish**.

34 **There** came of **á**ll **peopl**es to **hear** the **wi**sdóm of Solomon, from **á**ll **king**s of the **é**arth, **wh**o had **h**éard of his **wi**sdóm.

1 Kings 5

1 Hiram king of Tyre sent his **s**érvants to Solomon; for he had **h**éard **that** **they** had anointed him king in the **re**om of his **f**áther: for Hiram was ever a **l**óver of David.

2 Solomon sent to Hiram, **s**aying,

3 You **know** **h**ow **that** David **my** **f**áther **cou**ld not build a **h**ouse for the **name** of YAHWEH his Elohim for the **w**árs **wh**ich were **ab**out him on every **side**, until YAHWEH **p**út **them** under the **sol**es of his **fe**et.

4 But **n**ow YAHWEH **my** Elohim **has** given me rest on every **side**; **there** is **ne**ither **adv**érsary, **n**órr **ev**il **occ**urrençe.

5 **Beh**old, I **p**úrpóse to build a **h**ouse for the **name** of YAHWEH **my** Elohim, as YAHWEH **sp**oke to David **my** **f**áther, **s**aying, **Y**óur **s**ón, **wh**om I will set on **y**óur **thr**one in **y**óur **re**om, he **sh**all build the **h**ouse for **my** **name**.

6 **N**ow **there**fóre command you **that** **they** cut me **ç**edar **tree**s out of Lebanon; and **my** **s**érvants **sh**all be **with** **y**óur **s**érvants; and I will give you **h**ire for **y**óur **s**érvants **acc**órding to **á**ll **that** you **sh**all **s**ay: for you **know** **that** **there** is not **am**ong us any **wh**o **know**s **h**ow to cut timber **li**ke the Sidonians.

7 It happened, **wh**en Hiram **h**éard the **w**órds of Solomon, **that** he **re**joicéd **gr**eately, and said, **B**lesséd be YAHWEH **this** **day**, **wh**o **has** given to David a **wi**se **s**ón **ov**er **this** **gr**eat **pe**ople.

8 Hiram sent to Solomon, **s**aying, I have **h**éard [the **messag**e] **wh**ich you have sent to me: I will **de** **á**ll **y**óur **de**siire **con**çerning timber of **ç**edar, and **con**çerning timber of **f**ir.

9 **My** **s**érvants **sh**all bring **them** **down** from Lebanon to the **se**a; and I will **make** **them** into **r**áfts to **go** **by** **se**a to the **plac**e **that** you **sh**all **app**oint me, and will **c**áuse **them** to be **br**oken up **there**, and you **sh**all **re**çeive **them**; and you **sh**all **acc**ómplish **my** **de**siire, in giving **feed** for **my** **h**ousehold.

10 So Hiram **g**ave Solomon timber of **ç**edar and timber of **f**ir **acc**órding to **á**ll his **de**siire.

11 Solomon **g**ave Hiram twenty **th**ousand **mea**sureş of **w**heat for **feed** to his **h**ousehold, and twenty **mea**sureş of **p**ure oil: **thus** **g**ave Solomon to Hiram **year** **by** **year**.

12 YAHWEH gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and **there** was **peace** between Hiram and Solomon; and **they two** made a **league** together.

13 King Solomon raised a levy out of **all Israel**; and the levy was **thirty thousand** men.

14 He sent **them** to Lebanon, ten **thousand** a **month** by **courses**; a **month** they were in Lebanon, and **two months** at home; and Adoniram was **over** the men subject to **forced labor**.

15 Solomon had seventy **thousand** who bore **burdens**, and eighty **thousand** who were **stone cutters** in the **mountains**;

16 besides Solomon's **chief officers** who were **over** the **work**, **three thousand** and **three** hundred, who bore **rule** over the **people** who labored in the **work**.

17 The king commanded, and **they** hewed out **great stones**, costly **stones**, to **lay** the **foundation** of the **house** with **worked stone**.

18 Solomon's **builders** and Hiram's **builders** and the Gebalites did **fashion** **them**, and prepared the timber and the **stones** to **build** the **house**.

1 Kings 6

1 It happened in the **four** hundred and **eightieth** year **after** the **children** of **Israel** were come out of the land of **Egypt**, in the **fourth** year of Solomon's **reign** over **Israel**, in the **month** Ziv, **which** is the **second month**, **that** he began to **build** the **house** of YAHWEH.

2 The **house** **which** king Solomon built for YAHWEH, the **length** of it was sixty **cubits**, and the **breadth** of it twenty [**cubits**], and the **height** of it **thirty** **cubits**.

3 The **porch** before the temple of the **house**, twenty **cubits** was the **length** of it, according to the **breadth** of the **house**; [and] ten **cubits** was the **breadth** of it before the **house**.

4 For the **house** he made **windows** of **fixed** lattice-**work**.

5 Against the **wall** of the **house** he built **stories** round about, against the **walls** of the **house** round about, **both** of the temple and of the oracle; and he made **side-chambers** round about.

6 The **nethermost** **story** was **five** **cubits** **broad**, and the middle was six **cubits** **broad**, and the **third** was seven **cubits** **broad**; for on the **outside** he made **offsets** [in the **wall**] of the **house** round about, **that** [the **beams**] **should** not have **hold** in the **walls** of the **house**.

7 The **house**, when it was in *building*, was built of **stone** *made* ready at the **quarry**; and **there** was **neither** hammer **nôr** ax **nôr** any **tool** of **iron** **heard** in the **house**, *while* it was in *building*.

8 The **dôr** for the middle *side-* **chambers** was in the *right* **side** of the **house**: and **they** went up **by** **winding stairs** into the middle [**stôr**], and **out** of the middle into the **third**.

9 So he *built* the **house**, and **finished** it; and he **covered** the **house** **with** **beams** and planks of **cedar**.

10 He *built* the **stôr****ies** **against** **âll** the **house**, **each** **five** **cubits** **high**: and **they** rested on the **house** **with** timber of **cedar**.

11 The **wôr**d of YAHWEH **came** to Solomon, **saying**,

12 **Côn**cêrning **this** **house** *which* you are *building*, if you will **wâ**k in **my** **statute**, and **execu**te **my** **ô**rdinan**çes**, and **keep** **âll** **my** **commandments** to **wâ**k in **them**; **then** will I **establi**sh **my** **wôr**d **with** you, *which* I **spoke** to **David** **yô**ur **fâ**ther.

13 I will dwell **among** the **children** of **Iš**rael, and will not **forsake** **my** **people** **Iš**rael.

14 So Solomon *built* the **house**, and **finished** it.

15 He *built* the **wâlls** of the **house** **within** **with** **bô**ard**s** of **cedar**: from the **flô**or of the **house** to the **wâlls** of the **ç**eil**ing**, he **covered** **them** on the *inside* **with** **wô**od; and he **covered** the **flô**or of the **house** **with** **bô**ard**s** of **fî**r.

16 He *built* twenty **cubits** on the *hinder* **pâ**rt of the **house** **with** **bô**ard**s** of **cedar** from the **flô**or to the **wâlls** [*of the* **ç**eil**ing**]: he *built* [**them**] for it **within**, for an oracle, **even** for the **most** **holy** **plaç**e.

17 The **house**, **that** is, the temple *befô*re [*the* oracle], was **fô**rt**y** **cubits** [*long*].

18 **There** was **cedar** on the **house** **within**, **câ**rved **with** **bud**s and **open** **flower**s: **âll** was **cedar**; **there** was no **stone** **seen**.

19 He **prepa**red an oracle in the *midst* of the **house** **within**, to set **there** the **â**rk of the **cô**venant of YAHWEH.

20 **With**in the oracle was [*a* **spaç**e of] twenty **cubits** in **leng**th, and twenty **cubits** in **bread**th, and twenty **cubits** in the *height* of it; and he **over**laid it **with** **pure** **gold**: and he **covered** the **â**ltar **with** **cedar**.

21 So Solomon **over**laid the **house** **within** **with** **pure** **gold**: and he drew **chain**s of **gold** across *befô*re the oracle; and he **over**laid it **with** **gold**.

22 The **whole** **house** he **over**laid **with** **gold**, until **âll** the **house** was **finished**: **â**l**so** the **whole** **â**ltar **that** belonged to the oracle he **over**laid **with** **gold**.

23 In the oracle he **made** **two** cherubim of olive-**wóod**, **each** ten cubits **high**.

24 **Five** cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and **five** cubits the **other** wing of the cherub: from the uttermost **pärt** of the one wing to the uttermost **pärt** of the **other** were ten cubits.

25 The **other** cherub was ten cubits: **both** the cherubim were of one mea**su**re and one **fó**rm.

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

27 He set the cherubim **with**in the inner **hou**se; and the wings of the cherubim were **stretch**ed **fó**th, so **th**at the wing of the one **touch**ed the one **wá**ll, and the wing of the **other** cherub **touch**ed the **other** **wá**ll; and **their** wings **touch**ed one **an**other in the midst of the **hou**se.

28 He **over**laid the cherubim **with** gold.

29 He **cä**rved **á**ll the **wá**lls of the **hou**se **rou**nd about **with** **cä**rved **figú**res of cherubim and **pä**m **tree**s and **open** **flow**ers, **inside** and **ou**tside.

30 The **fló**or of the **hou**se he **over**laid **with** gold, **inside** and **ou**tside.

31 For the **entranc**e of the oracle he **made** **dó**ors of olive-**wóod**: the lintel [and] **dó**or-**posts** were a **fif**th **pärt** [of the **wá**ll].

32 So [he **made**] **two** **dó**ors of olive-**wóod**; and he **cä**rved on **them** **cä**rving**s** of cherubim and **pä**m **tree**s and **open** **flow**ers, and **over**laid **them** **with** gold; and he spread the **gold** on the cherubim, and on the **pä**m **tree**s.

33 So **á**lso **made** he for the **entranc**e of the temple **dó**or-**posts** of olive-**wóod**, **ou**t of a **fó**ur**th** **pärt** [of the **wá**ll];

34 and **two** **dó**ors of **fí**r-**wóod**: the **two** **leav**es of the one **dó**or were **fold**ing, and the **two** **leav**es of the **other** **dó**or were **fold**ing.

35 He **cä**rved [**th**ereon] cherubim and **pä**m **tree**s and **open** **flow**ers; and he **over**laid **them** **with** gold fitted on the **engr**aved **wó**rk.

36 He **built** the inner **có**urt **with** **th**ree **có**ur**se**s of hewn **st**one, and a **có**ur**se** of **ç**edar **be**ams.

37 In the **fó**ur**th** **ye**ar was the **found**ation of the **hou**se of YAHWEH **laid**, in the **mó**n**th** Ziv.

38 In the **eleven**th **ye**ar, in the **mó**n**th** Bul, **wh**ich is the **eigh**th **mó**n**th**, was the **hou**se **fin**ished **throu**gh **ou**t **á**ll the **pärt**s of it, and **accó**rding to **á**ll the **fash**ion of it. So was he seven **ye**ars in **build**ing it.

1 Kings 7

1 Solomon was building his **own house thirteen years**, and he **finished all his house**.

2 For he built the **house** of the forest of Lebanon; the **length** of it was one hundred **cubits**, and the **breadth** of it fifty **cubits**, and the **height** of it **thirty cubits**, on **four** rows of **cedar pillarş**, with **cedar beamş** on the **pillarş**.

3 It was **covered with cedar above over the forty-five beamş**, **that** were on the **pillarş**; **fifteen** in a row.

4 **There** were **beamş** in **three rowş**, and **window** was **over** against **window** in **three** ranks.

5 All the **dorş** and **posts** were **made square with beamş**: and **window** was **over** against **window** in **three** ranks.

6 He **made** the **porch** of **pillarş**; the **length** of it was fifty **cubits**, and the **breadth** of it **thirty cubits**; and a **porch** **before** **them**; and **pillarş** and a **threshold** **before** **them**.

7 He **made** the **porch** of the **throne** *where* he was to **judge**, **even** the **porch** of **judgment**: and it was **covered with cedar** from **floor** to **floor**.

8 His **house** *where* he was to dwell, the **other court** **within** the **porch**, was of the **like** **wor**k. He **made also** a **house** for Pharaoh's **daughter** (*whom* Solomon had **taken** as **wife**), **like** **this porch**.

9 All **these** were of costly **stoneş**, **even** of hewn **stone**, **according** to **measure**, **sawed** with **sawş**, **inside** and **outside**, **even** from the **foundation** to the coping, and so on the **outside** to the **great court**.

10 The **foundation** was of costly **stoneş**, **even** **great stoneş**, **stoneş** of ten **cubits**, and **stoneş** of **eight cubits**.

11 **Above** were costly **stoneş**, **even** hewn **stone**, **according** to **measure**, and **cedar-wood**.

12 The **great court** **round about** had **three courses** of hewn **stone**, and a **course** of **cedar beamş**; **like** as the inner **court** of the **house** of YAHWEH, and the **porch** of the **house**.

13 King Solomon sent and **fetched** Hiram **out** of **Tyre**.

14 He was the **son** of a **widow** of the **tribe** of Naphtali, and his **father** was a man of **Tyre**, a **worker** in **bräss**; and he was filled with **wisdom** and understanding and skill, to **wor**k **all** **wor**ks in **bräss**. He **came** to king Solomon, and **performed** **all** his **wor**k.

15 **For** he **fashioned** the **two** **pillarş** of **bräss**, **eighteen cubits** **high** **apiece**: and a **line** of **twelve cubits** **compassed** **either** of **them** **about**.

16 He made **two** capitals of molten brass, to set on the tops of the pillars: the height of the one capital was **five cubits**, and the height of the **other** capital was **five cubits**.

17 **There** were nets of checker-work, and wreaths of **chain-work**, for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the **other** capital.

18 So he made the pillars; and **there** were **two** rows round about on the one network, to cover the capitals that were on the top of the pillars: and so did he for the **other** capital.

19 The capitals that were on the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily-work, **four cubits**.

20 **There** were capitals above **also** on the **two** pillars, close by the belly which was beside the network: and the pomegranates were **two** hundred, in rows round about on the **other** capital.

21 He set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name of it Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name of it Boaz.

22 On the top of the pillars was lily-work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

23 He made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height of it was **five cubits**; and a line of **thirty cubits** compassed it round about.

24 Under the brim of it round about **there** were buds which did compass it, for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about: the buds were in **two** rows, cast when it was cast.

25 It stood on 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 on them above, and **all** their hinder parts were inward.

26 It was a hand breadth thick: and the brim of it was worked like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held **two thousand baths**.

27 He made the ten bases of brass; **four cubits** was the length of one base, and **four cubits** the breadth of it, and **three cubits** the height of it.

28 The work of the bases was on **this** manner: **they** had panels; and **there** were panels between the ledges;

29 and on the panels that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and on the ledges **there** was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.

30 Every **base** had **fôur** brazen **whēels**, and **axleṣ** of **bräss**; and the **fôur feet** of it had **suppôrts**: **beneath** the **basin** were the **suppôrts molten**, **with wreaths** at the **side** of **each**.

31 The **mouth** of it **within** the **capital** and **abôve** was a **cubit**: and the **mouth** of it was **round** **âfter** the **wôrk** of a **pedestal**, a **cubit** and a **hälf**; and **âlso** on the **mouth** of it were **engravings**, and **their panels** were **fôur square**, not **round**.

32 The **fôur whēels** were **underneath** the **panels**; and the **axleṣ** of the **whēels** were in the **base**: and the **height** of a **wheel** was a **cubit** and **hälf** a **cubit**.

33 The **wôrk** of the **whēels** was **like** the **wôrk** of a **chariôt wheel**: **their axleṣ**, and **their rims**, and **their spokes**, and **their naves**, were **âll molten**.

34 **There** were **fôur** **suppôrts** at the **fôur cômnerṣ** of **each base**: the **suppôrts** of it were of the **base** itself.

35 In the top of the **base** was **there** a **round cômpass** **hälf** a **cubit high**; and on the top of the **base** the **stays** of it and the **panels** of it were of the **same**.

36 On the **plates** of the **stays** of it, and on the **panels** of it, he **engraved** **cherubim**, **liônṣ**, and **pâlm treeṣ**, **accôrding** to the **space** of **each**, **with wreaths** **round** **about**.

37 **âfter** **this** **manner** he **made** the **ten bases**: **âll** of **them** had **one cästing**, **one meaṣure**, and **one fôrm**.

38 He **made** **ten basins** of **bräss**: **one basin** **contained** **fôrt**y **baths**; and every **basin** was **fôur cubits**; and on **very one** of the **ten bases** **one basin**.

39 He **set** the **bases**, **five** 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**, **towârd** the **south**.

40 Hiram **made** the **basins**, and the **shôvelṣ**, and the **basins**. So Hiram **made** an end of **deing** **âll** the **wôrk** **that** he **wôrked** for **king Solomon** in the **house** of **YAHWEH**:

41 the **twē** **pillarṣ**, and the **twē** **bowls** of the **capitalṣ** **that** were on the top of the **pillarṣ**; and the **twē** **netwôrks** to **côver** the **twē** **bowls** of the **capitalṣ** **that** were on the top of the **pillarṣ**;

42 and the **fôur** **hundred** **pomegranates** for the **twē** **netwôrks**; **twē** **rowṣ** of **pomegranates** for **each** **netwôrk**, to **côver** the **twē** **bowls** of the **capitalṣ** **that** were on the **pillarṣ**;

43 and the **ten bases**, and the **ten basins** on the **bases**;

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

45 and the pots, and the **shóvels**, and the **basins**: **even áll thesè** vessels, **which** Hiram **made** for king Solomon, in the **house** of YAHWEH, were of **bûrnished** bräss.

46 In the **plain** of the **Jórdan** did the king **cäst** **them**, in the **clay ground** between Succoth and Zarethan.

47 Solomon left **áll** the vessels [unweighed], **becáuse** **they** were **exceeding** many: the weight of the bräss **cóuld** not be **found out**.

48 Solomon **made** **áll** the vessels **that** were in the **house** of YAHWEH: the **golden altar**, and the **table** **whereupon** the **show** bread was, of **gold**;

49 and the lampstands, **five** on the **right side**, and **five** on the left, **befóre** the oracle, of **pure gold**; and the **flower**s, and the lamps, and the **tong**s, of **gold**;

50 and the cups, and the snuffers, and the **basins**, and the **spoons**, and the **fire** pans, of **pure gold**; and the **hinges**, **both** for the **dórs** of the inner **house**, the **most holy** **placè**, and for the **dórs** of the **house**, [to wit], of the temple, of **gold**.

51 **Thus** **áll** the **wórk** **that** king Solomon **wórkéd** in the **house** of YAHWEH was **finishéd**. Solomon **bróught** in the **things** **which** David his **fáther** had **dedicated**, [even] the silver, and the **gold**, and the vessels, and **pút** **them** in the **treasuries** of the **house** of YAHWEH.

1 Kings 8

1 **Then** Solomon assembled the **elders** of **Işrael**, and **áll** the **heads** of the **tribes**, the **princes** of the **fáthers**' [**houses**] of the **children** of **Işrael**, to king Solomon in **Jerusalem**, to bring up the **ärk** of the **cóvenant** of YAHWEH **out** of the **çity** of **David**, **which** is **Zion**.

2 All the men of **Işrael** assembled **themselves** to king Solomon at the **feast**, in the **month** **Ethanim**, **which** is the **seventh** **month**.

3 All the **elders** of **Işrael** **came**, and the **priests** **tóok** up the **ärk**.

4 They **bróught** up the **ärk** of YAHWEH, and the tent of **meeting**, and **áll** the **holy** vessels **that** were in the Tent; **even thesè** did the **priests** and the **Levites** bring up.

5 King Solomon and **áll** the **congregation** of **Işrael**, **who** were assembled to him, were **with** him **befóre** the **ärk**, **sacrificing** **sheep** and oxen, **that** **cóuld** not be **counted nó**r numbered for **multitude**.

6 The **priests** **bróught** in the **ärk** of the **cóvenant** of YAHWEH to its **placè**, into the oracle of the **house**, to the **most holy** **placè**, **even** under the **wings** of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread **fórt**h **their** **wings** **over** the **placè** of the **ärk**, and the cherubim **cóvered** the **ärk** and the **poles** of it **abóve**.

8 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen outside: and there they are to this day.

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

10 It came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of YAHWEH,

11 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of YAHWEH filled the house of YAHWEH.

12 Then spoke Solomon, YAHWEH haş said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built you a house of habitation, a place for you to dwell in forever.

14 The king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of Işrael: and all the assembly of Işrael stood.

15 He said, Blessed be YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael, who spoke with his mouth to David your father, and haş with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Işrael out of Egypt, I choşe no city out of all the tribes of Işrael to build a house, that my name might be there; but I choşe David to be over my people Işrael.

17 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael.

18 But YAHWEH said to David my father, Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart:

19 nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house for my name.

20 YAHWEH haş established his word that he spoke; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Işrael, as YAHWEH promised, and have built the house for the name of YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael.

21 There have I set a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of YAHWEH, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 Solomon stood before the altar of YAHWEH in the presence of all the assembly of Işrael, and spread forth his hands toward heaven;

23 and he said, YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael, **there** is no Elohim **like** you, in heaven **abov**e, or on **earth** **beneath**; **who** **keep** **covenant** and **lovingkindness** with **yôur** **sêrvants**, **who** **wâlk** **befôre** you with **âll** **their** **heärt**;

24 **who** **have** **kept** with **yôur** **sêrvant** **David** **my** **fäther** **that** **which** you did promise him: yes, you **spoke** with **yôur** **mouth**, and have **fùlfilled** it with **yôur** **hand**, as it is **this** **day**.

25 **Now** **therefôre**, YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael, **keep** with **yôur** **sêrvant** **David** **my** **fäther** **that** **which** you have promised him, saying, **There** **shall** not **fail** you a man in **my** **sight** to sit on the **throne** of Işrael, if **only** **yôur** **children** **take** **heed** to **their** **way**, to **wâlk** **befôre** me as you have **wâlked** **befôre** me.

26 **Now** **therefôre**, Elohim of Işrael, **Pl ease** let **yôur** **wôrd** be **verified**, **which** you **spoke** to **yôur** **sêrvant** **David** **my** **fäther**.

27 But will Elohim in very **deed** dwell on the **earth**? **behold**, heaven and the heaven of **heavens** **cân't** **contain** you; **how** **much** less **this** **house** **that** I **have** **built**!

28 Yet **have** respect for the **prayer** of **yôur** **sêrvant**, and for his **supplication**, YAHWEH **my** Elohim, to listen to the **cry** and to the **prayer** **which** **yôur** **sêrvant** **prays** **befôre** you **this** **day**;

29 **that** **yôur** **eyes** **may** be **open** **towârd** **this** **house** **night** and **day**, **even** **towârd** the **plac**e whereof you have said, **My** **name** **shall** be **there**; to listen to the **prayer** **which** **yôur** **sêrvant** **shall** **pray** **towârd** **this** **plac**e.

30 Listen you to the **supplication** of **yôur** **sêrvant**, and of **yôur** **people** Işrael, **when** **they** **shall** **pray** **towârd** **this** **plac**e: yes, **hear** in heaven, **yôur** **dwelling-plac**e; and **when** you **hear**, **forgive**.

31 If a man sin **against** his **neighbor**, and an **oath** be **laid** on him to **câuse** him to swear, and he **come** [and] swear **befôre** **yôur** **altar** in **this** **house**;

32 **then** **hear** you in heaven, and **de**, and **judg**e **yôur** **sêrvants**, **condemning** the wicked, to bring his **way** on his **own** **head**, and justifying the **righteous**, to give him **accôrding** to his **righteousness**.

33 **When** **yôur** **people** Işrael are struck **down** **befôre** the enemy, **becâuse** **they** have sinned **against** you; if **they** **tûrn** **again** to you, and confess **yôur** **name**, and **pray** and **make** **supplication** to you in **this** **house**:

34 **then** **hear** you in heaven, and **forgive** the sin of **yôur** **people** Işrael, and bring **them** **again** to the land **which** you **gave** to **their** **fäthers**.

35 When the sky is **shut** up, and **there** is no **rain**, because **they** have sinned against you; if **they** pray toward **this place**, and confess **yôur** name, and **tûrn** from **their** sin, when you **de** afflict **them**:

36 **then** hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of **yôur** **sêrvants**, and of **yôur** **people** **Işrael**, when you **teach** **them** the **gôod** way in **which** **they** **shôuld** **wâlk**; and send rain on **yôur** land, **which** you have given to **yôur** **people** for an inheritance.

37 If **there** be in the land famine, if **there** be pestilence, if **there** be blâsting [or] mildew, locust [or] Caterpillar; if **their** enemy besiege **them** in the land of **their** **çities**; **whâtever** plague, **whâtever** sickness **there** be;

38 **whâtever** prayer and supplication be **made** **by** any man, [or] **by** **âll** **yôur** **people** **Işrael**, **whê** shall know every man the plague of his **own** **heärt**, and spread **fôrth** his hands toward **this** **house**:

39 **then** hear in heaven, **yôur** dwelling-place, and forgive, and **de**, and render to every man according to **âll** his **ways**, **whesê** **heärt** you know; (for you, **even** you **only**, know the **heärts** of **âll** the **children** of men;)

40 **that** **they** may fear you **âll** the **days** **that** **they** live in the land **which** you gave to **our** **fâthers**.

41 **Môreover** **conçêrning** the foreigner, **whê** is not of **yôur** **people** **Işrael**, when he shall **côme** **out** of a **fâr** country for **yôur** name's sake

42 (for **they** shall hear of **yôur** **great** name, and of **yôur** **mighty** hand, and of **yôur** **outstretched** **ârm**); when he shall **côme** and pray toward **this** **house**;

43 hear in heaven, **yôur** dwelling-place, and **de** according to **âll** **that** the foreigner **câlls** to you for; **that** **âll** the **people**s of the **êarth** may know **yôur** name, to fear you, as **does** **yôur** **people** **Işrael**, and **that** **they** may know **that** **this** **house** **which** I have built is **câllèd** **by** **my** name.

44 If **yôur** **people** go **out** to battle against **their** enemy, **by** **whâtever** way you shall send **them**, and **they** pray to YAHWEH toward the **çity** **which** you have **çosen**, and toward the **house** **which** I have built for **yôur** name;

45 **then** hear in heaven **their** prayer and **their** supplication, and maintain **their** **câuse**.

46 If **they** sin against you (for **there** is no man **whê** **does**n't sin), and you are angry **with** **them**, and deliver **them** to the enemy, so **that** **they** carry **them** away captive to the land of the enemy, **fâr** off or **near**;

47 yet if **they shall** repent **themselves** in the land *where* **they** are carried captive, and **tûrn** again, and **make** supplication to you in the land of **thoſe** *who* carried **them** captive, **ſaying**, **We** have ſinned, and have **dõne** perversely, **we** have dealt wickedly;

48 if **they** retûrn to you **with** **âll** **their** heärt and **with** **âll** **their** ſoul in the land of **their** enemies, *who* carried **them** captive, and **pray** to you toward **their** land, **which** you **gave** to **their** fätherſ, the **çity** **which** you have **choſen**, and the **houſe** **which** I have built for **yõur** name:

49 **then** hear you **their** prayer and **their** supplication in heaven, **yõur** dwelling-place, and maintain **their** cäuſe;

50 and forgive **yõur** people *who* have ſinned againſt you, and **âll** **their** tranſgreſſionſ in **which** **they** have tranſgreſſed againſt you; and give **them** cõmpaſſion befõre **thoſe** *who* carried **them** captive, **that** **they** may have cõmpaſſion on **them**

51 (for **they** are **yõur** people, and **yõur** inheritance, **which** you **brõught** fõrth **out** of **Egypt**, from the miſt of the fûrnaçe of **iron**);

52 **that** **yõur** eyeſ may be open to the supplication of **yõur** ſervant, and to the supplication of **yõur** people **Iſrael**, to liſten to **them** *whenever* **they** cry to you.

53 For you did ſeparate **them** from among **âll** the peopleſ of the **earth**, to be **yõur** inheritance, as you ſpoke **by** **Moſeſ** **yõur** ſervant, *when* you **brõught** **our** fätherſ **out** of **Egypt**, Lõrd YAHWEH.

54 It was ſo, **that** *when* Solomon had **made** an end of praying **âll** **this** prayer and supplication to YAHWEH, he **aroſe** from befõre the **altar** of YAHWEH, from **kneeling** on his **kneeſ** **with** his handſ ſpread fõrth toward heaven.

55 He **ſtoõd**, and **bleſſed** **âll** the aſſembly of **Iſrael** **with** a **loud** voiçe, **ſaying**,

56 **Bleſſed** be YAHWEH, *who* haſ given reſt to his people **Iſrael**, accõrding to **âll** **that** he **promiſed**: **there** haſ not failed one **wõrd** of **âll** his **gõõd** promiſe, **which** he **promiſed** **by** **Moſeſ** his ſervant.

57 YAHWEH **our** Elohim be **with** us, as he was **with** **our** fätherſ: let him not **leave** us, **nõr** forſake us;

58 **that** he may incline **our** heärts to him, to **wâlk** in **âll** his wayſ, and to **keep** his commandments, and his **ſtatute**, and his **õrdinançeſ**, **which** he commanded **our** fätherſ.

59 Let **theſe** my **wõrdſ**, **with** **which** I have **made** supplication befõre YAHWEH, be **near** to YAHWEH **our** Elohim **day** and **night**, **that** he maintain the **cäuſe** of his ſervant, and the **cäuſe** of his people **Iſrael**, as every **day** **ſhall** require;

60 **that** **á**ll the **peop**le**s** of the **é**ar**th** may **know** **that** YAHWEH, he is Elohim; **there** is **nó**ne else.

61 Let **yó**ur **heä**rt **therefó**re be **pé**rfect with YAHWEH **ó**ur Elohim, to **wá**lk in his **statu**te, and to **keep** his commandments, as at **this** **day**.

62 The king, and **á**ll **I**s**ra**el with him, offered sacrific**é** befó**re** YAHWEH.

63 Solomon offered for the sacrific**é** of **pea**ç**e**-offerings, **wh**ich he offered to YAHWEH, **tw**o and twenty **thou**sand oxen, and one hundred twenty **thou**sand **sheep**. So the king and **á**ll the **ch**ildren of **I**s**ra**el **dedic**ated the **hou**se of YAHWEH.

64 The **sa**me **day** did the king **ma**ke the middle of the **có**urt **hol**y **that** was befó**re** the **hou**se of YAHWEH; for **there** he offered the **bú**rn**t** offering, and the **me**al-offering, and the fat of the **pea**ç**e**-offerings, **beca**ú**se** the **bra**zen **á**ltar **that** was befó**re** YAHWEH was **too** little to **re**ç**e**ive the **bú**rn**t** offering, and the **me**al-offering, and the fat of the **pea**ç**e**-offerings.

65 So Solomon held the **fe**ast at **that** **time**, and **á**ll **I**s**ra**el with him, a **gr**eat assembly, from the **entr**anç**e** of **Ham**ath to the **bró**ok of **Eg**yp**t**, befó**re** YAHWEH **ó**ur Elohim, seven **day**s and seven **day**s, **even** **fó**ur**teen** **day**s.

66 On the **ei**gh**th** **day** he sent the **pe**ople **awa**y; and **the**y **bles**sed the king, and went to **the**ir **ten**ts **joy**ful and glad of **heä**rt for **á**ll the **gó**odness **that** YAHWEH had **sh**own to **Da**vid his **sé**r**v**ant, and to **I**s**ra**el his **pe**ople.

1 Kings 9

1 It happened, **wh**en Solomon had **fin**ished the building of the **hou**se of YAHWEH, and the king's **hou**se, and **á**ll Solomon's **de**sire **wh**ich he was **ple**as**e**d to **de**,

2 **that** YAHWEH **appe**ared to Solomon the **secó**nd **time**, as he had **appe**ared to him at Gibeon.

3 YAHWEH said to him, I have **heä**rd **yó**ur **pr**ayer and **yó**ur **supp**lication, **that** you have **ma**de befó**re** me: I have **ma**de **this** **hou**se **hol**y, **wh**ich you have **bu**ilt, to **pú**t my **na**me **the**re forever; and my **ey**e**s** and my **heä**rt **sh**all be **the**re **perpetu**ally.

4 As for you, if you will **wá**lk befó**re** me, as **Da**vid **yó**ur **fä**th**e**r **wá**lk**e**d, in integrity of **heä**rt, and in **up**ri**gh**tness, to **de** **accó**rding to **á**ll **that** I have **com**manded you, and will **keep** my **statu**te and my **ó**rdin**an**ç**e**s;

5 **th**en I will **estab**lish the **th**rone of **yó**ur **king**dom **ov**er **I**s**ra**el forever, **accó**rding as I **prom**ised to **Da**vid **yó**ur **fä**th**e**r, **sa**ying, **The**re **sh**all not **fa**il you a man on the **th**rone of **I**s**ra**el.

6 But if you **shall tûrn away** from following me, you or yô_{ur} **children**, and not **keep** my commandments and my **statute which** I have set befô_{re} you, but **shall go** and sê_{rve} **ôther gods**, and wô_{rship} **them**;

7 **then** will I cut off **Işrael** **out** of the land **which** I have given **them**; and **this house**, **which** I have **made holy** for my **name**, will I **căst out** of my **sight**; and **Işrael shall be** a provê_{rb} and a **bywôrd** **among** **ăll** **peoples**.

8 **Tho**_{ugh} **this house** is so **high**, yet **shall** everyone **who păsseş** by it be **astonished**, and **shall hiss**; and **they shall say**, **Why** has YAHWEH **dône** **thus** to **this** land, and to **this house**?

9 and **they shall answer**, **Be**_{ca}_{use} **they** forsoô_{ok} YAHWEH **their Elohim**, **who brôught** **fôrt**_h **their făthers** **out** of the land of **Egypt**, and **laid hold** on **ôther gods**, and wô_{rshipped} **them**, and sê_{rved} **them**: **therefôre** has YAHWEH **brôught** **ăll** **this** **evil** on **them**.

10 It happened at the end of twenty **years**, in **which** Solomon had built the **two** **houses**, the **house** of YAHWEH and the king's **house**

11 (**n**_{ow} Hiram the king of **Tyre** had **fûrnişed** Solomon with **çedar trees** and **fîr trees**, and with **gold**, accô_r_d_{ing} to **ăll** his **deşire**), **that** **then** king Solomon **gave** Hiram twenty **çities** in the land of **Galilee**.

12 Hiram **came** **out** from **Tyre** to **see** the **çities** **which** Solomon had given him; and **they** didn't **pleaşe** him.

13 He said, **What** **çities** are **theşe** **which** you have given me, **my** **brother**? **He** **călled** **them** the land of **Cabul** to **this** **day**.

14 Hiram sent to the king one hundred twenty talents of **gold**.

15 **This** is the **reaşon** of the levy **which** king Solomon **raişed**, to build the **house** of YAHWEH, and his **own** **house**, and **Millo**, and the **wăll** of **Jeruşalem**, and **Hazor**, and **Megiddo**, and **Gezer**.

16 **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt** had gone up, and **taken** **Gezer**, and **bûrnt** it with **fire**, and **slain** the **Canaanites** **who** lived in the **çity**, and given it for a **pôrtion** to his **dăughter**, **Solomon's** **wife**.

17 Solomon built **Gezer**, and **Beth**-**horon** the **lower**,

18 and **Baalath**, and **Tamar** in the wilderness, in the land,

19 and **ăll** the **stôre-çities** **that** Solomon had, and the **çities** for his **çhariôts**, and the **çities** for his **hôrsemen**, and **that** **which** Solomon **deşired** to build for his **pleaşure** in **Jeruşalem**, and in **Lebanon**, and in **ăll** the land of his **dôminion**.

20 As for **á**ll the **pe**ople **wh**o were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, **wh**o were not of the **ch**ildren of **I**šrael;

21 **th**eir **ch**ildren **wh**o were left **á**fter **th**em in the land, **wh**o**m** the **ch**ildren of **I**šrael were not **ab**le utterly to destroy, of **th**em did Solomon **ra**iſe a levy of bonds**é**rva**n**ts to **th**is **da**y.

22 But of the **ch**ildren of **I**šrael did Solomon **ma**ke no bonds**é**rva**n**ts; but **th**ey were the men of **wá**r, and his **sé**rva**n**ts, and his prin**ç**eſ, and his captai**n**s, and ruler**s** of his **ch**ari**ó**ts and of his h**ó**rsemen.

23 **Th**eſe were the **ch**ief offi**ç**er**s** **wh**o were **ov**er Solomon's **wó**rk, **fi**ve hundred fifty, **wh**o **bó**re **ru**le **ov**er the **pe**ople **wh**o labored in the **wó**rk.

24 But **Ph**araoh's **dá**ughter **ca**me up **ou**t of the **ç**ity of **Da**vid to her **hou**se **wh**ich [Solomon] had **bu**ilt for her: **th**en did he **bu**ild Millo.

25 **th**ree time**s** a **ye**ar did Solomon offer **bú**rn**t** offerings and **pe**a**ç**e-offerings on the **á**ltar **wh**ich he **bu**ilt to YAHWEH, **bú**rn**ing** in**ç**ense **th**erewith, [on the **á**ltar] **th**at was bef**ó**re YAHWEH. So he **fin**ish**ed** the **hou**se.

26 King Solomon **ma**de a **na**vy of **sh**ips in Ezion-geber, **wh**ich is **bes**ide Eloth, on the **shó**re of the Red **Se**a, in the land of Edom.

27 Hiram sent in the **na**vy his **sé**rva**n**ts, **sailor**s **wh**o had **know**led**g**e of the **se**a, **with** the **sé**rva**n**ts of Solomon.

28 **Th**ey **ca**me to Ophir, and **fe**tch**ed** from **th**ere **go**ld, **fó**ur hundred and twenty talents, and **bró**ught it to king Solomon.

1 Kings 10

1 When the **que**en of **She**ba **h**éard of the **fa**me of Solomon **con**ç**é**rning the **na**me of YAHWEH, she **ca**me to **pr**ov**e** him **with** **há**rd **qu**estio**n**s.

2 She **ca**me to Jeru**ſ**alem **with** a very **gr**eat **tr**ain, **with** camel**s** **th**at **bó**re **sp**iç**e**s, and very **mu**ch **go**ld, and **pr**eç**io**us **sto**n**e**s; and **wh**en she was **co**me to Solomon, she **tá**k**ed** **with** him of **á**ll **th**at was in her **heá**rt.

3 Solomon **to**ld her **á**ll her **qu**estio**n**s: **th**ere was not any**th**ing hidden from the king **wh**ich he didn't tell her.

4 **Wh**en the **que**en of **She**ba had **se**en **á**ll the **wi**ſ**d**om of Solomon, and the **hou**se **th**at he had **bu**ilt,

5 and the **fo**od of his **ta**ble, and the sitting of his **sé**rva**n**ts, and the attendan**ç**e of his minister**s**, and **th**eir **clo**thing, and his cup bearers, and his **as**ç**ent** **by** **wh**ich he went up to the **hou**se of YAHWEH; **th**ere was no **mó**re spirit in her.

6 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 didn't believe the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me; your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are your men, happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, [and] who hear your wisdom.

9 Blessed be YAHWEH your Elohim, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because YAHWEH loved Israel forever, therefore made he you king, to do justice and righteousness.

10 She gave the king one hundred 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 The navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees and precious stones.

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

13 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold,

15 besides [that which] the traders [brought], and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mixed people, and of the governors of the country.

16 King Solomon made two hundred bucklers of beaten gold; six hundred [shekels] of gold went to one buckler.

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

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

19 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays.

20 Twelve **lións** stóod **there** on the one **side** and on the **óther** on the six steps: **there** was **nóthing** like it **made** in any **kingdóm**.

21 All king Solomon's drinking vessels were of **gold**, and **á**ll the vessels of the **house** of the forest of Lebanon were of **pure gold**: **nóne** were of silver; it was **nóthing** accounted of in the **days** of Solomon.

22 For the king had at **sea** a **navy** of **Tärshish** with the **navy** of Hiram: **onçe** every **three years** came the **navy** of **Tärshish**, bringing **gold**, and silver, **ivóry**, and **apes**, and **peacocks**.

23 So king Solomon **exçeeded** **á**ll the **kings** of the **éarth** in **richeş** and in **wişdóm**.

24 All the **éarth** **sóught** the **presençe** of Solomon, to **hear** his **wişdóm**, **which** Elohim had **put** in his **heärt**.

25 **They** **bróught** every man his **tribute**, vessels of silver, and vessels of **gold**, and **clothing**, and **á**rmor, and **spiceş**, **hórses**, and **mule**, a **rate year by year**.

26 Solomon **gathere**d together **chariots** and **hórsemen**: and he had a **thouşand** and **fóur** hundred **chariots**, and twelve **thouşand** **hórsemen**, **that** he **bestow**ed in the **chariót çities**, and with the king at **Jeruşalem**.

27 The king **made** silver to be in **Jeruşalem** as **stoneş**, and **çedarş** **made** he to be as the **sycamóre treeş** **that** are in the **lowland**, for **abundançe**.

28 The **hórses** **which** Solomon had were **bróught** **out** of **Egypt**; and the king's **mêrchants** **reçeived** **them** in **droves**, **each** **drove** at a **pricçe**.

29 A **chariót** **came** up and went **out** of **Egypt** for six hundred [**shekelş**] of silver, and a **hórs**e for one hundred fifty; and so for **á**ll the **kings** of the **Hittite**, and for the **kings** of **Syria**, did **they** bring **them** **out** by **their** **meaş**.

1 Kings 11

1 **N**ew king Solomon **lóved** many **foreign** women, together with the **dáught**er of **Pharaoh**, women of the **Moabites**, **Ammonites**, **Edomites**, **Sidonians**, and **Hittites**;

2 of the **nationş** **conçerning** **which** **YAHWEH** said to the **children** of **Işrael**, **You** **shall** not go **among** **them**, **neither** **shall** **they** **cóme** **among** you; for **surely** **they** will **tûrn** **away** **yóur** **heärt** **áfter** **their** **godş**: Solomon joined to **theşe** in **lóve**.

3 He had seven hundred **wiveş**, **prinçesseş**, and **three** hundred **concubeş**; and his **wiveş** **tûrn**ed **away** his **heärt**.

4 For it happened, **when** Solomon was **old**, **that** his **wiveş** **tûrn**ed **away** his **heärt** **áfter** **óther** **godş**; and his **heärt** was not **pêrfect** with **YAHWEH** his **Elohim**, as was the **heärt** of **David** his **fáther**.

5 For Solomon went **äfter** **Ash~~to~~reth** the goddess of the Sidonians, and **äfter** Milcom the abominati**ön** of the Ammonites.

6 Solomon did **that which** was **evil** in the sight of YAHWEH, and didn't go **füll**y **äfter** YAHWEH, as did **David** his **fäther**.

7 **Then** did Solomon build a **high** **plac**e for **Chemosh** the abominati**ön** of **Moab**, on the **mountain** **that** is **befö**re **Jeru**salem, and for **Molech** the abominati**ön** of the **children** of **Ammon**.

8 So did he for **ä**ll his foreign **wiv**es, **wh**o **bü**rrnt incense and sacrific**ed** to **the**ir gods.

9 YAHWEH was angry **with** Solomon, **beca**use his **he**ärt was **tü**rned away from YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**srael, **wh**o had **appe**ared to him **twi**ce,

10 and had commanded him **con**cerning **this** **th**ing, **that** he **sh**ould not go **äfter** **ö**ther gods: but he didn't **keep** **that** **wh**ich YAHWEH commanded.

11 **Therefö**re YAHWEH said to Solomon, **Beca**use **this** is **dö**ne of you, and you have not kept **my** **cö**venant and **my** **statute**, **wh**ich I have commanded you, I will **sure**ly **tear** the kingd**ö**m from you, and will give it to **yö**ur **s**ervant.

12 **Notwith**standing in **yö**ur **day**s I will not **de** it, for **David** **yö**ur **fä**ther's **sake**: but I will **tear** it **ö**ut of the hand of **yö**ur **sö**n.

13 **How**ever I will not **tear** away **ä**ll the kingd**ö**m; but I will give one **tribe** to **yö**ur **sö**n, for **David** **my** servant's **sake**, and for **Jeru**salem's **sake** **wh**ich I have **chö**sen.

14 YAHWEH **rais**ed up an **adv**ersary to Solomon, **Hadad** the **Edom**ite: he was of the king's **seed** in **Edom**.

15 For it **happ**ened, **wh**en **David** was in **Edom**, and **Joab** the captain of the **host** was gone up to bury the **slain**, and had struck every **male** in **Edom**

16 (for **Joab** and **ä**ll **I**srael **remain**ed **there** six **month**s, until he had cut off every **male** in **Edom**);

17 **th**at **Hadad** fled, he and **c**ertain **Edom**ites of his **fä**ther's **s**ervants **with** him, to go into **Egypt**, **Hadad** **be**ing yet a little **child**.

18 **They** **arö**se **ö**ut of **Midian**, and **cam**e to **Paran**; and **they** **tö**ok men **with** **them** **ö**ut of **Paran**, and **they** **cam**e to **Egypt**, to **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt**, **wh**o **gav**e him a **hou**se, and appointed him **victual**s, and **gav**e him **land**.

19 **Hadad** **ö**und **great** **fav**or in the sight of **Pharaoh**, so **th**at he **gav**e him as **wif**e the sister of his **ö**wn **wif**e, the sister of **Tahpenes** the **queen**.

20 The sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in **Pharaoh's** house; and Genubath was in **Pharaoh's** house among the sons of **Pharaoh**.

21 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 my own country.

22 Then **Pharaoh** said to him, But what have you lacked with me, that behold, you seek to go to your own country? He answered, Nothing: however only let me depart.

23 Elohim raised up [another] adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 He gathered men to him, and became captain over a troop, when David killed them [of Zobah]: and they went to Damascus, and lived therein, and reigned in Damascus.

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

26 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, he also lifted up his hand against the king.

27 This was the reason why he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breach of the city of David his father.

28 The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he gave him charge over all the labor of the house of Joseph.

29 It happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; now [Ahijah] had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field.

30 Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it in twelve pieces.

31 He said to Jeroboam, Take ten pieces; for thus says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you

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

33 because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the

children of Ammon; and **they** have not **walked** in **my ways**, to **do** **that which** is **right** in **my eyes**, and [to **keep**] **my statute** and **my ordinances**, as did **David** his **fäther**.

34 **However** I will not **take** the **whole kingdom** **out** of his hand; but I will **make** him **prince** **ä**ll the **days** of his **life**, for **David** **my** servant's **sake** **whom** I **chose**, **who** kept **my** commandments and **my statute**;

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

36 To his **son** will I give one **tribe**, **that** **David** **my** **sêrvant** **may** have a lamp **ä**lways **beföre** me in **Jerusalem**, the **çity** **which** I have **chosen** me to **püt** **my** **name** **there**.

37 I will **take** you, and you **shall** reign **accörding** to **ä**ll **that** **yöur** **soul** **desires**, and **shall** be king **over** **Işrael**.

38 It **shall** be, if you will listen to **ä**ll **that** I command you, and will **wä**k in **my ways**, and **do** **that which** is **right** in **my eyes**, to **keep** **my statute** and **my** commandments, as **David** **my** **sêrvant** did; **that** I will be **with** you, and will **build** you a **sure house**, as I **built** for **David**, and will give **Işrael** to you.

39 I will for **this** afflict the **seed** of **David**, but not forever.

40 **Solomon** **sö**ught **thereföre** to kill **Jeroboam**; but **Jeroboam** **arose**, and fled into **Egypt**, to **Shishak** king of **Egypt**, and was in **Egypt** until the **death** of **Solomon**.

41 **Now** the rest of the acts of **Solomon**, and **ä**ll **that** he did, and his **wisdom**, **ä**ren't **they** written in the **böök** of the acts of **Solomon**?

42 The **time** **that** **Solomon** reigned in **Jerusalem** **over** **ä**ll **Işrael** was **fört**y **years**.

43 **Solomon** slept **with** his **fäther**, and was buried in the **çity** of **David** his **fäther**: and **Rehoboam** his **son** reigned in his **pläçe**.

1 Kings 12

1 **Rehoboam** went to **Shechem**: for **ä**ll **Işrael** were **cö**me to **Shechem** to **make** him king.

2 It happened, **when** **Jeroboam** the **son** of **Nebat** **he**ard of it (for he was yet in **Egypt**, **where** he had fled from the **preşence** of king **Solomon**, and **Jeroboam** lived in **Egypt**,

3 and **they** sent and **cä**lled him), **that** **Jeroboam** and **ä**ll the assembly of **Işrael** **came**, and **spö**ke to **Rehoboam**, **saying**,

4 **Yöur** **fäther** **made** **ö**ur **yö**ke **grievous**: **now** **thereföre** **make** you the **grievous sê**rvice of **yöur** **fäther**, and his heavy **yö**ke **which** he **püt** on us, **lighter**, and **we** will **sê**rve you.

5 He said to **them**, Depärt yet for **three days**, **then come** again to me. The **people** depärted.

6 King Rehoboam **tóok counsel** with the **old men**, **who** had **stóod befóre** Solomon his **fäther** *while* he yet lived, **saying**, **What counsel** give you me to **retûrn** answer to **this people**?

7 **They spoke** to him, **saying**, If you will be a **sêrvant** to **this people** **this day**, and will **sêrve** **them**, and answer **them**, and **speak good wôrdş** to **them**, **then they** will be **yôur sêrvants** forever.

8 But he **forsóok** the **counsel** of the **old men** *which they* had given him, and **tóok counsel** with the young men **who** had **grown up** with him, **who** **stóod befóre** him.

9 He said to **them**, **What counsel** **de** you give, **that we** may **retûrn** answer to **this people**, **who** have **spoken** to me, **saying**, **Make** the **yoke** **that yôur fäther** did **put** on us **lighter**?

10 The young men **who** had **grown up** with him **spoke** to him, **saying**, **Thus** shall you tell **this people** **who** **spoke** to you, **saying**, **Yôur fäther** made **our yoke** heavy, but **make** you it **lighter** to us; **thus** shall you **speak** to **them**, **My** little finger is **thicker** than **my fäther's** loins.

11 **Now** *whereas* **my fäther** did lade you with a heavy **yoke**, I will add to **yôur yoke**: **my fäther** **chastişed** you with whips, but I will **chastişe** you with **scôrpions**.

12 So Jeroboam and **âll** the **people** **came** to Rehoboam the **thîrd** day, as the king bade, **saying**, **Cóme** to me again the **thîrd** day.

13 The king answered the **people** **roughly**, and **forsóok** the **counsel** of the **old men** *which they* had given him,

14 and **spoke** to **them** **âfter** the **counsel** of the young men, **saying**, **My fäther** made **yôur yoke** heavy, but I will add to **yôur yoke**: **my fäther** **chastişed** you with whips, but I will **chastişe** you with **scôrpions**.

15 So the king didn't listen to the **people**; for it was a **thîng** **bróught** about of YAHWEH, **that** he **might** establish his **wôrd**, *which* YAHWEH **spoke** **by** Ahijah the **Shilonite** to Jeroboam the **són** of Nebat.

16 **When** **âll** **Işrael** **sâw** **that** the king didn't listen to **them**, the **people** answered the king, **saying**, **What pôrtiön** have **we** in **David**? **neither** have **we** inheritance in the **són** of Jesse: to **yôur** tents, **Işrael**: **now see** to **yôur own** house, **David**. So **Işrael** depärted to **their** tents.

17 But as for the **children** of **Işrael** **who** lived in the **çities** of **Judah**, Rehoboam reigned **over** **them**.

18 **Then** king Rehoboam sent Adoram, **who** was **over** the men subject to **forced** labor; and **all** **Išrael** stoned him to death **with** stones. King Rehoboam **made** speed to get him up to his **chariot**, to **flee** to Jeru**ş**alem.

19 So **Išrael** rebelled against the **house** of **David** to **this** day.

20 It happened, when **all** **Išrael** heard **that** Jeroboam was returned, **that** **they** sent and **called** him to the congregati**o**n, and **made** him king **over** **all** **Išrael**: **there** was **no**ne **who** followed the **house** of **David**, but the tribe of **Judah** **only**.

21 When Rehoboam was **come** to Jeru**ş**alem, he assembled **all** the **house** of **Judah**, and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and **eighty** **thou**sand **cho**sen men, **who** were **war**riors, to **fight** against the **house** of **Išrael**, to bring the kingd**o**m again to Rehoboam the **so**n of Solomon.

22 But the **w**ord of Elohim **came** to **Shemaiah** the man of Elohim, **saying**,

23 **Speak** to Rehoboam the **so**n of Solomon, king of **Judah**, and to **all** the **house** of **Judah** and Benjamin, and to the rest of the **pe**ople, **saying**,

24 **Thus** says YAHWEH, **You** shall not go up, **n**or **fight** against **y**our **bro**thers **the** children of **Išrael**: return every man to his **house**; for **this** **th**ing is of me. So **they** listened to the **w**ord of YAHWEH, and returned and went **the**ir way, according to the **w**ord of YAHWEH.

25 **Then** Jeroboam built **Shechem** in the hill-country of **Ephraim**, and lived **the**rein; and he went **o**ut from **the**re, and built Penuel.

26 Jeroboam said in his **he**art, **Now** will the kingd**o**m return to the **house** of **David**:

27 if **this** **pe**ople go up to offer sacrific**e**s in the **house** of YAHWEH at Jeru**ş**alem, **then** will the **he**art of **this** **pe**ople **t**urn again to **the**ir **l**ord, **even** to Rehoboam king of **Judah**; and **they** will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of **Judah**.

28 Whereupon the king **t**ook **c**ounsel, and **made** **two** **c**alves of **gold**; and he said to **them**, It is **too** **much** for you to go up to Jeru**ş**alem: **see** **y**our gods, **Išrael**, **which** **br**ought you up **o**ut of the land of **Egypt**.

29 He set the one in **Bethel**, and the **o**ther **put** he in Dan.

30 **This** **th**ing became a sin; for the **pe**ople went [to **w**orship] bef**o**re the one, **even** to Dan.

31 He **made** **houses** of **high** **plac**es, and **made** **p**riests from among **all** the **pe**ople, **who** were not of the **so**ns of Levi.

32 Jeroboam **o**rdained a **fe**ast in the **eight**th **mo**n**th**, on the **fifteenth** day of the **mo**n**th**, like the **fe**ast **th**at is in **Judah**, and he went up to the **alt**ar; so did he in

Bethel, sacrifici~~ng~~ to the cä~~ve~~s **th**at he had ma~~de~~: and he plac~~ed~~ in Bethel the priests of the hi~~gh~~ plac~~es~~ **th**at he had ma~~de~~.

33 He went up to the ä~~l~~tar whi~~ch~~ he had ma~~de~~ in Bethel on the fifte~~en~~th day in the eigh~~th~~ month, even in the month whi~~ch~~ he had devi~~s~~ed of his own heä~~rt~~: and he ö~~r~~ained a fe~~as~~t for the children of I~~s~~rael, and went up to the ä~~l~~tar, to bü~~r~~n inc~~en~~se.

1 Kings 13

1 Behold, **th**ere ca~~m~~e a man of Elohim ö~~u~~t of Judah **by** the wö~~r~~d of YAHWEH to Beth-el: and Jeroboam was standing **by** the ä~~l~~tar to bü~~r~~n inc~~en~~se.

2 He cri~~e~~d against the ä~~l~~tar **by** the wö~~r~~d of YAHWEH, and said, ä~~l~~tar, ä~~l~~tar, **th**us say~~s~~ YAHWEH: Behold, a sö~~n~~ shall be bö~~r~~n to the house of David, Josiah **by** name; and on you shall he sacrific~~e~~ the priests of the hi~~gh~~ plac~~es~~ whö bü~~r~~n inc~~en~~se on you, and men's bone~~s~~ shall **th**ey bü~~r~~n on you.

3 He ga~~v~~e a si~~gn~~ the sa~~m~~e day, sayi~~ng~~, **Th**is is the si~~gn~~ whi~~ch~~ YAHWEH has spo~~k~~en: Behold, the ä~~l~~tar shall be tö~~r~~n, and the ashe~~s~~ **th**at are on it shall be pö~~u~~red ö~~u~~t.

4 It happen~~e~~d, when the king heä~~r~~d the sayi~~ng~~ of the man of Elohim, whi~~ch~~ he cri~~e~~d against the ä~~l~~tar in Bethel, **th**at Jeroboam püt fö~~r~~th his hand from the ä~~l~~tar, sayi~~ng~~, Lay hold on him. His hand, whi~~ch~~ he püt fö~~r~~th against him, dried up, so **th**at he cou~~l~~d not drä~~w~~ it back agai~~n~~ to him.

5 The ä~~l~~tar ä~~l~~so was tö~~r~~n, and the ashe~~s~~ pö~~u~~red ö~~u~~t from the ä~~l~~tar, accö~~r~~ding to the si~~gn~~ whi~~ch~~ the man of Elohim had given **by** the wö~~r~~d of YAHWEH.

6 The king answer~~e~~d the man of Elohim, Entreat **n**ow the favor of YAHWEH yö~~u~~r Elohim, and pray for me, **th**at my hand may be restö~~r~~ed me agai~~n~~. The man of Elohim entreat~~e~~d YAHWEH, and the king's hand was restö~~r~~ed him agai~~n~~, and beca~~m~~e as it was befö~~r~~e.

7 The king said to the man of Elohim, Cö~~m~~e home **with** me, and refresh yö~~u~~rself, and I will give you a rewä~~r~~d.

8 The man of Elohim said to the king, If you will give me hä~~l~~f yö~~u~~r house, I will not go in **with** you, **n**eith~~e~~r will I eat bread nö~~r~~ drink wä~~t~~er in **th**is plac~~e~~;

9 for so was it chä~~g~~ed me **by** the wö~~r~~d of YAHWEH, sayi~~ng~~, Yö~~u~~ shall eat no bread, nö~~r~~ drink wä~~t~~er, **n**eith~~e~~r retö~~r~~n **by** the way **th**at you ca~~m~~e.

10 So he went anö~~t~~her way, and didn't retö~~r~~n **by** the way **th**at he ca~~m~~e to Bethel.

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

12 **Their** **fäther** said to **them**, **Which way** did he **go**? Now his **sons** had **seen** **which way** the man of Elohim went, **who** came from **Judah**.

13 He said to his **sons**, Saddle me the donkey. So **they** saddled him the donkey; and he **rode** **thereon**.

14 He went **after** the man of Elohim, and **found** him sitting under an **oak**; and he said to him, Are you the man of Elohim **who** came from **Judah**? He said, I am.

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

16 He said, I **may** not **retûrn** **with** you, **nôr** **go** in **with** you; **neither** will I **eat** bread **nôr** drink **wâter** **with** you in **this** **plac**e:

17 for it was said to me **by** the **wôrd** of YAHWEH, **You** **shall** **eat** no bread **nôr** drink **wâter** **there**, **nôr** **tûrn** **again** to **go** **by** the **way** **that** you came.

18 He said to him, I **also** am a **prophet** as you are; and an **angel** **spoke** to me **by** the **wôrd** of YAHWEH, **saying**, Bring him back **with** you into **yôur** **house**, **that** he **may** **eat** bread and drink **wâter**. [But] he **lied** to him.

19 So he went back **with** him, and **ate** bread in his **house**, and drank **wâter**.

20 It happened, as **they** sat at the **table**, **that** the **wôrd** of YAHWEH came to the **prophet** **who** **brôught** him back;

21 and he **cried** to the man of Elohim **who** came from **Judah**, **saying**, **Thus** **says** YAHWEH, **Because** you have **been** disobedient to the **mouth** of YAHWEH, and have not kept the commandment **which** YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim commanded you,

22 but **came** back, and have **eaten** bread and drunk **wâter** in the **plac**e of **which** he said to you, **Eat** no bread, and drink no **wâter**; **yôur** body **shall** not **come** to the **tomb** of **yôur** **fäthers**.

23 It happened, **after** he had **eaten** bread, and **after** he had drunk, **that** he saddled for him the donkey, [to wit], for the **prophet** **who**em he had **brôught** back.

24 **When** he was gone, a **liôn** met him **by** the **way**, and killed him: and his body was **cäst** in the **way**, and the donkey **stôod** **by** it; the **liôn** **also** **stôod** **by** the body.

25 **Behold**, men **pässe**d **by**, and **sâw** the body **cäst** in the **way**, and the **liôn** standing **by** the body; and **they** came and **told** it in the **çity** **where** the **old** **prophet** lived.

26 When the prophet **wh**e br**ô**ught him back from the way h**ê**ard of it, he said, It is the man of Elohim, **wh**e was disobedient to the **m**outh of YAHWEH: **th**ere**ô**re YAHWEH ha**ş** delivered him to the **li**on, **wh**ich ha**ş** t**ô**rn him, and slain him, acc**ô**rding to the w**ô**rd of YAHWEH, **wh**ich he sp**ô**ke to him.

27 He sp**ô**ke to his s**ô**n**ş**, saying, Saddle me the donkey. **Th**ey saddled it.

28 He went and **f**ound his body c**ä**st in the way, and the donkey and the **li**on standing **by** the body: the **li**on had not **e**aten the body, n**ô**r t**ô**rn the donkey.

29 The prophet t**ô**ok up the body of the man of Elohim, and **l**aid it on the donkey, and br**ô**ught it back; and he **c**ame to the **ç**ity of the **o**ld prophet, to m**ô**urn, and to bury him.

30 He **l**aid his body in his **o**wn grave; and **th**ey m**ô**urned **o**ver him, [**s**aying], Alas, my br**ô**ther!

31 It happened, **ä**fter he had buried him, **th**at he sp**ô**ke to his s**ô**n**ş**, saying, When I am dead, **th**en bury me in the **t**omb in **wh**ich the man of Elohim is buried; **l**ay my **b**one**ş** beside his bone**ş**.

32 F**ô**r the saying **wh**ich he **c**ried **by** the w**ô**rd of YAHWEH against the **ä**ltar in Bethel, and against **ä**ll the **h**ouse**ş** of the **h**igh **pl**ace**ş** **wh**ich are in the **ç**ities of Samaria, **sh**all **s**urely happen.

33 **ä**fter **th**is **th**ing Jeroboam didn't ret**ô**rn from his **e**vil way, but **m**ade **a**gain from among **ä**ll the **p**eople priests of the **h**igh **pl**ace**ş**: **wh**oever w**ô**uld, he consecrated him, **th**at **th**ere **m**ight be priests of the **h**igh **pl**ace**ş**.

34 **Th**is **th**ing became sin to the **h**ouse of Jeroboam, **e**ven to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the **s**ur**ç**face of the **ë**arth.

1 Kings 14

1 At **th**at **t**ime Abijah the **s**on of Jeroboam fell sick.

2 Jeroboam said to his **w**ife, **P**le**a**se get up and di**ş**gu**i**se y**ô**urself, **th**at you not be **k**nown to be the **w**ife of Jeroboam; and get you to Shiloh: **b**ehold, **th**ere is Ahijah the prophet, **wh**e sp**ô**ke **c**on**ç**êrning me **th**at I **sh**ould be king **o**ver **th**is **p**eople.

3 **T**ake **w**ith you ten **l**oave**ş**, and **c**akes, and a **j**är of **h**oney, and **g**o to him: he will tell you **wh**at **sh**all bec**ô**me of the **ç**ild.

4 Jeroboam'**ş** **w**ife did so, and aro**ş**e, and went to Shiloh, and **c**ame to the **h**ouse of Ahijah. **N**ow Ahijah **c**ould not **s**ee; for his **e**y**e**ş were set **by** **r**e**a**şon of his **a**g**e**.

5 YAHWEH said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam comes to inquire of you concerning her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shall you tell her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will feign herself to be another woman.

6 It was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, you wife of Jeroboam; why feign you yourself to be another? for I am sent to you with heavy news.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel: Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over my people Israel,

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

9 but have done evil above all who were before you, and have gone and made you other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and have cast me behind your back:

10 therefore, behold, I will bring evil on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every man-child, him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweeps away dung, until it be all gone.

11 Him who dies of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him who dies in the field shall the birds of the sky eat: for YAHWEH has spoken it.

12 Arise you therefore, get you to your house: [and] when your feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 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 YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

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

15 For YAHWEH will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he will root up Israel out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking YAHWEH to anger.

16 He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he has sinned, and with which he has made Israel to sin.

17 Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: [and] as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died.

18 All Işrael buried him, and mōurned for him, accōrding to the wōrd of YAHWEH, **which** he spok**e** by his sērvant Ahijah the prophet.

19 The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, **hōw** he warred, and **hōw** he reigned, behold, **they** are written in the bōōk of the chronicles of the kings of Işrael.

20 The days **which** Jeroboam reigned were tw**e** and twenty year**ş**: and he slept with his fäther**ş**, and Nadab his s**ō**n reigned in his plac**e**.

21 Rehoboam the s**ō**n of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was fōrt**y**-one year**ş** old when he began to reign, and he reigned sevent**een** year**ş** in Jeru**ş**alem, the çity **which** YAHWEH had ch**o**şen **ō**ut of **ā**ll the tribe**ş** of Işrael, to put his name **there**: and his m**ō**ther's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

22 Judah did **that** **which** was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, and **they** pr**o**vo**k**ed him to jealousy with **their** sin**ş** **which** **they** committed, ab**o**ve **ā**ll **that** **their** fäther**ş** had d**ō**ne.

23 F**ō**r **they** **ā**l**so** built **them** h**i**gh plac**e****ş**, and pillar**ş**, and Asherim, on every h**i**gh hill, and under every green tree;

24 and **there** were **ā**l**so** sodomites in the land: **they** did accōrding to **ā**ll the abominat**ō**n**ş** of the nation**ş** **which** YAHWEH drove **ō**ut bef**ō**re the children of Işrael.

25 It happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, **that** **Shishak** king of **Egypt** came up against Jeru**ş**alem;

26 and he t**ō**ok away the treas**u**re**ş** of the h**o**use of YAHWEH, and the treas**u**re**ş** of the king's h**o**use; he **even** t**ō**ok away **ā**ll: and he t**ō**ok away **ā**ll the shield**ş** of gold **which** Solomon had made.

27 King Rehoboam made in **their** plac**e** shield**ş** of brä**ss**, and committed **them** to the hand**ş** of the captain**ş** of the gu**ä**rd, wh**o** kept the d**ō**or of the king's h**o**use.

28 It was so, **th**at as of**ten** as the king went into the h**o**use of YAHWEH, the gu**ä**rd b**ō**re **them**, and br**ō**ught **them** back into the gu**ä**rd-chamber.

29 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and **ā**ll **that** he did, **ä**ren't **they** written in the bōōk of the chronicle**ş** of the kings of Judah?

30 **T**here was w**ä**r between Rehoboam and Jeroboam c**ō**ntinu**ä**lly.

31 Rehoboam slept with his fäther**ş**, and was buried with his fäther**ş** in the çity of David: and his m**ō**ther's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijam his s**ō**n reigned in his plac**e**.

1 Kings 15

1 **N**ow in the **eighteenth** year of king Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat began Abijam to reign **over** Judah.

2 **three** year**ş** reigned he in Jeru**ş**alem: and his **móther's** name was Maacah the **dá**ughter of Abishalom.

3 He wá**l**ked in **á**ll the sin**ş** of his **fá**ther, **whi**ch he had **dó**ne befó**r**e him; and his heá**r**t was not p**ê**rfect with YAHWEH his Elohim, as the heá**r**t of David his **fá**ther.

4 Never**th**eless for David's **sake** did YAHWEH his Elohim give him a lamp in Jeru**ş**alem, to set up his **son** **á**fter him, and to establish Jeru**ş**alem;

5 beca**u**se David did **that** **whi**ch was **ri**ght in the **ey**ş of YAHWEH, and didn't **tú**rn **aside** from any**thi**ng **th**at he commanded him **á**ll the **day**ş of his **life**, **ex**cept **only** in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 **N**ow **there** was wá**r** between Rehoboam and Jeroboam **á**ll the **day**ş of his **life**.

7 The rest of the acts of Abijam, and **á**ll **th**at he did, **á**ren't **they** written in the **boó**k of the **chronicle**ş of the king**ş** of Judah? **T**here was wá**r** between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 Abijam slept **with** his **fá**ther**ş**; and **they** buried him in the **ç**ity of David: and Asa his **son** reigned in his **plac**e.

9 In the **twentieth** year of Jeroboam king of I**ş**rael began Asa to reign **over** Judah.

10 **Fó**rt^y-one year**ş** reigned he in Jeru**ş**alem: and his **mó**ther's name was Maacah the **dá**ughter of Abi**sh**alom.

11 Asa did **that** **whi**ch was **ri**ght in the **ey**ş of YAHWEH, as did David his **fá**ther.

12 He **pú**t away the sodomites **out** of the land, and removed **á**ll the **idol**ş **th**at his **fá**ther**ş** had **made**.

13 **á**l**so** Maacah his **mó**ther he removed from being **queen**, beca**u**se she had **made** an abominable **imag**e for an **Ash**erah; and Asa cut **down** her **imag**e, and **bú**rn**t** it at the **bró**ok Kidron.

14 But the **hi**gh **plac**e**ş** were not **taken** away: never**th**eless the heá**r**t of Asa was p**ê**rfect with YAHWEH **á**ll his **day**ş.

15 He br**ó**ught into the **house** of YAHWEH the **thi**ng**ş** **th**at his **fá**ther had dedicated, and the **thi**ng**ş** **th**at himself had dedicated, silver, and **gold**, and vessels.

16 **T**here was wá**r** between Asa and Baasha king of I**ş**rael **á**ll **th**eir **day**ş.

17 Baasha king of Işrael went up against Judah, and built Ramah, **that** he might not allow anyone 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 treasureş of the house of YAHWEH, and the treasureş of the king's house, and delivered **them** into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent **them** to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, **who** lived at Damascus, saying,

19 [There is] a league between me and you, between my father and your father: behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; go, break your league with Baasha king of Işrael, **that** he may depart from me.

20 Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Işrael, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and **all** Chinneroth, with **all** the land of Naphtali.

21 It happened, when Baasha heard of it, **that** he left off building Ramah, and lived in Tirzah.

22 **Then** king Asa made a proclamation to **all** Judah; **no**ne was exempted: and **they** carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber of it, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built **therewith** Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 **Now** the rest of **all** the acts of Asa, and **all** his might, and **all** **that** he did, and the cities which he built, **aren't** they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

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

25 Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Işrael in the second year of Asa king of Judah; and he reigned over Işrael two years.

26 He did **that** which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Işrael to sin.

27 Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and **all** Işrael were laying siege to Gibbethon.

28 **Even** in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha kill him, and reigned in his place.

29 It happened **that**, as soon as he was king, he struck **all** the house of Jeroboam: he didn't leave to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him; according to the saying of YAHWEH, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite;

30 for the sin $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of Jeroboam *whi**ch*** he sinned, and *with whi**ch*** he made I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael to sin, beca $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ se of his provocation *with whi**ch*** he *pr**o**vo**k**e**d*** YAHWEH, the Elohim of I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael, to anger.

31 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Nadab, and **ä**ll **th**at he did, **ä**ren't **th**ey written in the **b**öök of the *chronicle $\text{\textcircled{S}}$* of the king $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael?

32 **T**here was **w**ärr between Asa and Baasha king of I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael **ä**ll **th**eir **d**ay $\text{\textcircled{S}}$.

33 In the **th**ird year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the **s**ön of Ahijah to reign **o**ver **ä**ll I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael in Tîrzah, [and reigned] twenty-f**ö**ur **y**ear $\text{\textcircled{S}}$.

34 He did **th**at *whi**ch*** was **e**vil in the **s**i**gh**t of YAHWEH, and *wä**k**e**d*** in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin *with whi**ch*** he made I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael to sin.

1 Kings 16

1 The **w**ö**r**d of YAHWEH **c**ame to Jehu the **s**ön of Hanani **a**gainst Baasha, saying,

2 Beca $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ se I **e**xä**l**ted you **o**ut of the dust, and **m**ade you **pr**in**ç**e **o**ver **m**y **p**eople I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael, and you have *wä**k**e**d*** in the way of Jeroboam, and have **m**ade **m**y **p**eople I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael to sin, to **p**ro**v**o**k**e me to anger *with their sin $\text{\textcircled{S}}$* ;

3 **b**e**h**old, I will utterly **s**w**e**e**p** away Baasha and his **h**öuse; and I will **m**ake **y**ö**u**r **h**öuse **l**i**k**e the **h**öuse of Jeroboam the **s**ön of Nebat.

4 Him **wh**ö **d**i**e** $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of Baasha in the **ç**ity **sh**all the dog $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ **e**at; and him **wh**ö **d**i**e** $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of his in the **f**ield **sh**all the **b**îr**d** $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of the sky **e**at.

5 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Baasha, and **wh**ä**t** he did, and his **m**i**gh**t, **ä**ren't **th**ey written in the **b**öök of the *chronicle $\text{\textcircled{S}}$* of the king $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael?

6 Baasha slept *with his fä**th**er $\text{\textcircled{S}}$* , and was buried in Tîrzah; and Elah his **s**ön reigned in his **pl**a**ç**e.

7 **M**ö**r**e**o**ver **b**y the **p**ro**ph**et Jehu the **s**ön of Hanani **c**ame the **w**ö**r**d of YAHWEH **a**gainst Baasha, and **a**gainst his **h**öuse, **bo**th beca $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ se of **ä**ll the **e**vil **th**at he did in the **s**i**gh**t of YAHWEH, to **p**ro**v**o**k**e him to anger *with the wö**r**k of his hand $\text{\textcircled{S}}$* , in **b**e**i**ng **l**i**k**e the **h**öuse of Jeroboam, and beca $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ se he struck him.

8 In the twenty-six**th** year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the **s**ön of Baasha to reign **o**ver I $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ rael in Tîrzah, [and reigned] **tw**ö **y**ear $\text{\textcircled{S}}$.

9 His **s**ê**r**vant Zimri, captain of **h**ä**f** his **ç**ariöts, **c**ö**n**s**p**i**r**e**d** **a**gainst him. **N**ow he was in Tîrzah, drinking himself drunk in the **h**öuse of Arza, **wh**ö was **o**ver the **h**öuse**h**ö**l**d in Tîrzah:

10 and Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

11 It happened, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he struck all the house of Baasha: he didn't leave him a single man-child, neither of his relatives, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy 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, which they sinned, and with which they made Israel to sin, to provoke YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tîrzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 The people who were encamped heard say, Zimri has conspired, and has also struck the king: therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tîrzah.

18 It happened, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the castle 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 that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, 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 did, aren't they 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 of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

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

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, [and reigned] twelve years: six years reigned he in Tîrzah.

24 He b^ought the hill Samaria of **Shemer** for **two** talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and c^alled the name of the cⁱty **which** he built, **a**fter the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria.

25 Omri did **that which** was **evil** in the sight of YAHWEH, and dealt wickedly **a**bove **a**ll **who** were bef^ore him.

26 For he w^alked in **a**ll the way of Jeroboam the s^on of Nebat, and in his sin^s **with which** he made I^srael to sin, to p^rovoke YAHWEH, the Elohim of I^srael, to anger **with their vanities**.

27 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Omri **which** he did, and his **might that he shown**, **a**ren't **they** written in the b^ook of the *chronicles* of the king^s of I^srael?

28 So Omri slept **with** his f^ather^s, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his s^on reigned in his pl^ace.

29 In the **thirty-eight** year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the s^on of Omri to reign **over** I^srael: and Ahab the s^on of Omri reigned **over** I^srael in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 Ahab the s^on of Omri did **that which** was **evil** in the sight of YAHWEH **a**bove **a**ll **that** were bef^ore him.

31 It happened, as if it had **been** a **light** **th**ing for him to w^alk in the sin^s of Jeroboam the s^on of Nebat, **that** he **t**ook as **w**ife Jezebel the d^aughter of **Eth**baal king of the Sidonians, and went and s^erved Baal, and w^orshipped him.

32 He reared up an **a**ltar for Baal in the **h**ouse of Baal, **which** he had built in Samaria.

33 Ahab made the **Asherah**; and Ahab did yet **m**ore to p^rovoke YAHWEH, the Elohim of I^srael, to anger **than a**ll the king^s of I^srael **who** were bef^ore him.

34 In his **day**s did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he **l**aidd the **f**oundation of it **with** the loss of Abiram his fir**st**b^orn, and set up the **g**ates of it **with** the loss of his youngest s^on Segub, acc^ording to the w^ord of YAHWEH, **which** he spoke **by** Joshua the s^on of Nun.

1 Kings 17

1 Elijah the Tishbite, **who** was of the sojourners of Gilead, said to Ahab, As YAHWEH, the Elohim of I^srael, lives, bef^ore **wh**em I stand, **there shall** not be dew **n**or **r**ain **these** years, but acc^ording to my w^ord.

2 The w^ord of YAHWEH **c**ame to him, **s**aying,

3 Get you **h**ence, and **t**urn you **e**astward, and **h**ide **y**ourself by the brook Cherith, **that** is bef^ore the J^ordan.

4 It **shall** be, **that** you **shall** drink of the bröök; and I have commanded the ravens to **feed** you **there**.

5 So he went and did according to the wörd of YAHWEH; for he went and lived by the bröök Cherith, **that** is beföre the Jördan.

6 The ravens brought him bread and flesh in the mörning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the bröök.

7 It happened äfter a while, **that** the bröök dried up, because **there** was no rain in the land.

8 The wörd of YAHWEH came to him, saying,

9 Arise, get you to Zarephath, **which** belongs to Sidon, and dwell **there**: behold, I have commanded a widow **there** to sustain you.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was **there** gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Please get me a little wäter in a vessel, **that** I may drink.

11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, and said, Please bring me a morsel of bread in yör hand.

12 She said, As YAHWEH yör Elohim lives, I ären't **they** a cake, but a handful of meal in the jär, and a little oil in the jär: and, behold, I am gathering twe sticks, **that** I may go in and bake it for me and my sön, **that** we may eat it, and die.

13 Elijah said to her, Don't be afraid; go and do as you have said; but make me of it a little cake first, and bring it förth to me, and äfterward make for you and for yör sön.

14 För **thus** says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israhel, The jär of meal **shall** not empty, **neither** **shall** the jär of oil fail, until the day **that** YAHWEH sends rain on the eärtth.

15 She went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, ate [many] days.

16 The jär of meal didn't empty, **neither** did the jär of oil fail, according to the wörd of YAHWEH, **which** he spoke by Elijah.

17 It happened äfter **thes** things, **that** the sön of the wöman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so söre, **that** **there** was no breath left in him.

18 She said to Elijah, **What** have I to do with you, you man of Elohim? you are come to me to bring my sin to memory, and to kill my sön!

19 He said to her, Give me y^our s^on. He t^ook him **o**ut of her b^os^om, and carried him up into the **ch**amber, *where he abode*, and laid him on his **o**wn bed.

20 He **cri**ed to YAHWEH, and said, YAHWEH **my** Elohim, have you **á**lso br^ought **ev**il on the wid^ow with *whom* I sojourn, **by** killing her s^on?

21 He stret**ch**ed himself on the **ch**ild **thr**ee tim^es, and **cri**ed to YAHWEH, and said, YAHWEH **my** Elohim, ple^ase let **this** child's s^oul **c**ome into him again.

22 YAHWEH list^ened to the voi**ç**e of Elijah; and the s^oul of the **ch**ild **cam**e into him again, and he revⁱved.

23 Elijah t^ook the **ch**ild, and br^ought him **d**own **o**ut of the **ch**amber into the **h**ouse, and delivered him to his m^other; and Elijah said, Behold, y^our s^on live**s**.

24 The w^oman said to Elijah, **N**ow I **kn**ow **th**at you are a man of Elohim, and **th**at the w^ord of YAHWEH in y^our **m**outh is **tr**uth.

1 Kings 19

1 Ahab told Jezebel **á**ll **th**at Elijah had **d**one, and withal **h**ow he had sl^ain **á**ll the **pr**ophets with the sw^ord.

2 Then Jezebel send a messenger to Elijah, **s**aying, So let the god**s** **d**e to me, and m^ore **á**lso, if I **don**'t make y^our **l**ife as the **l**ife of one of **th**em **by** **t**omorrow **ab**out **this** **t**ime.

3 *When* he **sá**w **th**at, he ar^ose, and went for his **l**ife, and **cam**e to Beersheba, *which* belong**s** to Judah, and left his s^er^vant **th**ere.

4 But he himself went a **day**'s **jo**urney into the wilderness, and **cam**e and sat **d**own under a **jun**iper **tr**ee: and he **re**quested for himself **th**at he **mi**ght **d**ie, and said, It is **en**ough; **n**ow, O YAHWEH, **take** away my **l**ife; for I am not better **th**an my **fá**ther**s**.

5 He **lay** **d**own and slept under a juniper **tr**ee; and, **beh**old, an **ang**el **touch**ed him, and said to him, **Aris**e and **e**at.

6 He **l**ook**ed**, and, **beh**old, **th**ere was at his head a **cake** **bak**ed on the **co**al**s**, and a **jar** of wáter. He **ate** and drink, and laid him **d**own again.

7 The **ang**el of YAHWEH **cam**e again the **sec**ond **t**ime, and **touch**ed him, and said, **Aris**e and **e**at, **bec**aus**e** the **jo**urney is **too** **gr**eat for you.

8 He ar^ose, and **ate** and drink, and went in the strength of **th**at **feed** **fó**rty **day**s and **fó**rty **n**ights to Horeb the **M**ount of Elohim.

9 He **cam**e **th**ere to a **cave**, and lod**g**ed **th**ere; and, **beh**old, the w^ord of YAHWEH **cam**e to him, and he said to him, *What* are you **d**oing **h**ere, Elijah?

10 He said, I have **been** very jealous for YAHWEH, the Elohim of **hosts**; for the **children** of **Išrael** have forsaken **yôur** **covenant**, **thrown** **down** **yôur** **âltarş**, and **slain** **yôur** **prophets** with the **swôrd**: and I, **even** I **only**, am left; and **they** **seek** **my** **life**, to **take** it away.

11 He said, **Go** **fôrth**, and stand on the **mountain** befôre YAHWEH. **Behold**, YAHWEH **pässe**d **by**, and a **great** and strong wind **tôre** the **mountainş**, and **broke** in **pieceş** the rocks befôre YAHWEH; but YAHWEH was not in the wind: and **âfter** the wind an **êarthquake**; but YAHWEH was not in the **êarthquake**:

12 and **âfter** the **êarthquake** a **fire**; but YAHWEH was not in the **fire**: and **âfter** the **fire** a still **smâll** **voicę**.

13 It was so, **when** **Elijah** **hêard** it, **that** he **wrapp**ed his **façę** in his mantle, and went **out**, and **stôod** in the **entrancę** of the **cave**. **Behold**, **there** **came** a **voicę** to him, and said, **Whâ**t are you **do**ing **here**, **Elijah**?

14 He said, I have **been** very jealous for YAHWEH, the Elohim of **hosts**; for the **children** of **Išrael** have forsaken **yôur** **covenant**, **thrown** **down** **yôur** **âltarş**, and **slain** **yôur** **prophets** with the **swôrd**; and I, **even** I **only**, am left; and **they** **seek** **my** **life**, to **take** it away.

15 YAHWEH said to him, **Go**, **retûrn** on **yôur** **way** to the wilderness of Damascus: and **when** you **côme**, you **shall** anoint Hazael to be king **over** Syria;

16 and Jehu the **sôn** of **Nimshi** **shall** you anoint to be king **over** **Išrael**; and **Elisha** the **sôn** of **Shaphat** of Abel-meholah **shall** you anoint to be **prophet** in **yôur** **reem**.

17 It **shall** happen, **that** he **whô** **escap**es from the **swôrd** of Hazael **shall** Jehu kill; and he **whô** **escap**es from the **swôrd** of Jehu **shall** Elisha kill.

18 Yet will I **leav**e [me] seven **thouş**and in **Išrael**, **âll** the **kneeş** **whic**h have not **bow**ed to Baal, and every **mou**th **whic**h has not **kiss**ed him.

19 So he **depâ**rted **there**, and **fo**und **Elisha** the **sôn** of **Shaphat**, **whô** was **plow**ing, with twelve **yoke** [of oxen] befôre him, and he with the **twelf**th: and **Elijah** **pässe**d **over** to him, and **câst** his mantle on him.

20 He left the oxen, and ran **âfter** **Elijah**, and said, Let me, I **pray** you, kiss **my** **fâther** and **my** **môther**, and **then** I will follow you. **He** said to him, **Go** back again; for **whâ**t have I **do**ne to you?

21 He **retû**rned from following him, and **tôok** the **yoke** of oxen, and **killed** **them**, and **boiled** **their** **flesh** with the instruments of the oxen, and **gav**e to the **peo**ple, and **they** **ate**. **Then** he **arôş**e, and went **âfter** **Elijah**, and **minister**ed to him.

1 Kings 20

1 Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered **á**ll his **host** together; and **there** were **thirty-two** kings **with** him, and **hó**rse**š** and **chari**óts: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and **fó**ught against it.

2 He sent messenger**š** to Ahab king of I**š**rael, into the **ç**ity, and said to him, **Thus** say**š** Ben-hadad,

3 **Yó**ur silver and **yó**ur gold is mine; **yó**ur wive**š** **á**lso and **yó**ur **children**, even the best, are mine.

4 The king of I**š**rael answered, It is accórding to **yó**ur saying, my **ló**rd, O king; I am **yó**ur**š**, and **á**ll **that** I have.

5 The messenger**š** came again, and said, **Thus** speaks Ben-hadad, saying, I sent indeed to you, saying, **You** shall deliver me **yó**ur silver, and **yó**ur gold, and **yó**ur wive**š**, and **yó**ur **children**;

6 but I will send my **sé**rva**nt**s to you **tó**morrow about **this** time, and **they** shall **sé**ar**ch** **yó**ur **house**, and the **hou**se**š** of **yó**ur **sé**rva**nt**s; and it **shall** be, **that** *whatever* is pleá**š**ant in **yó**ur **eye****š**, **they** shall **pú**t it in **their** hand, and **take** it away.

7 **Then** the king of I**š**rael **cá**lled **á**ll the elder**š** of the land, and said, **Pleá**se **noti**çe **how** **this** man **seek**s mis**chie**f: for he sent to me for my **wive****š**, and for my **children**, and for my **silver**, and for my **gold**; and I didn't deny him.

8 All the elder**š** and **á**ll the **pe**ople said to him, **Don't** you listen, **neither** consent.

9 **There**fo**re** he said to the messenger**š** of Ben-hadad, Tell my **ló**rd the king, **á**ll **that** you did send for to **yó**ur **sé**rva**nt** at the **fí**rst I will **de**; but **this** **thi**ng I **may** not **de**. The messenger**š** depá**rt**ed, and bró**ught** him wó**rd** again.

10 Ben-hadad sent to him, and said, The god**š** **de** so to me, and **mó**re **á**lso, if the dust of Samaria **shall** suffi**ç**e for handfuls for **á**ll the **pe**ople **who** follow me.

11 The king of I**š**rael answered, Tell him, **Don't** let him **who** gí**rd**š on [his **á**rmor] **boá**st himself as he **who** **pú**ts it off.

12 It happened, *when* [Ben-hadad] **hé**ard **this** **messag**e, as he was drinking, he and the king**š**, in the pavilion**š**, **that** he said to his **sé**rva**nt**s, Set [**yó**ur**selve****š** in array]. **They** set [**themselve****š** in array] against the **ç**ity.

13 Behold, a **prophet** came **near** to Ahab king of I**š**rael, and said, **Thus** say**š** YAHWEH, Have you **seen** **á**ll **this** **great** multitude? behold, I will deliver it into **yó**ur hand **this** **day**; and you **shall** **know** **that** I am YAHWEH.

14 Ahab said, **By whom?** He said, **Thus says YAHWEH, By the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, who shall begin the battle? He answered, You.**

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

16 **They went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him.**

17 **The young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out from Samaria.**

18 **He said, Whether they are come out for peace, take them alive, or whether they are come out for war, taken them alive.**

19 **So these went out of the city, the young men of the princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them.**

20 **They killed everyone his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with horsemen.**

21 **The king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.**

22 **The prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said to him, Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see what you do; for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.**

23 **The servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their god is a god 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 **Do this thing: take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their room;**

25 **and number you an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot; and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. He listened to their voice, and did so.**

26 **It happened at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.**

27 **The children of Israel were mustered, and were provisioned, and went against them: and the children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.**

28 A man of Elohim **came near** and **spoke** to the king of **Išrael**, and said, **Thus says** YAHWEH, **Because** the Syrians have said, YAHWEH is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys; **therefore** will I deliver **all this great multitude** into **yôur** hand, and you **shall know that** I am YAHWEH.

29 **They encamped** one **over against** the **other** seven **days**. So it was, **that** in the **seventh day** the battle was joined; and the **children of Išrael** killed of the Syrians one hundred **thousand footmen** in one **day**.

30 But the rest fled to **Aphék**, into the **çity**; and the **wáll** fell on twenty-seven **thousand** men **who** were left. Ben-hadad fled, and **came** into the **çity**, into an inner **chamber**.

31 His **sêrvants** said to him, **See now**, we have **heard that** the **kings** of the **house** of **Išrael** are **mêrciful** **kings**: let us, **we pray** you, **pút** sackcloth on **our** loins, and **ropes** on **our** heads, and **go** **out** to the king of **Išrael**: peradventure he will **save yôur** life.

32 So **they gârded** sackcloth on **their** loins, and [**pút**] **ropes** on **their** heads, and **came** to the king of **Išrael**, and said, **Yôur sêrvant** Ben-hadad says, **pleaše** let me live. **He** said, Is he yet **alive**? he is **my** **brother**.

33 **Now** the men **obseerved** diligently, and **hurried** to **catch whether** it were his **mind**; and **they** said, **Yôur** **brother** Ben-hadad. **Then** he said, **Go** you, bring him. **Then** Ben-hadad **came forth** to him; and he **caused** him to **come** up into the **chariot**.

34 [Ben-hadad] said to him, The **çities** **which** **my** **fâther** **tôok** from **yôur** **fâther** I will **restôre**; and you **shall** **make** **streets** for you in Damascus, as **my** **fâther** **made** in **Samaria**. I, [said Ahab], will let you **go with this** **covenant**. So he **made** a **covenant** **with** him, and let him **go**.

35 A **çertain** man of the **sons** of the **prophets** said to his **fellow** **by** the **wôrd** of YAHWEH, **Pleaše** **strike** me. The man **refused** to **strike** him.

36 **Then** said he to him, **Because** you have not **obeyed** the **voicë** of YAHWEH, **behold**, as **seen** as you are **depârted** from me, a **liôn** **shall** **kill** you. As **seen** as he was **depârted** from him, a **liôn** **found** him, and **killed** him.

37 **Then** he **found** **another** man, and said, **Pleaše** **strike** me. The man **struck** him, **smiting** and **wounding** him.

38 So the **prophet** **depârted**, and **waited** for the king **by** the **way**, and **disguisèd** himself **with** his headband **over** his **eyes**.

39 As the king **pâssed** **by**, he **cried** to the king; and he said, **Yôur sêrvant** went **out** into the midst of the battle; and, **behold**, a man **tûrned** **aside**, and **brought** a man to me,

and said, **Keep this** man: if **by any means** he be missing, **then shall yôur life** be for his **life**, or else you **shall pay** a talent of silver.

40 As **yôur sêrvant** was busy **here** and **there**, he was gone. The king of **Išrael** said to him, So **shall yôur judgment** be; **yôurself** have **deçided** it.

41 He **hurried**, and **tôok** the headband **away** from his **eyes**; and the king of **Išrael** **disçerned** him **that** he was of the **prophets**.

42 He said to him, **Thus says** YAHWEH, **Beçause** you have let **go** **out** of **yôur hand** the man **whom** I had **devoted** to **destruction**, **therefôre** **yôur life** **shall go** for his **life**, and **yôur people** for his **people**.

43 The king of **Išrael** went to his **house** heavy and **displeasèd**, and **came** to **Samaria**.

1 Kings 21

1 It happened **âfter** **thesè things**, **that** Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyârd, **which** was in Jezreel, **hârd by** the **palaçe** of Ahab king of **Samaria**.

2 Ahab **spoke** to Naboth, **saying**, Give me **yôur vineyârd**, **that** I **may** have it for a **gården** of **hêrbş**, **beçause** it is **near** to **my house**; and I will give you for it a better vineyârd **than** it: or, if it **seem** **gôod** to you, I will give you the **wôrth** of it in **môney**.

3 Naboth said to Ahab, YAHWEH **fôrbid** it me, **that** I **shôuld** give the **inheritançe** of **my fâtherş** to you.

4 Ahab **came** into his **house** heavy and **displeasèd** **beçause** of the **wôrd** **which** Naboth the Jezreelite had **spoken** to him; for he had said, I will not give you the **inheritançe** of **my fâtherş**. He **laid** him **down** on his bed, and **tûrned** **away** his **façe**, and **wôuld** **eat** no bread.

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

6 He said to her, **Beçause** I **spoke** to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me **yôur vineyârd** for **môney**; or else, if it **pleasè** you, I will give you [**anôther**] vineyârd for it: and he **answered**, I will not give you **my vineyârd**.

7 Jezebel his **wife** said to him, **De** you **now** **gôvêrn** the **kingdôm** of **Išrael**? **arişè**, and **eat** bread, and let **yôur heârt** be merry: I will give you the vineyârd of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she **wrote** **letterş** in Ahab's **name**, and **sealed** **them** **with** his **seal**, and sent the **letterş** to the **elderş** and to the **nobleş** **whô** were in his **çity**, [**and**] **whô** lived **with** Naboth.

9 She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

10 and set two men, base fellows, before him, and let them testify against him, saying, You did curse Elohim and the king. Then carry him out, and stone him to death.

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

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

13 The two men, the base fellows, came in and sat before him: and the base fellows bore witness against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did curse Elohim and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones.

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

15 It happened, 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 you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 It happened, 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 The word of YAHWEH came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwells in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he is gone down to take possession of it.

19 You shall speak to him, saying, Thus says YAHWEH, Have you killed and also taken possession? You shall speak to him, saying, Thus says YAHWEH, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even your.

20 Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, my enemy? He answered, I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in the sight of YAHWEH.

21 Behold, I will bring evil on you, and will utterly sweep you away and will cut off from Ahab every man-child, and him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel:

22 and I 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 provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and have made Israel to sin.

23 Of Jezebel **á**lso **s**poke YAHWEH, **s**aying, The dogs **shall eat** Jezebel **by** the ramp**á**rt of Jezreel.

24 Him **who dies** of Ahab in the **ç**ity the dogs **shall eat**; and him **who dies** in the **field shall** the **bí**rd**s** of the sky **eat**.

25 (But **there** was **nó**ne **like** Ahab, **who** did sell himself to **de** **that** **which** was **evil** in the **sí**ght of YAHWEH, **who**m Jezebel his **wí**fe **stí**rred up.

26 He did very abominably in **following** **íd**ol**s**, **accó**rding to **á**ll **that** the Amorites did, **who**m YAHWEH **cá**st **out** bef**ó**re the **ch**ildren of **I**s**r**a**el**.)

27 It happened, **when** Ahab **h**éard **tho**s**e** **wó**rd**s**, **that** he **tó**re his **clo**th**e**s, and **put** sackcloth on his **f**lesh, and **fá**sted, and **lay** in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 The **wó**rd of YAHWEH **came** to **E**l**i**jah the Tishbite, **saying**,

29 See you **h**ow Ahab **h**umble**s** himself bef**ó**re me? **becá**use he **h**umble**s** himself bef**ó**re me, I will not bring the **evil** in his **day**s; but in his **so**n's **day**s will I bring the **evil** on his **h**ouse.

1 Kings 22

1 They **cont**inued **th**ree **year**s **with**out **wá**r **betwe**en Syria and **I**s**r**a**el**.

2 It happened in the **th**ird **year**, **that** Jehoshaphat the king of **J**udah **came** **down** to the king of **I**s**r**a**el**.

3 The king of **I**s**r**a**el** said to his **s**érvants, "**Y**ou **know** **that** Ramoth-gilead is **o**ur**s**, and **we** are still, and **don't** **take** it **out** of the hand of the king of Syria?"

4 He said to Jehoshaphat, Will you **go** **with** me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? Jehoshaphat said to the king of **I**s**r**a**el**, I am as you are, **my** **pe**ople as **yó**ur **pe**ople, **my** **hó**rse**s** as **yó**ur **hó**rse**s**.

5 Jehoshaphat said to the king of **I**s**r**a**el**, **P**le**as**e **in**qu**i**re **fi**rst for the **wó**rd of YAHWEH.

6 **T**hen the king of **I**s**r**a**el** **gath**ered the **pro**phets **toget**her, **abou**t **fó**ur hundred men, and said to **th**em, **S**hall I **go** **again**st Ramoth-gilead to battle, or **sh**all I **fó**rbear? **T**hey said, **G**o up; for the **Ló**rd will deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 But Jehoshaphat said, **I**s'n't **th**ere **he**re a **pro**phet of YAHWEH **besid**e**s**, **that** **we** may **in**qu**i**re of him?

8 The king of **I**s**r**a**el** said to Jehoshaphat, **th**ere is yet one man **by** **who**m **we** may **in**qu**i**re of YAHWEH, Micaiah the **so**n of Imlah: but I **hate** him; for he **dó**e**s** not **prop**h**e**cy **gó**od **con**ç**e**rning me, but **evil**. Jehoshaphat said, "**D**on't let the king **say** so."

9 Then the king of Iṣrael cálled an officiḡer, and said, Get **quickly** Micaiah the sòn of Imlah.

10 **Now** the king of Iṣrael and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting **each** on his **throne**, arrayed in **their robes**, in an **open place** at the entrancē of the gate of Samaria; and **á**ll the **prophets** were **prophesying** befóre **them**.

11 Zedekiah the sòn of Chenaanah **made** him hórns of **irón**, and said, **Thus says** YAHWEH, **With thesē** shall you **push** the Syrians, until **they** be **consumed**.

12 All the **prophets** **prophesied** so, **saying**, **Go** up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for YAHWEH will deliver it into the hand of the king.

13 The messenger **who** went to **cáll** Micaiah **spoke** to him, **saying**, **See now**, the **wó**rdṡ of the **prophets** [**declare**] **gó**od to the king **with** one **mouth**: **pleasē** let **yó**ur **wó**rd be **like** the **wó**rd of one of **them**, and **speak** you **gó**od.

14 Micaiah said, As YAHWEH **liveṡ**, **whát** YAHWEH **says** to me, **that** will I **speak**.

15 **When** he was **có**me to the king, the king said to him, Micaiah, **shall we go** to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or **shall we fó**rbear? **He** answered him, **Go** up and prosper; and YAHWEH will deliver it into the hand of the king.

16 The king said to him, **How many times** shall I **adjure** you **that** you **speak** to me **nó**thing but the **truth** in the **name** of YAHWEH?

17 He said, I **sá**w **á**ll Iṣrael scattered on the **mountainṡ**, as **sheep** that have no **shepherd**: and YAHWEH said, **Theṡē** have no **má**ster; let **them** **retú**rn every man to his **hou**se in **peacē**.

18 The king of Iṣrael said to Jehoshaphat, Didn't I tell you **that** he **wó**uld not **prophesý** **gó**od **concé**rning me, but **evil**?

19 [Micaiah] said, **Therefó**re **hear** you the **wó**rd of YAHWEH: I **sá**w YAHWEH sitting on his **throne**, and **á**ll the **host** of heaven standing **by** him on his **right** hand and on his left.

20 YAHWEH said, **Who** shall **enticē** Ahab, **that** he may **go** up and **fá**ll at Ramoth-gilead? One said on **this** manner; and **anó**ther said on **that** manner.

21 **There** **came fó**rtḡ a spirit, and **stó**od befóre YAHWEH, and said, I will **enticē** him.

22 YAHWEH said to him, '**How**? **He** said, I will **go fó**rtḡ, and will be a **ly**ing spirit in the **mouth** of **á**ll his **prophets**. **He** said, '**You** shall **enticē** him, and **shall** prevail **á**lso: **go fó**rtḡ, and **de** so.

23 **Now therefó**re, **behold**, YAHWEH haṡ **pú**t a **ly**ing spirit in the **mouth** of **á**ll **thesē** **yó**ur **prophets**; and YAHWEH haṡ **spoken** **evil** **concé**rning you.

24 Then Zedekiah the s**on** of Chenaanah **came near**, and struck Micaiah on the **cheek**, and said, **Which way** went the Spirit of YAHWEH from me to **speak** to you?

25 Micaiah said, Beh**old**, you **shall see** on **that day**, *when* you **shall go** into an inner **chamber** to **hide yôurself**.

26 The king of I**šrael** said, **Take** Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the **gôvernor** of the **çity**, and to Joash the king'**š sôn**;

27 and **say**, **Thus sayš** the king, **Pùt this fellow** in the **prišon**, and **feed** him with bread of afflicti**on** and with **wáter** of afflicti**on**, until I **cóme** in **peaçe**.

28 Micaiah said, If you ret**urn** at **áll** in **peaçe**, YAHWEH **has** not **spoken by** me. He said, **Hear**, you **peopleš**, **áll** of you.

29 So the king of I**šrael** and Jehosh**aphat** the king of **Judah** went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 The king of I**šrael** said to Jehosh**aphat**, I will **disguise** myself, and **go** into the battle; but **pùt** you on **yôur robeš**. The king of I**šrael** **disguised** himself, and went into the battle.

31 **Now** the king of Syria had commanded the **thirty-twe** captains**š** of his **chariôts**, **saying**, **Fight neither with** smá**ll nôr** great, **save only with** the king of I**šrael**.

32 It happened, *when* the captains**š** of the **chariôts** **sáw** Jehosh**aphat**, **that they** said, **Surely** it is the king of I**šrael**; and **they tûrned** aside to **fight** against him: and Jehosh**aphat** **cried out**.

33 It happened, *when* the captains**š** of the **chariôts** **sáw** **that** it was not the king of I**šrael**, **that they tûrned** back from **pûrsuing** him.

34 A **çertain** man drew his **bow** at a ventu**re**, and struck the king of I**šrael** between the joints of the **ârmor**: **therefôre** he said to the driver of his **chariôt**, **Tûrn yôur** hand, and carry me **out** of the **host**; for I am severely **wounded**.

35 The battle **increased** **that day**: and the king was **stayed** up in his **chariôt** against the Syrians**š**, and **died** at **even**; and the **blóod** ran **out** of the **wound** into the **bottom** of the **chariôt**.

36 **There** went a **cry throug**h **out** the **host** about the **going down** of the sun, **saying**, Every man to his **çity**, and every man to his **country**.

37 So the king **died**, and was **brôught** to Samaria; and **they buried** the king in Samaria.

38 **They washed** the **chariot** by the **pool** of Samaria; and the **dogs** licked up his **blood** (**now** the prostitutes **washed** **themselves** [**there**]); according to the **word** of YAHWEH **which** he **spoke**.

39 **Now** the rest of the acts of Ahab, and **all** **that** he did, and the **ivory house** **which** he **built**, and **all** the **cities** **that** he **built**, **aren't** **they** written in the **book** of the **chronicles** of the **kings** of **Israel**?

40 So Ahab slept **with** his **fathers**; and Ahaziah his **son** reigned in his **place**.

41 Jehoshaphat the **son** of Asa began to reign **over** **Judah** in the **fourth** year of Ahab king of **Israel**.

42 Jehoshaphat was **thirty-five** years **old** when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in **Jerusalem**. His **mother's** **name** was Azubah the **daughter** of Shilhi.

43 He **walked** in **all** the way of Asa his **father**; **He** didn't **turn** **aside** from it, **doing** **that** **which** was **right** in the **eyes** of YAHWEH: **however** the **high** **places** were not **taken** away; the **people** still **sacrificed** and **burnt** **incense** in the **high** **places**.

44 Jehoshaphat **made** **peace** **with** the king of **Israel**.

45 **Now** the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his **might** **that** he **shown**, and **how** he **warred**, **aren't** **they** written in the **book** of the **chronicles** of the **kings** of **Judah**?

46 The remnant of the sodomites, **that** remained in the **days** of his **father** Asa, he **put** away **out** of the land.

47 **There** was no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat **made** **ships** of **Tarshish** to **go** to Ophir for **gold**: but **they** didn't **go**; for the **ships** were **broken** at Ezion-geber.

49 **Then** said Ahaziah the **son** of Ahab to Jehoshaphat, Let my **servants** **go** with **our** **servants** in the **ships**. But Jehoshaphat **would** not.

50 Jehoshaphat slept **with** his **fathers**, and was **buried** **with** his **fathers** in the **city** of **David** his **father**; Jehoram his **son** reigned in his **place**.

51 Ahaziah the **son** of Ahab began to reign **over** **Israel** in Samaria in the **seventeenth** year of Jehoshaphat king of **Judah**, and he reigned **two** years **over** **Israel**.

52 He did **that** **which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, 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, in **which** he **made** **Israel** to sin

2 Kings 1

1 Moab rebelled against **I**srael **ä**fter the death of Ahab.

2 Ahaziah fell **d**own **th**rough the lattice in his upper **ch**amber **th**at was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messenger**ş**, and said to **th**em, **G**o, **i**nquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, **w**het**h**er I **sh**all recover of **th**is sickness.

3 But the **a**ngel of YAHWEH said to Elijah the Tishbite, **A**ri**ş**e, **g**o up to **m**ee**t** the messenger**ş** of the king of Samaria, and tell **th**em, Is it beca**u**se **th**ere is no Elohim in **I**srael, **th**at you go to **i**nquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?

4 **N**ow **th**ere**fo**re **th**us say**ş** YAHWEH, **Y**ou **sh**all not **c**ome **d**own from the bed **w**here you are gone up, but **sh**all **s**urely **d**ie. Elijah dep**ä**r**t**ed.

5 The messenger**ş** ret**u**rn**e**d to him, and he said to **th**em, **W**hy is it **th**at you have ret**u**rn**e**d?

6 **T**hey said to him, **T**here **c**ame up a man to **m**ee**t** us, and said to us, **G**o, **t**urn **a**gain to the king **w**ho sent you, and tell him, **T**hus say**ş** YAHWEH, Is it beca**u**se **th**ere is no Elohim in **I**srael, **th**at you send to **i**nquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? **th**ere**fo**re you **sh**all not **c**ome **d**own from the bed **w**here you are gone up, but **sh**all **s**urely **d**ie.

7 He said to **th**em, **W**hat manner of man was he **w**ho **c**ame up to **m**ee**t** you, and **t**old you **th**ese **w**ord**ş**?

8 **T**hey answered him, **H**e was a hairy man, and girt **w**ith a belt of lea**th**er **a**bout his loins. **H**e said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

9 **T**hen [the king] sent to him a captain of fifty **w**ith his fifty. **H**e went up to him: and, **b**ehold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. **H**e **s**poke to him, man of Elohim, the king ha**ş** said, **C**ome **d**own.

10 Elijah answered to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of Elohim, let **f**ire **c**ome **d**own from the **s**ky, and **c**onsume you and **y**our fifty. **F**ire **c**ame **d**own from the **s**ky, and **c**onsum**e**d him and his fifty.

11 Again he sent to him **a**n**o**ther captain of fifty and his fifty. **H**e answered him, man of Elohim, **th**us ha**ş** the king said, **C**ome **d**own **q**uickly.

12 Elijah answered **th**em, If I be a man of Elohim, let **f**ire **c**ome **d**own from the **s**ky, and **c**onsume you and **y**our fifty. The **f**ire of Elohim **c**ame **d**own from the **s**ky, and **c**onsum**e**d him and his fifty.

13 Again he sent the captain of a **th**ird fifty **w**ith his fifty. The **th**ird captain of fifty went up, and **c**ame and fell on his **k**nee**ş** **b**e**fo**re Elijah, and begged him, and said to

him, man of Elohim, please let my life, and the life of these fifty your servants, be precious in your sight.

14 Behold, fire came down from the sky, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight.

15 The angel of YAHWEH said to Elijah, Go down with him: don't be afraid of him. He arose, and went down with him to the king.

16 He said to him, Thus says YAHWEH, Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no Elohim in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you are gone up, but shall surely die.

17 So he died according to the word of YAHWEH which Elijah had spoken. Jehoram began to reign in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

2 Kings 2

1 It happened, when YAHWEH would take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 Elijah said to Elisha, Please wait here, for YAHWEH has sent me as far as Bethel. Elisha said, As YAHWEH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

3 The sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that YAHWEH will take away your master from your head today?" He said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace."

4 Elijah said to him, Elisha, please wait here, for YAHWEH has sent me to Jericho. He said, As YAHWEH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho.

5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that YAHWEH will take away your master from your head today?" He answered, "Yes, I know it. Hold your peace."

6 Elijah said to him, "Please wait here, for YAHWEH has sent me to the Jordan." He said, "As YAHWEH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." They two went on.

7 Fifty men of the **sons** of the **prophets** went, and **stood over** against **them** afär off: and **they twe** **stood by** the **Jördan**.

8 Elijah **took** his mantle, and **wrapped** it **together**, and struck the **waters**, and **they** were divided **here** and **there**, so **that they twe** went **over** on dry **ground**.

9 It happened, **when they** had gone **over**, **that** Elijah said to Elisha, **ask what I shall do** for you, **before** I am **taken** from you. Elisha said, **please** let a double **portion** of **your** spirit be on me.

10 He said, **You** have **asked** a **hard thing**: [never**theless**], if you **see** me **when** I am **taken** from you, it **shall** be so to you; but if not, it **shall** not be so.

11 It happened, as **they** still went on, and **talked**, **that** behold, [**there appeared**] a **chariot** of **fire**, and **horses** of **fire**, **which** **parted** **them both** **apart**; and Elijah went up **by** a **whirlwind** into heaven.

12 Elisha **saw** it, and he **cried**, **My father**, **my father**, the **chariots** of **Israel** and the **horsemen** of it! He **saw** him no **more**: and he **took hold** of his **own clothes**, and **tore** **them** in **twe** **pieces**.

13 He **took up** **also** the mantle of Elijah **that** fell from him, and went back, and **stood by** the bank of the **Jördan**.

14 He **took** the mantle of Elijah **that** fell from him, and struck the **waters**, and said, **Where** is YAHWEH, the Elohim of Elijah? and **when** he **also** had struck the **waters**, **they** were divided **here** and **there**; and Elisha went **over**.

15 When the **sons** of the **prophets** **who** were at Jericho **over** against him **saw** him, **they** said, The spirit of Elijah **does** rest on Elisha. **They** **came** to **meet** him, and **bowed** **themselves** to the **ground** **before** him.

16 **They** said to him, **See now**, **there** are with **your** **servants** fifty strong men; let **them go**, **we** **pray** you, and **seek** **your** **master**, lest the Spirit of YAHWEH has **taken** him up, and **cast** him on **some** **mountain**, or into **some** **valley**. He said, **You** **shall** not send.

17 **When they** **urged** him until he was **ashamed**, he said, Send. **They** sent **therefore** fifty men; and **they** **sought** **three** **days**, but didn't **find** him.

18 **They** **came** back to him, **while** he **stayed** at Jericho; and he said to **them**, "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't go?'"

19 The men of the **city** said to Elisha, Behold, **we** **pray** you, the **situation** of **this** **city** is **pleasant**, as **my** **lord** **sees**: but the **water** is bad, and the land **miscarries**.

20 He said, Bring me a new **jar**, and **put salt** **therein**. **They** **brought** it to him.

21 He went **fórt**h to the spring of the wáters, and cást salt **th**erein, and said, **Th**us sayş YAHWEH, I have healed **thes**e wáters; **th**ere shall not be from **th**ere any móre deat**h** or miscarrying.

22 So the wáters were healed to **th**is day, accórding to the wórd of Elisha *which* he spoke.

23 He went up from **th**ere to Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, **th**ere came **fórt**h young ladş out of the çity, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you baldy; go up, you báldhead.

24 He **lóok**ed behind him and sáw **th**em, and cŭrsed **th**em in the name of YAHWEH. **Th**ere came **fórt**h **tw**e she-bearş out of the wóod, and máuled **fórt**y-tw**e** ladş of **th**em.

25 He went from **th**ere to Meount Cärmel, and from **th**ere he retŭrned to Samaria.

2 Kings 3

1 **N**ow Jehoram the s**ón** of Ahab began to reign **ov**er Işrael in Samaria in the eight**eent**h year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve yearş.

2 He did **th**at *which* was **ev**il in the sight of YAHWEH, but not **lik**e his fäther, and **lik**e his móther; for he pŭt away the pillar of Baal **th**at his fäther had made.

3 Never**th**eless he cleaved to the sinş of Jeroboam the s**ón** of Nebat, **with** *which* he made Işrael to sin; he didn't depärt from it.

4 **N**ow Mesha king of Moab was a **sheep**-mäster; and he rendered to the king of Işrael the wóol of one hundred **th**ousand lambş, and of one hundred **th**ousand ramş.

5 But it happened, *when* Ahab was dead, **th**at the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Işrael.

6 King Jehoram went **ov**er Samaria at **th**at time, and mustered **á**ll Işrael.

7 He went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, **saying**, The king of Moab has rebelled against me: will you go **with** me against Moab to battle? He said, I will go up: I am as you are, **my** people as **yóur** people, **my** hórseş as **yóur** hórseş.

8 He said, *Which* way shall we go up? He answered, The way of the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Işrael went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and **th**ey made a çircuit of seven days' j**ó**urney: and **th**ere was no wáter for the host, **nó**r for the animalş **th**at followed **th**em.

10 The king of Işrael said, Alas! for YAHWEH haş cálled **theşe three** kingş together to deliver **them** into the hand of Moab.

11 But Jehoshaphat said, Işn't **there here** a prophet of YAHWEH, **that we** may inquire of YAHWEH by him? One of the king of Israel's sêrvants answered, Elisha the sôn of **Shaphat** is here, **who** pôured wâter on the handş of Elijah.

12 Jehoshaphat said, The wôrd of YAHWEH is **with** him. So the king of Işrael and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went **down** to him.

13 Elisha said to the king of Işrael, **What** have I to **do** with you? get you to the prophets of yôur fâther, and to the prophets of yôur môther. The king of Işrael said to him, No; for YAHWEH haş cálled **theşe three** kingş together to deliver **them** into the hand of Moab.

14 Elisha said, As YAHWEH of Hosts liveş, befôre **whom** I stand, **surely**, were it not **that** I regârd the preşence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I wôuld not lóok towârd you, **nôr** see you.

15 But **now** bring me a minstrel. It happened, **when** the minstrel playeð, **that** the hand of YAHWEH **came** on him.

16 He said, **Thus** sayş YAHWEH, **Make** **this** valley **full** of trencheş.

17 For **thus** sayş YAHWEH, **You** shall not see wind, **neither** shall you see rain; yet **that** valley shall be filled with wâter, and you shall drink, **both** you and yôur cattle and yôur animalş.

18 **This** is but a **light** **thi**ng in the **si**ght of YAHWEH: he will **â**lso deliver the Moabites into yôur hand.

19 You shall strike every fôrtified çity, and every **choi**çe çity, and shall fell every **gô**od tree, and stop **â**ll springş of wâter, and mâr every **gô**od piçe of land with stoneş.

20 It happened in the môrning, **about** the **ti**me of offering the offering, **that** behold, **there** **came** wâter by the way of Edom, and the counry was filled with wâter.

21 **Now** **when** **â**ll the Moabites **he**ard **that** the kingş had **co**me up to **fi**ght **agai**nst **them**, **they** gathered **them**selveş together, **â**ll **who** were **able** to **pu**t on **â**rmor, and upward, and stôod on the bôrder.

22 **They** roşe up **ê**arly in the môrning, and the sun **sh**one on the wâter, and the Moabites sâw the wâter **over** **agai**nst **them** as red as **blô**od:

23 and **they** said, **This** is **blô**od; the kingş are **surely** destroyed, and **they** have struck **each** man his fellow: **now** **there**fôre, Moab, to the spoil.

24 When **they** came to the camp of **Išrael**, the **Išraelites** roſe up and struck the **Moabites**, so **that they** fled befōre **them**; and **they** went fōward into the land smiting the **Moabites**.

25 **They** beat down the **çities**; and on every **gòod** **pieçe** of land **they** cäst every man his **stone**, and filled it; and **they** stoppe**d** **äll** the springs of **wäter**, and felled **äll** the **gòod** **trees**, until in Kir-hareseth [only] **they** left the **stones** of it; **however** the men **ärmed** with **slings** went about it, and struck it.

26 When the king of **Moab** **säw** **that** the battle was **tee** **severe** for him, he **tòok** with him seven hundred men **who** drew **swōrd**, to **break** **through** to the king of Edom; but **they** **coù**ld not.

27 **Then** he **tòok** his eldest **son** **who** **wò**uld have reigned in his **plac**e, and offered him for a **bù**rrnt offering on the **wäll**. **There** was **great** **wràth** against **Išrael**: and **they** **depar**ted from him, and **retù**rned to **their** **own** land.

2 Kings 4

1 **Now** **there** **cried** a **çertain** **wòman** of the **wive**s of the **son**s of the **proph**ets to **Elisha**, **saying**, **Yòur** **sèrvant** **my** **hu**ſband is dead; and you **know** **that** **yòur** **sèrvant** did **fe**ar **YAHWEH**: and the creditor is **còme** to **take** to him **my** **two** **children** to be **bondsèrvants**.

2 **Elisha** said to her, **Wh**at **sh**all I **de** for you? tell me; **wh**at have you in the **hou**se? She said, **Yòur** **handmaid** has **noth**ing in the **hou**se, **ex**cept a pot of oil.

3 **Then** he said, **Go**, **borrow** you **vessel**s **abròad** of **äll** **yòur** **neigh**bor**s**, **even** empty **vessel**s; **borrow** not a few.

4 You **sh**all **go** in, and **sh**ut the **dòor** on you and on **yòur** **son**s, and **pòur** **out** into **äll** **tho**ſe **vessel**s; and you **sh**all set **aside** **that** **wh**ich is **fùll**.

5 So she went from him, and **sh**ut the **dòor** on her and on her **son**s; **they** **brò**ught [the **vessel**s] to her, and she **pò**ured **out**.

6 It **happen**ed, **wh**en the **vessel**s were **fùll**, **that** she said to her **son**, **Bring** me yet a vessel. **He** said to her, **There** **i**ſn't **anò**ther vessel. The oil **stay**ed.

7 **Then** she **came** and **told** the man of **Elohim**. **He** said, **Go**, **sell** the oil, and **pay** **yòur** **debt**, and **live** you and **yòur** **son**s of the rest.

8 It fell on a **day**, **that** **Elisha** **pä**ſſe**d** to **Shunem**, **wh**ere was a **great** **wòman**; and she **cò**nstrained him to **e**at bread. So it was, **that** as often as he **pä**ſſe**d** **by**, he **tù**rned in **th**ere to **e**at bread.

9 She said to her **hu**ſband, **See** **now**, I **pèr**ceive **that** **this** is a **holy** man of **Elohim**, **that** **pä**ſſe**s** **by** us **cò**ntinu**ally**.

10 Let us **make**, **Please**, a little **chamber** on the **wá**ll; and let us set for him **there** a bed, and a **table**, and a **seat**, and a lamp stand: and it **shall** be, *when he comes* to us, **that** he **shall** **tú**rn in **there**.

11 It fell on a **day**, **that** he **came** **there**, and he **tú**rned into the **chamber** and **lay** **there**.

12 He said to Gehazi his **sê**rvant, **Cá**ll **this** **Shunammite**. *When he had cá*lled her, she **stó**od befóre him.

13 He said to him, **Say** **nó**w to her, **Behold**, you have **been** **carefú**l for us **with** **á**ll **this** **care**; *whá*t is to be **dó**ne for you? **wó**uld you be **spoken** for to the king, or to the captain of the **host**? **She** **answered**, I dwell **ám**ong **my** **own** **people**.

14 He said, *Whá*t **then** is to be **dó**ne for her? Gehazi **answered**, **Most** **assuredly** she has **nó** **só**n, and her **hus**band is **old**.

15 He said, **Cá**ll her. *When he had cá*lled her, she **stó**od in the **dó**or.

16 He said, At **this** **seá**son, *when the time comes* **round**, you **shall** **embra**çe a **só**n. She said, No, **my** **ló**rd, you man of Elohim, **dó** not **li**e to **yó**ur **handmaid**.

17 The **wó**man **con**çeived, and **bó**re a **só**n at **that** **seá**son, *when the time came* **round**, as **Elisha** had said to her.

18 *When the* **child** was **grown**, it fell on a **day**, **that** he went **ó**ut to his **fá**ther to the **reapers**.

19 He said to his **fá**ther, **My** head, **my** head. **He** said to his **sê**rvant, Carry him to his **mó**ther.

20 When he had **taken** him, and **bró**ught him to his **mó**ther, he sat on her **knees** until **nó**on, and **then** **died**.

21 She went up and **laid** him on the bed of the man of Elohim, and **shut** [the **dó**or] on him, and went **ó**ut.

22 She **cá**lled to her **hus**band, and said, **Please** send me one of the **sê**rvants, and one of the **donkeys**, **that** I **may** run to the man of Elohim, and **có**me **again**.

23 He said, *Why* will you **go** to him **today**? it is **neither** new **mó**on **nó**r **Sabbath**. **She** said, It **shall** be well.

24 **Then** she saddled a **donkey**, and said to her **sê**rvant, **Drive**, and **go** **fó**ward; **don't** slacken me the **riding**, **ex**çept I bid you.

25 So she went, and **came** to the man of Elohim to **Mount Cärmel**. It happened, *when* the man of Elohim **säw** her **afär** off, **that** he said to Gehazi his **sêrvant**, **Behold**, yonder is the **Shunammite**:

26 **pleasê** run **nöw** to **meet** her, and **äsk** her, Is it well **with** you? is it well **with** **yôur** husband? is it well **with** the **child**? **She** answered, It is well.

27 *When* she **came** to the man of Elohim to the hill, she **cäught** **hold** of his **feet**. Gehazi **came** **near** to **thrust** her away; but the man of Elohim said, Let her **alone**: for her **soul** is vexed **with**in her; and YAHWEH **has** hid it from me, and **has** not **told** me.

28 **Then** she said, Did I **desîre** a **sôn** of my **lôrd**? Didn't I **say**, **De** not **deçeive** me?

29 **Then** he said to Gehazi, Gird up **yôur** loins, and **take** my **stäff** in **yôur** hand, and **go** **yôur** way: if you **meet** any man, **Don't** **greet** him; and if anyone greets you, **don't** answer him **again**: and **lay** my **stäff** on the **façe** of the **child**.

30 The **móth**er of the **child** said, As YAHWEH **lives**, and as **yôur** soul **lives**, I will not **leave** you. **He** **aröse**, and **followed** her.

31 Gehazi **pässe**d on **befôre** **them**, and **laid** the **stäff** on the **façe** of the **child**; but **there** was **neither** **voicê**, **nôr** **hearing**. **Therefôre** he **retürned** to **meet** him, and **told** him, **saying**, The **child** **has** not **awakened**.

32 *When* Elisha was **come** into the **house**, **behold**, the **child** was dead, and **laid** on his bed.

33 He went in **therefôre**, and **shut** the **dôor** on **them both**, and **prayed** to YAHWEH.

34 He went up, and **lay** on the **child**, and **püt** his **mouth** on his **mouth**, and his **eyes** on his **eyes**, and his **hands** on his **hands**: and he **stretche**d himself on him; and the **flesh** of the **child** grew **wärm**.

35 **Then** he **retürned**, and **wälke**d in the **house** **onçe** back and **fôrth**; and went up, and **stretche**d himself on him: and the **child** **sneeze**d seven **times**, and the **child** **opened** his **eyes**.

36 He **cälled** Gehazi, and said, **Cäll** **this** **Shunammite**. So he **cälled** her. *When* she was **come** in to him, he said, **Take** up **yôur** **sôn**.

37 **Then** she went in, and fell at his **feet**, and **bowed** **hêrself** to the **ground**; and she **töök** up her **sôn**, and went **out**.

38 Elisha **came** again to Gilgal. **There** was a **dêarth** in the land; and the **sôn**s of the **prophets** were sitting **befôre** him; and he said to his **sêrvant**, Set on the **great** pot, and boil stew for the **sôn**s of the **prophets**.

39 One went **o**ut into the **fi**eld to **gath**er **hê**rb**ş**, and **fo**und a **wild** **vine**, and **gath**ered of it **wild** **gô**urd**ş** his lap **fû**ll, and **came** and **sh**red **them** into the pot of stew; for **they** didn't **recognize** **them**.

40 So **they** **pô**ured **o**ut for the men to **e**at. It happened, as **they** were **e**ating of the stew, **th**at **they** **cried** **o**ut, and said, man of Elohim, **th**ere is **de**ath in the pot. **They** **co**uld not **e**at of it.

41 But he said, **Then** bring **me**al. **He** **cä**st it into the pot; and he said, **Pô**ur **o**ut for the **pe**ople, **th**at **they** may **e**at. **Th**ere was no **hâ**rm in the pot.

42 **Th**ere **came** a man from Baal-**sh**alishah, and **brô**ught the man of Elohim bread of the **fi**rst **fr**uits, twenty **lo**ave**ş** of **bâ**rley, and **fresh** **ear**ş of grain in his sack. **He** said, Give to the **pe**ople, **th**at **they** may **e**at.

43 His **sê**rvant said, **Wh**at, **sh**ould I set **this** befô**re** a hundred men? But he said, Give the **pe**ople, **th**at **they** may **e**at; for **th**us say**ş** YAHWEH, **They** **shall** **e**at, and **shall** **le**ave of it.

44 So he set it befô**re** **them**, and **they** **ate**, and left of it, accô**rd**ing to the **wô**rd of YAHWEH.

2 Kings 5

1 **N**ow Naaman, captain of the **ho**st of the king of Syria, was a **gr**eat man **with** his **mä**ster, and *honorable*, **beca**u**ş**e **by** him YAHWEH had given victory to Syria: he was **ä**lso a **mi**ghty man of valor, [but he was] a leper.

2 The Syrian**ş** had gone **o**ut in band**ş**, and had **brô**ught **away** captive **o**ut of the land of **Iş**rael a little **ma**iden; and she **wait**ed on Naaman's **wi**fe.

3 She said to her mistress, **Wo**uld **th**at my **lô**rd were **with** the **prophet** **wh**o is in Samaria! **th**en **wô**uld he **re**cover him of his leprosy.

4 One went in, and **to**ld his **lô**rd, **say**ing, **Th**us and **th**us said the **ma**iden **wh**o is of the land of **Iş**rael.

5 The king of Syria said, **Go** **n**ow, and I will send a letter to the king of **Iş**rael. **He** **de**parted, and **tô**ok **with** him ten talents of silver, and six **th**ou**ş**and [pie**ç**e**ş**] of **g**old, and ten **ch**ange**ş** of **clo**thing.

6 He **brô**ught the letter to the king of **Iş**rael, **say**ing, **N**ow **wh**en **this** letter is **c**ome to you, **be**hold, I have sent Naaman my **sê**rvant to you, **th**at you may **re**cover him of his leprosy.

7 It happened, **wh**en the king of **Iş**rael had read the letter, **th**at he **tô**re his **clo**th**ş**, and said, Am I Elohim, to kill and to **ma**ke **alive**, **th**at **this** man **do**es send to me to

re**co**ver a man of his leprosy? but **Co**nsider, I **pr**ay you, and **see** **h**ow he **see**ks a **qu**arrel **ag**ainst me.

8 It was so, *when* **Elisha** the man of Elohim **h**ear**d** **th**at the king of **I**sr**ae**l had **t**o**rn** his **clo**th**e**s, **th**at he sent to the king, **s**ay**ing**, **Wh**y have you **t**o**rn** **y**o**ur** **clo**th**e**s? let him **co**me **n**ow to me, and he **sh**all **kn**ow **th**at **th**ere is a **pr**ophet in **I**sr**ae**l.

9 So Naaman **ca**me **w**ith his **h**o**rs**e**s** and **w**ith his **ch**ari**o**t**s**, and **st**oo**d** at the **d**o**o**r of the **h**o**u**se of **Elisha**.

10 **Elisha** sent a messenger to him, **s**ay**ing**, **G**o and **w**ash in the **J**o**rd**an seven **ti**m**e**s, and **y**o**ur** **f**lesh **sh**all **co**me **ag**ain to you, and you **sh**all be **cl**ean.

11 But Naaman was angry, and went **aw**ay, and said, **Beh**old, I **th**o**u**ght, **H**e will **su**rely **co**me **o**ut to me, and stand, and **ca**ll on the **na**me of **YAHWEH** his Elohim, and **w**ave his hand **o**ver the **pl**ac**e**, and **re**co**ve**r the leper.

12 Aren't Abanah and Parpar, the river**s** of Damascus, better **th**an **a**ll the **w**at**e**r**s** of **I**sr**ae**l? **ma**y I not **w**ash in **th**em, and be **cl**ean? So he **t**u**rn**ed and went **aw**ay in a **ra**g**e**.

13 His **s**e**r**vants **ca**me **ne**ar, and **sp**o**ke** to him, and said, **M**y **f**ä**th**er, if the **pr**ophet had bid you **do** **so**me **gr**e**a**t **th**ing, **w**o**u**ldn't you have **do**ne it? **h**ow **mu**ch **r**ä**th**er **th**en, *when* he **sa**y**s** to you, **W**ash, and be **cl**ean?

14 **Th**en went he **do**wn, and **di**pp**e**d [himself] seven **ti**m**e**s in the **J**o**rd**an, **acc**o**rd**ing to the **s**ay**ing** of the man of Elohim; and his **f**lesh **ca**me **ag**ain **li**ke the **f**lesh of a little **ch**ild, and he was **cl**ean.

15 He **re**t**u**rn**e**d to the man of Elohim, he and **a**ll his **co**mpany, and **ca**me, and **st**oo**d** bef**o**re him; and he said, **See** **n**ow, I **kn**ow **th**at **th**ere is no Elohim in **a**ll the **e**ar**th**, but in **I**sr**ae**l: **n**ow **th**ere**fo**re, **pl**e**a**se **ta**ke a **pr**es**e**nt from **y**o**ur** **s**e**r**vant.

16 But he said, As **YAHWEH** live**s**, bef**o**re **wh**o**m** I stand, I will **re**ce**i**ve **no**ne. He **u**rg**e**d him to **ta**ke it; but he **ref**u**s**ed.

17 Naaman said, If not, yet, **pl**e**a**se let **th**ere be given to **y**o**ur** **s**e**r**vant **tw**o mule' **b**u**r**den of **e**ar**th**; for **y**o**ur** **s**e**r**vant will **h**en**ce****fo**rt**h** offer **ne**ither **b**u**r**nt offering **n**o**r** **s**acrific**e** to **o**th**e**r **go**d**s**, but to **YAHWEH**.

18 In **th**is **th**ing **YAHWEH** **p**ä**r**do**n** **y**o**ur** **s**e**r**vant: *when* **my** **m**ä**st**er **go**e**s** into the **h**o**u**se of Rimmon to **w**o**r**ship **th**ere, and he **le**an**s** on **my** hand, and I **bo**w **my**self in the **h**o**u**se of Rimmon, *when* I **bo**w **my**self in the **h**o**u**se of Rimmon, **YAHWEH** **p**ä**r**do**n** **y**o**ur** **s**e**r**vant in **th**is **th**ing.

19 He said to him, **G**o in **pe**ac**e**. So he **de**pä**r**ted from him a little **w**ay.

20 But Gehazi the sêrvant of Elisha the man of Elohim, said, Behold, my mäster haş spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not reçeiving at his hands that which he bröught: as YAHWEH lives, I will run äfter him, and take sömewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed äfter Naaman. When Naaman säw one running äfter him, he alihted from the chariöt to meet him, and said, Is äll well?

22 He said, äll is well. My mäster haş sent me, saying, Behold, even now there are cöme to me from the hill-country of Ephraim twe young men of the söns of the prophets; pleaşe give them a talent of silver, and twe changeş of clothing.

23 Naaman said, Be pleaşed to take twe talents. He ürged him, and bound twe talents of silver in twe bagş, with twe changeş of clothing, and laid them on twe of his sêrvants; and they böre them beföre him.

24 When he came to the hill, he töök them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house; and he let the men go, and they depärted.

25 But he went in, and stöod beföre his mäster. Elisha said to him, Whençe cöme you, Gehazi? He said, Yöur sêrvant went no where.

26 He said to him, Didn't my heärt go with you, when the man türned from his chariöt to meet you? Is it a time to reçeive möney, and to reçeive gärments, and olive groveş and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and men-sêrvants and maid-sêrvants?

27 The leprosy thereföre of Naaman shall cleave to you, and to yöur seed forever. He went out from his presençe a leper [as white] as snow.

2 Kings 6

1 The söns of the prophets said to Elisha, See now, the plaçe where we dwell beföre you is tee strait for us.

2 Let us go, we pray you, to the Jördan, and take there every man a beam, and let us make us a plaçe there, where we may dwell. He answered, Go you.

3 One said, Be pleaşed, I pray you, to go with yöur sêrvants. He answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. When they came to the Jördan, they cut down wöod.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the ax-head fell into the wäter; and he cried, and said, Alas, my mäster! for it was borrowed.

6 The man of Elohim said, Where fell it? He shown him the plaçe. He cut down a stick, and cäst it in there, and made the iron to swim.

7 He said, Take it up to you. So he put out his hand, and töök it.

8 **N**ow the king of Syria was warring against **I**srael; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 The man of Elohim sent to the king of **I**srael, saying, Beware that you not pass such a place; for there the Syrians are coming down.

10 The king of **I**srael sent to the place which the man of Elohim told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 The heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said to them, Won't you show me which of us is for the king of **I**srael?

12 One of his servants said, No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in **I**srael, tells the king of **I**srael the words that you speak in your bedchamber.

13 He said, Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him. It was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he there horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and surrounded the city.

15 When the servant of the man of Elohim was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host with horses and chariots was round about the city. His servant said to him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 He answered, Don't be afraid; for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.

17 Elisha prayed, and said, YAHWEH, Please open his eyes, that he may see. YAHWEH opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to YAHWEH, and said, Please smite this people with blindness. He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Elisha said to them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. He led them to Samaria.

20 It happened, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, YAHWEH, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. YAHWEH opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 The king of **I**srael said to Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I strike them? shall I strike them?

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

23 He prepared **great provision** for **them**; and **when they had eaten** and drunk, he sent **them away**, and **they went to their master**. The bands of Syria **came no more** into the land of **Israel**.

24 It happened **after this**, **that** Benhadad king of Syria gathered **all his host**, and went up, and **besieged Samaria**.

25 **There** was a **great famine** in Samaria: and, **behold**, **they besieged** it, until a **donkey's head** was sold for **eighty [pieces]** of silver, and the **fourth part** of a kab of **dove's dung** for **five [pieces]** of silver.

26 As the king of **Israel** was **passing by** on the **wall**, **there cried** a **woman** to him, **saying**, Help, **my lord**, O king.

27 He said, If YAHWEH **doesn't** help you, **when shall I help you?** **Out of the threshing floor**, or **out of the winepress?**

28 The king said to her, **What ails you?** She answered, **This woman** said to me, Give **your son**, **that we may eat** him today, and **we will eat my son tomorrow**.

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

30 It happened, **when** the king **heard** the **words** of the **woman**, **that he tore** his **clothes** (**now** he was **passing by** on the **wall**); and the **people looked**, and, **behold**, he had sackcloth **within** on his **flesh**.

31 **Then** he said, Elohim **do** so to me, and **more also**, if the head of Elisha the **son of Shaphat** shall stand on him **this day**.

32 But Elisha was sitting in his **house**, and the **elders** were sitting **with** him; and [the king] sent a man from **before** him: but **before** the messenger **came** to him, he said to the **elders**, **See** you **how this son** of a **murderer** has sent to **take away my head?** **behold**, **when** the messenger **comes**, **shut** the **door**, and **hold** the **door fast** against him: **isn't** the **sound** of his **master's feet** behind him?

33 **While** he was yet **talking with them**, **behold**, the messenger **came down** to him: and he said, **Behold**, **this evil** is of YAHWEH; **why should I wait** for YAHWEH any longer?

2 Kings 7

1 Elisha said, Hear you the wôrd of YAHWEH: **thus sayš** YAHWEH, **Tô**mmorrow **abô**ut **this** time **shall** a meašure of fine flour be [sold] for a **shekel**, and **two** meašureš of **bä**rlay for a **shekel**, in the **gate** of Samaria.

2 **Then** the captain on **whô**še hand the king **lean**ed answered the man of Elohim, and said, **Behold**, if YAHWEH **shô**uld make windows in heaven, **might** **this** **thi**ng be? He said, **Behold**, you **shall** see it with **yô**ur **eye**š, but **shall** not eat of it.

3 **Nô**w **there** were **fô**ur leprous men at the **entranc**e of the **gate**: and **they** said one to **anô**ther, **Why** sit we **here** until we **die**?

4 If we say, We will enter into the **ç**ity, **then** the famine is in the **ç**ity, and we **shall** die **there**; and if we sit still **here**, we **die** **ä**lso. **Nô**w **therefô**re **cô**me, and let us **fä**ll to the **host** of the Syrians: if **they** save us **alive**, we **shall** live; and if **they** kill us, we **shall** but die.

5 **They** **ro**še up in the **twili**ght, to **go** to the camp of the Syrians; and **when** **they** were **cô**me to the **ô**utermôst **pä**rt of the camp of the Syrians, **behold**, **there** was no man **there**.

6 **Fô**r the **Lô**rd had **made** the **host** of the Syrians to **hear** a noiše of **chariô**ts, and a noiše of **hô**rseš, **even** the noiše of a **gre**at **host**: and **they** said one to **anô**ther, **Behold**, the king of **Iš**rael haš **hî**red **again**st us the kingš of the **Hittite**š, and the kingš of the **Egyptian**š, to **cô**me on us.

7 **Therefô**re **they** **aro**še and fled in the **twili**ght, and left **their** tents, and **their** **hô**rseš, and **their** **donkey**š, **even** the camp as it was, and fled for **their** life.

8 **When** **the**še lepers **came** to the **ô**utermôst **pä**rt of the camp, **they** went into one tent, and **ate** and drink, and **carried** **there** silver, and **gold**, and **clothing**, and went and hid it; and **they** **came** back, and **entered** into **anô**ther tent, and **carried** **there** **ä**lso, and went and hid it.

9 **Then** **they** said one to **anô**ther, We **ä**ren't **dô**ing **right**. **This** day is a day of **gô**od **new**š, and we **hold** **ô**ur **pea**çe: if we **wait** until the **mô**rning **li**ght, **puni**shment will **overtake** us; **nô**w **therefô**re **cô**me, let us **go** and tell the king's **hou**sehold.

10 So **they** **came** and **cä**llèd to the **pô**rter of the **ç**ity; and **they** **told** **them**, **saying**, We **came** to the camp of the Syrians, and, **behold**, **there** was no man **there**, **neither** **voic**e of man, but the **hô**rseš **ti**èd, and the **donkey**š **ti**èd, and the tents as **they** were.

11 He **cä**llèd the **pô**rterš; and **they** **told** it to the king's **hou**sehold **with**in.

12 The king **aro**še in the **ni**ght, and said to his **sê**rvents, I will **nô**w **show** you **wh**at the Syrians have **dô**ne to us. **They** **know** **that** we are hungry; **therefô**re are **they** gone

out of the camp to **hide themselves** in the field, **saying**, *When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive*, and get into the **city**.

13 One of his **servants** answered, **Please** let **some** take **five** of the **horses** that remain, **which** are left in the **city** (**behold**, **they** are as **all** the multitude of **Israel** *who* are left in it; **behold**, **they** are as **all** the multitude of **Israel** *who* are **consumed**); and let us send and **see**.

14 **They** took **therefore** **two** **chariots** with **horses**; and the king sent **after** the **host** of the **Syrians**, **saying**, **Go** and **see**.

15 They went **after** **them** to the **Jordan**: and, **behold**, **all** the way was **full** of **garments** and **vessels**, **which** the **Syrians** had **cast away** in **their** **haste**. The **messengers** returned, and **told** the king.

16 The **people** went **out**, and plundered the camp of the **Syrians**. So a **measure** of **fine flour** was [sold] for a **shekel**, and **two** **measures** of **barley** for a shekel, according to the **word** of **YAHWEH**.

17 The king appointed the captain on *whose* hand he **leaned** to have the **charge** of the **gate**: and the **people** trod on him in the **gate**, and he **died** as the man of **Elohim** had said, *who* **spoke** *when* the king **came down** to him.

18 It happened, as the man of **Elohim** had **spoken** to the king, **saying**, **Two** **measures** of **barley** for a **shekel**, and a **measure** of **fine flour** for a shekel, **shall be tomorrow** about **this** time in the **gate** of **Samaria**;

19 and **that** captain answered the man of **Elohim**, and said, **Now**, **behold**, if **YAHWEH** **should** make **windows** in heaven, **might** such a **thing** be? and he said, **Behold**, you **shall see** it with **your eyes**, but **shall not eat** of it:

20 it happened **even** so to him; for the **people** trod on him in the **gate**, and he **died**.

2 Kings 8

1 **Now** **Elisha** had **spoken** to the **woman**, *whose* **son** he had **restored** to **life**, **saying**, **Arise**, and **go** you and **your** **household**, and sojourn *wherever* you can **sojourn**: for **YAHWEH** has **called** for a **famine**; and it **shall also come** on the land **seven years**.

2 The **woman** **arose**, and did according to the **word** of the man of **Elohim**; and she went **with** her **household**, and **sojourned** in the land of the **Philistines** **seven years**.

3 It happened at the **seven years' end**, **that** the **woman** returned **out** of the land of the **Philistines**: and she went **forth** to **cry** to the king for her **house** and for her land.

4 **Now** the king was **talking** with **Gehazi** the **servant** of the man of **Elohim**, **saying**, **Please** tell me **all** the **great things** that **Elisha** has **done**.

5 It happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him who was dead, **that behold**, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. Gehazi said, **My lord**, O king, **this** is the woman, and **this** is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

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

7 Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of Elohim is come here.

8 The king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of Elohim, and inquire of YAHWEH by him, saying, **Shall** I recover of **this** sickness?

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

10 Elisha said to him, Go, tell him, You shall surely recover; however YAHWEH has shown me **that** he shall surely die.

11 He settled his gaze steadfastly [on him], until he was ashamed: and the man of Elohim wept.

12 Hazael said, Why weeps my lord? He answered, Because I know the evil **that** you will do to the children of Israel: **their** strongholds will you set on fire, and **their** young men will you kill with the sword, and will dash in pieces **their** little ones, and rip up **their** women with child.

13 Hazael said, But what is your servant, who is but a dog, **that** he should do **this** great thing? Elisha answered, YAHWEH has shown me **that** you shall be king over Syria.

14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to you? He answered, He told me **that** you would surely recover.

15 It happened on the next day, **that** he took the coverlet, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so **that** he died: and Hazael reigned in his place.

16 In the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

17 thirty-two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 He wáked in the way of the kings of Işrael, as did the house of Ahab: for he had the dáughter of Ahab as wife; and he did **that which** was evil in the sight of YAHWEH.

19 However YAHWEH would not destroy Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give to him a lamp for his children álways.

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

21 Then Joram pássed over to Zair, and áll his chariots with him: and he roşe up by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents.

22 So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then did Libnah revolt at the same time.

23 The rest of the acts of Joram, and áll that he did, áren't they written in the bóok of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 Joram slept with his fáthers, and was buried with his fáthers in the city of David; and Ahaziah his sòn reigned in his place.

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the sòn of Ahab king of Işrael did Ahaziah the sòn of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

26 Twenty-two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jeruşalem. His móther's name was Athaliah the dáughter of Omri king of Işrael.

27 He wáked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did **that which** was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the sòn-in-láw of the house of Ahab.

28 He went with Joram the sòn of Ahab to wár against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fóught against Hazael king of Syria. Ahaziah the sòn of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the sòn of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

2 Kings 9

1 Elisha the prophet called one of the sòns of the prophets, and said to him, Gird up yóur loins, and take this vial of oil in yóur hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead.

2 When you **c**ome **there**, **l**ook **out there** Jehu the **s**on of Jehoshaphat the **s**on of Nimshi, and **go** in, and **make** him **arise** up from **among** his **brothers**, and carry him to an inner **chamber**.

3 **Then** **take** the vial of oil, and **p**our it on his head, and **say**, **Thus** says YAHWEH, I have anointed you king **over** **I**srael. **Then** **open** the **d**oor, and **flee**, and **don't** wait.

4 So the **young** man, **even** the **young** man the **prophet**, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 **When** he **came**, **behold**, the **captains** of the **host** were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to you, captain. Jehu said, To **which** of us **all**? **He** said, To you, O captain.

6 He **arose**, and went into the **house**; and he **p**oured the oil on his head, and said to him, **Thus** says YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**srael, I have anointed you king **over** the **people** of YAHWEH, **even** **over** **I**srael.

7 You **shall** **strike** the **house** of Ahab **y**our **m**aster, **that** I may **avenge** the **blood** of my **s**ervants the **prophets**, and the **blood** of **all** the **s**ervants of YAHWEH, at the hand of Jezebel.

8 For the **whole** **house** of Ahab **shall** **perish**; and I will cut off from Ahab every **man-child**, and him **who** is **shut** up and him **who** is left at **large** in **I**srael.

9 I will **make** the **house** of Ahab **like** the **house** of Jeroboam the **s**on of Nebat, and **like** the **house** of Baasha the **s**on of Ahijah.

10 The **dogs** **shall** **eat** Jezebel in the **p**ortion of Jezreel, and **there** **shall** be **none** to bury her. **He** opened the **d**oor, and fled.

11 **Then** Jehu **came** **forth** to the **s**ervants of his **l**ord: and one said to him, Is **all** well? **why** **came** **this** mad fellow to you? **He** said to **them**, **You** **know** the man and **what** his **t**alk was.

12 **They** said, It is **false**; tell us **now**. **He** said, **Thus** and **thus** **spoke** he to me, **saying**, **Thus** says YAHWEH, I have anointed you king **over** **I**srael.

13 **Then** **they** **hurried**, and **took** every man his **g**arment, and **put** it under him on the top of the **stairs**, and blew the trumpet, **saying**, Jehu is king.

14 So Jehu the **s**on of Jehoshaphat the **s**on of Nimshi **conspired** **against** Joram. (**Now** Joram was **keeping** Ramoth-gilead, he and **all** **I**srael, **because** of Hazael king of Syria;

15 but king Joram was **ret**urned to be **healed** in Jezreel of the **wounds** **which** the **Syrians** had given him, **when** he **f**ought **with** Hazael king of Syria.) Jehu said, If **this** be **y**our **mind**, **then** let **none** **escape** and **go** **forth** **out** of the **city**, to **go** to tell it in Jezreel.

16 So Jehu rode in a **chariôt**, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay **there**. Ahaziah king of Judah was **come down** to **see** Joram.

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

18 So **there** went one on **horseback** to **meet** him, and said, **Thus says** the king, Is it **peace**? Jehu said, **What** have you to **do with peace**? **turn** you **behind** me. The **watchman told**, **saying**, The messenger **came** to **them**, but he **isn't coming** back.

19 **Then** he sent **out** a **second** on **horseback**, **who came** to **them**, and said, **Thus says** the king, Is it **peace**? Jehu answered, **What** have you to **do with peace**? **turn** you **behind** me.

20 The **watchman told**, **saying**, **He came** **even** to **them**, and **isn't coming** back: and the **driving** is **like** the **driving** of Jehu the **son** of Nimshi; for he **drives** **furiously**.

21 Joram said, **Make** ready. **They made** ready his **chariôt**. Joram king of **Israel** and Ahaziah king of **Judah** went **out**, **each** in his **chariôt**, and **they went out** to **meet** Jehu, and **found** him in the **portion** of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 It happened, **when** Joram **saw** Jehu, **that** he said, Is it **peace**, Jehu? **He** answered, **What peace**, so long as the **prostitution** of **your mother** Jezebel and her **witchcraft** **abound**?

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

24 Jehu drew his **bow** **with** his **full strength**, and struck Joram **between** his **arms**; and the **arrow** went **out** at his **heart**, and he sunk **down** in his **chariôt**.

25 **Then** said [Jehu] to Bidkar his captain, **Take** up, and **cast** him in the **portion** of the **field** of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember **how that**, **when** I and you **rode** **together** **after** Ahab his **father**, YAHWEH **laid** **this** **burden** on him:

26 **Surely** I have **seen** **yesterday** the **blood** of Naboth, and the **blood** of his **sons**, **says** YAHWEH; and I will **requite** you in **this** **plat**, **says** YAHWEH. **Now** **therefore** **take** and **cast** him into the **plat** [of **ground**], **according** to the **word** of YAHWEH.

27 But **when** Ahaziah the king of **Judah** **saw** **this**, he fled **by** the **way** of the **garden-house**. Jehu **followed** **after** him, and said, **Smite** him **also** in the **chariôt**: [and **they** struck him] at the **ascent** of **Gur**, **which** is **by** Ibleam. **He** fled to Megiddo, and **died** **there**.

28 His **servants** carried him in a **chariôt** to **Jerusalem**, and buried him in his **tomb** **with** his **fathers** in the **city** of **David**.

29 In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 When Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and attired her head, and looked out at the window.

31 As Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Is it peace, you Zimri, your master's murderer?

32 He lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? There looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33 He said, throw her down. So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trod her under foot.

34 When he was come in, he ate and drink; and he said, See now to this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter.

35 They went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 Therefore they came back, and told him. He said, This is the word of YAHWEH, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall the dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel;

37 and the body of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

2 Kings 10

1 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and to those who brought up [the sons of] Ahab, saying,

2 Now as soon as this letter comes to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor;

3 look you out the best and meet of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, the two kings didn't stand before him: how then shall we stand?

5 He who was over the household, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and those who brought up [the children], sent to Jehu, saying, We are your servants, and will do all that you shall bid us; we will not make any man king: you do that which is good in your eyes.

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

7 It happened, *when* the letter **came** to **them**, **that they took** the king's **sons**, and killed **them**, **even** seventy **persons**, and **put** **their heads** in **baskets**, and sent **them** to him to Jezreel.

8 **There came** a messenger, and **told** him, *saying*, **They have bróught** the **heads** of the king's **sons**. He said, **Lay** you **them** in **two** **heaps** at the **entrance** of the **gate** until the **morning**.

9 It happened in the **morning**, **that** he went **out**, and **stood**, and said to **all** the **people**, **You** are **righteous**: **behold**, I **conspired** **against** my **master**, and killed him; but *who* struck **all these**?

10 **Know now that there shall fall** to the **earth** **nothing** of the **word** of YAHWEH, *which* YAHWEH **spoke** **concerning** the **house** of Ahab: for YAHWEH **has done that which** he **spoke** by his **servant** **Elijah**.

11 So Jehu struck **all that** remained of the **house** of Ahab in Jezreel, and **all** his **great** men, and his familiar **friends**, and his **priests**, until he left him **none** remaining.

12 He **arose** and **departed**, and went to Samaria. As he was at the **shearing-house** of the **shepherds** in the **way**,

13 Jehu met **with** the **brothers** of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, *who* are you? **They answered**, **We** are the **brothers** of Ahaziah: and **we go down** to **Greet** the **children** of the king and the **children** of the **queen**.

14 He said, **Take them alive**. **They took them alive**, and killed **them** at the pit of the **shearing-house**, **even** **two** and **forty** men; **neither** left he any of **them**.

15 *When* he was **departed there**, he **lighted** on Jehonadab the **son** of Rechab **coming** to **meet** him; and he **greeted** him, and said to him, Is **your heart right**, as **my heart** is **with your heart**? Jehonadab **answered**, It is. If it be, **give** me **your hand**. He **gave** him his hand; and he **took** him up to him into the **chariot**.

16 He said, **Come with** me, and **see my zeal** for YAHWEH. So **they made** him **ride** in his **chariot**.

17 *When* he **came** to Samaria, he struck **all who** remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, **according** to the **word** of YAHWEH, *which* he **spoke** to **Elijah**.

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

19 **N**ow **theref**ore **c**all to me **all** the **proph**ets of Baal, **all** his **w**orshippers, and **all** his **p**riests; let **n**one be **w**anting: for I have a **g**reat sacrific**e** [to **d**e] to Baal; **w**h**o**ever **sh**all be **w**anting, he **sh**all not live. But Jehu did it in **s**ub**t**lety, to the intent **th**at he **m**ight destroy the **w**orshippers of Baal.

20 Jehu said, Sanctify a **s**olem**n** assembly for Baal. **T**hey **pr**o**cl**aim**e**d it.

21 Jehu sent **th**rough **all** **I**s**r**ael: and **all** the **w**orshippers of Baal **c**ame, so **th**at **there** was not a man left **th**at didn't **c**ome. **T**hey **c**ame into the **h**ouse of Baal; and the **h**ouse of Baal was filled from one end to **an**other.

22 He said to him **w**h**o** was **o**ver the vestry, Bring **f**orth vestments for **all** the **w**orshippers of Baal. **H**e **br**o**u**ght **th**em **f**orth vestments.

23 Jehu went, and Jehonadab the **s**on of Rechab, into the **h**ouse of Baal; and he said to the **w**orshippers of Baal, **S**e**a**rch, and **l**ook **th**at **there** be **h**ere with you **n**one of the **s**ervants of YAHWEH, but the **w**orshippers of Baal **o**nly.

24 **T**hey went in to offer sacrific**e**s and **b**urnt offerings. **N**ow Jehu had appointed him **e**ighty men **o**utside, and said, If any of the men **w**h**o**m I bring into **y**our hands **e**scape, [he **w**h**o** lets him go], his **l**ife **sh**all be for the **l**ife of him.

25 It happened, as **s**oon as he had **m**ade an end of offering the **b**urnt offering, **th**at Jehu said to the **g**uard and to the **c**aptains, **G**o in, and kill **th**em; let **n**one **c**ome **f**orth. **T**hey struck **th**em with the **e**dge of the **s**w**o**rd; and the **g**uard and the **c**aptains **c**ast **th**em **o**ut, and went to the **c**ity of the **h**ouse of Baal.

26 **T**hey **br**o**u**ght **f**orth the pillars **th**at were in the **h**ouse of Baal, and **b**urned **th**em.

27 **T**hey **br**o**k**e **d**own the pillar of Baal, and **br**o**k**e **d**own the **h**ouse of Baal, and **m**ade it a latrine, to **th**is **d**ay.

28 **T**hus Jehu destroyed Baal **o**ut of **I**s**r**ael.

29 **H**owever from the **s**in**s** of Jeroboam the **s**on of Nebat, with **w**h**ic**h he **m**ade **I**s**r**ael to sin, Jehu didn't **d**ep**a**rt from **a**fter **th**em, [to wit], the **g**olden **c**alf**e**s **th**at were in **B**ethel, and **th**at were in Dan.

30 YAHWEH said to Jehu, **B**eca**u**se you have **d**one well in **e**xecuting **th**at **w**h**ic**h is **r**ight in **m**y **y**e**s**, [and] have **d**one to the **h**ouse of Ahab **a**cc**o**rding to **all** **th**at was in **m**y **h**e**a**rt, **y**our **s**on**s** of the **f**our**t**h **g**enerati**o**n **sh**all sit on the **th**rone of **I**s**r**ael.

31 But Jehu **t**ook no **h**eed to **w**alk in the **l**aw of YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**s**r**ael, with **all** his **h**e**a**rt: he didn't **d**ep**a**rt from the **s**in**s** of Jeroboam, with **w**h**ic**h he **m**ade **I**s**r**ael to sin.

32 In **thoſe** **dayſ** YAHWEH began to cut off from Iſrael: and Hazael ſtruck **them** in **á**ll the **bó**rders of Iſrael;

33 from the Jórdan **e**aſtward, **á**ll the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, **whi**ch is **by** the valley of the Arnon, **e**ven Gilead and Baſhan.

34 **N**ow the reſt of the acts of Jehu, and **á**ll **th**at he did, and **á**ll his **mi**ght, **á**ren't **they** written in the **bó**ok of the *chronicles* of the **kingſ** of Iſrael?

35 Jehu ſlept **with** his **fá**therſ; and **they** buried him in Samaria. Jehoahaz his **ſón** reigned in his **plá**ce.

36 The **ti**me **th**at Jehu reigned **o**ver Iſrael in Samaria was twenty-eight **yearſ**.

2 Kings 11

1 Now when Athaliah the **mó**ther of Ahaziah **sá**w **th**at her **ſón** was dead, ſhe **aroſe** and deſtroyed **á**ll the **ſeed** royal.

2 But Jehoſheba, the **dá**ughter of king Joram, ſiſter of Ahaziah, **tó**ok Joaſh the **ſón** of Ahaziah, and **ſto**le him away from among the **king'ſ ſónſ** **wh**o were ſlain, **e**ven him and his **nú**rſe, [and **pú**t **them**] in the **bedchamber**; and **they** hid him from Athaliah, ſo **th**at he was not ſlain;

3 He was **with** her hid in the **hou**ſe of YAHWEH ſix **yearſ**. Athaliah reigned **o**ver the land.

4 In the **ſe**venth **year** Jehoiada ſent and **fe**tched the **captainſ** **o**ver hundredſ of the Carites and of the **guá**rd, and **bró**ught **them** to him into the **hou**ſe of YAHWEH; and he **ma**de a **có**venant **with** **them**, and **tó**ok an **oá**th of **them** in the **hou**ſe of YAHWEH, and **ſho**wn **them** the **king'ſ ſón**.

5 He commanded **them**, ſaying, **T**hiſ is the **thi**ng **th**at you **ſh**all **do**: a **thi**rd **pá**rt of you, **wh**o **có**me in on the Sabbath, **ſh**all be **keep**erſ of the **wá**tch of the **king'ſ hou**ſe;

6 A **thi**rd **pá**rt **ſh**all be at the **gate** Sur; and a **thi**rd **pá**rt at the **gate** behind the **guá**rd: ſo **ſh**all you **keep** the **wá**tch of the **hou**ſe, and be a barrier.

7 The **tw**o **có**mpanieſ of you, **e**ven **á**ll **wh**o **go fó**rth on the Sabbath, **ſh**all **keep** the **wá**tch of the **hou**ſe of YAHWEH **o**ut about the king.

8 You **ſh**all **có**mpaſſ the king **rou**nd **o**ut, every man **with** his **weapónſ** in his hand; and he **wh**o **có**meſ **withi**n the ranks, let him be ſlain: and be you **with** the king **wh**en he **goeſ** **o**ut, and **wh**en he **có**meſ in.

9 The captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 The priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of YAHWEH.

11 The guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about.

12 Then he brought out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and [gave him] the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, [Long] live the king.

13 When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard [and of] the people, she came to the people into the house of YAHWEH:

14 and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by the pillar, as the manner was, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, Treason! treason!

15 Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were set over the host, and said to them, Have her forth between the ranks; and him who follows her kill with the sword. For the priest said, Don't let her be slain in the house of YAHWEH.

16 So they made way for her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house: and there was she slain.

17 Jehoiada made a covenant between YAHWEH and the king and the people, that they should be Yähwēh's people; between the king also and the people.

18 All the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images broke they in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. The priest appointed officers over the house of YAHWEH.

19 He took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of YAHWEH, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. He sat on the throne of the kings.

20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. Athaliah they had slain with the sword at the king's house.

21 Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.

2 Kings 12

1 In the seventh year of Jehu began Jehoash to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Jehoash did that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 However the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 Jehoash said to the priests, all the money of the holy things that is brought into the house of YAHWEH, in current money, the money of the persons for whom each man is rated, and all the money that it comes into any man's heart to bring into the house of YAHWEH,

5 let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wherever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the [other] priests, and said to them, Why don't you repair the breaches of the house? now therefore take no [more] money from your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 The priests consented that they should take no [more] money from the people, neither repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of YAHWEH: and the priests who kept the threshold put therein all the money that was brought into the house of YAHWEH.

10 It was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags and counted the money that was found in the house of YAHWEH.

11 They gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of YAHWEH: and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, who worked on the house of YAHWEH,

12 and to the masons and the stone cutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the house of YAHWEH, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 But **there** were not **made** for the **house** of YAHWEH cups of silver, snuffers, **basins**, trumpets, any vessels of **gold**, or vessels of silver, of the **money** **that** was **bróught** into the **house** of YAHWEH;

14 for **they** **gave** **that** to **thosé** **who** did the **wórk**, and **repaired** **therewith** the **house** of YAHWEH.

15 **Móreover** **they** didn't demand an **accounting** from the men into **whosé** hand **they** delivered the **money** to give to **thosé** **who** did the **wórk**; for **they** dealt **faithfully**.

16 The **money** for the **trespäss-offerings**, and the **money** for the **sin-offerings**, was not **bróught** into the **house** of YAHWEH: it was the **priests'**.

17 **Then** Hazael king of Syria went up, and **fóught** against **Gath**, and **tóok** it; and Hazael set his **façe** to **go** up to **Jeruśalem**.

18 Jehoash king of **Judah** **tóok** **áll** the **holy** **things** **that** Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his **fätherş**, **kings** of **Judah**, had **dedicated**, and his **own** **holy** **things**, and **áll** the **gold** **that** was **found** in the **treasureş** of the **house** of YAHWEH, and of the **king's** **house**, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went **away** from **Jeruśalem**.

19 **Now** the rest of the acts of Joash, and **áll** **that** he did, **ären't** **they** written in the **bóok** of the **chronicleş** of the **kings** of **Judah**?

20 His **sêrvants** **arose**, and **made** a **conspiracy**, and struck Joash at the **house** of Millo, [on the **way**] **that** **goes** **down** to Silla.

21 For Jozacar the **son** of **Shimeath**, and Jehozabad the **son** of **Shomer**, his **sêrvants**, struck him, and he **died**; and **they** **buried** him **with** his **fätherş** in the **çity** of **David**: and Amaziah his **son** **reigned** in his **plaçe**.

2 Kings 13

1 In the **three** and **twentieth** **year** of Joash the **son** of Ahaziah, king of **Judah**, Jehoahaz the **son** of Jehu began to **reign** **over** **Işrael** in **Samaria**, [and **reigned**] **seventeen** **years**.

2 He did **that** **which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, and **followed** the **sins** of Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat, **with** **which** he **made** **Işrael** to sin; he didn't **depärt** from it.

3 The anger of YAHWEH was kindled **against** **Işrael**, and he delivered **them** into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the **son** of Hazael, **cóntinually**.

4 Jehoahaz **begged** YAHWEH, and YAHWEH **listened** to him; for he **sáw** the **oppression** of **Işrael**, **how** **that** the king of Syria **oppressed** **them**.

5 (YAHWEH gave Işrael a savior, so **that they** went **out** from under the hand of the Syrians; and the **children** of Işrael lived in **their** tents as bef^ore.

6 Never**theless** **they** didn't dep^art from the sin^s of the **house** of Jeroboam, **with which** he made Işrael to sin, but w^alked **therein**: and **there** remained the Asherah **also** in Samaria.)

7 For he didn't **leave** to Jehoahaz of the **people** save fifty h^orsemen, and ten **chariots**, and ten **thou**sand f^ootmen; for the king of Syria destroyed **them**, and made **them** like the dust in **th**reshing.

8 **Now** the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and **all that** he did, and his **might**, **ä**ren't **they** written in the **bo**ok of the *chronicles* of the **king**s of Işrael?

9 Jehoahaz slept **with** his **fä**ther^s; and **they** buried him in Samaria: and Joash his **son** reigned in his **plac**e.

10 In the **th**irty-sevent**h** year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the **son** of Jehoahaz to reign **over** Işrael in Samaria, [and reigned] six**teen** year^s.

11 He did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH; he didn't dep^art from **all** the sin^s of Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat, **with which** he made Işrael to sin; but he w^alked **therein**.

12 **Now** the rest of the acts of Joash, and **all that** he did, and his **might with which** he f^ought against Amaziah king of Judah, **ä**ren't **they** written in the **bo**ok of the *chronicles* of the **king**s of Işrael?

13 Joash slept **with** his **fä**ther^s; and Jeroboam sat on his **thr**one: and Joash was buried in Samaria **with** the **king**s of Işrael.

14 **Now** Elisha was f^allen sick of his sickness *whereof* he **di**ed: and Joash the king of Işrael **came** down to him, and wept **over** him, and said, **My fä**ther, **my fä**ther, the **chariots** of Işrael and the h^orsemen of it!

15 Elisha said to him, **Take** **bow** and **arrow**s; and he **tö**ok to him **bow** and **arrow**s.

16 He said to the king of Işrael, **Püt** **yö**ur hand on the **bow**; and he **püt** his hand [on it]. Elisha **laid** his **hand**s on the king's **hand**s.

17 He said, **Open** the **window** **e**astward; and he **opened** it. **Then** Elisha said, **Sh**oot; and he **shot**. **He** said, Yähweh's **arrow** of victory, **even** the **arrow** of victory **over** Syria; for you **shall** **strike** the Syrians in **Aph**ek, until you have **con**sumed **them**.

18 He said, **Take** the **arrow**s; and he **tö**ok **them**. **He** said to the king of Işrael, **Smit**e on the **gr**ound; and he struck **thri**ce, and **stay**ed.

19 The man of Elohim was angry **with** him, and said, **You should** have struck **five** or **six times**: **then** had you struck Syria until you had **consumed** it, **whereas now** you **shall strike** Syria but **thrice**.

20 **Elisha** died, and **they** buried him. **Now** the bands of the **Moabites** invaded the land at the **coming** in of the **year**.

21 It happened, as **they** were burying a man, **that behold**, **they** spied a band; and **they** cast the man into the **tomb** of **Elisha**: and as **seen** as the man **touch**ed the **bones** of **Elisha**, he **revived**, and **stood** up on his **feet**.

22 Hazael king of Syria oppressed **Israel** **all** the **days** of Jehoahaz.

23 But **YAHWEH** was **gracious** to **them**, and had **compassion** on **them**, and had respect to **them**, **because** of his **covenant** with **Abraham**, **Isaac**, and **Jacob**, and **would** not destroy **them**, **neither** cast he **them** from his **presence** as yet.

24 Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his **son** reigned in his **place**.

25 Jehoash the **son** of Jehoahaz **took** again **out** of the hand of Benhadad the **son** of Hazael the **cities** which he had **taken** **out** of the hand of Jehoahaz his **father** by **war**. **three times** did Joash strike him, and **recovered** the **cities** of **Israel**.

2 Kings 14

1 In the **second** **year** of Joash **son** of Joahaz king of **Israel** began Amaziah the **son** of Joash king of **Judah** to reign.

2 He was **twenty-five** **years** **old** when he began to reign; and he reigned **twenty-nine** **years** in **Jerusalem**: and his **mother's** **name** was Jehoaddin of **Jerusalem**.

3 He did **that** which was **right** in the **eyes** of **YAHWEH**, yet not **like** **David** his **father**: he did **according** to **all** **that** Joash his **father** had **done**.

4 **However** the **high** **places** were not **taken** **away**: the **people** still **sacrificed** and **burnt** **incense** in the **high** **places**.

5 It happened, as **seen** as the **kingdom** was **established** in his hand, **that** he killed his **servants** who had **slain** the king his **father**:

6 but the **children** of the **murderers** he didn't **put** to **death**; **according** to **that** which is written in the **book** of the **law** of **Moses**, as **YAHWEH** commanded, **saying**, The **fathers** shall not be **put** to **death** for the **children**, **nor** the **children** be **put** to **death** for the **fathers**; but every man **shall die** for his **own** sin.

7 He killed of Edom in the **Valley** of **Salt** ten **thousand**, and **took** Sela by **war**, and **called** the **name** of it Joktheel, to **this** **day**.

8 Then Amaziah sent messenger^s to Jehoash, the s^on of Jehoahaz s^on of Jehu, king of I^srael, saying, C^ome, let us l^ook one another in the fa^çe.

9 Jehoash the king of I^srael sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The ~~th~~is^{le} that was in Lebanon sent to the ~~ç~~edar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give y^our d^aughter to my s^on as wife: and ~~th~~ere p^assed by a wild animal that was in Lebanon, and trod down the ~~th~~is^{le}.

10 You have indeed struck Edom, and y^our he^art has lifted you up: gl^ory of it, and abide at home; for why sh^ould you meddle to [y^our] h^urt, that you sh^ould f^all, even you, and Judah with you?

11 But Amaziah wo^uld not hear. So Jehoash king of I^srael went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah l^ooked one another in the fa^çe at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

12 Judah was p^ut to the w^orse bef^ore I^srael; and they fled every man to his tent.

13 Jehoash king of I^srael t^ook Amaziah king of Judah, the s^on of Jehoash the s^on of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jeru^salem, and broke down the w^all of Jeru^salem from the gate of Ephraim to the c^orn^er gate, f^our hundred cubits.

14 He t^ook ~~a~~ll the gold and silver, and ~~a~~ll the vessels that were found in the house of YAHWEH, and in the treas^ures of the king's house, the hostages ~~a~~lso, and returned to Samaria.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his mi^ght, and how he f^ought with Amaziah king of Judah, ~~a~~ren't they written in the b^ook of the chronicle^s of the king^s of I^srael?

16 Jehoash slept with his f^ather^s, and was buried in Samaria with the king^s of I^srael; and Jeroboam his s^on reigned in his pla^çe.

17 Amaziah the s^on of Joash king of Judah lived ~~a~~fter the death of Jehoash s^on of Jehoahaz king of I^srael fifteen year^s.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, ~~a~~ren't they written in the b^ook of the chronicle^s of the king^s of Judah?

19 They made a c^onspiracy against him in Jeru^salem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent ~~a~~fter him to Lachish, and killed him ~~th~~ere.

20 They br^ought him on h^orse^s; and he was buried at Jeru^salem with his f^ather^s in the çity of David.

21 All the pe^ople of Judah t^ook Azariah, who was sixteen year^s old, and made him king in the re^oom of his f^ather Amaziah.

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

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, [and reigned] forty-one years.

24 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH: he didn't depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher.

26 For YAHWEH saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, neither was there any helper for Israel.

27 YAHWEH didn't say that he would blot out the name of Israel from under the sky; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, [which had belonged] to Judah, for Israel, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

2 Kings 15

1 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

3 He did that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 However the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

5 YAHWEH struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land.

6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 Azariah slept **with** his **fätherş**; and **they** buried him **with** his **fätherş** in the **ç**ity of **David**: and **Jotham** his **son** reigned in his **placē**.

8 In the **thirty-eighth** year of Azariah king of **Judah** did Zechariah the **son** of Jeroboam reign **over Işrael** in **Samaria** six **monthş**.

9 He did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, as his **fätherş** had **dōne**: he didn't depärt from the **sinş** of Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat, **with which** he **made Işrael** to sin.

10 **Shallum** the **son** of Jabesh **conspired** against him, and struck him befōre the **people**, and killed him, and reigned in his **placē**.

11 **Now** the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, **they** are written in the **bōok** of the **chronicleş** of the **kingş** of **Işrael**.

12 **This** was the **wōrd** of YAHWEH **which** he **spoke** to Jehu, **saying**, **Yōur sonş** to the **fōurth generation** shall sit on the **throne** of **Işrael**. So it **came** to **päss**.

13 **Shallum** the **son** of Jabesh began to reign in the **nine** and **thirtieth** year of Uzziah king of **Judah**; and he reigned the **space** of a **month** in **Samaria**.

14 Menahem the **son** of Gadi went up from **Tirzah**, and **came** to **Samaria**, and struck **Shallum** the **son** of Jabesh in **Samaria**, and killed him, and reigned in his **placē**.

15 **Now** the rest of the acts of **Shallum**, and his **conspiraçy** **which** he **made**, behold, **they** are written in the **bōok** of the **chronicleş** of the **kingş** of **Işrael**.

16 **Then** Menahem struck **Tiphseh**, and **äll** **who** were **therein**, and the **bōrders** of it, from **Tirzah**: **because** **they** didn't **open** to him, **therefōre** he struck it; and **äll** the women **therein** **who** were **with child** he **ripped** up.

17 In the **nine** and **thirtieth** year of Azariah king of **Judah** began Menahem the **son** of Gadi to reign **over Işrael**, [and reigned] **ten yearş** in **Samaria**.

18 He did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH: he didn't depärt **äll** his **dayş** from the **sinş** of Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat, **with which** he **made Işrael** to sin.

19 **There** **came** against the land Pul the king of Assyria; and Menahem **gave** Pul one **thouş**and talents of silver, **that** his hand **might** be **with** him to **confirm** the **kingdōm** in his hand.

20 Menahem exacted the **mōney** of **Işrael**, **even** of **äll** the **mighty** men of **wealth**, of **each** man fifty **shekelş** of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria **tūrned** back, and didn't **stay** **there** in the land.

21 **Now** the rest of the acts of Menahem, and **äll** **that** he did, **ären't** **they** written in the **bōok** of the **chronicleş** of the **kingş** of **Işrael**?

22 Menahem slept **with** his **fäther**ş; and Pekahiah his **son** reigned in his **plac**e.

23 In the fifti**th** year of Azariah king of **Judah** Pekahiah the **son** of Menahem began to reign **over** **Işrael** in **Samaria**, [and reigned] **two** year**ş**.

24 He did **that** *which* was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH: he didn't dep**ä**rt from the sin**ş** of Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat, **with** *which* he **made** **Işrael** to sin.

25 Pekah the **son** of Remaliah, his captain, **conspired** against him, and struck him in **Samaria**, in the **cä**stle of the king'**ş** **house**, **with** Argob and Arie**h**; and **with** him were fifty men of the Gilead**ites**: and he killed him, and reigned in his **plac**e.

26 **Now** the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and **ä**ll **that** he did, behold, **they** are *written* in the **böök** of the *chronicle***ş** of the king**ş** of **Işrael**.

27 In the **two** and fifti**th** year of Azariah king of **Judah** Pekah the **son** of Remaliah began to reign **over** **Işrael** in **Samaria**, [and reigned] twenty year**ş**.

28 He did **that** *which* was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH: he didn't dep**ä**rt from the sin**ş** of Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat, **with** *which* he **made** **Işrael** to sin.

29 In the **day**ş of Pekah king of **Işrael** **came** Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and **töök** Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, **ä**ll the land of **Naph**tali; and he carried **them** captive to Assyria.

30 **Hoshea** the **son** of Elah **made** a **conspira**cy against Pekah the **son** of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his **plac**e, in the twentieth year of **Jotham** the **son** of Uzziah.

31 **Now** the rest of the acts of Pekah, and **ä**ll **that** he did, behold, **they** are *written* in the **böök** of the *chronicle***ş** of the king**ş** of **Işrael**.

32 In the second year of Pekah the **son** of Remaliah king of **Işrael** began **Jotham** the **son** of Uzziah king of **Judah** to reign.

33 He was twenty-five year**ş** old *when* he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen year**ş** in **Jeru**şalem: and his **mö**ther'**ş** **name** was Jerusha the **dä**ughter of Zadok.

34 He did **that** *which* was **right** in the **eye**ş of YAHWEH; he did acc**ö**rding to **ä**ll **that** his **fä**ther Uzziah had **dö**ne.

35 **How**ever the **hi**gh **plac**eş were not **taken** away: the **pe**ople still sacrific**ed** and **bü**rn**ed** incense in the **hi**gh **plac**eş. **He** built the upper **gate** of the **hou**se of YAHWEH.

36 **Now** the rest of the acts of Jotham, and **ä**ll **that** he did, **ä**ren't **they** *written* in the **böök** of the *chronicle***ş** of the king**ş** of **Judah**?

37 In **thoſe** **dayſ** YAHWEH began to ſend againſt Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the **ſon** of Remaliah.

38 Jotham ſlept with **h**is **fätherſ**, and was buried with **h**is **fätherſ** in the **ç**ity of David his **fäther**: and Ahaz his **ſon** reigned in his **plac**e.

2 Kings 16

1 In the ſeventeenth year of Pekah the **ſon** of Remaliah Ahaz the **ſon** of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty **yearſ** old was Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned ſixteen **yearſ** in Jeruſalem: and he didn't **de** **that** **which** was **right** in the **eyeſ** of YAHWEH his Elohim, like David his **fäther**.

3 But he **wä**ked in the way of the **kingſ** of Iſrael, yes, and **made** his **ſon** to **pä**ſſ **th**rough the fire, according to the abominations of the **nationſ**, whom YAHWEH **cä**ſt **o**ut from before the **children** of Iſrael.

4 He **sacrific**ed and **bû**rn^t incense in the **high** **plac**eſ, and on the **hillſ**, and under every **green** **tree**.

5 **Then** Rezin king of Syria and Pekah **ſon** of Remaliah king of Iſrael **came** up to Jeruſalem to **wä**r: and **they** **beſieg**ed Ahaz, but **cou**ld not **overc**ome him.

6 At **that** **time** Rezin king of Syria **recovered** Elath to Syria, and **drove** the **Jewſ** from Elath; and the **Syrianſ** **came** to Elath, and lived **there**, to **this** **day**.

7 So Ahaz ſent **messengerſ** to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, **ſaying**, I am **yô**ur **ſ**ervant and **yô**ur **ſon**: **come** up, and **ſave** me **o**ut of the hand of the king of Syria, and **o**ut of the hand of the king of Iſrael, **who** **riſe** up againſt me.

8 Ahaz **tô**ok the silver and **gold** **that** was **found** in the **houſe** of YAHWEH, and in the **treä**ſureſ of the **kingſ** **houſe**, and ſent it for a **preſent** to the king of Assyria.

9 The king of Assyria **liſtened** to him; and the king of Assyria went up againſt Damascus, and **tô**ok it, and **carried** [the **pe**ople of] it captive to Kîr, and killed Rezin.

10 King Ahaz went to Damascus to **meet** Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and **ſä**w the **ä**ltar **that** was at Damascus; and king Ahaz ſent to Urijah the **prieſt** the **faſhion** of the **ä**ltar, and the pattern of it, according to **ä**ll the **wô**rkmanship of it.

11 Urijah the **prieſt** built an **ä**ltar: according to **ä**ll **that** king Ahaz had ſent from Damascus, ſo did Urijah the **prieſt** **make** it againſt the **coming** of king Ahaz from Damascus.

12 **When** the king was **come** from Damascus, the king **ſä**w the **ä**ltar: and the king drew **ne**ar to the **ä**ltar, and offered **there**on.

13 He bŭrnt his bŭrnt offering and his meal-offering, and pŏured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blŏod of his peacē-offerings, on the ăltar.

14 The brazen ăltar, which was befŏre YAHWEH, he brŏught from the fŏrefront of the house, from between his ăltar and the house of YAHWEH, and pŭt it on the nŏrth side of his ăltar.

15 King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, On the great ăltar bŭrn the mŏrning bŭrnt offering, and the evening meal-offering, and the king's bŭrnt offering, and his meal-offering, with the bŭrnt offering of ăll the people of the land, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings; and sprinkle on it ăll the blŏod of the bŭrnt offering, and ăll the blŏod of the sacrificē: but the brazen ăltar shall be for me to inquire by.

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, accŏrding to ăll that king Ahaz commanded.

17 King Ahaz cut off the panels of the bases, and remŏved the basin from off them, and tŏok down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and pŭt it on a pavement of stone.

18 The covered way for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry outside, tŭrned he to the house of YAHWEH, becaŭse of the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, ăren't they written in the bŏok of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 Ahaz slept with his făthers, and was buried with his făthers in the çity of David: and Hezekiah his sŏn reigned in his plaçe.

2 Kings 17

1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the sŏn of Elah to reign in Samaria over Işrael, [and reigned] nine years.

2 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, yet not as the kings of Işrael who were befŏre him.

3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his sêrvant, and brŏught him tribute.

4 The king of Assyria found cŏnspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefŏre the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prişon.

5 Then the king of Assyria came up througħout ăll the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

6 In the **ninth** year of **Hoshea** the king of Assyria **tóok** Samaria, and carried **Išrael** away to Assyria, and **placēd** them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the **çities** of the Medes.

7 It was so, **beca^use** the **children** of **Išrael** had sinned against YAHWEH **their** Elohim, **whē** **brōught** them up **ōut** of the land of **Egypt** from under the hand of **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt**, and had **feared** **ōther** gods,

8 and **wā/ke^d** in the **statute** of the **nations**, **whēm** YAHWEH **cāst** **ōut** from **befōre** the **children** of **Išrael**, and of the **kings** of **Išrael**, **whi^{ch}** they **made**.

9 The **children** of **Išrael** did **secretly** **things** that were not **right** against YAHWEH **their** Elohim: and **they** **built** them **high** **placēs** in **āll** **their** **çities**, from the **tower** of the **watchmen** to the **fōrtified** **çity**;

10 and **they** set them up **pillar**s and **Asherim** on every **high** hill, and under every **green** **tree**;

11 and **there** **they** **būrnt** **incēse** in **āll** the **high** **placēs**, as did the **nations** **whēm** YAHWEH carried away **befōre** them; and **they** **wōrked** wicked **things** to **prōvōke** YAHWEH to anger;

12 and **they** **sērvēd** **idols**, **wherē**of YAHWEH had said to **them**, **You** shall not **do** **this** **thing**.

13 Yet YAHWEH testified to **Išrael**, and to **Judah**, **by** every **prophet**, and every **seer**, **saying**, **Tūrn** you from **yōur** **evil** **ways**, and **keep** my commandments and my **statute**, **accōrding** to **āll** the **lāw** **whi^{ch}** I commanded **yōur** **fāthers**, and **whi^{ch}** I sent to you **by** my **sērvants** the **prophets**.

14 Notwith**st**anding, **they** **wōuld** not **hear**, but **hārdened** **their** neck, **like** the neck of **their** **fāthers**, **whē** didn't **believe** in YAHWEH **their** Elohim.

15 **They** rejected his **statute**, and his **cōv^enant** that he **made** with **their** **fāthers**, and his **testimonies** **whi^{ch}** he testified to **them**; and **they** followed vanity, and **became** **vain**, and [went] **āfter** the **nations** that were **rōund** **ābōut** **them**, **cōncē**rning **whēm** YAHWEH had **chārged** **thōse** **whē** they **shōuld** not **do** **like** **them**.

16 **They** **forsōok** **āll** the commandments of YAHWEH **their** Elohim, and **made** them **molten** **images**, **even** **twē** **cāves**, and **made** an **Asherah**, and **wōrshipped** **āll** the **host** of the **sky**, and **sērvēd** Baal.

17 **They** **cāused** **their** **sōns** and **their** **dāughters** to **päss** **throug^h** the **fire**, and **used** **divination** and **ench^antments**, and **sold** **themselves** to **do** **that** **whi^{ch}** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, to **prōvōke** him to anger.

18 **There**fore YAHWEH was very angry with **I**srael, and removed **them** out of his sight: **there** was **no**ne left but the tribe of Judah **only**.

19 Also Judah didn't **keep** the commandments of YAHWEH **their** Elohim, but **walked** in the statute of **I**srael **which** they made.

20 YAHWEH rejected **all** the **seed** of **I**srael, and afflicted **them**, and delivered **them** into the hand of spoilers, until he had **cast** **them** out of his sight.

21 **For** he **to**re **I**srael from the **house** of David; and **they** made Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat king: and Jeroboam **drove** **I**srael from following YAHWEH, and made **them** sin a **great** sin.

22 The **children** of **I**srael **walked** in **all** the **sins** of Jeroboam **which** he did; **they** didn't dep~~ar~~t from **them**;

23 until YAHWEH removed **I**srael out of his sight, as he **spoke** by **all** his **servants** the **prophets**. So **I**srael was carried away out of **their** own land to Assyria to **this** day.

24 The king of Assyria **brought** men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and **placed** **them** in the **cities** of Samaria instead of the **children** of **I**srael; and **they** **possessed** Samaria, and lived in the **cities** of it.

25 So it was, at the beginning of **their** dwelling **there**, **that** **they** didn't fear YAHWEH: **there**fore YAHWEH sent **lions** among **them**, **which** killed **some** of **them**.

26 **There**fore **they** **spoke** to the king of Assyria, **saying**, The **nations** **which** you have carried away, and **placed** in the **cities** of Samaria, **don't** know the **law** of the god of the land: **there**fore he has sent **lions** among **them**, and, behold, **they** kill **them**, because **they** **don't** know the **law** of the god of the land.

27 **Then** the king of Assyria commanded, **saying**, Carry **there** one of the **priests** **whom** you **brought** from **there**; and let **them** go and dwell **there**, and let him **teach** **them** the **law** of the god of the land.

28 So one of the **priests** **whom** **they** had carried away from Samaria **came** and lived in Bethel, and **taught** **them** **how** **they** **should** fear YAHWEH.

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

30 The men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nêrgal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared YAHWEH, and made to them from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared YAHWEH, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.

34 To this day they do after the former manner: they don't fear YAHWEH, neither do they after their statute, or after their ordinances, or after the law or after the commandment which YAHWEH commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

35 with whom YAHWEH had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 but YAHWEH, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, him shall you fear, and to him shall you bow yourselves, and to him shall you sacrifice:

37 and the statute and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do forevermore; and you shall not fear other gods:

38 and the covenant that I have made with you you shall not forget; neither shall you fear other gods:

39 but YAHWEH your Elohim shall you fear; and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 However they did not listen, but they did after their former manner.

41 So these nations feared YAHWEH, and served their engraved images; their children likewise, and their children's children, as did their fathers, so do they to this day.

2 Kings 18

1 Now it happened in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

3 He did that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH, according to all that David his father had done.

4 He removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he broke in pieces the brazen sêrpent that Moşeş had made; for to thoşe days the children of Işrael did bûrn incense to it; and he cálled it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael; so that äfter him was none like him among äll the kings of Judah, nõr [among them] that were befõre him.

6 For he joined with YAHWEH; he didn't depärt from following him, but kept his commandments, which YAHWEH commanded Moşeş.

7 YAHWEH was with him; wherever he went fõrth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and didn't sêrve him.

8 He struck the Philistineş to Gaza and the borders of it, from the tower of the watchmen to the fõrtified çity.

9 It happened in the fõurth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea sòn of Elah king of Işrael, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 At the end of three years they took it: in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Işrael, Samaria was taken.

11 The king of Assyria carried Işrael away to Assyria, and put them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the çities of the Medes,

12 because they didn't obey the voice of YAHWEH their Elohim, but transgressed his covenant, even äll that Moşeş the sêrvant of YAHWEH commanded, and would not hear it, nõr do it.

13 Now in the fõurteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against äll the fõrtified çities of Judah, and took them.

14 Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; retûrn from me: that which you put on me will I bear. The king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 Hezekiah gave [him] äll the silver that was found in the house of YAHWEH, and in the treasureş of the king's house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off [the gold from] the doors of the temple of YAHWEH, and [from] the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 The king of Assyria sent Tärtan and Rab-saris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great ärmey to Jeruşalem. They went up and came to

Jeruṣalem. When **they** were cōme up, **they came** and stōod by the conduit of the upper pool, **which** is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18 When **they** had cāllēd to the king, **there came** out to **them** Eliakim the sōn of Hilkiah, **who** was over the household, and **Shebna** the scribe, and Joah the sōn of Asaph the recōrder.

19 Rabshakeh said to **them**, Say you now to Hezekiah, **Thus says** the great king, the king of Assyria, **What confidence** is **this** in **which** you trust?

20 You say (but **they** are but vain wōrds), [**There is**] cōunsel and strength for the wār. Now on **whom** **do** you trust, **that** you have rebelled against me?

21 Now, behold, you trust on the stāff of **this bruised reed**, even on **Egypt**; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and piēçe it: so is **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt** to **āll** **who** trust on him.

22 But if you tell me, We trust in YAHWEH our Elohim; isn't **that** he **whose** high places and **whose** āltarṣ Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jeruṣalem, You shall wōrship befōre **this** āltar in Jeruṣalem?

23 Now **therefōre**, Pleāse give pledges to my māster the king of Assyria, and I will give you **two thousand** hōrseṣ, if you are able on **yōur** pārt to set riders on **them**.

24 **How** then can you tūrn away the face of one captain of the least of my māster's sērvants, and pūt **yōur** trust on **Egypt** for **chariōts** and for hōrsemen?

25 Am I now cōme up **withōut** YAHWEH against **this** place to destroy it? YAHWEH said to me, Go up against **this** land, and destroy it.

26 **Then** said Eliakim the sōn of Hilkiah, and **Shebna**, and Joah, to Rabshakeh, Pleāse speak to **yōur** sērvants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and **don't** speak with us in the Jewṣ' language, in the earṣ of the **people** **who** are on the wāll.

27 But Rabshakeh said to **them**, Has my māster sent me to **yōur** māster, and to you, to speak **thesē** wōrds? Hasn't he sent me to the men **who** sit on the wāll, to eat **their own** dung, and to drink **their own** wāter with you?

28 Then Rabshakeh stōod, and cried with a loud voiçe in the Jewṣ' language, and spoke, saying, Hear you the wōrd of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 **Thus says** the king, Don't let Hezekiah deçeive you; for he will not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 **neither** let Hezekiah make you trust in YAHWEH, saying, YAHWEH will surely deliver us, and **this** city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Don't listen to Hezekiah: for **thus** says the king of Assyria, **Make yôur peaçe with** me, and **côme** out to me; and **eat** you everyone of his **vine**, and everyone of his **fig tree**, and everyone drink the **wâters** of his **own çistêrn**;

32 Until I **côme** and **take** you away to a land like **yôur own** land, a land of **grain** and new **wine**, a land of bread and viney**ärdş**, a land of olive **treeş** and of **honey**, **that** you **may** live, and not **die**: and **don't** listen to Hezekiah, **when** he **persuadeş** you, **saying**, YAHWEH will deliver us.

33 Has any of the **godş** of the **nationş** ever delivered his land **out** of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 **Where** are the **godş** of Hamath, and of Arpad? **where** are the **godş** of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? have **they** delivered Samaria **out** of my hand?

35 **Who** are **they** among **âll** the **godş** of the **countryş**, **that** have delivered **their** country **out** of my hand, **that** YAHWEH **shôuld** deliver Jeru**ş**alem **out** of my hand?

36 But the **people** held **their peaçe**, and answered him not a **wôrd**; for the king's commandment was, **saying**, **Don't** answer him.

37 **Then** came Eliakim the **son** of Hilkiâh, **who** was **over** the **household**, and **Shebna** the scribe, and Joah the **son** of Asaph the **recôrd**er, to Hezekiah **with** **their** **clothş** **tôrn**, and **told** him the **wôrdş** of Rab**sh**akeh.

2 Kings 19

1 It happened, **when** king Hezekiah **hêard** it, **that** he **tôre** his **clothş**, and **côvered** himself **with** sackcloth, and went into the **house** of YAHWEH.

2 He sent Eliakim, **who** was **over** the **household**, and **Shebna** the scribe, and the **elderş** of the **priests**, **côvered** **with** sackcloth, to **Işaiah** the **prophet** the **son** of Amoz.

3 **They** said to him, **Thus** says Hezekiah, **This** **day** is a **day** of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; for the **children** are **côme** to the **birth**, and **there** is not strength to bring **fôrt**.

4 It **may** be YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim will **hear** **âll** the **wôrdş** of Rab**sh**akeh, **who**m the king of Assyria his **mâster** has sent to **defy** the living Elohim, and will **rebuke** the **wôrdş** **whiçh** YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim has **hêard**. **Therefôre** lift up **yôur** **prayer** for the remnant **that** is left.

5 So the **sêrvants** of king Hezekiah **came** to **Işaiah**.

6 **Isaiah** said to **them**, **Thus** shall you tell **yôur** **mâster**, **Thus** says YAHWEH, **Don't** be afraid of the **wôrdş** **that** you have **hêard**, **with** **whiçh** the **sêrvants** of the king of Assyria have **blasphem**ed me.

7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear news, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 When he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against you, he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Don't let your Elohim in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shall you be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden that were in Telassar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?

14 Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of YAHWEH, and spread it before YAHWEH.

15 Hezekiah prayed before YAHWEH, and said, YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, who sit [above] the cherubim, you are the Elohim, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

16 Incline your ear, YAHWEH, and hear; open your eyes, YAHWEH, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, with which he has sent him to defy the living Elohim.

17 Of a truth, YAHWEH, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands,

18 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, YAHWEH our Elohim, save you us, I beg you, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you YAHWEH are Elohim alone.

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, Whereas you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard [you].

21 **This** is the **w**ord **th**at YAHWEH ha**s** spoken **con**cerning him: The **vir**gin **d**áughter of Zion ha**s** despise**d** you and **la**ugh**e**d you to sc**o**rn; the **d**áughter of Jeru**s**alem ha**s** **sh**aken her head at you.

22 **Wh**om have you defie**d** and blasphem**e**d? and **ag**ainst **wh**om have you exá**l**ted y**o**ur voi**ce** and lifted up y**o**ur **e**y**e**s on hi**gh**? [**even**] **ag**ainst the Holy One of I**s**rael.

23 By y**o**ur messenger**s** you have defie**d** the L**o**rd, and have said, **With** the multitude of my **ch**ari**o**ts am I **co**me up to the he**igh**t of the m**o**untain**s**, to the innermost pá**r**ts of Lebanon; and I will cut **do**wn the **t**á**ll** **ce**dar**s** of it, and the **cho**ice **fi**r **tree**s of it; and I will enter into his **f**á**r**th**e**st lodg**ing**-plac**e**, the forest of his **fr**uit**fu**l field.

24 I have dug and drunk strang**e** wá**te**r**s**, and **with** the **so**le of my **fe**et will I **dry** up á**ll** the river**s** of **E**gypt.

25 Haven't you h**e**ard **h**ow I have **do**ne it long ago, and **f**ó**r**med it of **an**ci**en**t **ti**m**e**s? **n**ow have I br**o**ught it to pá**ss**, **th**at it **sh**ou**ld** be y**o**ur**s** to **lay** waste **f**ó**r**tified **ci**ti**e**s into ruinous he**ap**s.

26 **Th**ere**f**ó**r**e **th**eir inhabitants were of smá**ll** **po**wer, **th**ey were di**s**may**e**d and confó**u**nd**e**d; **th**ey were as the grá**ss** of the field, and as the **gr**een h**e**rb, as the grá**ss** on the **ho**use**to**p**s**, and as **gr**ain blá**st**e**d** befó**r**e it is **gr**own up.

27 But I **kn**ow y**o**ur sitting **do**wn, and y**o**ur going **o**ut, and y**o**ur **co**ming in, and y**o**ur **ra**ging **ag**ainst me.

28 **B**e**ca**u**s**e of y**o**ur **ra**ging **ag**ainst me, and **b**e**ca**u**s**e y**o**ur arrogan**ce** is **co**me up into my **ea**r**s**, **th**ere**f**ó**r**e will I **pu**t my **ho**ok in y**o**ur **no**s**e**, and my **br**idle in y**o**ur lips, and I will **t**ú**r**n you back **by** the way **by** **wh**ich you **ca**me.

29 **This** **sh**all be the **si**gn to you: **You** **sh**all **ea**t **th**is **ye**ar **th**at **wh**ich **gr**ow**s** of itself, and in the **se**co**nd** **ye**ar **th**at **wh**ich **sp**ring**s** of the **sa**me; and in the **th**ird **ye**ar **so**w you, and **re**ap, and plant vine**y**á**r**d**s**, and **ea**t the **fr**uit of it.

30 The remnant **th**at ha**s** escap**e**d of the **ho**use of Judah **sh**all **ag**ain **ta**ke **re**et **do**wnward, and bear **fr**uit upward.

31 **F**ó**r** **o**ut of Jeru**s**alem **sh**all **go** **f**ó**r**th a remnant, and **o**ut of **M**ount Zion **th**o**s**e **wh**o **sh**all **es**cape: the **ze**al of YAHWEH **sh**all **pe**r**f**ó**r**m **th**is.

32 **Th**ere**f**ó**r**e **th**us **sa**y**s** YAHWEH **con**cerning the king of Assyria, **H**e **sh**all not **co**me to **th**is **ci**ty, **n**ó**r** **sh**ee**t** an arrow **th**ere, **ne**ith**e**r **sh**all he **co**me befó**r**e it **with** **sh**ield, **n**ó**r** **ca**st up a **m**o**u**nd **ag**ainst it.

33 **By** the way **th**at he **ca**me, **by** the **sa**me **sh**all he **re**tú**r**n, and he **sh**all not **co**me to **th**is **ci**ty, **sa**y**s** YAHWEH.

34 For I will defend **this çity** to **save** it, for **my own sake**, and for **my sêrvant David's sake**.

35 It happened **that night**, **that** the **angel** of YAHWEH went **fôrth**, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians **one hundred eighty-five thousaç**: and **when** men **arose êarly** in the **môrning**, **behold**, **thesê** were **âll** dead bodies.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria **depârted**, and went and **retûrned**, and **lived** at Nineveh.

37 It happened, as he was **wôrshipping** in the **house** of Nisroch his god, **that** Adrammelech and **Sharezer** struck him **with** the **swôrd**: and **they escapêd** into the land of Ararat. Esar-haddon his **sôn** **reigned** in his **plaçe**.

2 Kings 20

1 In **thosê days** was Hezekiah sick to **death**. **Išaiah** the **prophet** the **sôn** of Amoz **came** to him, and said to him, **Thus says** YAHWEH, Set **yôur house** in **ôrder**: for you **shall diê**, and not live.

2 **Then** he **tûrned** his **façe** to the **wâll**, and **prayed** to YAHWEH, **saying**,

3 Remember **now**, YAHWEH, I beg you, **how** I have **wâkêd** **befôre** you in **truth** and **with** a **pêrfect** **heârt**, and have **donê** **that which** is **gôod** in **yôur sight**. Hezekiah wept **sôre**.

4 It happened, **befôre** **Išaiah** was gone **out** into the middle **pârt** of the **çity**, **that** the **wôrd** of YAHWEH **came** to him, **saying**,

5 **Tûrn** back, and tell Hezekiah the **prinçe** of **my people**, **Thus says** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **David yôur fâther**, I have **hêard** **yôur prayer**, I have **seen** **yôur tears**: **behold**, I will **heal** you; on the **thîrd day** you **shall go** up to the **house** of YAHWEH.

6 I will add to **yôur days** **fifteen years**; and I will deliver you and **this çity** **out** of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend **this çity** for **my own sake**, and for **my sêrvant David's sake**.

7 **Išaiah** said, **Take** a **cake** of figs. **They tóok** and **laid** it on the boil, and he **reçovered**.

8 Hezekiah said to **Išaiah**, **What shall** be the **sign** **that** YAHWEH will **heal** me, and **that** I **shall go** up to the **house** of YAHWEH the **thîrd day**?

9 **Išaiah** said, **This shall** be the **sign** to you from YAHWEH, **that** YAHWEH will **do** the **thîng** **that** he has **spoken**: **shall** the **shadow** **go fôrward** ten steps, or **go back** ten steps?

10 Hezekiah answered, It is a **light thing** for the **shadow** to decline ten steps: **nay**, but let the **shadow** return backward ten steps.

11 **Išaiāh** the prophet cried to YAHWEH; and he brought the **shadow** ten steps backward, **by which** it had gone down on the dial of Ahaz.

12 At **that time** Berodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard **that** Hezekiah had been sick.

13 Hezekiah listened to **them**, and **shown them** **āll** the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and the house of his armor, and **āll that** was found in his treasures: **there was nothing** in his house, nor in **āll** his dominion, **that** Hezekiah didn't **show them**.

14 **Then** came **Išaiāh** the prophet to king Hezekiah, and said to him, **What** said **these** men? and from **whence** came **they** to you? Hezekiah said, **They** are come from a **fār** country, **even** from Babylon.

15 He said, **What** have **they** seen in **yōur** house? Hezekiah answered, **āll that** is in **my** house have **they** seen: **there** is **nothing** among **my** treasures **that** I have not **shown them**.

16 **Išaiāh** said to Hezekiah, **Hear** the **wōrd** of YAHWEH.

17 Behold, the **days** come, **that** **āll that** is in **yōur** house, and **that which** **yōur** fathers have laid up in store to **this day**, **shall** be carried to Babylon: **nothing** shall be left, says YAHWEH.

18 Of **yōur** sons **who** shall issue from you, **whom** you shall father, **shall they** take away; and **they** shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 **Then** said Hezekiah to **Išaiāh**, **Good** is the **wōrd** of YAHWEH **which** you have spoken. **He** said moreover, **Isn't** it so, if **peace** and **truth** shall be in **my** days?

20 **Now** the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and **āll** his **might**, and **how** he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, **āren't they** written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 Hezekiah slept with his fathers; and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

2 Kings 21

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hephzibah.

2 He did **that which** was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, **āfter** the abominations of the nations whom YAHWEH cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built again the **high places** **which** Hezekiah his **fäther** had destroyed; and he reared up **ältarş** for Baal, and made an Asherah, as did Ahab king of **Işrael**, and **wôrshipped äll the host of the sky**, and **sêrved them**.

4 He built **ältarş** in the **house** of YAHWEH, **whereof** YAHWEH said, In **Jeruşalem** will I **püt my name**.

5 He built **ältarş** for **äll the host of the sky** in the **two cöurts** of the **house** of YAHWEH.

6 He made his **son** to **päss through** the **fire**, and **practiced sörcery**, and **used enchantments**, and dealt with **thöse who** had familiar spirits, and with **wizardş**: he **wörked much evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, to **prövoke** him to anger.

7 He set the engraved **image** of Asherah, **that** he had made, in the **house** of **which** YAHWEH said to David and to Solomon his **son**, In **this house**, and in **Jeruşalem**, **which** I have **choşen out of äll the tribes** of **Işrael**, will I **püt my name** forever;

8 **neither** will I **cäuse** the **feet** of **Işrael** to **wänder** any **möre** out of the land **which** I gave **their fätherş**, if **only they** will **obşerve** to **de** **accörding to äll that** I have commanded **them**, and **accörding to äll the läw that my sêrvant Moşeş** commanded **them**.

9 But **they** didn't listen: and Manasseh **seduced them** to **de that which** is **evil möre than** did the **nations** **whöm** YAHWEH destroyed **beföre** the **children** of **Işrael**.

10 YAHWEH **spoke by** his **sêrvants** the **prophets**, saying,

11 **Because** Manasseh king of **Judah** has **done theşe** abominations, and has **done** wickedly **above äll that** the Amorites did, **who** were **beföre** him, and has **made Judah älsö** to sin with his **idolş**;

12 **thereföre thus** says YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Işrael**, **Behold**, I bring **such evil** on **Jeruşalem** and **Judah**, **that whoever** **hearş** of it, **both** his **earş** shall tingle.

13 I will **stretch over** **Jeruşalem** the **line** of **Samaria**, and the plummet of the **house** of Ahab; and I will **wipe** **Jeruşalem** as a man **wipes a dish**, **wiping** it and **türning** it **upside down**.

14 I will **cäst** off the remnant of **my** inheritance, and deliver **them** into the hand of **their enemies**; and **they shall** become a prey and a spoil to **äll their enemies**;

15 **because they** have **done that which** is **evil** in **my** **sight**, and have **prövoked** me to anger, **since** the day **their fätherş** came **förth** out of **Egypt**, **even to this day**.

16 **Möreover** Manasseh **shed** **innocent blood** very **much**, until he had filled **Jeruşalem** from one end to **another**; **besides** his sin with **which** he made **Judah** to sin, in **doing that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and **á**ll **th**at he did, and his sin **th**at he sinned, **á**ren't **th**ey written in the **b**óok of the *chronicles* of the kings of Judah?

18 Manasseh slept **with** his **f**áther^s, and was buried in the **g**árden of his **o**wn **h**ouse, in the **g**árden of Uzza: and Amon his **s**ón reigned in his **pl**ac^e.

19 Amon was twenty-tw^e **y**ear^s **o**ld *when* he began to reign; and he reigned tw^e **y**ear^s in Jeru^salem: and his **m**óther's **n**ame was Meshullemeth the **d**áughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 He did **th**at *which* was **e**vil in the **s**ight of YAHWEH, as did Manasseh his **f**áther.

21 He **w**áked in **á**ll the **w**ay **th**at his **f**áther **w**áked in, and **s**êrved the **i**dol^s **th**at his **f**áther **s**êrved, and **w**órshipe^d **th**em:

22 and he forsoóok YAHWEH, the Elohim of his **f**áther^s, and didn't **w**áik in the **w**ay of YAHWEH.

23 The **s**êrvants of Amon **c**onspired **ag**ainst him, and **p**út the king to **de**ath in his **o**wn **h**ouse.

24 But the **p**eople of the land killed **á**ll **th**os^e *wh*o had **c**onspired **ag**ainst king Amon; and the **p**eople of the land **m**ade Josiah his **s**ón king in his **pl**ac^e.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon *which* he did, **á**ren't **th**ey written in the **b**óok of the *chronicles* of the kings of Judah?

26 He was buried in his **t**omb in the **g**árden of Uzza: and Josiah his **s**ón reigned in his **pl**ac^e.

2 Kings 22

1 Josiah was **e**ight **y**ear^s **o**ld *when* he began to reign; and he reigned **th**irty-one **y**ear^s in Jeru^salem: and his **m**óther's **n**ame was Jedidah the **d**áughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.

2 He did **th**at *which* was **r**ight in the **e**y^es of YAHWEH, and **w**áke^d in **á**ll the **w**ay of **D**avid his **f**áther, and didn't **t**úrn **as**ide to the **r**ight hand or to the left.

3 It happened in the **e**ight^eent^h **y**ear of king Josiah, **th**at the king sent **S**haphan, the **s**ón of Azaliah the **s**ón of Meshullam, the **s**crib^e, to the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, **s**aying,

4 Go up to Hilkiah the **h**igh **p**riest, **th**at he may sum the **m**óney *which* is bróught into the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, *which* the **k**eeper^s of the **th**reshold have **g**athered of the **p**eople:

5 and let **th**em deliver it into the hand of the **w**órkm^en *wh*o have the **o**versight of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH; and let **th**em give it to the **w**órkm^en *wh*o are in the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, to repair the **b**reache^s of the **h**ouse,

6 to the cärpenterş, and to the builderş, and to the masonş, and for buyîng timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 However there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully.

8 Hilkiâh the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of YAHWEH. Hilkiâh delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of YAHWEH.

10 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiâh the priest has delivered me a book. Shaphan read it before the king.

11 It happened, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes.

12 The king commanded Hilkiâh the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

13 Go you, inquire of YAHWEH for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is the wrath of YAHWEH that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiâh the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter); and they talked with her.

15 She said to them, Thus says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel: Tell you the man who sent you to me,

16 Thus says YAHWEH, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on the inhabitants of it, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read.

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of YAHWEH, thus shall you tell him, Thus says YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel: As touching the words which you have heard,

19 because yôur heärt was tender, and you did humble yôurself befôre YAHWEH, when you heard what I spoke against this plaçe, and against the inhabitants of it, that they should become a desolation and a cûrse, and have törn yôur clothes, and wept befôre me; I áalso have heard you, says YAHWEH.

20 Therefore, behold, I will gather you to yôur fäthers, and you shall be gathered to yôur grave in peaçe, neither shall yôur eyes see áall the evil which I will bring on this plaçe. They brôught the king wôrd again.

2 Kings 23

1 The king sent, and they gathered to him áall the elders of Judah and of Jerușalem.

2 The king went up to the house of YAHWEH, and áall the men of Judah and áall the inhabitants of Jerușalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and áall the people, both smáll and great: and he read in their ears áall the wôrds of the bôók of the covenant which was found in the house of YAHWEH.

3 The king stôod by the pillar, and made a covenant befôre YAHWEH, to wáik áfter YAHWEH, and to keep his commandments, and his testimónies, and his statute, with áall [his] heärt, and áall [his] soul, to confirm the wôrds of this covenant that were written in this bôók: and áall the people stôod to the covenant.

4 The king commanded Hilkiyah the high priest, and the priests of the second ôrder, and the keepers of the threshold, to bring fôrth out of the temple of YAHWEH áall the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for áall the host of the sky, and he bûrned them outside of Jerușalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried the ashes of them to Bethel

5 He put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ôrdained to bûrn incense in the high places in the çities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerușalem; those áalso who bûrned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to áall the host of the sky.

6 He brôught out the Asherah from the house of YAHWEH, outside of Jerușalem, to the brôók Kidron, and bûrned it at the brôók Kidron, and beat it to dust, and cást the dust of it on the graves of the common people.

7 He broke down the houses of the sodomites, that were in the house of YAHWEH, where the women wove hangings for the Asherah.

8 He brôught áall the priests out of the çities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had bûrned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; and he broke down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the çity, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the çity.

9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places didn't come up to the altar of YAHWEH in Jeruşalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.

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

11 He took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of YAHWEH, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 The altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of YAHWEH, did the king break down, and beat [them] down from there, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 The high places that were before Jeruşalem, which were on the right hand of the mountain of corruption, which Solomon the king of Işrael had built for Ash~~th~~oreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

14 He broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their places with the bones of men

15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Işrael to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and beat it to dust, and burned the Asherah.

16 As Josiah turned himself, he spied the tombs that were there in the mountain; and he sent, and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned them on the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of YAHWEH which the man of Elohim proclaimed, who proclaimed these things.

17 Then he said, What monument is that which I see? The men of the city told him, It is the tomb of the man of Elohim, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel.

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

19 All the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Işrael had made to provoke [YAHWEH] to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel

20 He killed **á**ll the priests of the **hi**gh **plac**es **th**at were **th**ere, on the **á**ltars, and **b**urned men's **bon**es on **th**em; and he **ret**urned to Jeru**sa**lem.

21 The king commanded **á**ll the **pe**ople, **say**ing, **Ke**ep the Pássover to YAHWEH **y**our Elohim, as it is **w**ritten in **th**is **b**ook of the **c**ovenant

22 **S**urely **th**ere was not kept **su**ch a Pássover from the **day**s of the **jud**ges **wh**o **jud**ged **Is**rael, **n**or in **á**ll the **day**s of the **king**s of **Is**rael, **n**or of the **king**s of **Ju**dah;

23 but in the **ei**ght**ee**n**th** **ye**ar of king Josiah was **th**is Pássover kept to YAHWEH in Jeru**sa**lem.

24 **M**ore**ove** **th**ose **wh**o had familiar spirits, and the **wiz**ards, and the **tera**phim, and the **id**ols, and **á**ll the **ab**ominations **th**at were **see**n in the land of **Ju**dah and in Jeru**sa**lem, did Josiah **pu**t **aw**ay, **th**at he **mi**ght **co**nfirm the **w**ords of the **lá**w **wh**ich were **w**ritten in the **b**ook **th**at Hilkiyah the **p**riest **fo**und in the **ho**use of YAHWEH.

25 **L**ike him was **th**ere no king **bef**ore him, **wh**o **t**urned to YAHWEH **with** **á**ll his **he**art, and **with** **á**ll his **so**ul, and **with** **á**ll his **mi**ght, **acc**ording to **á**ll the **lá**w of **M**oses; **ne**ither **á**fter him **ar**ose **th**ere any **li**ke him.

26 **N**ot**wi**thstanding, YAHWEH didn't **t**urn from the **fi**er**ce**ness of his **gr**eat **wr**ath, **with** **wh**ich his anger was kindled **aga**inst **Ju**dah, **bec**ause of **á**ll the **pr**ovocation **with** **wh**ich Manasseh had **pr**ovoked him.

27 YAHWEH said, I will **re**move **Ju**dah **á**lso **o**ut of my **si**ght, as I have **re**moved **Is**rael, and I will **c**ast off **th**is **ci**ty **wh**ich I have **cho**sen, **ev**en Jeru**sa**lem, and the **ho**use of **wh**ich I said, **M**y **na**me **sh**all be **th**ere.

28 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Josiah, and **á**ll **th**at he did, **á**ren't **th**ey **w**ritten in the **b**ook of the **ch**ronicles of the **king**s of **Ju**dah?

29 In his **day**s **Ph**araoh-necoh king of **E**gypt went up **aga**inst the king of **A**ssyria to the river **E**uphrates; and king Josiah went **aga**inst him; and [**Ph**araoh-necoh] killed him at Megiddo, **wh**en he had **see**n him.

30 His **s**ervants **car**ried him in a **ch**ariot dead from Megiddo, and **br**ought him to Jeru**sa**lem, and **bur**ied him in his **ow**n **to**mb. The **pe**ople of the land **to**ok Jehoahaz the **so**n of Josiah, and **an**ointed him, and **ma**de him king in his **f**ather's **plac**e.

31 Jehoahaz was twenty-**th**ree **ye**ars **ol**d **wh**en he began to reign; and he reigned **th**ree **mo**nths in Jeru**sa**lem: and his **mo**ther's **na**me was Hamutal the **da**ughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 He did **th**at **wh**ich was **ev**il in the **si**ght of YAHWEH, **acc**ording to **á**ll **th**at his **f**ather's had **do**ne.

33 **Pharaoh**-necoh **pút** him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, **that** he might not reign in Jeru**ş**alem; and **pút** the land to a tribute of one hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34 **Pharaoh**-necoh made Eliakim the **són** of Josiah king in the **reem** of Josiah his **fäther**, and **chang**ed his **name** to Jehoiakim: but he **tóok** Jehoahaz away; and he came to **Egypt**, and **died there**.

35 Jehoiakim **gave** the silver and the gold to **Pharaoh**; but he taxed the land to give the **móney** accórding to the commandment of **Pharaoh**: he exacted the silver and the gold of the **peop**le of the land, of everyone accórding to his **taxat**ion, to give it to **Pharaoh**-necoh.

36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five **yearş** old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven **yearş** in Jeru**ş**alem: and his **móther's name** was Zebidah the **dä**ughter of Pedaiah of Rumah

37 He did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, accórding to **á**ll **that** his **fätherş** had **dóne**.

2 Kings 24

1 In his **dayş** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his **sêrvant three yearş**: **then** he **tú**rned and rebelled against him.

2 YAHWEH sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the **children** of Ammon, and sent **them** against Judah to destroy it, accórding to the **wórd** of YAHWEH, **which** he **spoke** by his **sêrvants** the **prophets**.

3 **Su**rely at the commandment of YAHWEH came **this** on Judah, to **remove** **them** out of his **sight**, for the **sinş** of Manasseh, accórding to **á**ll **that** he did,

4 and **á**lso for the **innocent blood** **that** he **shed**; for he filled Jeru**ş**alem with **innocent blood**: and YAHWEH **wóuld** not **pärdón**.

5 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and **á**ll **that** he did, **ä**ren't **they** written in the **bóok** of the *chronicleş* of the **kingş** of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim slept **with** his **fätherş**; and Jehoiachin his **són** reigned in his **plac**e.

7 The king of **Egypt** didn't **cóme** again out of his land any **móre**; for the king of Babylon had **taken**, from the **bróok** of **Egypt** to the river **Euphrateş**, **á**ll **that** pertained to the king of **Egypt**.

8 Jehoiachin was **eighteen yearş** old *when* he began to reign; and he reigned in Jeruşalem **three months**: and his **móther's** name was Nehush^hta the **dá**ughter of Elnath^han of Jeruşalem.

9 He did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, accórding to **áll that** his **fä**ther had **dó**ne.

10 At **that time** the **sê**rvants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon **came** up to Jeruşalem, and the **ç**ity was besieged.

11 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon **came** to the **ç**ity, *while* his **sê**rvants were besieging it;

12 and Jehoiachin the king of **Judah** went **ó**ut to the king of Babylon, he, and his **mó**ther, and his **sê**rvants, and his **prinçes**, and his **offiçers**: and the king of Babylon **tó**ok him in the **eight**h year of his reign.

13 He carried **ó**ut **there á**ll the **treasureş** of the **hó**use of YAHWEH, and the **treasureş** of the king's **hó**use, and cut in **pieçes** **á**ll the **vesselş** of **gold**, **which** Solomon king of **Iş**rael had **made** in the temple of YAHWEH, as YAHWEH had said.

14 He carried **away á**ll Jeruşalem, and **á**ll the **prinçes**, and **á**ll the **mighty** men of valor, **even** ten **thouş**and **captives**, and **á**ll the **ç**räfts^hmen and the **smiths**; **nó**ne remained, **save** the **pó**orest **só**rt of the **pe**ople of the land.

15 He carried **away** Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's **mó**ther, and the king's **wiveş**, and his **offiçers**, and the **chief** men of the land, carried **he** into captivity from Jeruşalem to Babylon.

16 All the men of **mi**ght, **even** seven **thouş**and, and the **ç**räfts^hmen and the **smiths** **one** **thouş**and, **á**ll of **them** strong and apt for **wá**r, **even** **them** the king of Babylon **bró**ught captive to Babylon.

17 The king of Babylon **made** Mattaniah, [Jehoiachin's] **fä**ther's **bró**ther, king in his **plac**e, and **chang**ed his **name** to Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah was twenty-one **yearş** old *when* he began to reign; and he reigned eleven **yearş** in Jeruşalem: and his **mó**ther's **name** was Hamutal the **dá**ughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 He did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, accórding to **áll that** Jehoiakim had **dó**ne.

20 For **throu**gh the anger of YAHWEH did it happen in Jeruşalem and **Judah**, until he had **cä**st **them ó**ut from his **preş**ence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 25

1 It happened in the **ninth** year of his reign, in the **tenth** month, in the **tenth** day of the month, **th**at Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon **came**, he and **á**ll his **á**rmy, **aga**inst Jeru**ş**alem, and encamp**e**d **aga**inst it; and **th**ey built **fo**rts **aga**inst it **rou**nd **ab**out.

2 So the **ç**ity was besieg**e**d to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 On the **ninth** day of the [**fo**ur**th**] month the famine was **só**re in the **ç**ity, so **th**at **th**ere was no bread for the **pe**ople of the land.

4 **Th**en a **bre**ach was **ma**de in the **ç**ity, and **á**ll the men of wá**r** [fled] **by** **ni**ght **by** the way of the gate **betwe**en the **tw**e wá**ll**s, **whi**ch was **by** the king's **gá**rden (**no**w the **Ch**aldeans were **aga**inst the **ç**ity **rou**nd **ab**out); and [the king] went **by** the way of the Arabah.

5 But the **á**rmy of the **Ch**aldeans **pú**rsued **á**fter the king, and **ov**ert**oo**k him in the **plai**n**ş** of Jericho; and **á**ll his **á**rmy was scattered from him.

6 **Th**en **th**ey **tó**ok the king, and **carri**ed him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and **th**ey **gav**e judgment on him.

7 **Th**ey killed the **so**n**ş** of Zedekiah **befó**re his **ey**es, and **pú**t **o**ut the **ey**es of Zedekiah, and **bo**und him in fetter**ş**, and **carri**ed him to Babylon.

8 Now in the **fif**th month, on the **sevent**h day of the month, **whi**ch was the **nineteenth** year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, **came** Nebuzaradan the captain of the **guá**rd, a **sé**rvant of the king of Babylon, to Jeru**ş**alem.

9 He **bú**rn**t** the **hou**se of YAHWEH, and the king's **hou**se; and **á**ll the **hou**se**ş** of Jeru**ş**alem, **ev**en every **gre**at **hou**se, **bú**rn**t** he **with** **fi**re.

10 All the **á**rmy of the **Ch**aldeans, **wh**o were [with] the captain of the **guá**rd, **bro**ke **do**wn the wá**ll**s of Jeru**ş**alem **rou**nd **ab**out.

11 The **reş**id**ue** of the **pe**ople **wh**o were left in the **ç**ity, and **tho**se **wh**o fell away, **wh**o fell to the king of Babylon, and the **reş**id**ue** of the **multit**ud**e**, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the **guá**rd carry **awa**y captive.

12 But the captain of the **guá**rd left of the **pó**orest of the land to **wó**rk the vine**yá**rds and **fi**eld**ş**.

13 The pillar**ş** of **brá**ss **th**at were in the **hou**se of YAHWEH, and the **base**ş and the **bra**zen **se**a **th**at were in the **hou**se of YAHWEH, did the **Ch**aldeans **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş**, and **carri**ed the **brá**ss of **th**em to Babylon.

14 The pots, and the **shóvels**, and the snuffers, and the **spóons**, and **á**ll the vessels of bräss with **whích** they ministered, **tóok** they away.

15 The fire pans, and the **basins**, **thát** *whích* was of gold, in gold, and **thát** *whích* was of silver, in silver, the captain of the **guárd** **tóok** away.

16 The **twó** pillars, the one **seá**, and the **bases**, *whích* Solomon had made for the **house** of YAHWEH, the bräss of **á**ll **thesé** vessels was **withóut** weight.

17 The **heíght** of the one pillar was **eighteen** cubits, and a capital of bräss was on it; and the **heíght** of the capital was **thré** cubits, with **netwórk** and pomegranates on the capital **óund** **abóut**, **á**ll of bräss: and **líke** to **thesé** had the **seónd** pillar with **netwórk**.

18 The captain of the **guárd** **tóok** Seraiah the **chíef** priest, and Zephaniah the **seónd** priest, and the **thré** keepers of the **thréshóld**:

19 and **óut** of the **çity** he **tóok** an **offíçer** *whó* was set **óver** the men of **wár**; and **five** men of **thóse** *whó* **sáw** the king's **face**, *whó* were **óund** in the **çity**; and the scribe, the captain of the **host**, *whó* mustered the **peóple** of the land; and sixty men of the **peóple** of the land, *whó* were **óund** in the **çity**.

20 Nebuzaradan the captain of the **guárd** **tóok** **them**, and **bróught** **them** to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

21 The king of Babylon struck **them**, and **pút** **them** to **deáth** at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So **Judah** was **carried** away captive **óut** of his land.

22 As for the **peóple** *whó* were left in the land of **Judah**, *whóm* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, **even** **óver** **them** he made Gedaliah the **só**n of Ahikam, the **só**n of **Shaphan**, **góvernóur**.

23 **Nów** *whén* **á**ll the captains of the **fórces**, **they** and **théir** men, **héard** **thát** the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah **góvernóur**, **they** **camé** to Gedaliah to Mizpah, **even** **Ishmael** the **só**n of **Nethaniah**, and Johanan the **só**n of Kareah, and Seraiah the **só**n of Tanhumeth the **Netophathíte**, and Jaazaniah the **só**n of the **Maacathíte**, **they** and **théir** men.

24 Gedaliah **swóre** to **them** and to **théir** men, and said to **them**, **Dón't** be afraid **becáuse** of the **se**rvents of the **Chaldeans**: dwell in the land, and **se**rve the king of Babylon, and it **shá**ll be well with you.

25 But it happened in the **seventh** **mónth**, **thát** **Ishmael** the **só**n of **Nethaniah**, the **só**n of **Elishama**, of the royal **seed** **camé**, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah, so **thát** he **díed**, and the **Jews** and the **Chaldeans** **thát** were with him at Mizpah.

26 All the **pe**ople, **bo**th **sm**all and **gr**eat, and the **cap**tains of the **f**orces, **ar**ose, and **ca**me to **E**gypt; for **th**ey were **af**raid of the **Ch**aldeans.

27 It **happ**ened in the seven and **th**irtieth **ye**ar of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of **J**udah, in the **tw**elfth **mo**nth, on the seven and **tw**entieth **da**y of the **mo**nth, **th**at **E**vil-merodach king of Babylon, in the **ye**ar **th**at he began to **rei**gn, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of **J**udah **o**ut of **pr**ison;

28 and he **sp**oke **ki**ndly to him, and set his **th**rone **ab**ove the **th**rone of the **ki**ngs **wh**o were **with** him in Babylon,

29 and **ch**ang**e**d his **pr**ison **g**arments. [Jehoiachin] **at**e bread **bef**ore him **co**ntinually **all** the **da**ys of his **li**fe:

30 and for his **all**ow**an**ce, **th**ere was a **co**ntinual **all**ow**an**ce given him of the king, every **da**y a **po**rtion, **all** the **da**ys of his **li**fe.

1 Chronicles 1

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh,

2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,

3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

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

6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Diphath, and Togarmah.

7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

8 The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 The sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan.

10 Cush became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

11 Mizraim became the father of Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whence came the Philistines), and Caphthorim.

13 Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

14 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Gîrgashite,

15 and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

18 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah, and Shelah became the father of Eber.

19 To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

20 Joktan became the father of Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

21 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

22 and Ebal, and Abimael, and **Sheba**,

23 and **Ophir**, and Havilah, and Jobab. **á**ll **thes_e** were the **sóns** of Joktan.

24 **Shem**, Arpach**shad**, **Shelah**,

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 Abram (the **same** is **Abraham**).

28 The **sóns** of **Abraham**: **Išaac**, and **Ishmael**.

29 **Thes_e** are **their** **generatións**: the **fírstbórn** of **Ishmael**, Nebai**oth**; **then** Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

30 **Mishma**, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,

31 Jetur, **Naphish**, and Kedemah. **Thes_e** are the **sóns** of **Ithmael**.

32 The **sóns** of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she **bóre** Zimran, and Jok**shan**, and Medan, and Midian, and **Ishbak**, and Shuah. The **sóns** of Jok**shan**: **Sheba**, and Dedan.

33 The **sóns** of Midian: **Ephah**, and **Epher**, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. **á**ll **thes_e** were the **sóns** of Keturah.

34 Abraham **became** the **fáther** of **Išaac**

. The **sóns** of Isaac: Esau, and **Išrael**.

35 The **sóns** of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah.

36 The **sóns** of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

37 The **sóns** of Reuel: Nah**ath**, Zerah, **Shammah**, and Mizzah.

38 The **sóns** of Seir: Lotan, and **Shobal**, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan.

39 The **sóns** of Lotan: Hori, and Homam; and Timna was Lotan's sister.

40 The **sóns** of **Shobal**: Alian, and Manah**ath**, and Ebal, **Shephi**, and Onam. The **sóns** of Zibeon: Aiah, and Anah.

41 The **sóns** of Anah: Dishon. The **sóns** of Dishon: Hamran, and **Eshban**, and **Ithran**, and Cheran.

42 The **sóns** of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, Jaakan. The **sóns** of Dishan: Uz, and Aran.

43 Now **thes**e are the kings **wh**o reigned in the land of Edom, bef**o**re **the**re res**i**gned any king **ov**er the **ch**ildren of **I**s**r**ael: Bela the **s**on of Beor; and the **na**me of his **ç**ity was Dinhabah.

44 Bela **di**ed, and Jobab the **s**on of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his **plac**e.

45 Jobab **di**ed, and **Hush**am of the land of the Temanites reigned in his **plac**e.

46 **Hush**am **di**ed, and Hadad the **s**on of Bedad, **wh**o struck Midian in the **fi**eld of **Mo**ab, reigned in his **plac**e; and the **na**me of his **ç**ity was **Avith**.

47 Hadad **di**ed, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his **plac**e.

48 Samlah **di**ed, and **Sh**aul of Rehoboth **by** the River reigned in his **plac**e.

49 **Sh**aul **di**ed, and Baal-hanan the **s**on of Achbor reigned in his **plac**e.

50 Baal-hanan **di**ed, and Hadad reigned in his **plac**e; and the **na**me of his **ç**ity was Pai: and his **wi**fe's **na**me was Mehetabel, the **d**au**gh**ter of Matred, the **d**au**gh**ter of Mezahab.

51 Hadad **di**ed. The **ch**iefs of Edom were: **ch**ief Timna, **ch**ief Aliah, **ch**ief **Jetheth**,

52 **ch**ief Oholibamah, **ch**ief Elah, **ch**ief Pinon,

53 **ch**ief Kenaz, **ch**ief Teman, **ch**ief Mibzar,

54 **ch**ief Magdiel, **ch**ief Iram. **The**s**e** are the **ch**iefs of Edom.

1 Chronicles 2

1 **The**s**e** are the **s**on**s** of **I**s**r**ael: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and **J**udah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2 Dan, **J**ose**ph**, and Benjamin, **N**ap**ht**ali, Gad, and **A**sher.

3 The **s**on**s** of **J**udah: Er, and Onan, and **Sh**elah; **wh**ich **th**ree were b**o**rn to him of **Sh**ua's **d**au**gh**ter the Canaanitess. Er, Judah's **f**ir**st**b**o**rn, was wicked in the **s**i**gh**t of YAHWEH; and he killed him.

4 Tamar his **d**au**gh**ter-in-l**aw** b**o**re him Perez and Zerah. **A**ll the **s**on**s** of **J**udah were **f**iv**e**.

5 The **s**on**s** of Perez: Hezron, and Hamul.

6 The **s**on**s** of Zerah: Zimri, and **E**th**an**, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara; **f**iv**e** of **th**em in **a**ll.

7 The **s**on**s** of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of **I**s**r**ael, **wh**o committed a tresp**ä**ss in the **de**voted **th**ing.

8 The **sons** of E**th**an: Azariah.

9 The **sons** **also** of Hezron, **who** were **born** to him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

10 Ram be**came** the **fäther** of Amminadab, and Amminadab be**came** the **fäther** of Nah**shon**, prin**ce** of the **children** of Judah;

11 and Nah**shon** be**came** the **fäther** of Salma, and Salma be**came** the **fäther** of Boaz,

12 and Boaz be**came** the **fäther** of Obed, and Obed be**came** the **fäther** of Jesse;

13 and Jesse be**came** the **fäther** of his **firstborn** Eliab, and Abinadab the **second**, and **Shimea** the **third**,

14 **Nethanel** the **fourth**, Raddai the **fifth**,

15 Ozem the **sixth**, **David** the **seventh**;

16 and **their** **sisters** were Zeruah and Abigail. The **sons** of Zeruah: Ab**ishai**, and Joab, and Asahel, **three**.

17 Abigail **bore** Amasa; and the **fäther** of Amasa was Jeth**er** the **Ishmaelite**.

18 Caleb the **son** of Hezron be**came** the **fäther** of [**children**] of Azubah [**his**] **wife**, and of Jerio**th**; and **these** were her **sons**: Jesh**er**, and **Shobab**, and Ardon.

19 Azubah **died**, and Caleb **took** to him E**phrath**, **who** **bore** him Hû**r**.

20 Hû**r** be**came** the **fäther** of Uri, and Uri be**came** the **fäther** of Bezalel.

21 **afterward** Hezron went in to the **daughter** of Machir the **fäther** of Gilead, **who**m he **took** [**as wife**] **when** he was sixty **years** **old**; and she **bore** him Segub.

22 Segub be**came** the **fäther** of Jair, **who** had twenty-**three** **cities** in the land of Gilead.

23 **Geshur** and **Aram** **took** the **towns** of Jair from **them**, **with** Ken**ath**, and the **villages** of it, **even** sixty **cities**. **All** **these** were the **sons** of Machir the **fäther** of Gilead.

24 **After** **that** Hezron was dead in Caleb-**ephra**th, **then** Abijah Hezron's **wife** **bore** him **Ashhur** the **fäther** of Tekoa.

25 The **sons** of Jerahmeel the **firstborn** of Hezron were Ram the **firstborn**, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had an **other** **wife**, **who**s **name** was Atarah; she was the **mother** of Onam.

27 The **sons** of Ram the **firstborn** of Jerahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28 The **sons** of Onam were **Shammai**, and Jada. The **sons** of **Shammai**: Nadab, and Abishur.

29 The **name** of the **wife** of Abishur was Abihail; and she **bore** him Ahban, and Molid.

30 The **sons** of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled **died without children**.

31 The **sons** of Appaim: **Ishi**. The **sons** of **Ishi**: **Sheshan**. The **sons** of **Sheshan**: Ahlai.

32 The **sons** of Jada the **brother** of **Shammai**: Jeth~~er~~, and Jonath~~an~~; and Jeth~~er~~ **died without children**.

33 The **sons** of Jonath~~an~~: Peleth~~er~~, and Zaza. **These** were the **sons** of Jerahmeel.

34 **Now Sheshan** had no **sons**, but **daughters**. **Sheshan** had a **servant**, an **Egyptian**, **whose name** was Jarha.

35 **Sheshan** **gave** his **daughter** to Jarha his **servant** as **wife**; and she **bore** him Attai.

36 Attai **became** the **father** of **Nathan**, and **Nathan** **became** the **father** of **Zabad**,

37 and **Zabad** **became** the **father** of **Ephial**, and **Ephial** **became** the **father** of **Obed**,

38 and **Obed** **became** the **father** of **Jehu**, and **Jehu** **became** the **father** of **Azariah**,

39 and **Azariah** **became** the **father** of **Helez**, and **Helez** **became** the **father** of **Eleasah**,

40 and **Eleasah** **became** the **father** of **Sismai**, and **Sismai** **became** the **father** of **Shallum**,

41 and **Shallum** **became** the **father** of **Jekamiah**, and **Jekamiah** **became** the **father** of **Elishama**.

42 The **sons** of Caleb the **brother** of Jerahmeel were Mesha his **firstborn**, **who** was the **father** of **Ziph**; and the **sons** of **Mareshah** the **father** of **Hebron**.

43 The **sons** of **Hebron**: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and **Shema**.

44 **Shema** **became** the **father** of **Raham**, the **father** of **Jorkeam**; and **Rekem** **became** the **father** of **Shammai**.

45 The **son** of **Shammai** was Maon; and Maon was the **father** of **Beth-zur**.

46 **Ephah**, Caleb's **concubine**, **bore** Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran **became** the **father** of **Gazez**.

47 The **sons** of **Jahdai**: Regem, and **Jothan**, and **Geshan**, and Pelet, and **Ephah**, and **Shaaph**.

48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, b^ore **Sheber** and **Tirhanah**.

49 She b^ore **also Shaaph** the f^ather of Madmannah, Sheva the f^ather of Machbena, and the f^ather of Gibeaz; and the d^aughter of Caleb was Achsah.

50 **These** were the s^on^s of Caleb, the s^on of H^ur, the fⁱrstb^orn of **Ephrath**: **Shobal** the f^ather of Kiriath-jearim,

51 Salma the f^ather of Beth-lehem, Hareph the f^ather of Beth-gader.

52 **Shobal** the f^ather of Kiriath-jearim had s^on^s: Haroeh, h^aif of the Menuhoth.

53 The familie^s of Kiriath-jearim: The **Ithrites**, and the **Puthites**, and the **Shumathites**, and the **Mishraites**; of **them** came the **Zorathites** and the **Eshthaites**.

54 The s^on^s of Salma: Beth-lehem, and the **Netophathites**, **Atroth-beth-joab**, and h^aif of the **Manathites**, the **Zorites**.

55 The familie^s of scribe^s who lived at Jabez: the **Tirathites**, the **Shimeathites**, the **Sucathites**. **These** are the **Kenites** who came of **Hammath**, the f^ather of the house of Rechab.

1 Chronicles 3

1 Now **these** were the s^on^s of **David**, who were b^orn to him in Hebron: the fⁱrstb^orn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess;

2 the **third**, Absalom the s^on of Maacah the d^aughter of Talmi king of Geshur; the f^ourth, Adonijah the s^on of Haggith;

3 the **fifth**, Shephatiah of Abital; the **sixth**, **Ithream** by Eglah his wife:

4 six were b^orn to him in Hebron; and **there** he reigned seven **years** and six **months**. In **Jerusalem** he reigned **thirty-three years**;

5 and **these** were b^orn to him in **Jerusalem**: **Shimea**, and **Shobab**, and **Nathan**, and Solomon, f^our, of **Bath-shua** the d^aughter of Ammiel;

6 and **Ibhar**, and **Elishama**, and **Eliphelet**,

7 and **Nogah**, and **Nepheg**, and **Japhia**,

8 and **Elishama**, and **Eliada**, and **Eliphelet**, **nine**.

9 All **these** were the s^on^s of **David**, beside^s the s^on^s of the concubine^s; and **Tamar** was **their** sister.

10 **Solomon's** s^on was Rehoboam, Abijah his s^on, Asa his s^on, **Jehoshaphat** his s^on,

11 **Joram** his s^on, **Ahaziah** his s^on, **Joash** his s^on,

12 Amaziah his **són**, Azariah his **són**, Jotham his **són**,

13 Ahaz his **són**, Hezekiah his **són**, Manasseh his **són**,

14 Amon his **són**, Josiah his **són**.

15 The **sóns** of Josiah: the firstbörn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the **th**ird Zedekiah, the **fó**ur**th** Shallum.

16 The **sóns** of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his **són**, Zedekiah his **són**.

17 The **sóns** of Jeconiah, the captive: **She**altiel his **són**,

18 and Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and **Sh**enazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 The **sóns** of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel, and **Sh**imei. The **sóns** of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah; and **Sh**elomith was **the**ir sister;

20 and **Hash**ubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, **Jush**ab-hesed, **five**.

21 The **sóns** of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and **Jesh**aiah; the **sóns** of **Repha**iah, the **sóns** of Arnan, the **sóns** of Obadiah, the **sóns** of **She**caniah.

22 The **sóns** of **She**caniah: **Sh**emaiah. The **sóns** of **Sh**emaiah: **Hattush**, and Igal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and **Sh**aphat, six.

23 The **sóns** of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, **three**.

24 The **sóns** of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and **Eliash**ib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

1 Chronicles 4

1 The **sóns** of **Judah**: Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and **Sh**obal.

2 Reaiah the **són** of **Sh**obal beca**m**e the **fä**ther of **Jahath**; and **Jahath** beca**m**e the **fä**ther of Ahumai and Lahad. **The**s**e** are the familie**s** of the **Zorath**ites.

3 **The**s**e** were [the **sóns** of] the **fä**ther of Etam: Jezreel, and **lsh**ma, and **l**dbash; and the **na**me of **the**ir sister was Hazzelelponi;

4 and Penuel the **fä**ther of Gedor, and Ezer the **fä**ther of **Hush**ah. **The**s**e** are the **sóns** of Hur, the firstbörn of **Ephrath**ah, the **fä**ther of **Beth**-lehem.

5 **Ash**hur the **fä**ther of Tekoa had **two** wive**s**, Helah and Naarah.

6 Naarah b**o**re him Ahuzzam, and Hopher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. **The**s**e** were the **sóns** of Naarah.

7 The **sóns** of Helah were Zereth, Izhar, and **Eth**nan.

8 Hakkoz became the **fäth**er of Anub, and Zobebah, and the familie**ş** of Aharhel the **so**n of Harum.

9 Jabez was m**ö**re honorable **th**an his bro**th**er**ş**: and his m**ö**ther nam**e**d him Jabez, **sa**ying, Bec**a**u**ş**e I b**ö**re him with sorrow.

10 Jabez c**ä**ll**e**d on the Elohim of I**ş**rael, **sa**ying, **O**h **th**at you wo**ü**ld bless me inde**e**d, and en**lä**rg**e** my b**ö**rder, and **th**at yo**ü**r hand mi**g**ht be with me, and **th**at you wo**ü**ld **ke**ep me from **ev**il, **th**at it not be to my sorrow! Elohim granted him **th**at **wh**ich he requested.

11 Chelub the bro**th**er of **Sh**uhah became the **fäth**er of Mehir, **wh**o was the **fäth**er of **Esh**ton.

12 **Esh**ton became the **fäth**er of Beth-r**aph**a, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the **fäth**er of Ir-nah**ash**. **Theş**e are the men of Recah.

13 The **so**n**ş** of Kenaz: O**th**niel, and Seraiah. The **so**n**ş** of Othniel: Ha**th**ath.

14 Meon**th**ai became the **fäth**er of O**ph**rah: and Seraiah became the **fäth**er of Joab the **fäth**er of Ge-har**ash**im; for **th**ey were cr**ä**ftsmen.

15 The **so**n**ş** of Caleb the **so**n of J**eph**unneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam; and the **so**n**ş** of Elah; and Kenaz.

16 The **so**n**ş** of Jehallelel: Z**iph**, and Z**iph**ah, Tiria, and Asarel.

17 The **so**n**ş** of Ezrah: J**eth**er, and Mered, and **Eph**er, and Jalon; and she b**ö**re Miriam, and **Sh**ammai, and **Ish**bah the **fäth**er of **Esh**temoa.

18 His **wif**e the Jewess b**ö**re Jered the **fäth**er of Gedor, and Heber the **fäth**er of Soco, and Jek**uth**iel the **fäth**er of Zanoah. **Theş**e are the **so**n**ş** of Bi**th**iah the **dä**ughter of **Ph**araoh, **wh**em Mered **tö**ok.

19 The **so**n**ş** of the **wif**e of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the **fäth**er of Keilah the Garm**ite**, and **Esh**temoa the Maacath**ite**.

20 The **so**n**ş** of **Sh**imon: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. The **so**n**ş** of Ishi: Zoh**eth**, and Ben-zoh**eth**.

21 The **so**n**ş** of **Sh**elah the **so**n of **Ju**dah: Er the **fäth**er of Lecah, and Laadah the **fäth**er of Mareshah, and the familie**ş** of the house of **th**o**ş**e **wh**o wo**r**ke**d** fine linen, of the **h**ouse of **Ash**bea;

22 and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Jo**ash**, and Sar**aph**, **wh**o had **do**minion in **Mo**ab, and J**ash**ubilehem. The rec**ö**r**d**ş are **an**cient.

23 **Thes**e were the potters, and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah: **ther**e **they** lived **with** the king for his w**ork**.

24 The s**on**s of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, **Sh**aul;

25 **Sh**allum his s**on**, Mibsam his s**on**, **Mish**ma his s**on**.

26 The s**on**s of **Mish**ma: Hammuel his s**on**, Zaccur his s**on**, **Sh**imei his s**on**.

27 **Sh**imei had six**teen** s**on**s and six d**au**ghters; but his b**ro**thers didn't have many **ch**ildren, **neither** did **all** **the**ir family multiply **like** the **ch**ildren of **Judah**.

28 **Th**ey lived at Beers**she**ba, and Moladah, and Hazar**sh**ual,

29 and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,

30 and at Beth**u**el, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 and at Beth**th**-marcab**oth**, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth**th**-biri, and at **Sh**aaraim. **Thes**e were **the**ir **ci**ties to the reign of **David**.

32 **The**ir **villag**es were Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and **Ashan**, **five** **ci**ties;

33 and **all** **the**ir **villag**es **th**at were **rou**nd about the **same** **ci**ties, to Baal. **Thes**e were **the**ir **habitat**ions, and **the**y have **the**ir **genealog**y.

34 Mesh**ob**ab, and Jamlech, and **Josh**ah the s**on** of Amaziah,

35 and Joel, and Jehu the s**on** of **Josh**ibiah, the s**on** of Seraiah, the s**on** of Asiel,

36 and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 and Ziza the s**on** of **Ship**hi, the s**on** of Allon, the s**on** of Jedaiah, the s**on** of **Shim**ri, the s**on** of **Shema**iah-

38 **thes**e **ment**ioned **by** **name** were **prin**ces in **the**ir **familie**s: and **the**ir **fath**er's **hou**ses **increas**ed **great**ly.

39 **Th**ey went to the entranc**e** of Gedor, **even** to the **east** **side** of the **valley**, to **seek** **pastu**re for **the**ir **flocks**.

40 **Th**ey **found** fat **pastu**re and **good**, and the land was **wide**, and **quiet**, and **peac**eable; for **thos**e **who** lived **ther**e **befo**re were of Ham.

41 **Thes**e **written** **by** **name** **came** in the **days** of Hezekiah king of **Judah**, and struck **the**ir **tents**, and the Meunim **who** were **found** **ther**e, and destroyed **them** utterly to **this** **day**, and lived in **the**ir **plac**e; **becaus**e **ther**e was **pastu**re **ther**e for **the**ir **flocks**.

42 Some of **them**, even of the **sons** of Simeon, five hundred men, went to Mount Seir, having for **their** captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the **sons** of Ishi.

43 **They** struck the remnant of the Amalekites **who** escaped, and have lived **there** to **this** day.

1 Chronicles 5

1 The **sons** of Reuben the firstborn of **Israel** (for he was the firstborn; but, because he defiled his **father's** couch, his birthright was given to the **sons** of **Joseph** the son of **Israel**; and the **genealogy** is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

2 For **Judah** prevailed above his **brothers**, and of him came the prince; but the birthright was **Joseph's**.)

3 the **sons** of Reuben the firstborn of **Israel**: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4 The **sons** of Joel: **Shemaiah** his son, Gog his son, **Shimei** his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

6 Beerah his son, **whom** Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.

7 His **brothers** by **their** families, when the **genealogy** of **their** generations was reckoned: the **chief**, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of **Shema**, the son of Joel, **who** lived in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal-meon:

9 and eastward he lived even to the entrance of the wilderness from the river **Euphrates**, because **their** cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 In the days of **Saul**, **they** made war with the Hagarites, **who** fell by **their** hand; and **they** lived in **their** tents throughout all the [land] east of Gilead.

11 The **sons** of Gad lived over against **them**, in the land of **Bashan** to Salecah:

12 Joel the **chief**, and **Shapham** the second, and Janai, and **Shaphat** in **Bashan**.

13 **Their** **brothers** of **their** **fathers' houses**: Michael, and Meshullam, and **Sheba**, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven.

14 **These** were the **sons** of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of **Jeshishai**, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, **chief** of **their** **fathers' houses**.

16 **They** lived in Gilead in **Bashan**, and in its **towns**, and in **all** the **suburbs** of **Sharon**, as **far** as **their borders**.

17 All **these** were reckoned **by genealogies** in the **days** of **Jotham** king of **Judah**, and in the **days** of **Jeroboam** king of **Israel**.

18 The **sons** of **Reuben**, and the **Gadites**, and the **half-tribe** of **Manasseh**, of valiant men, men **able** to bear buckler and **sword**, and to **shoot with** bow, and **skillful** in **war**, were **forty-four thousand** seven hundred and sixty, **that were able** to **go forth** to **war**.

19 **They made war with** the **Hagrites**, **with** **Jetur**, and **Naphish**, and **Nodab**.

20 **They were helped against them**, and the **Hagrites** were delivered into **their hand**, and **all who** were **with them**; for **they cried** to **Elohim** in the battle, and he was **entreated of them**, **because they put their trust** in him.

21 **They took away their cattle**; of **their camels** fifty **thousand**, and of **sheep** **two hundred fifty thousand**, and of **donkeys** **two thousand**, and of men **one hundred thousand**.

22 **For there** fell many **slain**, **because the war** was of **Elohim**. **They lived in their place** until the captivity.

23 The **children** of the **half-tribe** of **Manasseh** lived in the land: **they increased** from **Bashan** to **Baal-hermon** and **Senir** and **Mount Hermon**.

24 **These** were the **heads of their fathers' houses**: **even Ephraim**, and **Ishai**, and **Eliel**, and **Azriel**, and **Jeremiah**, and **Hodaviah**, and **Jahdiel**, **mighty men of valor**, **famous men**, **heads of their fathers' houses**.

25 **They trespassed against** the **Elohim of their fathers**, and **played the prostitute after the gods** of the **people** of the land, **whom Elohim destroyed before them**.

26 The **Elohim of Israel** **stirred up** the spirit of **Pul** king of **Assyria**, and the spirit of **Tilgath-pilneser** king of **Assyria**, and he **carried them away**, **even the Reubenites**, and the **Gadites**, and the **half-tribe** of **Manasseh**, and **brought them** to **Halah**, and **Habor**, and **Hara**, and to the river of **Gozan**, to **this day**.

1 Chronicles 6

1 The **sons** of **Levi**: **Gershon**, **Kohath**, and **Merari**.

2 The **sons** of **Kohath**: **Amram**, **Izhar**, and **Hebron**, and **Uzziel**.

3 The **children** of **Amram**: **Aaron**, and **Moses**, and **Miriam**. The **sons** of **Aaron**: **Nadab**, and **Abihu**, **Eleazar**, and **Ithamar**.

4 **Eleazar became** the **father** of **Phinehas**, **Phinehas became** the **father** of **Abishua**,

5 and Abishua became the fäther of Bukki, and Bukki became the fäther of Uzzi,

6 and Uzzi became the fäther of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah became the fäther of Meraioth,

7 Meraioth became the fäther of Amariah, and Amariah became the fäther of Ahitub,

8 and Ahitub became the fäther of Zadok, and Zadok became the fäther of Ahimaaz,

9 and Ahimaaz became the fäther of Azariah, and Azariah became the fäther of Johanan,

10 and Johanan became the fäther of Azariah, (he it is who executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jeruṣalem),

11 and Azariah became the fäther of Amariah, and Amariah became the fäther of Ahitub,

12 and Ahitub became the fäther of Zadok, and Zadok became the fäther of Shallum,

13 and Shallum became the fäther of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the fäther of Azariah,

14 and Azariah became the fäther of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the fäther of Jehozadak;

15 Jehozadak went [into captivity], when YAHWEH carried away Judah and Jeruṣalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

17 These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei.

18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' [houses].

20 Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.

22 The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son.

25 The sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth.

- 26 As for Elkanah, the **son**s of Elkanah: **Zophai** his **son**, and **Nahath** his **son**,
- 27 Eliab his **son**, Jeroham his **son**, Elkanah his **son**.
- 28 The **son**s of Samuel: the **firstborn** [Joel], and the **second** Abijah.
- 29 The **son**s of Merari: Mahli, Libni his **son**, **Shimei** his **son**, Uzzah his **son**,
- 30 **Shimea** his **son**, Haggiah his **son**, Asaiah his **son**.
- 31 **These** are **they** whom David set **over** the **service** of song in the **house** of YAHWEH, **after** **that** the **ark** had rest.
- 32 **They** ministered **with** song **before** the tent of the tent of **meeting**, until Solomon had built the **house** of YAHWEH in Jeru**salem**: and **they** waited on **their** office according to **their** **order**.
- 33 **These** are **those** who waited, and **their** **son**s. Of the **son**s of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the **son** of Joel, the **son** of Samuel,
- 34 the **son** of Elkanah, the **son** of Jeroham, the **son** of Eliel, the **son** of Toah,
- 35 the **son** of Zup**h**, the **son** of Elkanah, the **son** of Mahath**h**, the **son** of Amasai,
- 36 the **son** of Elkanah, the **son** of Joel, the **son** of Azariah, the **son** of Zephaniah,
- 37 the **son** of Tahath, the **son** of Assir, the **son** of Ebiasaph, the **son** of Korah,
- 38 the **son** of Izhar, the **son** of Kohath**h**, the **son** of Levi, the **son** of I**srael**.
- 39 His **brother** Asaph, who stood on his **right** hand, **even** Asaph the **son** of Berechiah, the **son** of **Shimea**,
- 40 the **son** of Michael, the **son** of Baaseiah, the **son** of Malchijah,
- 41 the **son** of Eth**h**ni, the **son** of Zerah, the **son** of Adaiah,
- 42 the **son** of Eth**h**an, the **son** of Zimmah, the **son** of Shimei,
- 43 the **son** of Jahath, the **son** of Gershom, the **son** of Levi.
- 44 On the left hand **their** **brothers** the **son**s of Merari: Eth**h**an the **son** of Kishi, the **son** of Abdi, the **son** of Malluch,
- 45 the **son** of Hashabiah, the **son** of Amaziah, the **son** of Hilkiah,
- 46 the **son** of Amzi, the **son** of Bani, the **son** of **Shemer**,
- 47 the **son** of Mahli, the **son** of Mush**i**, the **son** of Merari, the **son** of **Levi**.
- 48 **Their** **brothers** the Levites were appointed for **all** the **service** of the tent of the **house** of Elohim.

49 But Aaron and his **sóns** offered on the **altar** of **bûrnt** offering, and on the **altar** of **inçense**, for **âll** the **wôr**k of the **most holy plaç**e, and to **make** **atonement** for **Işrael**, **accôrding** to **âll that Moşes** the **sêrvant** of Elohim had commanded.

50 **Theş**e are the **sóns** of Aaron: Eleazar his **són**, **Phinehas** his **són**, **Abishua** his **són**,

51 **Bukki** his **són**, **Uzzi** his **són**, **Zerahiah** his **són**,

52 **Meraioth** his **són**, **Amariah** his **són**, **Ahitub** his **són**,

53 **Zadok** his **són**, **Ahimaaz** his **són**.

54 **Now theş**e are **their** dwelling-**plaçes** **accôrding** to **their** encampments in **their** **bôrders**: to the **sóns** of Aaron, of the **familieş** of the **Kohathites** (for **theiř** was the [first] lot),

55 to **them** **they** **gave** Hebron in the land of **Judah**, and the **subûrbş** of it **round** **about** it;

56 but the **fieldş** of the **çity**, and the **villageş** of it, **they** **gave** to Caleb the **són** of **Jephunneh**.

57 To the **sóns** of Aaron **they** **gave** the **çities** of **refug**e, Hebron; **Libnah** **âlso** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Jattir**, and **Eshtemoa** **with** its **subûrbş**,

58 and **Hilen** **with** its **subûrbş**, **Debir** **with** its **subûrbş**,

59 and **Ashan** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Beth-shemesh** **with** its **subûrbş**;

60 and **out** of the **tribe** of Benjamin, **Geba** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Allemeth** **with** its **subûrbş**, and **Anathoth** **with** its **subûrbş**. **âll** **their** **çities** **throug**h **out** **their** **familieş** were **thirteen** **çities**.

61 To the rest of the **sóns** of **Kohath** [were given] **by** lot, **out** of the family of the **tribe**, **out** of the **hâf-tribe**, the **hâf** of **Manasseh**, ten **çities**.

62 To the **sóns** of **Gershom**, **accôrding** to **their** **familieş**, **out** of the **tribe** of **Issachar**, and **out** of the **tribe** of **Asher**, and **out** of the **tribe** of **Nphtali**, and **out** of the **tribe** of **Manasseh** in **Bashan**, **thirteen** **çities**.

63 To the **sóns** of **Merari** [were given] **by** lot, **accôrding** to **their** **familieş**, **out** of the **tribe** of **Reuben**, and **out** of the **tribe** of **Gad**, and **out** of the **tribe** of **Zebulun**, twelve **çities**.

64 The **children** of **Işrael** **gave** to the **Levites** the **çities** **with** **their** **subûrbş**.

65 **They gave by** lot **out** of the **tribe** of the **children** of **Judah**, and **out** of the **tribe** of the **children** of **Simeon**, and **out** of the **tribe** of the **children** of **Benjamin**, **these cities** **which** are **mentioned by name**.

66 **Some** of the **families** of the **sons** of **Kohath** had **cities** of **their borders** **out** of the **tribe** of **Ephraim**.

67 **They gave to them** the **cities** of **refuge**, **Shechem** in the **hill-country** of **Ephraim** **with** its **suburbs**; **Gezer** **also with** its **suburbs**,

68 and **Jokmeam with** its **suburbs**, and **Beth-horon with** its **suburbs**,

69 and **Aijalon with** its **suburbs**, and **Gath-rimmon with** its **suburbs**;

70 and **out** of the **half-tribe** of **Manasseh**, **Aner with** its **suburbs**, and **Bileam with** its **suburbs**, for the **rest** of the **family** of the **sons** of **Kohath**.

71 To the **sons** of **Gershom** [were given], **out** of the **family** of the **half-tribe** of **Manasseh**, **Golan** in **Bashan with** its **suburbs**, and **Ashtaroth with** its **suburbs**;

72 and **out** of the **tribe** of **Issachar**, **Kedesh with** its **suburbs**, **Daberath with** its **suburbs**,

73 and **Ramoth with** its **suburbs**, and **Anem with** its **suburbs**;

74 and **out** of the **tribe** of **Asher**, **Mashal with** its **suburbs**, and **Abdon with** its **suburbs**,

75 and **Hukok with** its **suburbs**, and **Rehob with** its **suburbs**;

76 and **out** of the **tribe** of **Naphtali**, **Kedeth** in **Galilee with** its **suburbs**, and **Hammon with** its **suburbs**, and **Kiriathaim with** its **suburbs**.

77 To the **rest** of [the **Levites**], the **sons** of **Merari**, [were given], **out** of the **tribe** of **Zebulun**, **Rimmono with** its **suburbs**, **Tabor with** its **suburbs**;

78 and **beyond** the **Jordan** at **Jericho**, on the **east side** of the **Jordan**, [were given **them**], **out** of the **tribe** of **Reuben**, **Bezer** in the **wilderness with** its **suburbs**, and **Jahzah with** its **suburbs**,

79 and **Kedemoth with** its **suburbs**, and **Mephaath with** its **suburbs**;

80 and **out** of the **tribe** of **Gad**, **Ramoth** in **Gilead with** its **suburbs**, and **Mahanaim with** its **suburbs**,

81 and **Heshbon with** its **suburbs**, and **Jazer with** its **suburbs**.

1 Chronicles 7

1 Of the **sons** of **Issachar**: **Tola**, and **Puah**, **Jashub**, and **Shimron**, **four**.

2 The **sóns** of Tola: Uzzi, and **Rephaiah**, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and **Shemuel**, heads of **their fäthers' houses**, [to wit], of Tola; **mighty** men of valor in **their generations**: **their** number in the **days** of David was twenty-**two thousand** six hundred.

3 The **sóns** of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The **sóns** of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, **Isshiah**, **five**; **á**ll of **them chief** men.

4 With **them**, by **their generations**, **á**fter **their fäthers' houses**, were bands of the **host** for **wár**, **thirty-six thousand**; for **they** had many **wives** and **sóns**.

5 **Their brothers** among **á**ll the families of Issachar, **mighty** men of valor, reckoned in **á**ll by **genealogy**, were **eighty-seven thousand**.

6 [The **sóns** of] Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, **three**.

7 The **sóns** of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, **five**; heads of **fäthers' houses**, **mighty** men of valor; and **they** were reckoned by **genealogy** twenty-**two thousand thirty-fóur**.

8 The **sóns** of Becher: Zemirah, and **Joash**, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. **á**ll **thesé** were the **sóns** of Becher.

9 **They** were reckoned by **genealogy**, **á**fter **their generations**, heads of **their fäthers' houses**, **mighty** men of valor, twenty **thousand two** hundred.

10 The **sóns** of Jediael: Bilhan. The **sóns** of Bilhan: **Jeush**, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and **Zethan**, and **Tärshish**, and **Ahishahar**.

11 All **thesé** were **sóns** of Jediael, accórding to the heads of **their fäthers' [houses]**, **mighty** men of valor, **seventeen thousand** and **two** hundred, **who** were **able** to go **fórt**h in the **host** for **wár**.

12 **Shuppim á**lso, and Huppim, the **sóns** of Ir, **Hushim**, the **sóns** of Aher.

13 The **sóns** of **Naphtali**: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and **Shallum**, the **sóns** of Bilhah.

14 The **sóns** of Manasseh: Asriel, **whom** his concubine the Aramitess **bóre**: she **bóre** Machir the **fäther** of Gilead:

15 and Machir **tóok** a **wife** of Huppim and **Shuppim**, **whosé** sister's **name** was Maacah; and the **name** of the **second** was **Zelophehad**: and **Zelophehad** had **dáughters**.

16 Maacah the **wife** of Machir **bóre** a **són**, and she **named** him **Peresh**; and the **name** of his **broth**er was **Sheresh**; and his **sóns** were Ulam and Rakem.

17 The **sons** of Ulam: Bedan. **These** were the **sons** of Gilead the **son** of Machir, the **son** of Manasseh.

18 His sister Hammolech**eth** **bore** **Ishhod**, and Abiezer, and Mahlah.

19 The **sons** of Shemida were Ahian, and **Shechem**, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 The **sons** of **Ephraim**: **Shuthelah**, and Bered his **son**, and Tahath**h** his **son**, and Eleadah his **son**, and Tahath**h** his **son**,

21 and Zabad his **son**, and **Shuthelah** his **son**, and Ezer, and Elead, **whom** the men of Gath **who** were **born** in the land killed, **because** **they** **came** **down** to **take** **away** **their** **cattle**.

22 **Ephraim** **their** **father** **mourned** many **days**, and his **brothers** **came** to **comfort** him.

23 He went in to his **wife**, and she **conceived**, and **bore** a **son**, and he **named** him Beriah, **because** it went **evil** **with** his **house**.

24 His **daughter** was **Sheerah**, **who** built Beth-horon the **lower** and the upper, and Uzen-**sheerah**.

25 **Rephah** was his **son**, and **Resheph**, and Telah his **son**, and Tahan his **son**,

26 Ladan his **son**, Ammihud his **son**, Elishama his **son**,

27 Nun his **son**, **Joshua** his **son**.

28 **Their** **possessions** and **habitations** were Bethel and the **towns** of it, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, **with** the **towns** of it; **Shechem** **also** and the **towns** of it, to Azzah and the **towns** of it;

29 and **by** the **borders** of the **children** of Manasseh, Beth-shean and its **towns**, Taanach and its **towns**, Megiddo and its **towns**, Dor and its **towns**. In **these** lived the **children** of **Joseph** the **son** of **Israel**.

30 The **sons** of Asher: Imnah, and **Ishvah**, and **Ishvi**, and Beriah, and Serah **their** sister.

31 The **sons** of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel, **who** was the **father** of Birzai**th**.

32 Heber **became** the **father** of Japhlet, and **Shomer**, and Hot**th**am, and **Shua** **their** sister.

33 The **sons** of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and **Ashvath**. **These** are the **children** of Japhlet.

34 The **sons** of **Shemer**: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 The **sons** of Helem his **brother**: Z**ophah**, and Imna, and **Shelesh**, and Amal.

36 The **sons** of Z**ophah**: Suah, and Harnepher, and **Shual**, and Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, and Hod, and **Shamma**, and **Shilshah**, and **Ithran**, and Beera.

38 The **sons** of Jether: J**ephunneh**, and Pispa, and Ara.

39 The **sons** of Ulla: Arah, and Hanniel, and Rizia.

40 All **these** were the **children** of **Asher**, head**s** of the **fathers'** **houses**, **choice** and **mighty** men of valor, **chief** of the **princes**. The number of **them** reckoned by **genealogy** for **service** in **war** was twenty-six **thousand** men.

1 Chronicles 8

1 Benjamin became the **father** of Bela his first**born**, **Ashbel** the **second**, and Aharah the **third**,

2 Nohah the **fourth**, and **Rapha** the **fifth**.

3 Bela had **sons**: Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

4 and **Abishua**, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

5 and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 **These** are the **sons** of Ehud: **these** are the head**s** of **fathers'** [**houses**] of the inhabitants of Geba, and **they** carried **them** captive to Manahath:

7 and Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he carried **them** captive: and he became the **father** of Uzza and Ahihud.

8 **Shaharaim** became the **father** of **children** in the field of **Moab**, **after** he had sent **them** away; Hushim and Baara were his **wives**.

9 He became the **father** of **Hodesh** his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and **Mesha**, and Malcam,

10 and Jeuz, and **Shachia**, and Mirmah. **These** were his **sons**, head**s** of **fathers'** [**houses**].

11 Of **Hushim** he became the **father** of Abitub and Elpaal.

12 The **sons** of Elpaal: Eber, and **Misham**, and **Shemed**, **who** built Ono and Lod, **with** the **towns** of it;

13 and Beriah, and **Shema**, **who** were head**s** of **fathers'** [**houses**] of the inhabitants of Aijalon, **who** put to **flight** the inhabitants of **Gath**;

14 and Ahio, **Shashak**, and **Jeremoth**,

15 and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder,

16 and Michael, and **Ishpah**, and Joha, the **sons** of Beriah,

17 and Zebadiah, and **Meshullam**, and Hizki, and Heber,

18 and **Ishmerai**, and Izliah, and Jobab, the **sons** of Elpaal,

19 and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

20 and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel,

21 and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and **Shimrath**, the **sons** of **Shimei**,

22 and **Ishpan**, and Eber, and Eliel,

23 and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24 and Hananiah, and Elam, and **Anthothijah**,

25 and **Iphdeiah**, and Penuel, the **sons** of **Shashak**,

26 and **Shamsherai**, and **Shehariah**, and **Athaliah**,

27 and Jaare**shiah**, and **Elijah**, and Zichri, the **sons** of Jeroham.

28 **These** were heads of **fathers'** [**houses**] **throughout** their **generations**, chief men: **these** lived in **Jerusalem**.

29 In Gibeon **there** lived the **father** of Gibeon, [**Jeiel**], **whose** wife's name was Maacah;

30 and his **firstborn** son Abdon, and Zur, and **Kish**, and Baal, and Nadab,

31 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zecher.

32 **Mikloth** became the **father** of **Shimeah**. **They also** lived **with** their **brothers** in **Jerusalem**, **over against** their **brothers**.

33 Ner became the **father** of **Kish**; and **Kish** became the **father** of **Saul**; and **Saul** became the **father** of **Jonathan**, and **Malchi-shua**, and **Abinadab**, and **Eshbaal**.

34 The **son** of **Jonathan** was **Merib-baal**; and **Merib-baal** became the **father** of **Micah**.

35 The **sons** of **Micah**: **Pithon**, and **Melech**, and **Tarea**, and **Ahaz**.

36 **Ahaz** became the **father** of **Jehoaddah**; and **Jehoaddah** became the **father** of **Alemeth**, and **Azmaveth**, and **Zimri**; and **Zimri** became the **father** of **Moza**.

37 **Moza** became the **father** of **Binea**; **Raphah** was his **son**, **Eleasah** his **son**, **Azel** his **son**.

38 Azel had six **sóns**, whose **nameš** are **theš**: Azrikam, Bocheru, and **Ishmael**, and **Sheariah**, and Obadiah, and Hanan. **Áll theš** were the **sóns** of Azel.

39 The **sóns** of Eshek his **brother**: Ulam his **firstbörn**, **Jeush** the **second**, and **Eliphelet** the **third**.

40 The **sóns** of Ulam were **mighty** men of valor, **ärcherš**, and had many **sóns**, and **sóns' sóns**, one hundred fifty. **Áll theš** were of the **sóns** of Benjamin.

1 Chronicles 9

1 So **Áll Išrael** were reckoned **by genealogieš**; and, behold, **they** are written in the **book** of the **kings** of **Išrael**: and **Judah** was carried away captive to Babylon for **their disobediençe**.

2 **Now** the **first** inhabitants who lived in **their poššessionš** in **their çitieš** were **Išrael**, the **priestš**, the **Leviteš**, and the **Nethinim**.

3 In **Jerušalem** lived of the **children** of **Judah**, and of the **children** of Benjamin, and of the **children** of **Ephraim** and **Manasseh**:

4 **Uthai** the **són** of Ammihud, the **són** of Omri, the **són** of Imri, the **són** of Bani, of the **children** of Perez the **són** of **Judah**.

5 Of the **Shiloniteš**: Asaiah the **firstbörn**, and his **sóns**.

6 Of the **sóns** of Zerah: Jeuel, and **their brotherš**, six hundred **ninety**.

7 Of the **sóns** of Benjamin: Sallu the **són** of **Meshullam**, the **són** of Hodaviah, the **són** of Hassenuah,

8 and Ibneiah the **són** of Jeroham, and Elah the **són** of Uzzi, the **són** of Michri, and Meshullam the **són** of **Sheghatiah**, the **són** of Reuel, the **són** of Ibnijah;

9 and **their brotherš**, according to **their generationš**, **nine** hundred fifty-six. **Áll theš** men were **headš** of **fätherš' [houšeš]** by **their fätherš' houšeš**.

10 Of the **priestš**: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, Jachin,

11 and Azariah the **són** of Hilkiah, the **són** of **Methullam**, the **són** of Zadok, the **són** of Meraioth, the **són** of Ahitub, the **ruler** of the **houše** of Elohim;

12 and Adaiah the **són** of Jeroham, the **són** of **Pashhur**, the **són** of Malchijah, and Maasai the **són** of Adiel, the **són** of Jahzerah, the **són** of **Meshullam**, the **són** of **Meshillemith**, the **són** of Immer;

13 and **their brotherš**, **headš** of **their fätherš' houšeš**, one **thouš**and seven hundred sixty; very **able** men for the **wörk** of the **serviçe** of the **houše** of Elohim.

14 Of the **Levites**: **Shemaiah** the **son** of **Hasshub**, the **son** of **Azrikam**, the **son** of **Hashabiah**, of the **sons** of **Merari**;

15 and **Bakbakkar**, **Heresh**, and **Galal**, and **Mattaniah** the **son** of **Mica**, the **son** of **Zichri**, the **son** of **Asaph**,

16 and **Obadiah** the **son** of **Shemaiah**, the **son** of **Galal**, the **son** of **Jeduthun**, and **Berechiah** the **son** of **Asa**, the **son** of **Elkanah**, **who** lived in the **villages** of the **Netophathites**.

17 The **porters**: **Shallum**, and **Akkub**, and **Talmon**, and **Ahiman**, and **their brothers** (**Shallum** was the **chief**),

18 **who** **hitherto** [waited] in the king's **gate** **eastward**: **they** were the **porters** for the camp of the **children** of **Levi**.

19 **Shallum** the **son** of **Kore**, the **son** of **Ebiasaph**, the **son** of **Korah**, and his **brothers**, of his **father's** **house**, the **Korahites**, were **over** the **work** of the **service**, **keepers** of the **thresholds** of the tent: and **their fathers** had **been** **over** the camp of **YAHWEH**, **keepers** of the entry.

20 **Phinehas** the **son** of **Eleazar** was **ruler** **over** **them** in **time** **past**, [and] **YAHWEH** was **with** him.

21 **Zechariah** the **son** of **Meshelemiah** was **porter** of the **door** of the tent of **meeting**.

22 All **these** **who** were **chosen** to be **porters** in the **thresholds** were **two** hundred and twelve. **These** were reckoned **by** **genealogy** in **their** **villages**, **whom** **David** and **Samuel** the **seer** did **ordain** in **their** **office** of trust.

23 So **they** and **their** **children** had the **oversight** of the **gates** of the **house** of **YAHWEH**, **even** the **house** of the tent, **by** **wards**.

24 On the **four** **sides** were the **porters**, **toward** the **east**, **west**, **north**, and **south**.

25 **Their** **brothers**, in **their** **villages**, were to **come** in every seven **days** from **time** to **time** to be **with** **them**:

26 for the **four** **chief** **porters**, **who** were **Levites**, were in an **office** of trust, and were **over** the **chambers** and **over** the **treasuries** in the **house** of **Elohim**.

27 **They** **lodged** **round** **about** the **house** of **Elohim**, **because** the **charge** [of it] was on **them**; and to **them** **pertained** the **opening** of it **morning** **by** **morning**.

28 **Certain** of **them** had **charge** of the **vessels** of **service**; for **by** **count** were **these** **brought** in and **by** **count** were **these** **taken** **out**.

29 Some of **them** **also** were appointed **over** the **furniture**, and **over** **all** the vessels of the sanctuary, and **over** the **fine flour**, and the **wine**, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the **spices**.

30 Some of the **sons** of the priests prepared the confection of the **spices**.

31 Mattithiah, one of the **Levites**, **who** was the **firstborn** of **Shallum** the Korahite, had the office of trust **over** the **things** that were **baked** in pans.

32 Some of **their** **brothers**, of the **sons** of the Kohathites, were **over** the **show** bread, to prepare it every Sabbath.

33 **These** are the singers, heads of **fathers'** [**houses**] of the **Levites**, [**who** lived] in the **chambers** [and were] **free** [from **other** **service**]; for **they** were employed in **their** **work** day and **night**.

34 **These** were heads of **fathers'** [**houses**] of the **Levites**, **throughout** **their** **generations**, chief men: **these** lived at **Jerusalem**.

35 In Gibeon **there** lived the **father** of Gibeon, Jeiel, **whose** wife's name was Maacah:

36 and his **firstborn** **son** Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 Mikloth **became** the **father** of **Shimeam**. **They** **also** lived with **their** **brothers** in **Jerusalem**, **over** against **their** **brothers**.

39 Ner **became** the **father** of **Kish**; and **Kish** **became** the **father** of **Saul**; and **Saul** **became** the **father** of **Jonathan**, and **Malchishua**, and **Abinadab**, and **Eshbaal**.

40 The **son** of **Jonathan** was **Merib-baal**; and **Merib-baal** **became** the **father** of **Micah**.

41 The **sons** of **Micah**: **Pithon**, and **Melech**, and **Tahrea**, [and **Ahaz**].

42 **Ahaz** **became** the **father** of **Jarah**; and **Jarah** **became** the **father** of **Alemeth**, and **Azmaveth**, and **Zimri**; and **Zimri** **became** the **father** of **Moza**;

43 and **Moza** **became** the **father** of **Binea**; and **Rephaiah** his **son**, **Eleasah** his **son**, **Azel** his **son**.

44 **Azel** had six **sons**, **whose** names are **these**: **Azrikam**, **Bocheru**, and **Ishmael**, and **Sheariah**, and **Obadiah**, and **Hanan**: **these** were the **sons** of **Azel**.

1 Chronicles 10

1 **Now** the **Philistines** **fought** against **Israel**: and the men of **Israel** fled from **before** the **Philistines**, and fell **down** slain on **Mount Gilboa**.

2 The **Philistines** followed härd äfter Sâul and äfter his sönş; and the **Philistines** killed Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sönş of Sâul .

3 The battle went söre against Sâul , and the **ärcherş** overtöök him; and he was distressed **by reaşon** of the **ärcherş**.

4 **Then** said Sâul to his ärmor-bearer, Drâw yôur swôrd, and **thrust** me **through therewith**, lest **thesë** unçircumçised come and abuse me. But his ärmor-bearer would not; for he was söre afraid. **Therefore** Sâul **töök** his swôrd, and fell on it.

5 **When** his ärmor-bearer säw **that** Sâul was dead, he **likewisë** fell on his swôrd, and died.

6 So Sâul died, and his **three sönş**; and **äll** his **house** died together.

7 **When** äll the men of Işrael **who** were in the valley säw **that** they fled, and **that** Sâul and his sönş were dead, **they** forsöök **their çities**, and fled; and the **Philistines** came and lived in **them**.

8 It happened on the next day, *when* the **Philistines** came to strip the slain, **that** they found Sâul and his sönş fällen on Mount Gilboa.

9 **They** stripped him, and **töök** his head, and his ärmor, and sent into the land of the **Philistines** round about, to carry the news to **their idols**, and to the **people**.

10 **They** put his ärmor in the **house** of **their** godş, and fästened his head in the **house** of Dagon.

11 **When** äll Jabesh-gilead **heard** äll **that** the **Philistines** had done to Sâul ,

12 all the valiant men aroşë, and **töök** away the body of Sâul , and the bodieş of his sönş, and **bröught** **them** to Jabesh, and buried **their bones** under the oak in Jabesh, and fästed seven dayş.

13 So Sâul died for his trespass **which** he committed against YAHWEH, *because* of the wôrd of YAHWEH, **which** he didn't keep; and **älsö** *because* he **äsked** counsel of one **who** had a familiar spirit, to **inquire** [**thereby**],

14 and didn't **inquire** of YAHWEH: **thereföre** he killed him, and **türned** the kingdöm to David the sön of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 11

1 **Then** äll Işrael gathered **themselves** to David to Hebron, **saying**, Behold, **we** are yôur bone and yôur flesh.

2 In **times** päst, **even** *when* Sâul was king, it was you **who** led **out** and **bröught** in Işrael: and YAHWEH yôur Elohim said to you, **You** shall be **shepherd** of my **people** Işrael, and you shall be **prinçe** over my **people** Işrael.

3 So **á**ll the elder**ş** of I**ş**rael **came** to the king to Hebron; and **David** **made** a **có**venant **with** **them** in Hebron bef**ó**re YAHWEH; and **they** anointed **David** king **over** I**ş**rael, acc**ó**rding to the w**ó**rd of YAHWEH **by** Samuel.

4 **David** and **á**ll I**ş**rael went to Jeru**ş**alem (the **same** is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were **there**.

5 The inhabitants of Jebus said to **David**, **You** **shall** not **có**me in **here**. Never**the**less **David** **tó**ok the stronghold of Zion; the **same** is the **ç**ity of **David**.

6 **David** said, **Wh**oever strikes the Jebusites **fi**rst **shall** be **chief** and captain. Joab the **son** of Zeruah went up **fi**rst, and was **made** **chief**.

7 **David** lived in the stronghold; **theref**óre **they** **cá**lled it the **ç**ity of **David**.

8 He **built** the **ç**ity **rou**nd **about**, from Millo **even** **rou**nd **about**; and Joab **repaired** the rest of the **ç**ity.

9 **David** grew **gre**ater and **gre**ater; for YAHWEH of **Hosts** was **with** him.

10 **Now** **thes**e are the **chief** of the **mi**ghty men **wh**om **David** had, **wh**o **shown** **themselv**e**ş** strong **with** him in his king**dó**m, **together** **with** **á**ll I**ş**rael, to **make** him king, acc**ó**rding to the w**ó**rd of YAHWEH **conç**erning I**ş**rael.

11 **This** is the number of the **mi**ghty men **wh**om **David** had: **Jash**obeam, the **son** of a Hachmonite, the **chief** of the **th**irty; he lifted up his **spear** **again**st **th**ree hundred and killed **them** at one **time**.

12 After him was Eleazar the **son** of **Dodo**, the Ahohite, **wh**o was one of the **th**ree **mi**ghty men.

13 He was **with** **David** at Pasdammim, and **there** the **Philistine**ş were **gath**ered **together** to battle, **where** was a plot of **ground** **full** of **bá**rley; and the **people** fled from bef**ó**re the **Philistine**ş.

14 **They** **stó**od in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and killed the **Philistine**ş; and YAHWEH **sav**ed **them** **by** a **gre**at victory.

15 **th**ree of the **th**irty **chief** men went **down** to the rock to **David**, into the **cave** of Adullam; and the **host** of the **Philistine**ş were encamp**e**d in the valley of **Reph**aim.

16 **David** was **then** in the stronghold, and the garrison of the **Philistine**ş was **then** in **Beth**-lehem.

17 **David** longed, and said, **Oh** **th**at one **wó**uld give me **wá**ter to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, **whi**ch is **by** the gate!

18 The **three** **bro**ke **th**rough the **host** of the **Philistine**s, and drew **w**ater **o**ut of the well of **Beth**-lehem, **th**at was **by** the **gate**, and **t**ook it, and **br**ought it to **David**: but **David** **w**ould not drink of it, but **p**oured it **o**ut to **YAHWEH**,

19 and said, **My** **Elohim** **f**orbid it me, **th**at I **sh**ould **d**e **th**is: **sh**all I drink the **bl**ood of **thes**e men **wh**o have **p**ut **th**eir lives in jeopardy? for **with** [the jeopardy of] **th**eir lives **th**ey **br**ought it. **Th**ere**f**ore he **w**ould not drink it. **Th**es**e** **th**ings did the **three** mighty men.

20 **Abishai**, the **bro**ther of **Joab**, he was **chief** of the **three**; for he lifted up his **s**pear **ag**ainst **three** hundred and killed **th**em, and had a **name** **am**ong the **three**.

21 Of the **three**, he was **m**ore honorable **th**an the **tw**e, and was **mad**e **th**eir captain: **h**owever he didn't **att**ain to the [first] **three**.

22 **Benaiah** the **son** of **Jehoiada**, the **son** of a valiant man of **Kabzeel**, **wh**o had **d**one mighty **de**eds, he killed the **tw**e [sons of] **Ariel** of **Moab**: he went **d**own **also** and killed a **li**on in the midst of a pit in **ti**me of **s**now.

23 He killed an **Egyptian**, a man of **gr**eat **st**ature, **fi**ve cubits **hi**gh; and in the **Egyptian**'s hand was a **s**pear **li**ke a weaver's **be**am; and he went **d**own to him **with** a **st**aff, and **pl**ucked the **s**pear **o**ut of the **Egyptian**'s hand, and killed him **with** his **own** **s**pear.

24 These **th**ings did **Benaiah** the **son** of **Jehoiada**, and had a **name** **am**ong the **three** mighty men.

25 **Behold**, he was **m**ore honorable **th**an the **th**irty, but he didn't **att**ain to the [first] **three**: and **David** set him **o**ver his **gu**ard.

26 **Also** the mighty men of the **arm**ies: **Asahel** the **bro**ther of **Joab**, **Elhanan** the **son** of **Dodo** of **Beth**-lehem,

27 **Shammoth** the **Harorite**, **Helez** the **Pelonite**,

28 **Ira** the **son** of **Ikkesh** the **Tekoite**, **Abiezer** the **Anathothite**,

29 **Sibbecai** the **Hushathite**, **Ilai** the **Ahohite**,

30 **Maharai** the **Netophathite**, **Heled** the **son** of **Baanah** the **Netophathite**.

31 **Ithai** the **son** of **Ribai** of **Gibeah** of the **children** of **Benjamin**, **Benaiah** the **Pirathonite**,

32 **Hurai** of the **bro**oks of **Gaash**, **Abiel** the **Arbathite**,

33 **Azmaveth** the **Baharumite**, **Eliabba** the **Shaalbonite**,

34 the **sons** of **Hashem** the **Gizonite**, **Jonathan** the **son** of **Shagee** the **Hararite**,

- 35 Ahiam the **s**on of Sacar the Harar**i**te, El**ph**al the **s**on of Ur,
 36 H**ep**her the Mecherath**i**te, Ahijah the Pelon**i**te,
 37 Hezro the C**ä**rmel**i**te, Naarai the **s**on of Ezbai,
 38 Joel the br**ö**ther of **N**athan, Mibhar the **s**on of Hagri,
 39 Zelek the Ammon**i**te, Naharai the Beroth**i**te, the **ä**rmor bearer of Joab the **s**on of Zeruiah,
 40 Ira the **l**th**r**i**te**, Gareb the **l**th**r**i**te**,
 41 Uriah the Hitt**i**te, Zabad the **s**on of Ahlai,
 42 Adina the **s**on of Shiza the Reuben**i**te, a **ch**ief of the Reuben**i**tes, and **th**irty with him,
 43 Hanan the **s**on of Maacah, and **J**osh**aph**at the Mithn**i**te,
 44 Uzzia the **A**sh**ter**ath**i**te, **S**hama and Jeiel the **s**on**s** of **H**oth**am** the Aroer**i**te,
 45 Jediael the **s**on of **S**himri, and Joha his br**ö**ther, the Tiz**i**te,
 46 Eliel the Mahav**i**te, and Jeribai, and **J**osh**av**iah, the **s**on**s** of Elnaam, and **l**th**m**ah the Moab**i**te,
 47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobai**i**te.

1 Chronicles 12

1 **N**ow **th**ese are **th**ose who came to **D**avid to Ziklag, *while* he yet kept himself clo**s**e because of **S**äul the **s**on of **K**ish; and **th**ey were among the mi**gh**ty men, his help**er**s in w**ä**r.

2 **T**hey were **ä**rmed with bow**s**, and could use **bo**th the ri**gh**t hand and the left in slinging stone**s** and in **sh**ooting arrow**s** from the bow: **th**ey were of **S**äul's br**ö**ther**s** of Benjamin.

3 The **ch**ief was Ahiezer; **th**en **J**oash, the **s**on**s** of **S**hemaah the Gibeath**i**te, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the **s**on**s** of Azmaveth**h**, and Beracah, and Jehu the Anathoth**i**te,

4 and **I**sh**ma**iah the Gibeon**i**te, a mi**gh**ty man among the **th**irty, and **o**ver the **th**irty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederath**i**te,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth**h**, and Bealiah, and **S**hemariah, and **S**hephatiah the Harup**h**i**te**,

6 Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korah**i**tes,

7 and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the **s**on**s** of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 Of the Gadites **there** separated **themselves** to David to the stronghold in the wilderness, **mighty** men of valor, men **trained** for **war**, **that** could handle **shield** and **spear**; **whose** **faces** were like the **faces** of **lions**, and **they** were as swift as the **roes** on the **mountains**;

9 Ezer the **chief**, Obadiah the **second**, Eliab the **third**,

10 Mishmannah the **fourth**, Jeremiah the **fifth**,

11 Attai the **sixth**, Eliel the **seventh**,

12 Johanan the **eighth** , Elzabad the **ninth**,

13 Jeremiah the **tenth**, Machbannai the **eleventh**.

14 **These** of the **sons** of Gad were **captains** of the **host**: he **who** was **least** was **equal** to one hundred, and the **greatest** to one **thousand**.

15 **These** are **those** **who** went **over** the **Jordan** in the **first** **month**, **when** it had **overflowed** **all** its banks; and **they** **put** to **flight** **all** **them** of the **valleys**, **both** **toward** the **east**, and **toward** the west.

16 **There** **came** of the **children** of Benjamin and **Judah** to the stronghold to David.

17 David went **out** to **meet** **them**, and answered **them**, If you be **come** **peaceably** to me to help me, my **heart** **shall** be knit to you; but if [you be **come**] to **betray** me to my **adversaries**, **seeing** **there** is no **wrong** in my **hands**, the Elohim of **our** **fathers** **look** **thereon**, and **rebuke** it.

18 **Then** the Spirit **came** on Amasai, **who** was **chief** of the **thirty**, [and he said], **Your** are **we**, David, and on **your** **side**, you **son** of Jesse: **peace**, **peace** be to you, and **peace** be to **your** **helpers**; for **your** Elohim helps you. **Then** David **received** **them**, and **made** **them** **captains** of the band.

19 Of Manasseh **also** **there** fell away **some** to David, **when** he **came** with the **Philistines** against **Saul** to battle: but **they** didn't help **them**; for the **lords** of the **Philistines** on **advice** sent him **away**, saying, **He** will **fall** away to his **master** **Saul** to the jeopardy of **our** **heads**.

20 As he went to Ziklag, **there** fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jedaiel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, **captains** of **thousands** **who** were of Manasseh.

21 **They** helped David **against** the band of rovers: for **they** were **all** **mighty** men of valor, and were **captains** in the **host**.

22 **For** from **day** to **day** men **came** to David to help him, until **there** was a **great** **host**, like the **host** of Elohim.

23 **These** are the numberš of the headš of **those** who were **ärmed** for wär, who came to David to Hebron, to tûrn the kingdöm of Sâul to him, accörding to the wörd of YAHWEH.

24 The **children** of Judah who bore **shield** and spear were six **thoušand** and eight hundred, **ärmed** for wär.

25 Of the **children** of Simeon, **mighty** men of valor for the wär, seven **thoušand** and one hundred.

26 Of the **children** of Levi **fôur** **thoušand** and six hundred.

27 Jehoiada was the **leader** of [the **house** of] Aaron; and **with** him were **three** **thoušand** and seven hundred,

28 and Zadok, a young man **mighty** of valor, and of his **fäther's** **house** twenty-two **captainš**.

29 Of the **children** of Benjamin, the **brotherš** of Sâul, **three** **thoušand**: for **hitherte** the **greatest** **pärt** of **them** had kept **their** allegiance to the **house** of Sâul .

30 Of the **children** of Ephraim twenty **thoušand** eight hundred, **mighty** men of valor, **famous** men in **their** **fätherš'** **houšeš**.

31 Of the **hälf-tribe** of Manasseh **eighteen** **thoušand**, who were **mentioned** by **name**, to **cöme** and **make** David king.

32 Of the **children** of Issachar, men who had understanding of the **timeš**, to **know** **what** **Israel** **öught** to **do**, the **headš** of **them** were **two** hundred; and **äll** **their** **brotherš** were at **their** commandment.

33 Of Zebulun, **such** as were **able** to **go** **öut** in the **host**, who **couüd** set the battle in **array**, **with** **äll** manner of instruments of wär, fifty **thoušand**, and who **couüd** **öorder** [the battle **array**, and were] not of **double** **heärt**.

34 Of **Naphтали** one **thoušand** **captainš**, and **with** **them** **with** **shield** and spear **thirty-seven** **thoušand**.

35 Of the **Danites** who **couüd** set the battle in **array**, twenty-eight **thoušand** six hundred.

36 Of **Asher**, **such** as were **able** to **go** **öut** in the **host**, who **couüd** set the battle in **array**, **fört**y **thoušand**.

37 On the **öther** **side** of the **Jördan**, of the **Reubenites**, and the **Gadites**, and of the **hälf-tribe** of Manasseh, **with** **äll** manner of instruments of wär for the battle, one hundred twenty **thoušand**.

38 All **thes**_e being men of w**är**, wh**o** cou**ld** **ör**der the battle array, **came with** a p**er**fect h**eä**rt to Hebron, to **make** David king **over ä**ll I**ş**rael: and **ä**ll the rest **ä**l**so** of I**ş**rael were of one h**eä**rt to **make** David king.

39 **They** were **ther**_e with David **thr**_ee **day**_s, **e**ating and drinking; for **the**_{ir} br**ö**th**er**_s had **made** preparation for **them**.

40 **Mö**reover **thos**_e wh**o** were **near** to **them**, [**even**] as **fä**r as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, br**ö**ught bread on don**key**_s, and on camel**s**, and on mul**e**, and on oxen, victu**al**_s of me**al**, **cake**s of fig**s**, and cluster**s** of **rais**_{in}**s**, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and **sheep** in abundan**ç**_e: for **ther**_e was joy in I**ş**rael

1 Chronicles 13

1 David consulted with the captai**n**_s of **thou**_sand**s** and of hundred**s**, **even with** every le**ad**_{er}.

2 David said to **ä**ll the assembly of I**ş**rael, If it **seem** g**ö**od to you, and if it be of YAHWEH **ö**ur Elohim, let us send abr**ö**ad everywh**er**_e to **ö**ur br**ö**th**er**_s wh**o** are left in **ä**ll the land of I**ş**rael, with wh**o**m the priests and Levites are in **the**_{ir} **ç**itie**s** that have sub**ü**rb**s**, **that they** may gather **themselv**_e**s** to us;

3 and let us bring ag**ain** the **ä**rk of **ö**ur Elohim to us: for **we** didn't **seek** it in the **day**_s of S**ä**ul .

4 All the assembly said **that they** w**ou**ld **de** so; for the **th**_{ing} was **ri**ght in the **ey**_e**s** of **ä**ll the **pe**ople.

5 So David assembled **ä**ll I**ş**rael to**geth**_{er}, from the Shihor [the br**ö**ok] of **Egypt** **even** to the entran**ç**_e of Hamath, to bring the **ä**rk of Elohim from Kiriath-jearim.

6 David went up, and **ä**ll I**ş**rael, to Baalah, [**that** is], to Kiriath-jearim, **wh**_{ic}h belonged to Judah, to bring up from **ther**_e the **ä**rk of Elohim YAHWEH **that** sits [ab**ö**ve] the cherubim, **that** is **cä**ll**ed** by the **Na**me.

7 They carried the **ä**rk of Elohim on a new **cä**rt, [and br**ö**ught it] **ö**ut of the **hou**se of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio **drov**_e the **cä**rt.

8 David and **ä**ll I**ş**rael play**ed** bef**ö**re Elohim with **ä**ll **the**_{ir} **mi**ght, **even with** song**s**, and with h**är**p**s**, and with **ps**alterie**s**, and with tambourine**s**, and with **ç**ymbal**s**, and with trumpets.

9 **Wh**_{en} **the**_y **came** to the **thr**_{esh}ing fl**ö**or of Chidon, Uzza **püt fö**rt**h** his hand to hold the **ä**rk; for the oxen stumbled.

10 The anger of YAHWEH was kindled ag**ain**st Uzza, and he struck him, **becä**us**e** he **püt fö**rt**h** his hand to the **ä**rk; and **ther**_e he **di**ed bef**ö**re Elohim.

11 David was displeasēd, becausē YAHWEH had broken fōrth on Uzza; and he cāllēd that placē Perez-uzza, to this day.

12 David was afraid of Elohim that day, saying, How shall I bring the ārk of Elohim home to me?

13 So David didn't movē the ārk to him into the çity of David, but carried it asidē into the housē of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 The ārk of Elohim remainēd with the family of Obed-edom in his housē threē monthš: and YAHWEH blessēd the housē of Obed-edom, and āll that he had.

1 Chronicles 14

1 Hiram king of Tyre sent messengerš to David, and çedar treeš, and masonš, and cārpenterš, to build him a housē.

2 David pērçēivēd that YAHWEH had establishēd him king over Işrael; for his kingdōm was exāltēd on high, for his peoplē Işrael's sake.

3 David tōok mōre wivēš at Jeruşalem; and David becamē the fāthēr of mōre sonš and dāughtērš.

4 Thešē are the namēš of the children whom he had in Jeruşalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet,

6 and Nogah, and Nephēg, and Japhia,

7 and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

8 When the Philistinēš hēard that David was anointed king over āll Işrael, āll the Philistinēš went up to seek David: and David hēard of it, and went out against them.

9 Nōw the Philistinēš had cōmē and madē a raid in the valley of Rephaim.

10 David inquirēd of Elohim, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistinēš? and will you deliver them into my hand? YAHWEH said to him, Go up; for I will deliver them into yōur hand.

11 So they camē up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them thērē; and David said, Elohim haš broken my enemyēš by my hand, likē the breach of wātērš. Thērēfōrē they cāllēd the namē of that placē Baal-perazim.

12 They left thēr godš thērē; and David gavē commandmēt, and they wērē bŭrnēd with firē.

13 The **Philistines** yet again **made** a **raid** in the **valley**.

14 **David** **inquired** again of **Elohim**; and **Elohim** said to him, **You shall not go up after them: turn away from them, and come on them over** against the **mulberry trees**.

15 It **shall** be, *when you hear the sound of marching* in the tops of the **mulberry trees, that then you shall go out to battle**; for **Elohim** is gone **out before** you to **strike** the **host** of the **Philistines**.

16 **David** did as **Elohim** commanded him: and **they** struck the **host** of the **Philistines** from **Gibeon** **even** to **Gezer**.

17 The **fame** of **David** went **out** into **all lands**; and **YAHWEH** **brought** the **fear** of him on **all nations**.

1 Chronicles 15

1 [**David**] **made** him **houses** in the **city** of **David**; and he **prepared** a **place** for the **ark** of **Elohim**, and **pitched** for it a tent.

2 Then **David** said, **None ought** to carry the **ark** of **Elohim** but the **Levites**: for **them** has **YAHWEH** **chosen** to carry the **ark** of **Elohim**, and to minister to him forever.

3 **David** assembled **all Israel** at **Jerusalem**, to bring up the **ark** of **YAHWEH** to its **place**, *which* he had **prepared** for it.

4 **David** gathered together the **sons** of **Aaron**, and the **Levites**:

5 of the **sons** of **Kohath**, **Uriel** the **chief**, and his **brothers** one hundred twenty;

6 of the **sons** of **Merari**, **Asaiah** the **chief**, and his **brothers** **two** hundred twenty;

7 of the **sons** of **Gershon**, **Joel** the **chief**, and his **brothers** one hundred **thirty**;

8 of the **sons** of **Elizaphan**, **Shemaiah** the **chief**, and his **brothers** **two** hundred;

9 of the **sons** of **Hebron**, **Eliel** the **chief**, and his **brothers** **eighty**;

10 of the **sons** of **Uzziel**, **Amminadab** the **chief**, and his **brothers** one hundred **twelve**.

11 **David** **called** for **Zadok** and **Abiathar** the **priests**, and for the **Levites**, for **Uriel**, **Asaiah**, and **Joel**, **Shemaiah**, and **Eliel**, and **Amminadab**,

12 and said to **them**, **You** are the **heads** of the **fathers'** [**houses**] of the **Levites**: sanctify **yourselves**, **both** you and **your brothers**, **that** you may bring up the **ark** of **YAHWEH**, the **Elohim** of **Israel**, to [**the place**] **that** I have **prepared** for it.

13 **For** because you didn't carry it at the **first**, **YAHWEH** **our** **Elohim** **made** a **breach** on us, because **we** didn't **seek** him according to the **ordinance**.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel.

15 The children of the Levites bore the ark of Elohim on their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of YAHWEH.

16 David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

18 and with them their brothers of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, [were appointed] with cymbals of brass to sound aloud;

20 and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries set to Alamoth;

21 and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps tuned to the eight-stringed lyre, to lead.

22 Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful.

23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark.

24 Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow the trumpets before the ark of Elohim: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 It happened, when Elohim helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH, that they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.

27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song [with] the singers: and David had on him an ephod of linen.

28 **Thus** **á**ll **I**šrael br**ó**ught up the **ä**rk of the **có**venant of YAHWEH **with** **sh**outing, and **with** **se**und of the cornet, and **with** trumpets, and **with** **ç**ymbals, **se**ounding **al**oud **with** **p**salteries and **h**ärps.

29 It happened, as the **ä**rk of the **có**venant of YAHWEH **came** to the **ç**ity of **D**avid, **th**at Michal the **d**äughter of **S**äul **l**óoked **o**ut at the **w**indow, and **s**äw king **D**avid **dan**çing and **pl**aying; and she **desp**is**e**d him in her **he**ärt.

1 Chronicles 16

1 **They** br**ó**ught in the **ä**rk of Elohim, and set it in the midst of the tent **th**at **D**avid had **pit**ch**e**d for it: and **th**ey offered **b**ürnt offerings and **pe**ç**e**-offerings bef**ó**re Elohim.

2 **When** **D**avid had **made** an end of offering the **b**ürnt offering and the **pe**ç**e**-offerings, he **bles**s**e**d the **pe**ople in the **na**me of YAHWEH.

3 He **de**alt to **ev**eryone of **I**šrael, **bo**th man and **w**óman, to every one a **lo**af of bread, and a **p**órtion [of **f**lesh], and a **ca**ke of **ra**isins.

4 He appointed **ç**ertain of the **L**evites to minister bef**ó**re the **ä**rk of YAHWEH, and to **ç**elebrate and to **th**ank and **pra**is**e** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**šrael:

5 **Asaph** the **ch**ief, and **se**c**ó**nd to him **Z**echariah, **J**eiel, and **S**hemiram**o**th, and **J**eiel, and **M**attithiah, and **E**liab, and **B**enaiah, and **O**bed-edom, and **J**eiel, **with** **p**salteries and **with** **h**ärps; and **Asaph** **with** **ç**ymbals, **se**ounding **al**oud;

6 and **B**enaiah and **J**ahaziel the **p**riests **with** trumpets **c**óntin**u**ally, bef**ó**re the **ä**rk of the **có**venant of Elohim.

7 **Then** on **th**at **da**y **D**avid **f**ir**st** **ó**rdained to give **th**anks to YAHWEH, **by** the hand of **Asaph** and his **br**óthers.

8 Oh give **th**anks to YAHWEH, **c**áll on his **na**me; **M**ake **kn**own his **de**ings among the **pe**oples.

9 Sing to him, sing **pra**is**e**s to him; **T**áik you of **á**ll his **m**ärvelous **w**órk**s**.

10 **G**l**ó**ry you in his **h**oly **na**me; Let the **he**ärt of **th**em **re**joic**e** **wh**o **se**ek YAHWEH.

11 **S**eek you YAHWEH and his **stre**ng**th**; **S**eek his **fa**ç**e** forever **m**óre.

12 Remember his **m**ärvelous **w**órk**s** **th**at he **has** **do**ne, His **w**ónder**s**, and the **jud**gments of his **m**óuth,

13 You **se**ed of **I**šrael his **s**érvant, **Y**ou **ch**ildren of **J**acob, his **ch**ósen ones.

14 He is YAHWEH **o**ur Elohim; His **jud**gments are in **á**ll the **e**ar**th**.

15 Remember his **c**ovenant forever, The **w**ord **w**hich he commanded to a **t**housand **g**enerations,

16 [The **c**ovenant] **w**hich he **m**ade with **A**braham, His **o**ath to **I**saac,

17 **C**onfirmed the **s**ame to **J**acob for a statute, To **I**srael for an everl**ä**sting **c**ovenant,

18 **S**aying, To you will I give the land of Canaan, The lot of y**ö**ur inheritance;

19 **W**hen you were but a few men in number, Yes, very few, and soj**ö**urners in it;

20 **T**hey went ab**ö**ut from nation to nation, From one king**ö**dom to another people.

21 He allow**ö**ed no man to **d**e them wrong; Yes, he reprov**ö**ed kings for their **s**akes,

22 [Saying], **D**on't touch my anointed ones, **D**e my prophets no härm.

23 Sing to YAHWEH, **ä**ll the **ê**arth; **S**how f**ö**rth his salvati**ö**n from day to day.

24 Decl**ä**re his gl**ö**ry among the nations, His m**ä**rvelous w**ö**rks among **ä**ll the people**s**.

25 F**ö**r great is YAHWEH, and great**l**y to be prais**ö**ed: He **ä**lso is to be feare**d** ab**ö**ve **ä**ll god**s**.

26 For **ä**ll the god**s** of the people**s** are id**ö**l**s**: But YAHWEH m**ä**de the heav**ö**en**s**.

27 Honor and majesty are bef**ö**re him: Streng**th** and gladness are in his plac**e**.

28 Ascri**b**e to YAHWEH, you relative**s** of the people**s**, Ascri**b**e to YAHWEH gl**ö**ry and streng**th**;

29 Ascri**b**e to YAHWEH the gl**ö**ry **du**e to his nam**e**: Bring an offering, and **c**ome bef**ö**re him: W**ö**rship YAHWEH in holy array.

30 Tremble bef**ö**re him, **ä**ll the **ê**arth: The w**ö**ld **ä**lso is establish**ö**d that it c**ä**n't be mov**ö**ed.

31 Let the heav**ö**en**s** be glad, and let the **ê**arth rejoic**e**; Let **t**hem say among the nations, YAHWEH reign**s**.

32 Let the se**a** r**ö**ar, and the fullness of it; Let the field exult, and **ä**ll that is therein;

33 **T**hen shall the tree**s** of the w**ö**od sing for joy bef**ö**re YAHWEH; F**ö**r he **c**ome**s** to judg**e** the **ê**arth.

34 Oh give **t**hanks to YAHWEH; for he is g**ö**od; F**ö**r his lovingkindness endure**s** forever.

35 **S**ay you, **S**ave us, Elohim of **ö**ur salvati**ö**n, **G**ather us together and deliver us from the nations, To give **t**hanks to y**ö**ur holy name, To triumph in y**ö**ur prais**e**.

36 Blessed be YAHWEH, the Elohim of Işrael, From everlăsting even to everlăsting. Āll the people said, Amen, and praişed YAHWEH.

37 So he left there, befōre the ārk of the covenant of YAHWEH, Asaph and his brōthers, to minister befōre the ārk continually, as every day's wōrk required;

38 and Obed-edom with their brōthers, sixty-eight; Obed-edom ālso the sōn of Jeduthun and Hosah to be dōrkeepers;

39 and Zadok the priest, and his brōthers the priests, befōre the tent of YAHWEH in the high place that was at Gibeon,

40 to offer bŭrnt offerings to YAHWEH on the altar of bŭrnt offering continually mōrning and evening, even accōrding to āll that is written in the lăw of YAHWEH, which he commanded to Işrael;

41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were choşen, who were mentioned by name, to give thanks to YAHWEH, because his lovingkindness endureş forever;

42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun [with] trumpets and çymbals for thoşe that shōuld sound aloud, and [with] instruments for the songs of Elohim; and the sōns of Jeduthun to be at the gate.

43 All the people depărted every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

1 Chronicles 17

1 It happened, when David lived in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I dwell in a house of çedar, but the ārk of the covenant of YAHWEH [dwells] under cŭrtains.

2 Nathan said to David, De āll that is in yōur heärt; for Elohim is with you.

3 It happened the same night, that the wōrd of Elohim came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and tell David my sêrvant, Thus sayş YAHWEH, You shall not build me a house to dwell in:

5 fōr I have not lived in a house sinçe the day that I brōught up Işrael, to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from [one] tent [to another].

6 In āll places in which I have wăked with āll Işrael, spoke I a wōrd with any of the judges of Işrael, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, Why have you not built me a house of çedar?

7 Now **therefôre thus shall** you tell my **sêrvant David**, **Thus sayş** YAHWEH of Hosts, I **tôok** you from the **sheep pen**, from following the **sheep**, **that** you **shôuld** be **prinçe** over my **peopel** Işrael:

8 and I have **been with** you *wherever* you have gone, and have cut off **âll yôur** **enemieş** from befôre you; and I will **make** you a **name**, **like** the **name** of the **great oneş** **who** are in the **êarth**.

9 I will appoint a **plaçe** for my **peopel** Işrael, and will plant **them**, **that they may** dwell in **their own plaçe**, and be **môved** no **môre**; **neither shall** the **children** of wickedness **waste** **them** any **môre**, as at the **first**,

10 and [as] from the **day that** I commanded **judgeş** to be **over** my **peopel** Işrael; and I will **subdue** **âll yôur** **enemieş**. **Môreover** I tell you **that** YAHWEH will **build** you a **house**.

11 It **shall** happen, *when* **yôur dayş** are **fùlfilled** **that** you must **go** to be **with** **yôur fâtherş**, **that** I will set up **yôur seed** **âfter** you, **who shall** be of **yôur sonş**; and I will **establish** his **kingdôm**.

12 He **shall** **build** me a **house**, and I will **establish** his **throne** forever.

13 I will be his **fâther**, and he **shall** be my **son**: and I will not **take** my **lovingkindness** **away** from him, as I **tôok** it from him **that** was befôre you;

14 but I will settle him in my **house** and in my **kingdôm** forever; and his **throne shall** be **established** forever.

15 **Accôrding** to **âll theşe wôrdş**, and **accôrding** to **âll this vişion**, so did **Nathan** **speak** to **David**.

16 **Then** **David** the king went in, and sat befôre YAHWEH; and he said, **who** am I, YAHWEH Elohim, and **what** is my **house**, **that** you have **brôught** me **thus fâr**?

17 **This** was a **smâll thing** in **yôur eyeş**, Elohim; but you have **spoken** of **yôur sêrvant's house** for a **great while** to **côme**, and have **regârded** me **accôrding** to the **estate** of a man of **hiğh degree**, YAHWEH Elohim.

18 **What** can **David** [say] yet **môre** to you **conçerning** the **honor** **which** is **dône** to **yôur sêrvant**? for you **know** **yôur sêrvant**.

19 YAHWEH, for **yôur** servant's **sake**, and **accôrding** to **yôur own heärt**, have you **wôrked** **âll this greatness**, to **make** **known** **âll [theşe]** **great thingş**.

20 YAHWEH, **there** is **none** like you, **neither** is **there** any Elohim **besideş** you, **accôrding** to **âll that** we have **heärd** **with our earş**.

21 *What* one **nati**on in the **ear**th is like **y**our **pe**ople **I**srael, *wh*om Elohim went to **rede**em to himself for a **pe**ople, to **ma**ke you a **na**me **by** **gr**eat and **aw**esome **thi**ngs, in **dr**iving **ou**t **na**tions from **be**fore **y**our **pe**ople, *wh*om you **rede**em **ou**t of **E**gypt?

22 **F**or **y**our **pe**ople **I**srael did you **ma**ke **y**our **ow**n **pe**ople forever; and you, **Y**AHWEH, **bec**ame **the**ir Elohim.

23 **N**ow, **Y**AHWEH, let the **w**ord **th**at you have **sp**oken **con**cerning **y**our **s**ervant, and **con**cerning his **hou**se, be **estab**lished forever, and **de** as you have **sp**oken.

24 Let **y**our **na**me be **estab**lished and **mag**nified forever, **sa**ying, **Y**AHWEH of **Ho**sts is the Elohim of **I**srael, **ev**en a Elohim to **I**srael: and the **hou**se of **D**avid **y**our **s**ervant is **estab**lished **be**fore you.

25 **F**or you, **my** Elohim, have **reve**aled to **y**our **s**ervant **th**at you will **bu**ild him a **hou**se: **the**refore **ha**s **y**our **s**ervant **fo**und [in his **he**art] to **pr**ay **be**fore you.

26 **N**ow, **Y**AHWEH, you are Elohim, and have **prom**ised **this** **g**ood **thi**ng to **y**our **s**ervant:

27 and **n**ow it **ha**s **ple**ased you to **bl**ess the **hou**se of **y**our **s**ervant, **th**at it may **con**tinue forever **be**fore you: for you, **Y**AHWEH, have **bl**essed, and it is **bl**essed forever.

1 Chronicles 18

1 After **this** it happened, **th**at **D**avid struck the **Ph**ilistines, and **sub**dued **them**, and **to**ok **G**ath and its **town**s **ou**t of the hand of the **Ph**ilistines.

2 He struck **M**oab; and the **M**oabites **bec**ame **s**ervants to **D**avid, and **br**ought **trib**ute.

3 **D**avid struck **H**adarezer king of **Z**obah to **Ham**ath, as he went to **estab**lish his **do**minion **by** the river **E**uphrates.

4 **D**avid **to**ok from him one **th**ousand **ch**ariots, and seven **th**ousand **h**orsemen, and twenty **th**ousand **fo**otmen; and **D**avid hamstrung **all** the **ch**ariot **h**orses, but **res**erved of **them** for one hundred **ch**ariots.

5 *When* the **S**yrrians of **D**amascus **ca**me to help **H**adarezer king of **Z**obah, **D**avid struck of the **S**yrrians **twenty-two** **th**ousand men.

6 **Then** **D**avid **put** [garrisons] in **S**yria of **D**amascus; and the **S**yrrians **bec**ame **s**ervants to **D**avid, and **br**ought **trib**ute. **Y**AHWEH **g**ave victory to **D**avid *wh*erever he went.

7 **D**avid **to**ok the **sh**ields of **g**old **th**at were on the **s**ervants of **H**adarezer, and **br**ought **them** to **Jeru**salem.

8 From Tibhat^h and from Cun, **çities** of Hadarezer, David **tòok** very **much** bräss, **with which** Solomon **made** the **brazen sea**, and the **pillar**, and the **vessels** of bräss.

9 *When* Tou king of Hamath **hêard** **that** David had struck **âll** the **host** of Hadarezer king of Zobah,

10 he sent Hadoram his **sòn** to king David, to **Greet** him, and to bless him, **beca^use** he had **fòught** **again**st Hadarezer and struck him; (for Hadarezer had **wárs** **with** Tou;) and [he had **with** him] **âll** manner of **vessels** of **gold** and silver and bräss.

11 **The^se** **âll**so did king David **dedicate** to YAHWEH, **with** the silver and the **gold** **that** he **carried** **away** from **âll** the **nations**; from Edom, and from **Moab**, and from the **children** of Ammon, and from the **Philistines**, and from Amalek.

12 **Mòre**over Abishai the **sòn** of Zeruiah struck of the Edomites in the Valley of **Sàlt** **eighteen** **thous**and.

13 He **pút** garrisons in Edom; and **âll** the Edomites **became** **sêrvants** to David. YAHWEH **gave** victory to David *wherever* he went.

14 David **reigned** **over** **âll** **I^srael**; and he **executed** **justi^ce** and **righte**ousness to **âll** his **pe**ople.

15 Joab the **sòn** of Zeruiah was **over** the **host**; and Jehoshaphat the **sòn** of Ahilud was **recòrder**;

16 and Zadok the **sòn** of Ahitub, and Abimelech the **sòn** of Abiathar, were **priests**; and **Shavsha** was **scribe**;

17 and Benaiah the **sòn** of Jehoiada was **over** the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the **sòns** of David were **chief** **abòut** the king.

1 Chronicles 19

1 It happened **âfter** **this**, **that** Nahash the king of the **children** of Ammon **died**, and his **sòn** reigned in his **plac**e.

2 David said, I will **show** **kindness** to Hanun the **sòn** of Nahash, **beca^use** his **fâther** **shown** **kindness** to me. So David sent **messenger**s to **cò**mfort him **cònc**erning his **fâther**. David's **sêrvants** **came** into the land of the **children** of Ammon to Hanun, to **cò**mfort him.

3 But the **princes** of the **children** of Ammon said to Hanun, **th**ink you **that** David **dòes** **honor** **yòur** **fâther**, in **that** he has sent comforters to you? **âren't** his **sêrvants** **còme** to you to **sêar^ch**, and to **overth**row, and to **spy** **òut** the land?

4 So Hanun **tòok** David's **sêrvants**, and **shaved** **them**, and cut off **their** **gärments** in the middle, **even** to **their** **buttocks**, and sent **them** **away**.

5 **Then** **there** went **certain** **persons**, and **told** **David** **how** the men were **served**. He sent to **meet** **them**; for the men were **greatly** **ashamed**. The king said, **Stay** at **Jericho** until **your** **beards** be grown, and **then** **return**.

6 **When** the **children** of Ammon **saw** **that** **they** had **made** **themselves** **odious** to **David**, Hanun and the **children** of Ammon sent one **thousand** talents of silver to **hire** **them** **chariots** and **horsemen** **out** of Mesopotamia, and **out** of Arammaacah, and **out** of Zobah.

7 **So** **they** **hired** **them** **thirty-two** **thousand** **chariots**, and the king of Maacah and his **people**, **who** **came** and encamped **before** Medeba. The **children** of Ammon **gathered** **themselves** **together** from **their** **cities**, and **came** to battle.

8 **When** **David** **heard** of it, he sent Joab, and **all** the **host** of the **mighty** men.

9 The **children** of Ammon **came** **out**, and **put** the battle in **array** at the **gate** of the **city**: and the **kings** **who** had **come** were **by** **themselves** in the **field**.

10 **Now** **when** Joab **saw** **that** the battle was set **against** him **before** and **behind**, he **chose** of **all** the **choice** men of **Israel**, and **put** **them** in **array** **against** the **Syrians**.

11 The rest of the **people** he committed into the hand of Abishai his **brother**; and **they** **put** **themselves** in **array** **against** the **children** of Ammon.

12 He said, If the **Syrians** be **too** strong for me, **then** you **shall** help me; but if the **children** of Ammon be **too** strong for you, **then** I will help you.

13 Be of **good** **courage**, and let us **play** the man for **our** **people**, and for the **cities** of **our** Elohim: and YAHWEH **do** **that** **which** **seems** him **good**.

14 **So** Joab and the **people** **who** were **with** him drew **near** **before** the **Syrians** to the battle; and **they** fled **before** him.

15 **When** the **children** of Ammon **saw** **that** the **Syrians** were fled, **they** **likewise** fled **before** Abishai his **brother**, and entered into the **city**. **Then** Joab **came** to **Jerusalem**.

16 **When** the **Syrians** **saw** **that** **they** were **put** to the **worse** **before** **Israel**, **they** sent messengers, and drew **forth** the **Syrians** **who** were beyond the River, **with** **Shoshach** the captain of the **host** of Hadarezer at **their** head.

17 It was **told** **David**; and he **gathered** **all** **Israel** **together**, and **passed** **over** the **Jordan**, and **came** on **them**, and set the battle in **array** **against** **them**. **So** **when** **David** had **put** the battle in **array** **against** the **Syrians**, **they** **fought** **with** him.

18 The **Syrians** fled **before** **Israel**; and **David** killed of the **Syrians** [the men of] seven **thousand** **chariots**, and **forty** **thousand** **footmen**, and killed **Shophach** the captain of the **host**.

19 When the sêrvants of Hadarezer sâw **that they** were put to the wôrse befôre Işrael, **they** made peaçe with David, and sêrved him: **neither** wouîd the Syrians help the **children** of Ammon any môre.

1 Chronicles 20

1 It happened, at the **time** of the retûrn of the year, at the **time** when kings go out [to battle], **that** Joab led fôrth the ärmÿ, and wasted the countrÿ of the **children** of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jeruşalem. Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it.

2 David tóok the crown of **their** king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and **there** were precious stones in it; and it was set on David's head: and he brôught fôrth the spoil of the çity, exçeeding much.

3 He brôught fôrth the people who were **therein**, and cut [them] with sâws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. **Thus** did David to äll the çities of the **children** of Ammon. David and äll the people returned to Jeruşalem.

4 It happened äfter **this**, **that there** arose wâr at Gezer with the **Philistines**: then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, of the sons of the giant; and **they** were subdued.

5 **There** was again wâr with the **Philistines**; and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the stäff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

6 **There** was again wâr at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were twenty-fôur, six [on **each** hand], and six [on **each** fôot]; and he älso was bôrn to the giant.

7 When he defied Işrael, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother killed him.

8 **These** were bôrn to the giant in Gath; and **they** fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his sêrvants.

1 Chronicles 21

1 Satan stóod up against Işrael, and moved David to number Işrael.

2 David said to Joab and to the prinçes of the people, Go, number Işrael from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me wôrd, **that** I may know the sum of **them**.

3 Joab said, YAHWEH make his people a hundred times as many as **they** are: but, my lôrd the king, ären't **they** äll my lord's sêrvants? **why** dôes my lôrd require **this** thing? **why** will he be a cäuse of guilt to Işrael?

4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to David. all those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew sword: and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew sword.

6 But he didn't count Levi and Benjamin among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 Elohim was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel.

8 David said to Elohim, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 YAHWEH spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,

10 Go and speak to David, saying, Thus says YAHWEH, I offer you three things: choose you one of them, that I may do it to you.

11 So Gad came to David, and said to him, Thus says YAHWEH, Take which you will:

12 either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days the sword of YAHWEH, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of YAHWEH destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore Consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me.

13 David said to Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall, I pray, into the hand of YAHWEH; for very great are his mercies: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 So YAHWEH sent a pestilence on Israel; and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

15 Elohim sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, YAHWEH saw, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay your hand. The angel of YAHWEH was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

16 David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of YAHWEH standing between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

17 David said to Elohim, Isn't it I who commanded the people to be numbered? It is even I who have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O YAHWEH my Elohim, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against your people, that they should be plagued.

18 **Then** the **angel** of YAHWEH commanded Gad to tell David, **that David should go up**, and **raise** an **altar** to YAHWEH in the **threshing floor** of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 David went up at the **saying** of Gad, **which** he **spoke** in the **name** of YAHWEH.

20 Ornan **turned** back, and **saw** the **angel**; and his **four sons** **who** were with him hid **themselves**. **Now** Ornan was **threshing wheat**.

21 As David **came** to Ornan, Ornan **looked** and **saw** David, and went **out** of the **threshing floor**, and **bowed** himself to David with his **face** to the **ground**.

22 **Then** David said to Ornan, Give me the **place** of **this threshing floor**, **that I may build thereon** an **altar** to YAHWEH: for the **full price** shall you give it me, **that the plague** may be **stayed** from the **people**.

23 Ornan said to David, **Take** it to you, and let my **lord** the king **do that which** is **good** in his **eyes**: **behold**, I give [you] the oxen for **burnt offerings**, and the **threshing instruments** for **wood**, and the **wheat** for the **meal-offering**; I give it **all**.

24 King David said to Ornan, No; but I will **most assuredly buy** it for the **full price**: for I will not **take that which** is **your** for YAHWEH, **nor** offer a **burnt-offering without cost**.

25 **So** David **gave** to Ornan for the **place** six hundred **shekels** of **gold by weight**.

26 David built **there** an **altar** to YAHWEH, and offered **burnt offerings** and **peace-offerings**, and **called** on YAHWEH; and he **answered** him from the **sky by fire** on the **altar** of **burnt offering**.

27 YAHWEH commanded the **angel**; and he **put** up his **sword** **again** into the **sheath** of it.

28 At **that time**, **when** David **saw that** YAHWEH had **answered** him in the **threshing floor** of Ornan the Jebusite, **then** he **sacrificed there**.

29 For the tent of YAHWEH, **which** **Moses** **made** in the wilderness, and the **altar** of **burnt offering**, were at **that time** in the **high place** at Gibeon.

30 But David **couldn't go before** it to **inquire** of Elohim; for he was **afraid because** of the **sword** of the **angel** of YAHWEH.

1 Chronicles 22

1 **Then** David said, **This** is the **house** of YAHWEH Elohim, and **this** is the **altar** of **burnt-offering** for **Israel**.

2 David commanded to **gather together** the **sojourners** **who** were in the land of **Israel**; and he set **masons** to hew **worked stones** to build the **house** of Elohim.

3 David prepared **irôn** in abundance for the **nailš** for the **dôrš** of the **gates**, and for the **couplings**; and **bräss** in abundance **withôut** weight;

4 and **çedar trees** **withôut** number: for the **Sidonianš** and **they** of **Tyre** **brôught çedar trees** in abundance to David.

5 David said, Solomon **my sôn** is young and tender, and the **house** **that** is to be built for YAHWEH must be **exceeding** magnificent, of **fame** and of **glôry** **throug**h **out** **âll** **countries**: I will **therefôre** **make** **preparation** for it. So David prepared abundantly **befôre** his **death**.

6 **Then** he **çalled** for Solomon his **sôn**, and **chärg**ed him to build a **house** for YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Išrael**.

7 David said to Solomon his **sôn**, As for me, it was in **my** **heärt** to build a **house** to the **name** of YAHWEH **my** Elohim.

8 But the **wôrd** of YAHWEH **came** to me, **saying**, **You** have **shed** **blôod** abundantly, and have **made** **great** **wärš**: you **shall** not build a **house** to **my** **name**, **becäuse** you have **shed** **much** **blôod** on the **ëarth** in **my** **sight**.

9 **Behold**, a **sôn** **shall** be **bôrn** to you, **whë** **shall** be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from **âll** his **enemieš** **round** **about**; for his **name** **shall** be Solomon, and I will give **peaçe** and **quietness** to **Išrael** in his **dayš**:

10 he **shall** build a **house** for **my** **name**; and he **shall** be **my** **sôn**, and I will be his **fäther**; and I will **establish** the **throne** of his **kingdôm** **over** **Išrael** for ever.

11 **Now**, **my** **sôn**, YAHWEH be **with** you; and prosper you, and build the **house** of YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim, as he **haš** **spoken** **conçêrning** you.

12 **Only** YAHWEH give you **discretiôn** and understanding, and give you **chärg**e **conçêrning** **Išrael**; **that** so you may **keep** the **lâw** of YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim.

13 **Then** **shall** you prosper, if you **obšêrve** to **dë** the **statute** and the **ôrdinançes** **whiçh** YAHWEH **chärg**ed **Mošes** **with** **conçêrning** **Išrael**: be strong, and of **gôod** **coura**ge; **don't** be afraid, **neither** be **dišm**ayed.

14 **Now**, **behold**, in **my** **affliction** I have prepared for the **house** of YAHWEH one hundred **thoušand** talents of **gold**, and one **thoušand** **thoušand** talents of **silver**, and of **bräss** and **irôn** **withôut** weight; for it is in abundance: **timber** **âllso** and **stone** have I prepared; and you may add thereto.

15 **Môreover** **there** are **wôrkmen** **with** you in abundance, **cutters** and **wôrk**erš of **stone** and **timber**, and **âll** men **whë** are **skilful** in every manner of **wôrk**:

16 of the **gold**, the **silver**, and the **bräss**, and the **iron**, **there** is no number. **Ariše** and be **doing**, and YAHWEH be **with** you.

17 **David** **also** commanded **all** the **princeš** of **Išrael** to help Solomon his **son**, [**saying**],

18 Isn't YAHWEH **yōur** Elohim **with** you? and hašn't he given you rest on every **side**? for he haš delivered the inhabitants of the land into **my** hand; and the land is sub**dued** bef**ōre** YAHWEH, and bef**ōre** his **people**.

19 **Now** set **yōur** he**ärt** and **yōur** **soul** to **seek** **äfter** YAHWEH **yōur** Elohim; **ariše** **therefōre**, and **build** you the **sanctuary** of YAHWEH Elohim, to bring the **ärk** of the **cōvenant** of YAHWEH, and the **holy** **vesselš** of Elohim, into the **house** **that** is to be built to the **name** of YAHWEH.

1 Chronicles 23

1 **Now** **David** was **old** and **füll** of **dayš**; and he **made** Solomon his **son** king **over** **Išrael**.

2 He **gathered** together **all** the **princeš** of **Išrael**, **with** the **priests** and the **Levites**.

3 The **Levites** were numbered from **thirty** **yearš** **old** and upward: and **their** number **by** **their** polls, man **by** man, was **thirty-eight** **thoušand**.

4 Of **theše**, twenty-**fōur** **thoušand** were to **oversee** the **wōrk** of the **house** of YAHWEH; and six **thoušand** were **officerš** and **judgeš**

5 and **fōur** **thoušand** were **dōrkeeperš**; and **fōur** **thoušand** **praised** YAHWEH **with** the instruments **which** I **made**, [**said** David], to **praiše** **therewith**.

6 David divided **them** into **cōurseš** **accōrding** to the **sonš** of **Levi**: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the **Gērshonites**: Ladan and **Shimei**.

8 The **sonš** of Ladan: Jehiel the **chief**, and Zetham, and Joel, **three**.

9 The **sonš** of **Shimei**: **Shelomoth**, and Haziël, and Haran, **three**. **Theše** were the **headš** of the **fätherš'** [**houšeš**] of Ladan.

10 The **sonš** of **Shimei**: Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. **Theše** **fōur** were the **sonš** of **Shimei**.

11 Jahath was the **chief**, and Zizah the **second**: but Jeush and Beriah didn't have many **sonš**; **therefōre** **they** became a **fätherš'** **houše** in one reckoning.

12 The **sonš** of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, **fōur**.

13 The **sóns** of Amram: Aaron and **Moşes**; and Aaron was separated, **th**at he **shou**ld sanctify the most **hol**y **th**ings, he and his **sóns**, forever, to **bû**rn incense bef^ôre YAHWEH, to minister to him, and to bless in his **na**me, forever.

14 But as for **Moşes** the man of Elohim, his **sóns** were **na**med among the tribe of **Levi**

15 The **sóns** of **Moşes**: **Ger**shom and Eliezer.

16 The **sóns** of **Ger**shom: **She**buel the **ch**ief.

17 The **sóns** of Eliezer were: Rehabiah the **ch**ief; and Eliezer had no **ô**ther **sóns**; but the **sóns** of Rehabiah were very many.

18 The **sóns** of Izhar: **She**lomith the **ch**ief.

19 The **sóns** of Hebron: Jeriah the **ch**ief, Amariah the **se**c^ond, Jahaziel the **th**ird, and Jekameam the **fô**urth

20 The **sóns** of Uzziel: Micah the **ch**ief, and Isshiah the **se**c^ond.

21 The **sóns** of Merari: Mahli and **Mush**i. The **sóns** of Mahli: Eleazar and **Kish**

22 Eleazar **di**ed, and had no **sóns**, but **dâ**ughter^s **o**nly: and **th**eir **brô**ther^s the **sóns** of **Kish** **tô**ok **th**em [to wife].

23 The **sóns** of **Mush**i: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerem^oth, **th**ree.

24 **The**se were the **sóns** of **Levi** **â**fter **th**eir **fâ**ther^s' **hou**se^s, **e**ven the head^s of the **fâ**ther^s' [**hou**se^s] of **tho**se of **tho**se **wh**o were **co**unted, in the number of **na**me^s **by** **th**eir poll^s, **wh**o did the **wô**rk for the **sê**rviçe of the **hou**se of YAHWEH, from twenty **yea**r^s **o**ld and upward.

25 **Fô**r **Da**vid said, YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Iş**rael, ha^s given rest to his **pe**ople; and he dwell^s in **Jeru**sa^lem forever:

26 and **â**lso the **Lev**ites shall no **mô**re have **nee**d to carry the tent and **â**ll the vessels of it for the **sê**rviçe of it.

27 **Fô**r **by** the **lâ**st **wô**rd^s of **Da**vid the **sóns** of **Levi** were numbered, from twenty **yea**r^s **o**ld and upward.

28 **Fô**r **th**eir offiçe was to **wa**it on the **sóns** of Aaron for the **sê**rviçe of the **hou**se of YAHWEH, in the **cô**urts, and in the **ch**amber^s, and in the **pur**ify^{ing} of **â**ll **hol**y **th**ings, **e**ven the **wô**rk of the **sê**rviçe of the **hou**se of Elohim;

29 **fô**r the **sh**ow bread **â**lso, and for the **fi**ne **fl**our for a **me**al-offering, **wh**ether of unleavened **waf**er^s, or of **th**at **wh**ich is **ba**ked in the pan, or of **th**at **wh**ich is **so**aked, and for **â**ll manner of **mea**su^{re} and **si**ze;

30 and to stand every m^orning to **th**ank and praⁱse YAHWEH, and likewi^se at **ev**en;
 31 and to offer **á**ll bú^rnt offerings to YAHWEH, on the Sabbath^s, on the new
 m^ooⁿs, and on the set fe^asts, in number acc^ording to the **ó**rdinan^çe conc^ernⁱng
them, c^ontinu^ally bef^ore YAHWEH;
 32 and **th**at **th**ey sh^ould keep the ch^är^ge of the tent of mee^eting, and the ch^är^ge of
 the holy plac^e, and the ch^är^ge of the s^on^s of Aaron **th**eir br^oth^er^s, for the s^ervi^çe
 of the h^ouse of YAHWEH.

1 Chronicles 24

1 The c^ourse^s of the s^on^s of Aaron [were **th**es^e]. The s^on^s of Aaron: Nadab and
 Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

2 But Nadab and Abihu di^ed bef^ore **th**eir f^äth^er, and had no **ch**ildren: **th**ere^fore
 Eleazar and Ithamar execu^ted the priest's offi^çe.

3 **D**avid with Zadok of the s^on^s of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the s^on^s of Ithamar,
 divided **th**em acc^ording to **th**eir **ó**rdering in **th**eir s^ervi^çe.

4 **T**here were m^ore **ch**ief men found of the s^on^s of Eleazar **th**an of the s^on^s of
 Ithamar; and [**th**us] were **th**ey divided: of the s^on^s of Eleazar **th**ere were sixteen,
 head^s of f^äth^er^s' h^ouse^s; and of the s^on^s of Ithamar, acc^ording to **th**eir f^äth^er^s'
 h^ouse^s, eight.

5 **T**hus were **th**ey divided by lot, one s^órt with **an**other; for **th**ere were prin^çe^s of
 the sanctu^ary, and prin^çe^s of Elohim, **bo**th of the s^on^s of Eleazar, and of the s^on^s
 of Ithamar.

6 **S**hemaiah the s^on of Neth^{an}el the scri^be, wh^o was of the Levites, wr^ote **th**em in
 the pres^en^çe of the king, and the prin^çe^s, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the
 s^on of Abiath^{ar}, and the head^s of the f^äth^er^s' [h^ouse^s] of the priests and of the
 Levites; one f^äth^er^s' h^ouse being ta^ken for Eleazar, and one ta^ken for Ithamar.

7 **N**ow the fⁱrst lot ca^me f^órth to Jehoiarib, the se^cond to Jedaiah,

8 the **th**ird to Harim, the f^óurth to Seorim,

9 the fⁱfth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 the eleventth to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 the **th**irteentth to Huppah, the f^óurteentth to Jeshebeab,

14 the fⁱfteentth to Bilgah, the sixteentth to Immer,

15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez,

16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehzekel,

17 the one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 the three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 This was the ordering of them in their service, to come into the house of YAHWEH according to the ordinance [given] to them by Aaron their father, as YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, had commanded him.

20 Of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief.

22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 The sons [of Hebron]: Jeriah [the chief], Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir.

25 The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah: Beno.

27 The sons of Merari: of Jaaziah, Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 Of Kish; the sons of Kish: Jerahmeel.

30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their fathers' houses.

31 These likewise cast lots even as their brothers the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' [houses] of the priests and of the Levites; the fathers' [houses] of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

1 Chronicles 25

1 Moreover David and the captains of the host set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of those who did the work according to their service was:

2 of the **sons** of **Asaph**: **Zaccur**, and **Joseph**, and **Nethaniah**, and **Asharelah**, the **sons** of **Asaph**, under the hand of **Asaph**, **who** **prophesied** **after** the **order** of the king.

3 Of **Jeduthun**; the **sons** of **Jeduthun**: **Gedaliah**, and **Zeri**, and **Jeshaiah**, **Hashabiah**, and **Mattithiah**, six, under the hands of **their father** **Jeduthun** **with** the **harp**, **who** **prophesied** in giving **thanks** and **praising** **YAHWEH**.

4 Of **Heman**; the **sons** of **Heman**: **Bukkiah**, **Mattaniah**, **Uzziel**, **Shebuel**, and **Jerimoth**, **Hananiah**, **Hanani**, **Eliathah**, **Giddalti**, and **Romanti-ezer**, **Joshebekashah**, **Mallothi**, **Hothir**, **Mahazioth**.

5 All **these** were the **sons** of **Heman** the king's **see** in the **words** of **Elohim**, to lift up the **horn**. **Elohim** **gave** to **Heman** **fourteen** **sons** and **three** **daughters**.

6 All **these** were under the hands of **their father** for song in the **house** of **YAHWEH**, **with** **cymbals**, **psalteries**, and **harps**, for the **service** of the **house** of **Elohim**; **Asaph**, **Jeduthun**, and **Heman** **being** under the **order** of the king.

7 The number of **them**, **with** **their** **brothers** **who** were instructed in singing to **YAHWEH**, **even** **all** **who** were **skillful**, was **two** hundred **eighty-eight**.

8 **They** **cast** lots for **their** **offices**, **all** **alike**, as well the **small** as the **great**, the **teacher** as the **scholar**.

9 **Now** the **first** lot **came** **forth** for **Asaph** to **Joseph**: the **second** to **Gedaliah**; he and his **brothers** and **sons** were twelve:

10 the **third** to **Zaccur**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

11 the **fourth** to **Izri**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

12 the **fifth** to **Nethaniah**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

13 the **sixth** to **Bukkiah**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

14 the **seventh** to **Jesharelah**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

15 the **eighth** to **Jeshaiah**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

16 the **ninth** to **Mattaniah**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

17 the **tenth** to **Shimei**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

18 the **eleventh** to **Azarel**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

19 the **twelfth** to **Hashabiah**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

20 for the **thirteenth**, **Shubael**, his **sons** and his **brothers**, twelve:

- 21 for the **fóurteenth**, Mattithiah, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 22 for the **fifteenth** to Jeremoth, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 23 for the **sixteenth** to Hananiah, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 24 for the **seventeenth** to Joshbekashah, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 25 for the **eighteenth** to Hanani, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 26 for the **nineteenth** to Mallothi, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 27 for the **twentieth** to Eliathah, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 28 for the **one and twentieth** to Hothir, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 29 for the **two and twentieth** to Giddalti, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 30 for the **three and twentieth** to Mahazioth, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve:
- 31 for the **fóur and twentieth** to Romamtiezer, his **sóns** and his **bróthers**, twelve.

1 Chronicles 26

1 For the **cóurses** of the **dóorkeeper**s: of the Korahites, Meshemiah the **són** of Kore, of the **sóns** of Asaph.

2 Meshemiah had **sóns**: Zechariah the **firstbórn**, Jediael the **second**, Zebadiah the **third**, Jathniel the **fóurth**,

3 Elam the **fifth**, Jehohanan the **sixth**, Eliehoenai the **seventh**.

4 Obed-edom had **sóns**: Shemaiah the **firstbórn**, Jehozabad the **second**, Joah the **third**, and Sacar the **fóurth**, and Nethanel the **fifth**,

5 Ammiel the **sixth**, Issachar the **seventh**, Peullethai the **eighth** ; for Elohim **blesse**d him.

6 Also to Shemaiah his **són** were **sóns bórn**, **who ruled over the house of their fáther**; for **they** were **mighty** men of valor.

7 The **sóns** of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, **whose bróthers** were valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All **thes**e were of the **sóns** of Obed-edom: **they** and **their sóns** and **their bróthers**, **able** men in strength for the **sêrvice**; sixty-**two** of Obed-edom.

9 Meshemiah had **sóns** and **bróthers**, valiant men, **eighteen**.

10 Also Hosah, of the **children** of Merari, had **sóns**: Shimri the **chief**, (for **tho**ugh he was not the **firstbórn**, yet his **fáther** **made** him **chief**),

11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the **third**, Zechariah the **fourth**: **all** the **sons** and **brothers** of Hosah were **thirteen**.

12 Of **these** were the **courses** of the **doorkeepers**, even of the **chief** men, having **offices** like **their** **brothers**, to minister in the **house** of YAHWEH.

13 **They** **cast** lots, as well the **small** as the **great**, according to **their** **fathers'** **houses**, for every **gate**.

14 The lot **eastward** fell to **Shelemiah**. **Then** for Zechariah his **son**, a **discreet** **counselor**, **they** **cast** lots; and his lot **came** **out** **northward**.

15 To Obed-edom **southward**; and to his **sons** the **store-house**.

16 To **Shuppim** and Hosah westward, **by** the **gate** of **Shallecheth**, at the **causeway** **that** **goes** up, **watch** against **watch**.

17 **Eastward** were six **Levites**, **northward** **four** a **day**, **southward** **four** a **day**, and for the **store-house** **two** and **two**.

18 For Parbar westward, **four** at the **causeway**, and **two** at Parbar.

19 **These** were the **courses** of the **doorkeepers**; of the **sons** of the **Korahites**, and of the **sons** of Merari.

20 Of the **Levites**, Ahijah was **over** the **treasures** of the **house** of Elohim, and **over** the **treasures** of the dedicated **things**.

21 The **sons** of Ladan, the **sons** of the **Gershonites** belonging to Ladan, the **heads** of the **fathers'** [**houses**] belonging to Ladan the **Gershonite**: Jehieli.

22 The **sons** of Jehieli: **Zetham**, and Joel his **brother**, **over** the **treasures** of the **house** of YAHWEH.

23 Of the **Amramites**, of the **Izharites**, of the **Hebronites**, of the **Uzzelites**:

24 and **Shebuel** the **son** of **Gershom**, the **son** of **Moses**, was **ruler** **over** the **treasures**.

25 His **brothers**: of Eliezer [**came**] Rehabiah his **son**, and **Jeshaiiah** his **son**, and Joram his **son**, and Zichri his **son**, and **Shelomoth** his **son**.

26 **This** **Shelomoth** and his **brothers** were **over** **all** the **treasures** of the dedicated **things**, **which** David the king, and the **heads** of the **fathers'** [**houses**], the **captains** **over** **thousands** and **hundreds**, and the **captains** of the **host**, had dedicated.

27 Out of the spoil **won** in **battles** did **they** **dedicate** to **repair** the **house** of YAHWEH.

28 All **that** Samuel the **seer**, and S^āul the **son** of Kish, and Abner the **son** of Ner, and Joab the **son** of Zeruah, had dedicated, **whoever** had dedicated **anything**, it was under the hand of **Shelomoth**, and of his **brothers**.

29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his **sons** were for the **outward** business **over** **Israel**, for **officers** and **judges**.

30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his **brothers**, men of valor, one **thousand** and seven hundred, had the **oversight** of **Israel** beyond the **Jordan** westward, for **all** the business of YAHWEH, and for the **service** of the king.

31 Of the Hebronites was Jerijah the **chief**, **even** of the Hebronites, **according** to **their generations** by **fathers'** [**houses**]. In the **fortieth** year of the reign of David **they** were **sought** for, and **there** were **found** among **them** **mighty** men of valor at Jazer of Gilead.

32 His **brothers**, men of valor, were **two thousand** and seven hundred, **heads** of **fathers'** [**houses**], **whom** king David **made** **overseers** **over** the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the **half-tribe** of the Manassites, for every matter **pertaining** to Elohim, and for the **affairs** of the king.

1 Chronicles 27

1 **Now** the **children** of **Israel** **after** **their** number, [to wit], the **heads** of **fathers'** [**houses**] and the **captains** of **thousands** and of **hundreds**, and **their** **officers** **who** **served** the king, in any matter of the **courses** **which** **came** in and went **out** **month** by **month** **throughout** **all** the **months** of the **year**-of every **course** were **twenty-four** **thousand**.

2 **Over** the **first** **course** for the **first** **month** was Jashobeam the **son** of Zabdiel: and in his **course** were **twenty-four** **thousand**.

3 [He was] of the **children** of Perez, the **chief** of **all** the **captains** of the **host** for the **first** **month**.

4 **Over** the **course** of the **second** **month** was Dodai the Ahohite, and his **course**; and Mikloth the **ruler**: and in his **course** were **twenty-four** **thousand**.

5 The **third** **captain** of the **host** for the **third** **month** was Benaiah, the **son** of Jehoiada the **priest**, **chief**: and in his **course** were **twenty-four** **thousand**.

6 **This** is **that** Benaiah, **who** was the **mighty** man of the **thirty**, and **over** the **thirty**: and [of] his **course** was Ammizabad his **son**.

7 The **fourth** [**captain**] for the **fourth** **month** was Asahel the **brother** of Joab, and Zebadiah his **son** **after** him: and in his **course** were **twenty-four** **thousand**.

8 The **fifth** **captain** for **this** **fifth** **month** was **Shamhuth** the Izrahite: and in his **course** were **twenty-four** **thousand**.

9 The sixthth [captain] for the sixthth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty-four thousand.

10 The seventhth [captain] for the seventhth month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty-four thousand.

11 The eighthth [captain] for the eighthth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand.

12 The ninthth [captain] for the ninthth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand.

13 The tenthth [captain] for the tenthth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course were Twenty-four thousand.

14 The eleventhth [captain] for the eleventhth month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were Twenty-four thousand.

15 The twelfthth [captain] for the twelfthth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty-four thousand.

16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri the ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah:

17 of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of Aaron, Zadok:

18 of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael:

19 of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel:

20 of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah:

21 of the half-[tribe] of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner:

22 of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the captains of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David didn't take the number of them from twenty years old and under, because YAHWEH had said he would increase Israel like the stars of the sky.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but didn't finish; and there came wrath for this on Israel; neither was the number put into the account in the chronicles of king David.

25 **O**ver the king's treasur^e was Azmaveth the s^on of Adiel: and **o**ver the treasur^e in the field^s, in the citⁱes, and in the villag^es, and in the castl^es, was Jonath^an the s^on of Uzziah:

26 **O**ver thos^e wh^o did the w^ork of the fi^eld for tillage of the grouⁿd was Ezri the s^on of Chelub:

27 and **o**ver the viney^ard^s was **S**himei the Ramathite: and **o**ver the increas^e of the viney^ard^s for the wine-cellar^s was Zabdi the **S**hiphite:

28 and **o**ver the olive tree^s and the sycam^ore tree^s that were in the lowland was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and **o**ver the cellar^s of oil was Joash:

29 and **o**ver the herd^s that fed in **S**haron was **S**hitrai the **S**haronite: and **o**ver the herd^s that were in the valley^s was **S**haphat the s^on of Adlai:

30 and **o**ver the camel^s was Obil the **I**shmaelite: and **o**ver the donkey^s was Jehdeiah the Meronithite: and **o**ver the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite.

31 All thes^e were the ruler^s of the substanc^e which was king David's.

32 Also Jonath^an, David's uncle, was a couns^elor, a man of understanding, and a scrib^e: and Jehiel the s^on of Hachmoni was with the king's s^ons:

33 Ahithophel was the king's couns^elor: and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend:

34 and äfter Ahithophel was Jehoiada the s^on of Benaiah, and Abiath^ar: and the captain of the king's host was Joab.

1 Chronicles 28

1 David assembled äll the princ^es of I^srael, the princ^es of the trib^es, and the captain^s of the compani^es wh^o s^erved the king by c^ourse, and the captain^s of th^ousand^s, and the captain^s of hundred^s, and the ruler^s over äll the substanc^e and poss^essi^on^s of the king and of his s^ons, with the offic^er^s, and the mi^ghty men, even äll the mi^ghty men of valor, to Jerus^alem.

2 **T**hen David the king st^ood up on his feet, and said, **H**ear me, my broth^er^s, and my pe^ople: as for me, it was in my he^art to build a hous^e of rest for the ärk of the c^ovenant of YAHWEH, and for the f^ootst^ool of our Elohim; and I had mad^e ready for the building.

3 But Elohim said to me, **Y**ou shall not build a hous^e for my name, beca^use you are a man of w^ar, and have shed blood.

4 **H**owever YAHWEH, the Elohim of I^srael, ch^ose me out of äll the hous^e of my fäth^er to be king over I^srael forever: for he has ch^osen Judah to be princ^e; and in

the **h**ouse of **J**udah, the **h**ouse of **m**y **f**äther; and among the **s**onš of **m**y **f**äther he **t**ook pleä**š**ure in me to **m**ake me king **o**ver **ä**ll **I**šrael;

5 Of **ä**ll **m**y **s**onš (for YAHWEH haš given me many **s**onš), he haš **ch**ošen Solomon **m**y **s**on to sit on the **t**hrone of the kingd**ö**m of YAHWEH **o**ver **I**šrael.

6 He said to me, Solomon y**ö**ur **s**on, he **sh**all build **m**y **h**ouse and **m**y **c**öurts; for I have **ch**ošen him to be **m**y **s**on, and I will be his **f**äther.

7 I will establish his kingd**ö**m forever, if he be constant to **d**e **m**y commandments and **m**y **ö**rdinan**ç**eš, as at **t**his **d**ay.

8 **N**ow **th**ere**ö**re, in the **s**i**g**ht of **ä**ll **I**šrael, the assembly of YAHWEH, and in the **ä**udien**ç**e of **ö**ur Elohim, ob**š**erve and **seek** **ö**ut **ä**ll the commandments of YAHWEH y**ö**ur Elohim; **th**at you may **po**š**š**ess **t**his **g**ö**ö**d land, and **le**ave it for an inheritan**ç**e to y**ö**ur **ch**ildren **ä**fter you forever.

9 You, Solomon **m**y **s**on, **kn**ow you the Elohim of y**ö**ur **f**äther, and **s**erve him with a **p**erfect **h**ä**r**t and with a willing **m**ind; for YAHWEH **s**ear**ch**eš **ä**ll **h**ä**r**ts, and understand**š** **ä**ll the imaginati**ö**n**š** of the **th**ö**ü**ghts: if you **seek** him, he will be **f**ound of you; but if you forsake him, he will **c**ä**st** you off forever.

10 **T**ake **h**eed **n**ow; for YAHWEH haš **ch**ošen you to build a **h**ouse for the sanctu**ä**ry: be strong, and **d**e it.

11 **T**hen **D**avid **g**ave to Solomon his **s**on the pattern of the **p**ö**r**ch [of the temple], and of the **h**ou**š**eš of it, and of the treä**š**urie**š** of it, and of the upper **r**ö**ö**m**š** of it, and of the inner **ch**amber**š** of it, and of the **pl**a**ç**e of the **m**er**ç**y seat;

12 and the pattern of **ä**ll **th**at he had **by** the Spirit, for the **c**öurts of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, and for **ä**ll the **ch**amber**š** **r**ö**u**nd **ö**ut, for the treä**š**urie**š** of the **h**ouse of Elohim, and for the treä**š**urie**š** of the dedicated **th**ing**š**;

13 **ä**l**so** for the **c**ö**u**r**š**eš of the **p**riest**š** and the **L**evit**e**s, and for **ä**ll the **w**örk of the **s**er**vi**ç**e** of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, and for **ä**ll the vessel**š** of **s**er**vi**ç**e** in the **h**ouse of YAHWEH;

14 of **g**old **by** **w**eight for the [vessel**š** of] **g**old, for **ä**ll vessel**š** of every **k**ind of **s**er**vi**ç**e**; [of silver] for **ä**ll the vessel**š** of silver **by** **w**eight, for **ä**ll vessel**š** of every **k**ind of **s**er**vi**ç**e**;

15 **by** **w**eight **ä**l**so** for the lampstands of **g**old, and for the lamps of it, of **g**old, **by** **w**eight for every lampstand and for the lamps of it; and for the lampstands of silver, [silver] **by** **w**eight for [every] lampstand and for the lamps of it, accö**r**ding to the **u**se of every lampstand;

16 and the **gold** by *weight* for the **tableş** of **show** bread, for every **table**; and silver for the **tableş** of silver;

17 and the **flesh-hóoks**, and the **basinş**, and the cups, of **pure** **gold**; and for the **golden bowlş** by *weight* for every **bowl**; and for the silver **bowlş** by *weight* for every **bowl**;

18 and for the **áltar** of **inçense** **refined** **gold** by *weight*; and **gold** for the pattern of the **chariôt**, [even] the cherubim, **that** spread **out** [**their wingsş**], and **cóvered** the **ärk** of the **cóvenant** of YAHWEH.

19 All **this**, [said **David**], have I **been** **made** to understand in *writing* from the hand of YAHWEH, **even áll** the **wórks** of **this** pattern.

20 David said to Solomon his **son**, Be strong and of **góod** **courag**e, and **de** it: **don't** be afraid, **nór** be **dişm**ayed; for YAHWEH Elohim, **even** **my** Elohim, is **with** you; he will not **fail** you, **nór** forsake you, until **áll** the **wór**k for the **sêrviç**e of the **hou**se of YAHWEH is **fini**shed.

21 Behold, **there** are the **cóurseş** of the **pri**ests and the **Levite**s, for **áll** the **sêrviç**e of the **hou**se of Elohim: and **there** shall be **with** you in **áll** manner of **wór**k every willing man **who** has skill, for any manner of **sêrviç**e: **á**lso the **captainş** and **áll** the **pe**ople will be **wholly** at **yóur** commandment.

1 Chronicles 29

1 **David** the king said to **áll** the assembly, Solomon **my** **son**, **wh**em **alone** Elohim has **cho**sen, is yet young and tender, and the **wór**k is **gr**eat; for the **palac**e is not for man, but for YAHWEH Elohim.

2 **Now** I have **prepa**red **with áll** **my** **mi**ght for the **hou**se of **my** Elohim the **gold** for the [**thi**ngş of] **gold**, and the silver for the [**thi**ngş of] silver, and the **bräss** for the [**thi**ngş of] **bräss**, the **irón** for the [**thi**ngş of] **irón**, and **wóod** for the [**thi**ngş of] **wóod**; onyx **stoneş**, and [**stoneş**] to be set, **stoneş** for **inlaid** **wór**k, and of **various** **cólorş**, and **áll** manner of **preçious** **stoneş**, and **mär**ble **stoneş** in **abundanc**e.

3 **Móre** **over á**lso, **becá**use I have set **my** **affection** on the **hou**se of **my** Elohim, **see**ing **that** I have a **treas**ure of **my** **own** of **gold** and silver, I give it to the **hou**se of my Elohim, **over** and **abóve áll** **th**at I have **prepa**red for the **holy** **hou**se,

4 **even** **three** **thou**sand talents of **gold**, of the **gold** of **Ophir**, and seven **thou**sand talents of **refined** silver, **with** **whi**ch to **over**lay the **wállş** of the **hou**seş;

5 of **gold** for the [**thi**ngş of] **gold**, and of silver for the [**thi**ngş of] silver, and for **áll** manner of **wór**k [to be **made**] **by** the **handş** of artificers. **Who** **th**en offers **willingly** to consecrate himself **this** **day** to YAHWEH?

6 **Then** the prin**çes** of the fä**thers**' [hou**ses**], and the prin**çes** of the trib**e**s of I**s**rael, and the captai**n**s of th**ou**sand**s** and of hundred**s**, with the ruler**s** over the king's w**or**k, offered willingly;

7 and **they** gave for the s**er**vice of the house of Elohim of gold five th**ou**sand talents and ten th**ou**sand darics, and of silver ten th**ou**sand talents, and of brä**ss** eight**een** th**ou**sand talents, and of **iron** a hundred th**ou**sand talents.

8 **They** with whom [prec**ious**] stone**s** were found gave **them** to the treas**ur**e of the house of YAHWEH, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 **Then** the pe**opl**e rejoic**ed**, beca**us**e **they** offered willingly, beca**us**e with a p**er**fect he**är**t **they** offered willingly to YAHWEH: and David the king **ä**l**so** rejoic**ed** with great joy.

10 **Theref**ö**re** David bles**ed** YAHWEH bef**ör**e **ä**ll the assembly; and David said, Bles**ed** be you, YAHWEH, the Elohim of I**s**rael **ö**ur fä**th**er, forever and ever.

11 Y**ö**ur**s** majesty: for **ä**ll **th**at is in the heav**en**s and in the **ä**ar**th** [is y**ö**ur]; y**ö**ur is the king**ö**m, YAHWEH, and you are ex**ä**lted as head above **ä**ll.

12 **Both** rich**e**s and honor c**ö**me of you, and you rule over **ä**ll; and in y**ö**ur hand is power and mi**gh**t; and in y**ö**ur hand it is to make great, and to give strength to **ä**ll.

13 **N**ow **theref**ö**re**, **ö**ur Elohim, we **th**ank you, and prai**s**e y**ö**ur gl**ö**rious name.

14 But **wh**o am I, and **wh**at is my pe**opl**e, **th**at we sh**ö**uld be able to offer so willingly **ä**fter **th**is s**ö**rt? for **ä**ll **th**ings c**ö**me of you, and of y**ö**ur own have we given you.

15 F**ör** we are stran**g**ers bef**ör**e you, and soj**ö**urn**e**r**s**, as **ä**ll **ö**ur fä**th**er**s** were: **ö**ur day**s** on the **ä**ar**th** are as a shadow, and **th**ere is no abiding.

16 YAHWEH **ö**ur Elohim, **ä**ll **th**is st**ö**re **th**at we have prepar**e**d to build you a house for y**ö**ur holy name c**ö**me**s** of y**ö**ur hand, and is **ä**ll y**ö**ur own.

17 I **kn**ow **ä**l**so**, my Elohim, **th**at you try the he**är**t, and have ple**ä**sure in up**ri**ghtness. As for me, in the up**ri**ghtness of my he**är**t I have willingly offered **ä**ll **th**es**e** **th**ing**s**: and **n**ow have I seen with joy y**ö**ur pe**opl**e, **th**at are present here, offer willingly to you.

18 YAHWEH, the Elohim of **A**braham, of **I**saac, and of **I**srael, **ö**ur fä**th**er**s**, **keep** **th**is forever in the imagin**ä**ti**ö**n of the **th**ö**u**ghts of the he**är**t of y**ö**ur pe**opl**e, and prepar**e** their he**är**t to you;

19 and give to Solomon my s**ö**n a p**er**fect he**är**t, to **keep** y**ö**ur commandments, y**ö**ur testim**ö**nies, and y**ö**ur statute, and to **de** **ä**ll **th**es**e** **th**ing**s**, and to build the palä**ç**e, for **wh**ich I have made provisi**ö**n.

20 David said to **á**ll the assembly, **N**ow bless YAHWEH y**ô**ur Elohim. **á**ll the assembly **blesse**d YAHWEH, the Elohim of **the**ir **fá**ther**ş**, and **b**ow**e**d **d**own **the**ir **head**ş, and **w**ô**r**ship**e**d YAHWEH, and the king.

21 **T**hey **sacrific**e**d** **sacrific**e**ş** to YAHWEH, and offer**e**d **b**û**r**nt offering**ş** to YAHWEH, on the next **day á**fter **that** **day**, **e**ven one **th**ou**ş**and **b**û**ll**ş, one **th**ou**ş**and **ram**ş, and one **th**ou**ş**and **lamb**ş, **w**ith **the**ir drink-offer**ing**ş, and **sacrific**e**ş** in abundan**ç**e for **á**ll **Iş**rael,

22 and **a**te and drink bef**ô**re YAHWEH on **that** **day** **w**ith **g**reat gladness. **T**hey **m**ade Solomon the **s**ô**n** of David king the **sec**ô**n**d **t**ime, and anointed him to YAHWEH to be **prin**ç**e**, and Zadok to be **p**riest.

23 **T**hen Solomon sat on the **thr**one of YAHWEH as king **instead** of David his **fá**ther, and prosper**e**d; and **á**ll **Iş**rael **ob**ey**e**d him.

24 All the **prin**ç**e**ş, and the **m**ighty men, and **á**ll the **s**ô**n**ş **likewi**ş**e** of king David, submitted **the**m**selv**e**ş** to Solomon the king.

25 YAHWEH **magnifi**e**d** Solomon **ex**ç**e**e**d**ingly in the **s**i**gh**t of **á**ll **Iş**rael, and **best**ow**e**d on him **su**ch royal majesty as had not **bee**n on any king bef**ô**re him in **Iş**rael.

26 **N**ow David the **s**ô**n** of Jesse reigned **ov**er **á**ll **Iş**rael.

27 The **t**ime **th**at he reigned **ov**er **Iş**rael was **f**ô**r**ty **year**ş; seven **year**ş reigned he in Hebron, and **th**irty-**th**ree [**year**ş] reigned he in Jeru**ş**alem.

28 He **d**ie**d** in a **g**ô**ô**d **o**ld **ag**e, **f**û**ll** of **day**ş, **rich**e**ş**, and *honor*: and Solomon his **s**ô**n** reigned in his **plac**e.

29 **N**ow the acts of David the king, **f**î**r**st and **l**â**st**, **behold**, **the**y are written in the history of Samuel the **seer**, and in the history of **Nathan** the **prophet**, and in the history of Gad the **seer**,

30 **w**ith **á**ll his reign and his **m**ight, and the **t**ime**ş** **th**at went **ov**er him, and **ov**er **Iş**rael, and **ov**er **á**ll the **kingd**ô**m**ş of the **countri**e**ş**.

2 Chronicles 1

1 Solomon the **s**on of **D**avid was streng**th**ened in his kingd**o**m, and **Y**AHWEH his Elohim was **w**ith him, and magnified him ex**ceed**ingly.

2 Solomon spok**e** to **á**ll **I**srael, to the captai**n**s of **th**ou**s**and**s** and of hundred**s**, and to the judge**s**, and to every prin**ce** in **á**ll **I**srael, the head**s** of the **f**áther**s**' [**h**ou**s**e**s**].

3 **S**o Solomon, and **á**ll the assembly **w**ith him, went to the **h**igh **pl**ac**e** **th**at was at Gibeon; for **th**ere was the tent of **me**eting of Elohim, **w**h**ic**h **M**os**e**s the **s**êrvant of **Y**AHWEH had **m**ade in the wilderness.

4 But the **á**rk of Elohim had **D**avid br**o**ught up from Kiriath-jearim to [the **pl**ac**e**] **th**at **D**avid had prepar**e**d for it; for he had **pitch**ed a tent for it at **J**eru**s**alem.

5 **M**ore**o**ver the **br**azen **á**ltar, **th**at Bezael the **s**on of Uri, the **s**on of Hur, had **m**ade, was **th**ere bef**o**re the tent of **Y**AHWEH: and Solomon and the assembly **s**óught to it.

6 Solomon went up **th**ere to the **br**azen **á**ltar bef**o**re **Y**AHWEH, **w**h**ic**h was at the tent of **me**eting, and offered one **th**ou**s**and **b**urnt offerings on it.

7 In **th**at **n**ight did Elohim app**e**ar to Solomon, and said to him, **á**sk **w**hat I **sh**all give you.

8 Solomon said to Elohim, **Y**ou have **sh**own **gr**eat **l**oving**k**indness to **D**avid my **f**áther, and have **m**ade me king in his **pl**ac**e**.

9 **N**ow, **Y**AHWEH Elohim, let **y**óur promise to **D**avid my **f**áther be establi**sh**ed; for you have **m**ade me king **o**ver a **pe**ople **l**ike the dust of the **é**arth in multitude.

10 Give me **n**ow **w**is**d**om and **k**nowled**g**e, **th**at I may go **o**ut and **c**ome in bef**o**re **th**is **pe**ople; for **w**h**o** can jud**g**e **th**is **y**óur **pe**ople, **th**at is so great?

11 Elohim said to Solomon, **B**eca**u**se **th**is was in **y**óur **h**eá**r**t, and you have not **á**ske**d** **r**ich**e**s, **w**ealth, or **h**onor, **n**ó**r** the **l**ife of **th**os**e** **w**h**o** hate you, **n**eith**e**r yet have **á**ske**d** long **l**ife; but have **á**ske**d** **w**is**d**om and **k**nowled**g**e for **y**óurself, **th**at you may jud**g**e my **pe**ople, **o**ver **w**h**o**m I have **m**ade you king:

12 **w**is**d**om and **k**nowled**g**e is granted to you; and I will give you **r**ich**e**s, and **w**ealth, and **h**onor, **s**uch as **n**one of the king**s** have had **w**h**o** have **b**een bef**o**re you; **n**eith**e**r **sh**all **th**ere any **á**fter you have the **l**ike.

13 **S**o Solomon **c**ame from the **h**igh **pl**ac**e** **th**at was at Gibeon, from bef**o**re the tent of **me**eting, to **J**eru**s**alem; and he reigned **o**ver **I**srael.

14 Solomon **g**ath**e**red **ch**ari**o**ts and **h**órs**e**men: and he had one **th**ou**s**and **f**óur hundred **ch**ari**o**ts, and twelve **th**ou**s**and **h**órs**e**men, **th**at he **pl**ac**e**d in the **ch**ari**o**t **c**ities, and **w**ith the king at **J**eru**s**alem.

15 The king **made** silver and **gold** to be in Jeru**şa**lem as **stones**, and **cedars** **made** he to be as the sycam**õ**re **trees that** are in the **lowland**, for abundan**ç**e.

16 The h**õ**rses **whi**ch Solomon had were br**õ**ught **õ**ut of **Egypt** and from Kue; the king's **m**erchants **p**ur**ch**ased **th**em from Kue.

17 **They** br**õ**ught up and br**õ**ught **õ**ut of **Egypt** a **chariõ**t for six hundred **pieçes** of silver, and a h**õ**rse for one hundred fifty: and so for **ã**ll the king**s** of the Hitt**i**tes, and the king**s** of Syria, did **th**ey bring **th**em **õ**ut by **th**eir **m**eans.

2 Chronicles 2

1 **N**ow Solomon **p**ur**po**sed to build a **h**ouse for the **n**ame of YAHWEH, and a **h**ouse for his king**õ**m.

2 Solomon **c**ounted **õ**ut seventy **th**ousand men to bear **b**urden**s**, and eighty **th**ousand men **wh**e were **st**one cutter**s** in the **m**ountain**s**, and **th**ree **th**ousand and six hundred to **o**versee **th**em.

3 Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Ty**r**e, **s**aying, As you did **d**eal with **D**avid my **f**ãther, and did send him **ç**edar**s** to build him a **h**ouse to dwell **th**erein, [**e**ven so **d**eal with me].

4 **B**ehold, I am **a**bout to build a **h**ouse for the **n**ame of YAHWEH my **E**lohim, to **d**edicate it to him, and to **b**urn bef**õ**re him **i**nçense of **s**weet **s**piçes, and for the **c**ontinual **s**how bread, and for the **b**urnt offerings **m**orning and **e**vening, on the **S**abbath**s**, and on the new **m**oon**s**, and on the set **f**easts of YAHWEH **õ**ur **E**lohim. **T**his is [an **õ**rdinanç**e**] forever to **I**sr**a**el.

5 The **h**ouse **whi**ch I build is **g**reat; for **g**reat is **õ**ur **E**lohim **a**bov**e** **ã**ll god**s**.

6 But **wh**e is **a**ble to build him a **h**ouse, **s**eeing heaven and the heaven of **h**eaven**s** **c**ãn't **c**ontain him? **wh**e am I **th**en, **th**at I **sh**ould build him a **h**ouse, **s**ave **õ**nly to **b**urn **i**nçense bef**õ**re him?

7 **N**ow **th**ere**f**õre send me a man **skilf**ul to **w**ork in **g**old, and in silver, and in **br**ãss, and in **i**ron, and in **p**ur**pl**e, and **crim**son, and **blu**e, and **wh**e **k**nows **h**ow to engrave [**ã**ll manner of] engraving**s**, [to be] **w**ith the **skilf**ul men **wh**e are **w**ith me in **J**udah and in Jeru**şa**lem, **wh**om **D**avid my **f**ãther did **p**rovide.

8 Send me **ã**lso **ç**edar **t**rees, **f**ir **t**rees, and **al**gum **t**rees, **õ**ut of **L**ebanon; for I **k**now **th**at **y**õur **s**ervants **k**now **h**ow to cut timber in **L**ebanon: and, **b**ehold, my **s**ervants **sh**all be **w**ith **y**õur **s**ervants,

9 **e**ven to **p**repare me timber in abundanç**e**; for the **h**ouse **whi**ch I am **a**bout to build **sh**all be **g**reat and **w**onder**f**ul.

10 Behold, I will give to yôur sêrvants, the cutters whô cut timber, twenty **thoušand** meašureš of beaten whea**t**, and twenty **thoušand** meašureš of bärley, and twenty **thoušand** baths of wine, and twenty **thoušand** baths of oil.

11 **Then** Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, **whi**ch**** he sent to Solomon, Becau**s**e YAHWEH loveš his peo**pl**e, he haš made you king **ov**er **th**em.

12 Huram said m**ô**reover, Bles**s**ed be YAHWEH, the Elohim of I**s**rael, **th**at made heaven and e**ar**th, whô haš given to David the king a wi**s**e s**ô**n, endow**e**d with discreti**o**n and understanding, **th**at sh**o**uld build a ho**u**se for YAHWEH, and a ho**u**se for his kingd**ô**m.

13 **N**ow I have sent a skil**f**ul man, endow**e**d with understanding, of Huram my f**ä**ther's,

14 the s**ô**n of a w**ô**man of the d**ä**ught**e**rš of Dan; and his f**ä**ther was a man of Tyre, skil**f**ul to w**ô**rk in gold, and in silver, in br**ä**ss, in ir**ô**n, in stone, and in timber, in p**û**rp**l**e, in bl**u**e, and in fine linen, and in crim**s**on, **ä**l**s**o to engrave any manner of engraving, and to dev**i**se any dev**i**ce; **th**at **th**ere may be [a plac**e**] appointed to him with yôur skil**f**ul men, and with the skil**f**ul men of my l**ô**rd David yôur f**ä**ther.

15 **N**ow **th**ere**ô**re the whea**t** and the bärley, the oil and the wine, **whi**ch**** my l**ô**rd haš spok**e**n of, let him send to his sêrvants:

16 and **w**e will cut w**ô**od **o**ut of Lebanon, as much as you **sh**all need; and **w**e will bring it to you in flo**at**s by sea to Joppa; and you **sh**all carry it up to Jeru**s**alem.

17 Solomon numbered **ä**ll the soj**ô**urn**e**rš whô were in the land of I**s**rael, **ä**fter the numbering with **whi**ch**** David his f**ä**ther had numbered **th**em; and **th**ey were f**o**und one hundred fifty-**th**ree **th**oušand six hundred.

18 He set seventy **th**oušand of **th**em to bear b**û**rd**e**nš, and eighty **th**oušand whô were stone cutters in the m**ô**unt**ä**nš, and **th**ree **th**oušand six hundred **ov**erse**e**rš to set the peo**pl**e at w**ô**rk.

2 Chronicles 3

1 **Then** Solomon began to build the ho**u**se of YAHWEH at Jeru**s**alem on M**ô**unt Moriah, *wh*ere [YAHWEH] app**e**ared to David his f**ä**ther, **whi**ch**** he made ready in the plac**e** **th**at David had appointed, in the **th**reshing fl**ô**or of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 He began to build in the second [day] of the second m**ô**n**th**, in the f**ô**ur**th** year of his reign.

3 **N**ow **th**es**e** are the f**o**undati**o**nš **whi**ch**** Solomon laid for the building of the ho**u**se of Elohim. The length by cubits **ä**fter the first meašure was sixty cubits, and the bread**th** twenty cubits.

4 The **pórch that** was befóre [the **house**], the **length** of it, accórding to the **breadth** of the **house**, was twenty **cubits**, and the **height** one hundred twenty; and he **overlaid** it **within with pure gold**.

5 The **greater house** he **made a ceiling with fir-wood**, **which** he **overlaid with fine gold**, and **wórked thereon pálm trees and chains**.

6 He **gärnished** the **house with precious stones** for **beauty**: and the **gold** was gold of Parvaim.

7 He **overlaid álso** the **house**, the **beams**, the **thresholds**, and the **wálls** of it, and the **dóors** of it, **with gold**; and **engraved** cherubim on the **wálls**.

8 He **made the most holy house**: the **length** of it, accórding to the **breadth** of the **house**, was twenty **cubits**, and the **breadth** of it twenty **cubits**; and he **overlaid it with fine gold**, **amounting** to six hundred talents.

9 The **weight** of the **nails** was fifty **shekels** of **gold**. He **overlaid** the upper **chambers** **with gold**.

10 In the **most holy house** he **made two** cherubim of **image wórk**; and **they overlaid them with gold**.

11 The **wings** of the cherubim were twenty **cubits** long: the wing of the one [cherub] was **five cubits**, **reaching** to the **wáll** of the **house**; and the **óther** wing was [likewiše] **five cubits**, **reaching** to the wing of the **óther** cherub.

12 The wing of the **óther** cherub was **five cubits**, **reaching** to the **wáll** of the **house**; and the **óther** wing was **five cubits** [**álsó**], **joining** to the wing of the **óther** cherub.

13 The **wings** of **thesé** cherubim **spread themselves fórt**h twenty **cubits**: and **they stóod** on **their feet**, and **their façes** were **towárd** the **house**.

14 He **made** the veil of **blue**, and **púrp**le, and **crimşón**, and **fine linen**, and **wórked** cherubim **thereon**.

15 **Álso** he **made befóre** the **house two pillars** of **thirty-five cubits high**, and the capital **that** was on the top of **each** of **them** was **five cubits**.

16 He **made chains** in the oracle, and **pút** [them] on the tops of the **pillars**; and he **made** one hundred pomegranates, and **pút** **them** on the **chains**.

17 He **set up** the **pillars** befóre the temple, one on the **right** hand, and the **óther** on the left; and **called** the **name** of **that** on the **right** hand Jachin, and the **name** of **that** on the left Boaz.

2 Chronicles 4

1 **M**oreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length of it, and twenty cubits the breadth of it, and ten cubits the height of it.

2 Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass; and the height of it was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about.

3 Under it was the likeness of oxen, which did compass it round about, for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast.

4 It stood on 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 on them above, and all their hinder parts were inward.

5 It was a handbreadth thick; and the brim of it was worked like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received and held three thousand baths.

6 He made also ten basins, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 He made the ten lampstands of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. He made one hundred basins of gold.

9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

10 He set the sea on the right side [of the house] eastward, toward the south.

11 Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing the work that he did for king Solomon in the house of Elohim:

12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars,

13 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars.

14 He made also the bases, and the basins made he on the bases;

15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it.

16 The pots **á**lso, and the **shó**vels, and the **flesh-hó**oks, and **á**ll the vessels of it, did Hiram his **fá**ther **ma**ke for king Solomon for the **hó**use of YAHWEH of **brí**ght **brá**ss.

17 In the **plá**in of the **Jó**rdan did the king **cá**st **th**em, in the **clá**y **gró**und **betw**een **Succó**th and Zeredah.

18 **Th**us Solomon **ma**de **á**ll **th**es^e vessels in **gr**eat **abundán**çe: for the **weí**ght of the **brá**ss **có**uld not be **fó**und **ó**ut.

19 Solomon **ma**de **á**ll the vessels **th**at were in the **hó**use of Elohim, the **gól**den **á**ltar **á**lso, and the **tab**les *wher*eon was the **shó**w bread;

20 and the lampstands **with th**eir lamps, to **bú**rn **accó**rding to the **ó**rdinançe **befó**re the oracle, of **pu**re gold;

21 and the **fló**wers, and the lamps, and the tong^s, of **gól**d, and **th**at **pê**rfect gold;

22 and the snuffers, and the **basí**ns, and the **spó**ons, and the **fí**re pans, of **pu**re **gól**d: and as for the entry of the **hó**use, the inner **dó**rs of it for the **mó**st **hó**ly **plá**çe, and the **dó**rs of the **hó**use, [to wit], of the temple, were of **gól**d.

2 Chronicles 5

1 **Th**us **á**ll the **wó**rk **th**at Solomon did for the **hó**use of YAHWEH was **finí**shed. Solomon **bró**ught in the **thí**ngs **th**at **Da**vid his **fá**ther had **dedí**cated, **ev**en the silver, and the **gól**d, and **á**ll the vessels, and **pú**t **th**em in the **treá**suríes of the **hó**use of Elohim.

2 **Th**en Solomon assembled the **el**ders of **I**sráel, and **á**ll the **heá**ds of the **trí**bes, the **prín**çes of the **fá**thers' [**hó**uses] of the **chí**ldren of **I**sráel, to **Jeru**şalem, to bring up the **á**rk of the **có**venant of YAHWEH **ó**ut of the **ç**ity of **Da**vid, **whí**ch is **Zí**on.

3 and **á**ll the men of **I**sráel assembled **th**emselv^es to the king at the **feá**st, **whí**ch was [in] the **sev**ent^h **mó**nth.

4 All the **el**ders of **I**sráel **cá**me: and the **Leví**tes **tó**ok up the **á**rk;

5 and **th**ey **bró**ught up the **á**rk, and the tent of **me**eting, and **á**ll the **hó**ly vessels **th**at were in the Tent; **th**es^e did the **prí**ests the **Leví**tes bring up.

6 King Solomon and **á**ll the **congr**egatió of **I**sráel, **th**at were assembled to him, were **befó**re the **á**rk, **sacrí**fíçing **sh**ee^p and oxen, **th**at **có**uld not be **có**unted **nó**r **num**bered for **multítu**de.

7 The **prí**ests **bró**ught in the **á**rk of the **có**venant of YAHWEH to its **plá**çe, into the oracle of the **hó**use, to the **mó**st **hó**ly **plá**çe, **ev**en under the **wí**ngs of the cherubim.

8 F**ör** the cherubim spread f**örth** **the**ir wings **ov**er the plac**e** of the **är**k, and the cherubim c**ov**er**ed** the **är**k and the pole**s** of it ab**ov**e.

9 The pole**s** were so long **th**at the end**s** of the pole**s** were **seen** from the **är**k bef**ör**e the oracle; but **the**y were not **seen** **outs**ide: and **the**re it is to **this** day.

10 **The**re was **noth**ing in the **är**k **sav**e the **tw**o table**s** **wh**ich Mo**se**s put [**the**re] at Horeb, **wh**en YAHWEH **mad**e a c**ov**enant **with** the **ch**ildren of I**s**rael, **wh**en **the**y **cam**e **ov**er of **Egypt**.

11 It happen**ed**, **wh**en the **pr**iests were **com**e **ov**er of the **hol**y plac**e**, (for **ä**ll the **pr**iests **wh**o were **pr**es**en**t had sanctified **the**m**selv**e**s**, and did not **keep** **the**ir c**ov**er**se**s;

12 **ä**l**so** the **Le**vites **wh**o were the singer**s**, **ä**ll of **the**m, **ev**en **Asaph**, Heman, Jeduthun, and **the**ir **son**s and **the**ir **broth**er**s**, array**ed** in **fin**e linen, **with** **ç**ymbal**s** and **ps**alterie**s** and **här**ps, st**oo**d at the **ea**st end of the **ä**ltar, and **with** **the**m one hundred twenty **pr**iests **sov**nding **with** trumpets;)

13 It happen**ed**, **wh**en the trumpeter**s** and singer**s** were as one, to **mak**e one **sov**nd to be **h**ear**d** in **pr**ais**ing** and **th**anking YAHWEH; and **wh**en **the**y lifted up **the**ir **voic**e **with** the trumpets and **ç**ymbal**s** and instruments of **mu**sic, and **pr**ais**ed** YAHWEH, [**saying**], F**ör** he is **g**oo**d**; for his **lov**ingkindness **endur**e**s** forever; **th**at **the**n the **hou**se was filled **with** a **clou**d, **ev**en the **hou**se of YAHWEH,

14 **so** **th**at the **pr**iests **cou**ld not stand to minister **by** **re**as**on** of the **clou**d: for the **gl**öry of YAHWEH filled the **hou**se of Elohim.

2 Chronicles 6

1 **Th**en **sp**oke Solomon, YAHWEH **has** said **th**at he **wou**ld dwell in the **th**ick **där**kness.

2 But I have **bu**ilt you a **hou**se of habitati**on**, and a plac**e** for you to dwell in forever.

3 The king **tür**ned his **fac**e, and **bles**sed **ä**ll the assembly of I**s**rael: and **ä**ll the assembly of I**s**rael st**oo**d.

4 He said, **Bles**sed be YAHWEH, the Elohim of I**s**rael, **wh**o **sp**oke **with** his **mouth** to **David** **my** **fä**ther, and **has** **with** his hands **fül**filled it, **saying**,

5 **Sin**ç**e** the day **th**at I **brö**ught **förth** **my** **pe**ople **ov**er of the land of **Egypt**, I **cho**se no **ç**ity **ov**er of **ä**ll the tribe**s** of I**s**rael to **bu**ild a **hou**se in, **th**at **my** **name** **might** be **the**re; **neith**er **cho**se I any man to be **prin**ç**e** **ov**er **my** **pe**ople I**s**rael:

6 but I have **cho**sen **Jeru**salem, **th**at **my** **name** **might** be **the**re; and have **cho**sen **David** to be **ov**er **my** **pe**ople I**s**rael.

7 **N**ow it was in the **h**eä**r**t of **D**avid **m**y **f**ä**t**h**e**r to build a **h**o**u**se for the **n**am**e** of YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**š**r**ael.

8 But YAHWEH said to **D**avid **m**y **f**ä**t**h**e**r, **W**h**e**re**a**s it was in **y**ô**u**r **h**eä**r**t to build a **h**o**u**se for **m**y **n**am**e**, you did well **t**h**a**t it was in **y**ô**u**r **h**eä**r**t:

9 never**t**h**e**less you **s**h**a**ll not build the **h**o**u**se; but **y**ô**u**r **s**ô**n** **w**h**e** **s**h**a**ll **c**ô**m**e **f**ô**r**t**h** **o**ut of **y**ô**u**r lo**i**n**s**, he **s**h**a**ll build the **h**o**u**se for **m**y **n**am**e**.

10 YAHWEH **h**a**s** **p**e**r**fô**r**m**e**d his **w**ô**r**d **t**h**a**t he **s**p**o**k**e**; for I am **r**i**s**en up in the **r**o**o**m of **D**avid **m**y **f**ä**t**h**e**r, and sit on the **t**h**r**one of **I**š**r**ael, as YAHWEH **p**ro**m**i**s**e**d**, and have built the **h**o**u**se for the **n**am**e** of YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**š**r**ael.

11 **T**h**e**re have I set the **ä**r**k**, in **w**h**i**ch is the **c**ô**v**en**a**nt of YAHWEH, **w**h**i**ch he **m**a**d**e **w**ith the **c**h**i**ldr**e**n of **I**š**r**ael.

12 He **s**tô**o**d **b**e**f**ô**r**e the **ä**l**t**ar of YAHWEH in the **p**r**e**s**e**n**c**e of **ä**ll the assembly of **I**š**r**ael, and spread **f**ô**r**t**h** his **h**and**s**

13 (for Solomon had **m**a**d**e a **b**ra**z**en **s**c**a**ff**o**ld, **f**iv**e** **c**ub**i**ts long, and **f**iv**e** **c**ub**i**ts **b**rô**a**d, and **t**hr**e**e **c**ub**i**ts **h**i**g**h, and had set it in the midst of the **c**ô**u**rt; and on it he **s**tô**o**d, and **k**n**e**e**l**e**d** **d**ow**n** on his **k**n**e**e**s** **b**e**f**ô**r**e **ä**ll the assembly of **I**š**r**ael, and spread **f**ô**r**t**h** his **h**and**s** **t**ow**a**rd **h**eav**e**n;)

14 and he said, YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**š**r**ael, **t**h**e**re is no Elohim **l**i**k**e you, in **h**eav**e**n, or on **ê**ar**t**h; **w**h**e** **k**e**e**p **c**ô**v**en**a**nt and **l**ô**v**ing**k**ind**n**e**s**s **w**ith **y**ô**u**r **s**ê**r**v**a**n**t**s, **w**h**e** **w**ä**k** **b**e**f**ô**r**e you **w**ith **ä**ll **t**h**e**ir **h**eä**r**t;

15 **w**h**e** have kept **w**ith **y**ô**u**r **s**ê**r**v**a**n**t** **D**avid **m**y **f**ä**t**h**e**r **t**h**a**t **w**h**i**ch you did promise him: yes, you **s**p**o**k**e** **w**ith **y**ô**u**r **m**o**u**th, and have **f**ü**l**l**i**ed it **w**ith **y**ô**u**r **h**and, as it is **t**h**i**s **d**ay.

16 **N**ow **t**h**e**r**e**fô**r**e, YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**š**r**ael, **k**e**e**p **w**ith **y**ô**u**r **s**ê**r**v**a**n**t** **D**avid **m**y **f**ä**t**h**e**r **t**h**a**t **w**h**i**ch you have promise**d** him, **s**ay**i**ng, **T**h**e**re **s**h**a**ll not **f**ail you a man in **m**y **s**i**g**ht to sit on the **t**h**r**one of **I**š**r**ael, if **o**nly **y**ô**u**r **c**h**i**ldr**e**n **t**a**k**e **h**e**e**d to **t**h**e**ir **w**ay, to **w**ä**k** in **m**y **l**ä**w** as you have **w**ä**k**e**d** **b**e**f**ô**r**e me.

17 **N**ow **t**h**e**r**e**fô**r**e, YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**š**r**ael, let **y**ô**u**r **w**ô**r**d be **v**e**r**if**i**ed, **w**h**i**ch you **s**p**o**k**e** to **y**ô**u**r **s**ê**r**v**a**n**t** **D**avid.

18 But will Elohim in **v**e**r**y **d**e**e**d dwell **w**ith men on the **ê**ar**t**h? **b**e**h**old, **h**eav**e**n and the **h**eav**e**n of **h**eav**e**n**s** **c**ä**n**'t **c**ô**n**t**a**in you; **h**ow **m**uch **l**e**s**s **t**h**i**s **h**o**u**se **w**h**i**ch I have **b**u**i**lt!

19 Yet have you respect to the **p**r**a**y**e**r of **y**ô**u**r **s**ê**r**v**a**n**t**, and to his **s**u**p**p**l**i**c**at**i**ô**n**, YAHWEH **m**y Elohim, to listen to the **c**r**y** and to the **p**r**a**y**e**r **w**h**i**ch **y**ô**u**r **s**ê**r**v**a**n**t** **p**r**a**y**s** **b**e**f**ô**r**e you;

20 **that** yôur eyesh may be open toward **this house** day and night, **even** toward the place whereof you have said **that** you would put yôur name **there**; to listen to the prayer **which** yôur sêrvant **shall** pray toward **this place**.

21 Listen you to the petitions of yôur sêrvant, and of yôur people Işrael, **when they shall** pray toward **this place**: yes, **hear** from yôur dwelling-place, **even** from heaven; and **when** you **hear**, forgive.

22 If a man sin **against** his neighbor, and an **oath** is laid on him to **cause** him to swear, and he **comes** and swears **before** yôur altar in **this house**;

23 **then** **hear** from heaven, and **do**, and judge yôur sêrvants, requiting the wicked, to bring his way on his **own** head; and justifying the **righteous**, to give him according to his **righteousness**.

24 If yôur people Işrael be struck down **before** the enemy, **because** **they** have sinned **against** you, and **shall** **turn** again and confess yôur name, and pray and make supplication **before** you in **this house**;

25 **then** **hear** from heaven, and forgive the sin of yôur people Işrael, and bring **them** again to the land **which** you gave to **them** and to **their fathers**.

26 **When** the sky is **shut** up, and **there** is no rain, **because** **they** have sinned **against** you; if **they** pray toward **this place**, and confess yôur name, and **turn** from **their** sin, **when** you **do** afflict **them**:

27 **then** **hear** in heaven, and forgive the sin of yôur sêrvants, and of yôur people Işrael, **when** you **teach** **them** the **good** way in **which** **they** **should** **walk**; and send rain on yôur land, **which** you have given to yôur people for an inheritance.

28 If **there** be in the land famine, if **there** be pestilence, if **there** be blăsting or mildew, locust or Caterpillar; if **their** enemies besiege **them** in the land of **their** cities; **whatever** plague or **whatever** sickness **there** be;

29 **whatever** prayer and supplication be made **by** any man, or **by** **all** yôur people Işrael, **who** **shall** know every man his **own** plague and his **own** sorrow, and **shall** spread **forth** his hands toward **this house**:

30 **then** **hear** from heaven, yôur dwelling-place and forgive, and render to every man according to **all** his ways, **whose** hearts you know; (for you, **even** you **only**, know the hearts of the **children** of men;)

31 **that** **they** may fear you, to walk in yôur ways, so long as **they** live in the land **which** you gave to **our fathers**.

32 **M**oreover **c**oncerning the foreigner, **w**ho is not of **y**our people **I**srael, when he **s**hall come from a **f**ar country for **y**our great name's **s**ake, and **y**our mighty hand, and **y**our **o**utstretched **a**rm; when **t**hey shall come and pray toward **t**his house:

33 **t**hen **h**ear from heaven, **e**ven from **y**our dwelling-**pl**ace, and **d**e according to **a**ll **t**hat the foreigner **c**alls to you for; **t**hat **a**ll the **p**eoples of the **e**arth may **k**now **y**our name, and **f**ear you, as **d**oes **y**our people **I**srael, and **t**hat **t**hey may **k**now **t**hat **t**his house **w**hich I have built is **c**alled by **y**our name.

34 If **y**our people **g**o **o**ut to battle against **t**heir enemies, by **w**hatever way you **s**hall send **t**hem, and **t**hey pray to you toward **t**his city **w**hich you have **c**hosen, and the house **w**hich I have built for **y**our name;

35 **t**hen **h**ear from heaven **t**heir prayer and **t**heir supplication, and **m**aintain **t**heir cause.

36 If **t**hey sin against you (for **t**here is no man **w**ho **d**oesn't sin), and you are angry **w**ith **t**hem, and deliver **t**hem to the enemy, so **t**hat **t**hey carry **t**hem away captive to a land **f**ar off or **n**ear;

37 yet if **t**hey shall repent **t**hemselves in the land **w**here **t**hey are carried captive, and **t**urn again, and **m**ake supplication to you in the land of **t**heir captivity, **s**aying, **w**e have sinned, **w**e have **d**one perversely, and have dealt wickedly;

38 if **t**hey return to you with **a**ll **t**heir heart and with **a**ll **t**heir soul in the land of **t**heir captivity, **w**here **t**hey have carried **t**hem captive, and pray toward **t**heir land, **w**hich you gave to **t**heir fathers, and the city **w**hich you have **c**hosen, and toward the house **w**hich I have built for **y**our name:

39 **t**hen **h**ear from heaven, **e**ven from **y**our dwelling-**pl**ace, **t**heir prayer and **t**heir petitions, and **m**aintain **t**heir cause, and forgive **y**our people **w**ho have sinned against you.

40 **N**ow, my **E**lohim, let, I beg you, **y**our eyes be **o**pen, and let **y**our ears be attentive, to the prayer **t**hat is made in **t**his place.

41 **N**ow **t**herefore **a**rise, **Y**AHWEH **E**lohim, into **y**our resting-**pl**ace, you, and the **a**rk of **y**our strength: let **y**our priests, **Y**AHWEH **E**lohim, be **c**lothed with salvation, and let **y**our saints rejoice in **g**oodness.

42 **Y**AHWEH **E**lohim, **d**on't **t**urn away the **f**ace of **y**our anointed: remember [**y**our] lovingkindnesses to **D**avid **y**our **s**ervant.

2 Chronicles 7

1 **N**ow when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of YAHWEH filled the house.

2 The priests could not enter into the house of YAHWEH, because the glory of YAHWEH filled Yāhweh's house.

3 All the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of YAHWEH was on the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshipped, and gave thanks to YAHWEH, [saying], For he is good; for his lovingkindness endure for ever.

4 **T**hen the king and all the people offered sacrifice before YAHWEH.

5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of Elohim.

6 The priests stood, according to their offices; the Levites also with instruments of music of YAHWEH, which David the king had made to give thanks to YAHWEH, (for his lovingkindness endure for ever,) when David praised by their ministry: and the priests sounded trumpets before them; and all Israel stood.

7 Moreover Solomon made the middle of the court holy that was before the house of YAHWEH; for there he offered the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, and the meal-offering, and the fat.

8 **S**o Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt.

9 On the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 **O**n the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that YAHWEH had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 **T**hus Solomon finished the house of YAHWEH, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of YAHWEH, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 YAHWEH appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

13 If I **shut** up the sky so **that there** is no **rain**, or if I command the **locust** to **devour** the land, or if I send **pestilence** among **my people**;

14 if **my people**, **who** are **called** by **my name**, **shall** humble **themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek my face**, and **turn** from **their wicked ways**; **then** will I **hear** from heaven, and will **forgive their sin**, and will **heal their land**.

15 **Now my eyes** shall be **open**, and **my ears** attentive, to the **prayer that** is **made** in **this place**.

16 **For now** have I **chosen** and **made this house** **holy**, **that my name** may be **there** forever; and **my eyes** and **my heart** shall be **there** perpetually.

17 **As** for you, if you will **walk** before me as **David your father** **walked**, and **do** according to **all that** I have commanded you, and will **keep my statute** and **my ordinances**;

18 **then** I will **establish** the **throne** of **your kingdom**, according as I **covenanted with David your father**, **saying**, **There shall not fail** you a man to be **ruler in Israel**.

19 But if you **turn away**, and **forsake my statute** and **my commandments** **which** I have set before you, and **shall go** and **serve other gods**, and **worship them**;

20 **then** will I **pluck them up** by the **roots** out of **my land** **which** I have given **them**; and **this house**, **which** I have **made holy** for **my name**, will I **cast out** of **my sight**, and I will **make** it a **proverb** and a **byword** among **all peoples**.

21 **This house**, **which** is so **high**, everyone **who** **passes** by it **shall** be **astonished**, and **shall say**, **Why** has **YAHWEH done thus** to **this land**, and to **this house**?

22 **They shall answer**, **Because they** **forsook** **YAHWEH**, the **Elohim of their fathers**, **who** **brought them forth** out of the land of **Egypt**, and **laid hold** on **other gods**, and **worshipped them**, and **served them**: **therefore** has he **brought all this evil** on **them**.

2 Chronicles 8

1 It happened at the end of twenty **years**, in **which** Solomon had **built** the **house** of **YAHWEH**, and his **own house**,

2 **that** the **cities** **which** Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon **built them**, and **caused** the **children of Israel** to dwell **there**.

3 Solomon went to **Hamath-zobah**, and **prevailed** against it.

4 He **built** **Tadmor** in the wilderness, and **all the store-cities**, **which** he **built** in **Hamath**.

5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the lower, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

6 and Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

7 As for all the people who were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel;

8 of their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel didn't consume, of them did Solomon raise a levy [of bondservants] to this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen.

10 These were the chief officers of king Solomon, even two hundred fifty, who ruled over the people.

11 Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to the house that he had built for her; for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of YAHWEH has come.

12 Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings to YAHWEH on the altar of YAHWEH, which he had built before the porch,

13 even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times in the year, [even] in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tents.

14 He appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their offices, to praise, and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the doorkeepers also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of Elohim commanded.

15 They didn't depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared to the day of the foundation of the house of YAHWEH, and until it was finished. [So] the house of YAHWEH was completed.

17 Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, on the seashore in the land of Edom.

18 Hiram sent him **by** the hands of his sêrvants **ships**, and sêrvants **who** had **knowledg**e of the **sea**; and **they came with** the sêrvants of Solomon to **Ophir**, and **fetched** from **there** **fôur** hundred fifty talents of **gold**, and **brôught** **them** to king Solomon.

2 Chronicles 9

1 *When* the **queen** of **Sheba** **hêard** of the **fame** of Solomon, she **came** to **pröve** Solomon **with** **här**d **questiö**n**ş** at **Jeruşalem**, **with** a very **gröat** **train**, and **camels** **that** **bôre** **spic**e**ş**, and **gold** in **abundanc**e, and **preçious** **stone**ş: and *when* she was **cöme** to Solomon, she **tälked** **with** him of **äl** **th**at was in her **hëä**rt.

2 Solomon **told** her **äl** her **questiö**n**ş**; and **there** was not any**th**ing hid from Solomon **whic**h he didn't tell her.

3 *When* the **queen** of **Sheba** had **seen** the **wişdö**m of Solomon, and the **hou**se **th**at he had **built**,

4 and the **foöd** of his **tab**le, and the sitting of his sêrvants, and the **attendanç**e of his **ministers**ş, and **their** **clothing**, his cup bearersş **älso**, and **their** **clothing**, and his **asçent** **by** **whic**h he went up to the **hou**se of YAHWEH; **there** was no **môre** spirit in her.

5 She said to the king, It was a **true** **repört** **th**at I **hêard** in **my** **own** land of **yôur** acts, and of **yôur** **wişdö**m.

6 **How**ever I didn't **belie**ve **their** **wôrd**ş, until I **came**, and **my** **eye**ş had **seen** it; and, **behold**, the **hä**lf of the **gröat**ness of **yôur** **wişdö**m was not **told** me: you **exçeed** the **fame** **th**at I **hêard**.

7 Happy are **yôur** men, and happy are **thes**e **yôur** sêrvants, **who** stand **cö**ntinually **befôre** you, and **hear** **yôur** **wişdö**m.

8 Blessed be YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim, **who** **deli**ghted in you, to set you on his **thrö**ne, to be king for YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim: **becaus**e **yôur** Elohim **löved** **Işrael**, to **establi**sh **them** forever, **therefö**re **made** he you king **over** **them**, to **dö** **justiç**e and **ri**ghteousness.

9 She **gave** the king one hundred and twenty talents of **gold**, and **spic**eş in **gröat** **abundanc**e, and **preçious** **stone**ş: **neither** was **there** any **such** **spic**e as the **queen** of **Sheba** **gave** to king Solomon.

10 The sêrvants **älso** of Hiram, and the sêrvants of Solomon, **who** **brôught** **gold** from Ophir, **brôught** **algum** **tree**ş and **preçious** **stone**ş.

11 The king **made** of the algum **trees** terraces for the **house** of YAHWEH, and for the king's **house**, and **härps** and **psalteries** for the singers: and **there** were **none** **such** **seen** beföre in the land of **Judah**.

12 King Solomon **gave** to the **queen** of **Sheba** **äll** her **desire**, **whatever** she **äsked**, **besides** **that** **which** she had **bröught** to the king. So she **türned**, and went to her **own** land, she and her **sêrvants**.

13 **Now** the **weight** of **gold** **that** **came** to Solomon in one **year** was six hundred and sixty-six talents of **gold**,

14 **besides** **that** **which** the **traders** and **mêrchants** **bröught**: and **äll** the **kings** of **Arabia** and the **governors** of the **country** **bröught** **gold** and silver to Solomon.

15 King Solomon **made** **two** hundred bucklers of **beaten** **gold**; six hundred [**shekels**] of **beaten** **gold** went to one buckler.

16 [he **made**] **three** hundred **shields** of **beaten** **gold**; **three** hundred [**shekels**] of **gold** went to one **shield**: and the king **püt** **them** in the **house** of the forest of Lebanon.

17 **Möreover** the king **made** a **great** **throne** of **ivory**, and **overlaid** it **with** **pure** **gold**.

18 and **there** were six steps to the **throne**, **with** a **footstool** of **gold**, **which** were **fästened** to the **throne**, and **stays** on **either** **side** **by** the **placê** of the **seat**, and **two** **lions** standing **beside** the **stays**.

19 Twelve **lions** **stood** **there** on the one **side** and on the **other** on the six steps: **there** was **nothi**ng **like** it **made** in any **kingdöm**.

20 All king Solomon's drinking **vessels** were of **gold**, and **äll** the **vessels** of the **house** of the forest of Lebanon were of **pure** **gold**: silver was **nothi**ng **accounted** of in the **days** of Solomon.

21 **För** the king had **ships** **that** went to **Tärshish** **with** the **sêrvants** of Huram; **onçe** every **three** **years** **came** the **ships** of **Tärshish**, bringing **gold**, and silver, **ivory**, and apes, and **peacocks**.

22 **So** king Solomon **exceeded** **äll** the **kings** of the **êarth** in **riches** and **wisdom**.

23 All the **kings** of the **êarth** **söught** the **presencê** of Solomon, to **hear** his **wisdom**, **which** Elohim had **püt** in his **heärt**.

24 **They** **bröught** every man his **tribute**, **vessels** of silver, and **vessels** of **gold**, and **clothing**, **armor**, and **spices**, **horses**, and **mule**, a **rate** **year** **by** **year**.

25 Solomon had **föur** **thous**and **stalls** for **horses** and **chariots**, and twelve **thous**and **horses**men, **that** he **bestowed** in the **chariot** **cities**, and **with** the king at **Jerusalem**.

26 He ruled over **á**ll the kings from the River **e**ven to the land of the **Philistine**s, and to the **b**óorder of **Egypt**.

27 The king **m**ade silver to be in Jeru**u**salem as **stone**s, and **ç**edar**ç** made he to be as the sycam**ó**re **tree**s **th**at are in the **low**land, for abundan**ç**e.

28 **They** br**ó**ught **h**órses for Solomon **ó**ut of **Egypt**, and **ó**ut of **á**ll lands.

29 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Solomon, **f**irst and **l**ást, **á**ren't **th**ey written in the history of **Nathan** the **prop**het, and in the **prop**he**ç**y of Ahijah the **Shilonite**, and in the **vi**sions of Iddo the **seer** **con**çe**r**ning Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat?

30 Solomon reigned in Jeru**u**salem over **á**ll **I**srael **fó**rty **year**s.

31 Solomon slept **with** his **fá**ther**s**, and he was buried in the **ç**ity of **David** his **fá**ther: and Rehoboam his **son** reigned in his **plac**e.

2 Chronicles 10

1 Rehoboam went to **Shechem**; for **á**ll **I**srael were **có**me to **Shechem** to **m**ake him king.

2 It happened, *when* Jeroboam the **son** of Nebat **h**eard of it, (for he was in **Egypt**, *where* he had fled from the **pre**sen**ç**e of king Solomon,) **th**at Jeroboam ret**ú**rned **ó**ut of **Egypt**.

3 **They** sent and **cá**lled him; and Jeroboam and **á**ll **I**srael **c**ame, and **th**ey **s**poke to Rehoboam, **s**aying,

4 **Yó**ur **fá**ther **m**ade **ó**ur **yoke** **grievous**: **n**ow **th**ere**fó**re **m**ake you the **grievous** **sê**rvice of **yó**ur **fá**ther, and his heavy **yoke** *which* he **pú**t on us, **li**ghter, and **w**e will **sê**rve you.

5 He said to **th**em, **Có**me again to me **á**fter **th**ree **day**s. The **pe**ople dep**á**rted.

6 King Rehoboam **tó**ok **có**unsel **with** the **old** men, **w**h**ó** had **stó**od bef**ó**re Solomon his **fá**ther *while* he yet lived, **s**aying, **Wh**at **có**unsel give you me to ret**ú**rn answer to **this** **pe**ople?

7 **They** **s**poke to him, **s**aying, If you are **kind** to **this** **pe**ople, and **pl**eas**e** **th**em, and **s**peak **gó**od **wó**rd**s** to **th**em, **th**en **th**ey will be **yó**ur **sê**rvents forever.

8 But he for**só**ok the **có**unsel of the **old** men *which* **th**ey had given him, and **tó**ok **có**unsel **with** the young men **w**h**ó** had **g**rown up **with** him, **w**h**ó** **stó**od bef**ó**re him.

9 He said to **th**em, **Wh**at **có**unsel give you, **th**at **w**e may ret**ú**rn answer to **this** **pe**ople, **w**h**ó** have **s**poke**n** to me, **s**aying, **M**ake the **yoke** **th**at **yó**ur **fá**ther did **pú**t on us **li**ghter?

10 The young men **who** had grown up **with** him **spoke** to him, **saying**, **Thus shall you tell the people who spoke to you, saying**, **Yôur fäther made our yoke heavy**, but **make you it lighter to us; thus shall you say to them**, **My little finger is thicker than my fäther's loins**.

11 **Now whereas my fäther did lade you with a heavy yoke**, I will add to **yôur yoke**: **my fäther chastised you with whips**, but I [will **chastise** you] **with scôrpions**.

12 **So Jeroboam and äll the people came to Rehoboam the thirð day**, as the king bade, **saying**, **Cóme to me again the thirð day**.

13 The king answered **them roughly**; and king Rehoboam **forsoók the counsel of the old men**,

14 and **spoke to them äfter the counsel of the young men, saying**, **My fäther made yôur yoke heavy**, but I will add thereto: **my fäther chastised you with whips**, but I [will **chastise** you] **with scôrpions**.

15 **So the king didn't listen to the people**; for it was **bróught about of Elohim, that YAHWEH might establish his wôrd, which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the sôn of Nebat**.

16 **When äll Işrael säw that the king didn't listen to them**, the **people answered the king, saying**, **What pörtion have we in David? neither have we inheritançe in the sôn of Jesse: every man to yôur tents, Işrael: now see to yôur own house, David**. So **äll Işrael departed to their tents**.

17 But as for the **children of Işrael who lived in the çities of Judah**, Rehoboam **reigned over them**.

18 **Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the men subject to fóçed labor**; and the **children of Işrael stoned him to death with stones**. King Rehoboam **made speed to get him up to his chariôt, to flee to Jeruşalem**.

19 **So Işrael rebelled against the house of David to this day**.

2 Chronicles 11

1 **When Rehoboam was cóme to Jeruşalem**, he assembled the **house of Judah and Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousänd chosen men, who were warriors**, to **fight against Işrael, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam**.

2 But the **wôrd of YAHWEH came to Shemaiah the man of Elohim, saying**,

3 **Speak to Rehoboam the sôn of Solomon, king of Judah, and to äll Işrael in Judah and Benjamin, saying**,

4 **Thus** sayš YAHWEH, **You shall not go** up, **nôr fight** against **yôur brothers**: **retûrn** every man to his **house**; for **this thing** is of me. So **they** listened to the **wôrdš** of YAHWEH, and **retûrned** from **going** against Jeroboam.

5 Rehoboam lived in Jeru**š**alem, and built **çities** for defense in **Judah**.

6 He built Beth**th**-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 Beth**th**-zur, and Soco, and Adullam,

8 and Gath**th**, and Mare**sh**ah, and Ziph,

9 and Adoraim, and Lach**ish**, and Azekah,

10 and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, **whiçh** are in **Judah** and in Benjamin, **fôrtified çities**.

11 He **fôrtified** the strong**holdš**, and **pût** captain**š** in **them**, and **stôreš** of victual**š**, and oil and **wine**.

12 In every **çity** [he **pût**] **shieldš** and **spearš**, and **made** **them** ex**ç**eeding strong. **Judah** and Benjamin belonged to him.

13 The **priests** and the **Levites** **whô** were in **âll** **Išrael** resôrted to him **out** of **âll** **their** **bô**rders.

14 For the **Levites** left **their** sub**û**rb**š** and **their** poss**š**ession, and **came** to **Judah** and Jeru**š**alem: for Jeroboam and his **sonš** **câst** **them** off, **th**at **they** **shô**uld not execute the priest's offic**e** to YAHWEH;

15 and he appointed him **priests** for the **hi**gh **plac**e**š**, and for the **male** **goats**, and for the **câ**lv**eš** **whiçh** he had **made**.

16 After **them**, **out** of **âll** the **trib**e**š** of **Išrael**, **such** as set **their** **heâ**rts to **seek** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Išrael**, **came** to Jeru**š**alem to sacrific**e** to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their** **fâ**ther**š**.

17 **So** **they** streng**th**ened the kingd**ô**m of **Judah**, and **made** Rehoboam the **son** of Solomon strong, **three** **yearš**; for **they** **wâ**lk**e**d **three** **yearš** in the **way** of **David** and Solomon.

18 Rehoboam **tô**ok him a **wife**, Mahalath the **dâ**ughter of Jerimoth the **son** of **David**, [and of] Abihail the **dâ**ughter of Eliab the **son** of **Jesse**;

19 and she **bô**re him **sonš**: Jeush, and **Shemariah**, and Zaham.

20 After her he **tô**ok Maacah the **dâ**ughter of Absalom; and she **bô**re him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and **Shelomith**.

21 Rehoboam **l**oved Maacah the **d**áughter of Absalom **ab**ove **á**ll his **w**iveš and his concubineš: (for he **t**óok **e**ighteen **w**iveš, and sixty concubineš, and became the **f**áther of twenty-eight **s**ónš and sixty **d**áughterš.)

22 Rehoboam appointed Abijah the **s**ón of Maacah to be **ch**ief, [even] the **pr**inçe among his **br**ótherš; for [he was **m**inded] to **m**ake him king.

23 He dealt **w**išely, and dispêrseđ of **á**ll his **s**ónš **th**roughout **á**ll the landš of Judah and Benjamin, to every **f**órtified **ç**ity: and he **g**ave **th**em victualš in abundançe. He **s**óught [for **th**em] many **w**iveš.

2 Chronicles 12

1 It happenêd, *when* the kingđom of Rehoboam was establishêđ, and he was strong, **th**at he for**s**óok the **l**áw of YAHWEH, and **á**ll **I**šrael with him.

2 It happenêd in the **f**ifth year of king Rehoboam, **th**at **S**hishak king of **E**gypt came up against Jeru**s**alem, be**ca**u**s**e **th**ey had trespassêđ against YAHWEH,

3 with twelve hundred **ch**arióts, and sixty **th**ousand **h**órsen. The **pe**ople were **w**ithout number **wh**o came with him **o**ut of **E**gypt: the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the **E**thiopianš.

4 He **t**óok the **f**órtified **ç**itieš **wh**ich pertained to Judah, and came to Jeru**s**alem.

5 **N**ow **S**hemaiah the **pr**ophet came to Rehoboam, and to the **pr**inçeš of Judah, **wh**o were gathered together to Jeru**s**alem be**ca**u**s**e of **S**hishak, and said to **th**em, **T**hus sayš YAHWEH, **Y**ou have forsaken me, **th**ere**f**óre have I **á**lso left you in the hand of **S**hishak.

6 **T**hen the **pr**inçeš of **I**šrael and the king humbled **th**emselveš; and **th**ey said, YAHWEH is **ri**ghteous.

7 *When* YAHWEH **s**áw **th**at **th**ey humbled **th**emselveš, the **w**órd of YAHWEH came to Shemaiah, **s**aying, **T**hey have humbled **th**emselveš: I will not destroy **th**em; but I will grant **th**em **s**óme deliverançe, and **m**y **w**ráth shall not be **p**óured **o**ut on Jeru**s**alem **by** the hand of **S**hishak.

8 **N**ever**th**eless **th**ey shall be his **s**êrvants, **th**at **th**ey may know my **s**êrvice, and the **s**êrvice of the kingđomš of the **c**ountrieš.

9 So **S**hishak king of **E**gypt came up against Jeru**s**alem, and **t**óok away the **tre**asureš of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, and the **tre**asureš of the king's **h**ouse: he **t**óok **á**ll away: he **t**óok away **á**lso the **sh**ieldš of gold **wh**ich Solomon had made.

10 King Rehoboam made in **th**eir **pl**açe **sh**ieldš of bräss, and committed **th**em to the handš of the captainš of the **g**uárd, **wh**o kept the **d**óor of the king's **h**ouse.

11 It was so, **that** as often as the king entered into the **house** of YAHWEH, the **guärd** came and **bôre** **them**, and **brôught** **them** back into the **guärd-chamber**.

12 **When** he humbled himself, the **wrätth** of YAHWEH **tûrned** from him, so as not to destroy him **ältogether**: and **môre** over in Judah **there** were **gôod things** [found].

13 **So** king Rehoboam **strengthened** himself in Jeru**ş**alem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was **fôrt**y-one **yearş** old **when** he began to reign, and he reigned **seventeen yearş** in Jeru**ş**alem, the **çity** **which** YAHWEH had **çhoşen** out of **äl**l the **tribeş** of I**ş**rael, to **püt** his **name** **there**: and his **môther's** **name** was Naamah the Ammonitess.

14 He did **that** **which** was **evil**, because he didn't set his **heärt** to **seek** YAHWEH.

15 **Now** the acts of Rehoboam, **first** and **läst**, **ären't** **they** written in the **historieş** of **Shemaiah** the **prophet** and of Iddo the **seer**, **äfter** the manner of **genealogieş**? **There** were **wärş** **between** Rehoboam and Jeroboam **cóntinually**.

16 Rehoboam slept **with** his **fätherş**, and was buried in the **çity** of **David**: and Abijah his **şon** reigned in his **plaçe**.

2 Chronicles 13

1 In the **eighteenth** **year** of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign **over** Judah.

2 **three** **yearş** reigned he in Jeru**ş**alem: and his **môther's** **name** was Micaiah the **däughter** of Uriel of Gibeah. **There** was **wär** **between** Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 Abijah joined battle **with** an **ärm**y of valiant men of **wär**, **even** **fôur** hundred **thouşand çhoşen** men: and Jeroboam set the battle in **array** **against** him **with** eight hundred **thouşand çhoşen** men, **who** were **migh**ty men of valor.

4 Abijah **ståod** up on **Meunt** Zemaraim, **which** is in the hill-country of **Ephraim**, and said, **Hear** me, Jeroboam and **äl**l I**ş**rael:

5 **ôught** you not to **know** **that** YAHWEH, the Elohim of I**ş**rael, **gave** the **kingdóm** **over** I**ş**rael to **David** forever, **even** to him and to his **şonş** **by** a **cóv**enant of **şäl**t?

6 Yet Jeroboam the **şon** of Nebat, the **şervant** of Solomon the **şon** of **David**, **roşe** up, and rebelled **against** his **lôrd**.

7 **There** were **gath**ered to him **wôr**thless men, **base** **fellowş**, **who** **streng**thened **themselveş** **against** Rehoboam the **şon** of Solomon, **when** Rehoboam was young and tender-**heärted**, and **cóuld** not **with**stand **them**.

8 **Now** you **thi**nk to **with**stand the **kingdóm** of YAHWEH in the hand of the **şonş** of **David**; and you are a **great** **multitude**, and **there** are **with** you the **golden çä**veş **which** Jeroboam **made** you for **godş**.

9 Haven't you driven **out** the **priests** of YAHWEH, the **sons** of Aaron, and the **Levites**, and **made** you **priests** **after** the manner of the **people** of [**other**] **lands**? so **that** **whoever** **comes** to consecrate himself **with** a young **bull** and seven **rams**, the **same** **may** be a **priest** of [**those** **who** are] **no** **gods**.

10 But as for us, YAHWEH is **our** Elohim, and **we** have not forsaken him; and [**we** have] **priests** ministering to YAHWEH, the **sons** of Aaron, and the **Levites** in **their** **work**:

11 and **they** **burn** to YAHWEH every **morning** and every **evening** **burnt** offerings and **sweet** incense: the **show** bread **also** [set **they**] in **order** on the **pure** table; and the lampstand of **gold** **with** the lamps of it, to **burn** every **evening**: for **we** **keep** the **charge** of YAHWEH **our** Elohim; but you have forsaken him.

12 Behold, Elohim is **with** us at **our** head, and his **priests** **with** the trumpets of **alarm** to **sound** an **alarm** against you. **Children** of **Israel**, **don't** you **fight** against YAHWEH, the Elohim of **your** **fathers**; for you **shall** not prosper.

13 But Jeroboam **caused** an **ambush** to **come** about behind **them**: so **they** were bef^ore **Judah**, and the **ambush** was behind **them**.

14 **When** **Judah** **looked** back, behold, the battle was bef^ore and behind **them**; and **they** **cried** to YAHWEH, and the **priests** **sounded** **with** the trumpets.

15 **Then** the men of **Judah** **gave** a **shout**: and as the men of **Judah** **shouted**, it happened, **that** Elohim struck Jeroboam and **all** **Israel** bef^ore Abijah and **Judah**.

16 The **children** of **Israel** fled bef^ore **Judah**; and Elohim delivered **them** into **their** hand.

17 Abijah and his **people** killed **them** **with** a **great** **slaughter**: so **there** fell **down** slain of **Israel** **five** hundred **thousand** **chosen** men.

18 **Thus** the **children** of **Israel** were **brought** under at **that** **time**, and the **children** of **Judah** prevailed, **because** **they** **relied** on YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their** **fathers**.

19 Abijah **pursued** **after** Jeroboam, and **took** **cities** from him, **Bethel** **with** the **towns** of it, and **Jeshanah** **with** the **towns** of it, and **Ephron** **with** the **towns** of it.

20 **Neither** did Jeroboam **recover** **strength** again in the **days** of Abijah: and YAHWEH struck him, and he **died**.

21 But Abijah grew **mighty**, and **took** to himself **fourteen** **wives**, and became the **father** of twenty-two **sons**, and **sixteen** **daughters**.

22 The rest of the acts of Abijah, and his **ways**, and his **sayings**, are written in the commentary of the **prophet** Iddo.

2 Chronicles 14

1 So Abijah slept with his fäthers, and they buried him in the çity of David; and Asa his sön reigned in his plaçe. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 Asa did that which was gööd and right in the eyes of YAHWEH his Elohim:

3 for he took away the foreign ältarş, and the high plaçeş, and broke down the pillarş, and hewed down the Asherim,

4 and commanded Judah to seek YAHWEH, the Elohim of their fäthers, and to do the lãw and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of äll the çities of Judah the high plaçeş and the sun-images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 He built förtified çities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no wãr in those years, because YAHWEH had given him rest.

7 For he said to Judah, Let us build these çities, and make about them wãllş, and towers, gates, and bãrş; the land is yet before us, because we have söught YAHWEH our Elohim; we have söught him, and he has given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

8 Asa had an ärmÿ that bore bucklerş and spearş, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bore shieldş and drew bows, two hundred eighty thousand: äll these were mighty men of valor.

9 There came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an ärmÿ of a million troops, and three hundred chariots; and he came to Mareshah.

10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 Asa cried to YAHWEH his Elohim, and said, YAHWEH, there is none besideş you to help, between the mighty and him who has no strength: help us, YAHWEH our Elohim; for we rely on you, and in your name are we come against this multitude. YAHWEH, you are our Elohim; don't let man prevail against you.

12 So YAHWEH struck the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

13 Asa and the people who were with him pürsued them to Gerar: and there fell of the Ethiopians so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before YAHWEH, and before his host; and they carried away very much booty.

14 **They** struck **á**ll the **çities** **r**ound **ab**out Gerar; for the **f**ear of YAHWEH **ca**me on **th**em: and **th**ey despoiled **á**ll the **çities**; for **th**ere was much spoil in **th**em.

15 **They** struck **á**lso the tents of cattle, and carried away **sheep** in abundan**ç**e, and camels, and ret**u**rn**e**d to Jeru**ş**alem.

2 Chronicles 15

1 The Spirit of Elohim **ca**me on Azariah the **s**on of Oded:

2 and he went **o**ut to **me**et Asa, and said to him, **H**ear you me, Asa, and **á**ll Judah and Benjamin: YAHWEH is **w**ith you, *wh*ile you are **w**ith him; and if you **see**k him, he will be **f**ound of you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 **N**ow for a long **se**a**ş**on **I**şrael was **w**ith**o**ut the **tr**ue Elohim, and **w**ith**o**ut a **te**aching priest, and **w**ith**o**ut **l**áw:

4 But *wh*en in **th**eir distress **th**ey **t**u**r**ned to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**şrael, and **s**o**u**ght him, he was **f**ound of **th**em.

5 In **th**o**ş**e **t**ime**ş** **th**ere was no **pe**a**ç**e to him *wh*o went **o**ut, **n**o**r** to him *wh*o came in; but **gr**e**a**t vexat**ions** were on **á**ll the inhabitants of the land**ş**.

6 **Th**ey were broken in **pie**ç**eş**, **n**ati**o**n against **n**ati**o**n, and **ç**ity against **ç**ity; for Elohim did vex **th**em **w**ith **á**ll adv**er**sity.

7 But be you strong, and **don**'t let **y**o**u**r hand**ş** be slack; for **y**o**u**r w**o**r**k** **sh**all be reward**e**d.

8 *Wh*en Asa **h**e**a**rd **th**e**ş**e w**o**r**d**ş, and the prop**h**eçy of Oded the prop**h**et, he **t**o**o**k coura**g**e, and **pu**t away the abominat**ions** **o**ut of **á**ll the land of Judah and Benjamin, and **o**ut of the **ç**ities *wh*ich he had **ta**ken from the hill-cou**n**try of **E**phraim; and he renewed the **al**tar of YAHWEH, **th**at was bef**o**re the **p**o**r**ch of YAHWEH.

9 He **ga**th**e**red **á**ll Judah and Benjamin, and **th**o**ş**e *wh*o sojourn**e**d **w**ith **th**em **o**ut of **E**phraim and Manasseh, and **o**ut of Simeon: for **th**ey fell to him **o**ut of **I**şrael in abundan**ç**e, *wh*en **th**ey **s**áw **th**at YAHWEH his Elohim was **w**ith him.

10 **S**o **th**ey **ga**th**e**red **th**e**m**selves together at Jeru**ş**alem in the **th**ird **m**on**th**, in the **f**ifteenth **y**ear of the reign of Asa.

11 **Th**ey sacrific**e**d to YAHWEH in **th**at **day**, of the spoil *wh*ich **th**ey had br**o**ught, seven hundred oxen and seven **th**ou**ş**and **sheep**.

12 **Th**ey entered into the **c**ovenan**t** to **see**k YAHWEH, the Elohim of **th**eir **f**áth**e**r**ş**, **w**ith **á**ll **th**eir **h**e**a**rt and **w**ith **á**ll **th**eir **s**oul;

13 and **that** *who*ever would not **seek** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Išrael**, **shou**ld be put to **deat**h, **wheth**er sm**á**ll or **gr**eat, **wheth**er man or **wó**man.

14 **They** sw**ó**re to YAHWEH **with** a **lou**d voi**ç**e, and **with** **sh**outing, and **with** trumpets, and **with** **có**rnets.

15 All **Judah** rejoiced at the **oath**; for **they** had sw**ó**rn **with** **á**ll **the**ir he**ä**rt, and **só**ught him **with** **the**ir **wh**ole des**í**re; and he was **fo**und of **the**m: and YAHWEH **gav**e **the**m rest **rou**nd **abou**t.

16 Also Maacah, the **mó**ther of Asa the king, he **rem**oved from **be**ing **que**en, **bec**áuse she had **mad**e an abominable **imag**e for an Asherah; and Asa cut **down** her **imag**e, and **mad**e dust of it, and **bú**rnit it at the **bró**ok Kidron.

17 But the **high** **plac**e**ş** were not **tak**en away **out** of **Išrael**: never**the**less the he**ä**rt of Asa was **p**erfect **á**ll his **day**ş.

18 He **bró**ught into the **hou**se of Elohim the **th**ing**ş** **th**at his **fä**ther had **ded**icated, and **th**at he himself had **ded**icated, silver, and **gold**, and **vess**e**ş**.

19 **There** was no **mó**re **wá**r to the **five** and **th**irti**eth** year of the reign of Asa.

2 Chronicles 16

1 In the six and **th**irti**eth** year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of **Išrael** went up **agai**nst **Judah**, and **bu**ilt Ramah, **th**at he **mi**ght not **allow** anyone to **go** **out** or **có**me in to Asa king of **Judah**.

2 **Then** Asa **bró**ught **out** silver and **gold** **out** of the **treas**ure**ş** of the **hou**se of YAHWEH and of the king's **hou**se, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, **who** lived at Damascus, **saying**,

3 [**There** is] a **le**ague **betwe**en me and you, as [**there** was] **betwe**en my **fä**ther and y**ó**ur **fä**ther: **behold**, I have sent you silver and **gold**; **go**, **break** y**ó**ur **le**ague **with** Baasha king of **Išrael**, **th**at he may **dep**art from me.

4 Ben-hadad **listen**ed to king Asa, and sent the **captain**ş of his **ä**rmie**ş** **agai**nst the **ç**itie**ş** of **Išrael**; and **they** struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and **á**ll the **stó**re-**ç**itie**ş** of Naphtali.

5 It **happ**ened, *when* Baasha **h**ear**d** of it, **th**at he left off **bu**ilding Ramah, and let his **wó**rk **ç**ease.

6 **Then** Asa the king **tó**ok **á**ll **Judah**; and **they** **carried** away the **ston**e**ş** of Ramah, and the timber of it, **with** **wh**ich Baasha had **bu**ilt; and he **bu**ilt **the**re**with** Geba and Mizpah.

7 At **that time** Hanani the **seer** came to Asa king of **Judah**, and said to him, **Because** you have **relied** on the king of Syria, and have not **relied** on YAHWEH **yôur** Elohim, **therefôre** is the **host** of the king of Syria **escaped out** of **yôur** hand.

8 **Wêren't** the **Ethiopiânş** and the Lubim a **huge** host, **with chariôts** and **hôrsemen** **exceeding** many? yet, **because** you did **rely** on YAHWEH, he **delivered** **them** into **yôur** hand.

9 **Fôr** the **eyes** of YAHWEH run back and **fôrth throug**h **out** the **whole êarth**, to **show** himself strong in the **behâlf** of **them** **whose** **heart** is **pêrfect** **towârd** him. **Herein** you have **done** **foelishly**; for from **hencefôrth** you **shall** have **wârş**.

10 **Then** Asa was angry **with** the **seer**, and **püt** him in the **prîşon-house**; for he was in a **rag**e **with** him **because** of **this thîng**. Asa **oppressed** **some** of the **peop**le at the **same** time.

11 **Behold**, the acts of Asa, **first** and **lâst**, **behold**, **they** are **written** in the **bôok** of the **kingş** of **Judah** and **Işrael**.

12 In the **thirty-ninth** year of his reign Asa was **dişeas**ed in his **feet**; his **dişeas**e was **exceeding** **great**: yet in his **dişeas**e he didn't **seek** YAHWEH, but to the **physiçianş**.

13 Asa slept **with** his **fâtherş**, and **died** in the **one** and **fôrtieth** year of his reign.

14 They **buried** him in his **own** **tombs**, **which** he had **hewn** **out** for himself in the **çity** of **David**, and **laid** him in the bed **which** was **filled** **with** **sweet odorş** and **various** **kindş** [of **spiçes**] **prepared** **by** the **pêrfumers** are: and **they** **made** a very **great** **bûrning** for him.

2 Chronicles 17

1 **Jehoshaphat** his **son** **reigned** in his **plac**e, and **strengthened** himself **against** **Işrael**.

2 He **plac**ed **fôrçes** in **âll** the **fôrtified** **çities** of **Judah**, and set **garrisonş** in the land of **Judah**, and in the **çities** of **Ephraim**, **which** Asa his **fâther** had **taken**.

3 YAHWEH was **with** **Jehoshaphat**, **because** he **wâk**ed in the **first wayş** of his **fâther** **David**, and didn't **seek** the **Baals**,

4 but **sôught** to the Elohim of his **fâther**, and **wâk**ed in his commandments, and not **âfter** the **doinş** of **Işrael**.

5 **Therefôre** YAHWEH **establiş**ed the **kingdôm** in his hand; and **âll** **Judah** **brôught** to **Jehoshaphat** **tribute**; and he had **riches** and **honor** in **abundanç**e.

6 His **heart** was lifted up in the **wayş** of YAHWEH: and **fûrthermôre** he **tôok** **away** the **high** **plac**es and the **Asherim** **out** of **Judah**.

7 Also in the **th**ird year of his reign he sent his prin**ç**es, even Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to **teach** in the **ç**ities of Judah;

8 and with **th**em the Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with **th**em Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 **Th**ey **t**ought in Judah, having the **b**ook of the **l**aw of YAHWEH with **th**em; and **th**ey went about **th**roughout **â**ll the **ç**ities of Judah, and **t**ought among the **pe**ople.

10 The **fe**ar of YAHWEH fell on **â**ll the kingd**om**s of the land**s** **th**at were **rou**nd about Judah, so **th**at **th**ey **ma**de no **w**ar against Jehoshaphat.

11 **S**ome of the **Ph**ilistine**s** **br**ought Jehoshaphat **pre**sents, and silver for **trib**ute; the Arabian**s** **â**lso **br**ought him flocks, seven **th**ousand and seven hundred ram**s**, and seven **th**ousand and seven hundred **ma**le goats.

12 Jehoshaphat grew **gr**eat **ex**ceedingly; and he **bu**ilt in Judah **c**astle**s** and **ç**ities of **st**ore.

13 He had many **w**orks in the **ç**ities of Judah; and men of **w**ar, **mi**ghty men of valor, in Jeru**s**alem.

14 **This** was the numbering of **th**em **acc**ording to **th**eir **f**ather**s**' **hou**se**s**: Of Judah, the captain**s** of **th**ousand**s**: Adnah the captain, and with him **mi**ghty men of valor **th**ree hundred **th**ousand;

15 and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him **tw**e hundred eighty **th**ousand;

16 and next to him Amasiah the **so**n of Zichri, **wh**o willingly offered himself to YAHWEH; and with him **tw**e hundred **th**ousand **mi**ghty men of valor.

17 Of Benjamin: Eliada a **mi**ghty man of valor, and with him **tw**e hundred **th**ousand **â**rmed with **bow** and **sh**ield;

18 and next to him Jehozabad and with him one hundred eighty **th**ousand ready **pre**pared for **w**ar.

19 **Th**ese were **th**ose **wh**o waited on the king, **bes**ide**s** **th**ose **wh**om the king **pu**t in the **f**ortified **ç**ities **th**roughout **â**ll Judah.

2 Chronicles 18

1 **N**ow Jehoshaphat had **rich**es and **h**onor in **abun**dance; and he joined affinity with Ahab.

2 After **c**ertain **y**ear**s** he went **d**own to Ahab to Samaria. Ahab killed **s**heep and oxen for him in abundan**c**e, and for the **p**eople **w**ho were **w**ith him, and **m**oved him to go up [with him] to Ramoth-gilead.

3 Ahab king of **I**srael said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead? **H**e answered him, I am as you are, and **m**y **p**eople as **y**our **p**eople; and [we will be] **w**ith you in the **w**ar.

4 Jehoshaphat said to the king of **I**srael, **P**leas**e** **i**n**q**uire first for the **w**ord of YAHWEH.

5 **T**hen the king of **I**srael gathered the **p**rophets together, **f**our hundred men, and said to **t**hem, **S**hall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or **s**hall I **f**orbear? **T**hey said, **G**o up; for Elohim will deliver it into the hand of the king.

6 But Jehoshaphat said, **I**sn't **t**here **h**ere a **p**rophet of YAHWEH **b**esid**e**s, **t**hat we may **i**n**q**uire of him?

7 The king of **I**srael said to Jehoshaphat, **T**here is yet one man **b**y **w**hom we may **i**n**q**uire of YAHWEH: but I **h**ate him; for he never **p**rophes**i**e**s** **g**ood **c**on**c**erning me, but **a**lways **e**vil: the **s**ame is Micaiah the **s**on of Imla. Jehoshaphat said, **D**on't let the king **s**ay so.

8 **T**hen the king of **I**srael **c**alled an offi**c**er, and said, Get **q**uickly Micaiah the **s**on of Imla.

9 **N**ow the king of **I**srael and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat **e**ach on his **t**hrone, arrayed in **t**heir **r**ob**e**s, and **t**hey were sitting in an **o**pen **p**lac**e** at the **e**ntranc**e** of the **g**ate of Samaria; and **a**ll the **p**rophets were **p**rophes**y**ing **b**ef**o**re **t**hem.

10 Zedekiah the **s**on of Chenaanah **m**ade him **h**orn**s** of **i**ron, and said, **T**hus says YAHWEH, **W**ith **t**hes**e** shall you **p**ush the Syrians, until **t**hey be **c**on**s**umed.

11 All the **p**rophets **p**rophes**i**ed so, **s**aying, **G**o up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for YAHWEH will deliver it into the hand of the king.

12 The messenger **w**ho went to **c**all Micaiah **s**poke to him, **s**aying, **B**ehold, the **w**ord**s** of the **p**rophets [decl**a**re] **g**ood to the king **w**ith one **m**outh: let **y**our **w**ord **t**here**f**ore, **P**leas**e** be **l**ike one of **t**heir**s**, and **s**peak you **g**ood.

13 Micaiah said, As YAHWEH **l**ives, **w**hat **m**y Elohim **s**ays, **t**hat will I **s**peak.

14 **W**hen he was **c**ome to the king, the king said to him, Micaiah, **s**hall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or **s**hall I **f**orbear? **H**e said, **G**o you up, and prosper; and **t**hey shall be delivered into **y**our hand.

15 The king said to him, **H**ow many **t**imes **s**hall I **a**djure you **t**hat you **s**peak to me **n**othing but the **t**ruth in the **n**ame of YAHWEH?

16 He said, I **s**aw **a**ll **I**srael scattered on the **m**ountains, as **s**heep **t**hat have no **s**hepherd: and YAHWEH said, **T**hese have no **m**aster; let **t**hem **r**eturn every man to his **h**ouse in **p**ea**c**e.

17 The king of **I**srael said to Jehoshaphat, Didn't I tell you **t**hat he **w**ould not **p**rophe**c**y **g**ood **c**on**c**erning me, but **e**vil?

18 [Micaiah] said, **T**here**f**ore **h**ear you the **w**ord of YAHWEH: I **s**aw YAHWEH sitting on his **t**h**r**one, and **a**ll the **h**ost of heaven standing on his **r**ight hand and on his left.

19 YAHWEH said, **W**ho **s**hall **e**ntice Ahab king of **I**srael, **t**hat he **m**ay **g**o up and **f**all at Ramoth-gilead? One **s**poke **s**aying **a**fter **t**his manner, and **a**n**o**ther **s**aying **a**fter **t**hat manner.

20 **T**here **c**ame **f**orth a spirit, and **s**to**o**d bef**o**re YAHWEH, and said, I will **e**ntice him. YAHWEH said to him, '**H**ow?

21 He said, I will **g**o **f**orth, and will be a **l**ying spirit in the **m**outh of **a**ll his **p**rophets. **H**e said, '**Y**ou **s**hall **e**ntice him, and **s**hall **p**re**v**ail **a**l**s**o: **g**o **f**orth, and **d**e **s**o.

22 **N**ow **t**here**f**ore, **b**ehold, YAHWEH **h**as **p**ut a **l**ying spirit in the **m**outh of **t**hese **y**our **p**rophets; and YAHWEH **h**as **s**poke**n** **e**vil **c**on**c**erning you.

23 **T**hen Zedekiah the **s**on of Chenaanah **c**ame **n**ear, and struck Micaiah on the **c**heek, and said, **W**hich way went the Spirit of YAHWEH from me to **s**peak to you?

24 Micaiah said, **B**ehold, you **s**hall **s**ee on **t**hat **d**ay, **w**hen you **s**hall **g**o into an inner **c**hamber to **h**ide **y**ourself.

25 The king of **I**srael said, **T**ake Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the **g**overnor of the **c**ity, and to Joash the king's **s**on;

26 and **s**ay, **T**hus **s**ays the king, **P**ut **t**his fellow in the **p**ri**s**on, and **f**eed him **w**ith bread of affliction and **w**ith **w**ater of affliction, until I **r**eturn in **p**ea**c**e.

27 Micaiah said, If you **r**eturn at **a**ll in **p**ea**c**e, YAHWEH **h**as **n**ot **s**poke**n** **b**y me. **H**e said, **H**ear, you **p**eop**l**e**s**, **a**ll of you.

28 **S**o the king of **I**srael and Jehoshaphat the king of **J**udah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 The king of **I**srael said to Jehoshaphat, I will **d**is**g**uise myself, and **g**o into the battle; but **p**ut you on **y**our **r**obe**s**. So the king of **I**srael **d**is**g**uise**d** himself; and **t**hey went into the battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

31 It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they turned about to fight against him: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and YAHWEH helped him; and Elohim moved them [to depart] from him.

32 It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

33 A certain man drew his bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of the chariot, Turn your hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am sore wounded.

34 The battle increased that day: however the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even; and about the time of the going down of the sun he died.

2 Chronicles 19

1 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate YAHWEH? for this thing wrath is on you from before YAHWEH.

3 Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have put away the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek Elohim.

4 Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill-country of Ephraim, and brought them back to YAHWEH, the Elohim of their fathers.

5 He set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city,

6 and said to the judges, Consider what you do: for you don't judge for man, but for YAHWEH; and [he is] with you in the judgment.

7 Now therefore let the fear of YAHWEH be on you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with YAHWEH our Elohim, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes.

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites and the priests, and of the heads of the fathers' [houses] of Israel, for the judgment of YAHWEH, and for controversies. They returned to Jerusalem.

9 He charged them, saying, Thus shall you do in the fear of YAHWEH, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 Whenever any controversy shall come to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statute and ordinances, you shall warn them, that they not be guilty towards YAHWEH, and so wrath come on you and on your brothers: this do, and you shall not be guilty.

11 Behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of YAHWEH; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and YAHWEH be with the good.

2 Chronicles 20

1 It happened after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then there came some who told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes a great multitude against you from beyond the sea from Syria; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar (the same is En-gedi).

3 Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek to YAHWEH; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 Judah gathered themselves together, to seek [help] of YAHWEH: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek YAHWEH.

5 Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of YAHWEH, before the new court;

6 and he said, YAHWEH, the Elohim of our fathers, aren't you Elohim in heaven? and aren't you ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in your hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.

7 Did not you, our Elohim, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it to the seed of Abraham your friend forever?

8 They lived therein, and have built you a sanctuary therein for your name, saying,

9 If evil come on us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before you, (for your name is in this house,) and cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.

10 Now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and didn't destroy them;

11 behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit.

12 Our Elohim, will you not judge **them**? for **we** have no **might** against **this** great company **that** **come**s against us; **neither** know we **what** to **do**: but **out** **eye**s are on you.

13 All **Judah** **stood** before YAHWEH, **with** **their** little ones, **their** wives, and **their** children.

14 **Then** on Jahaziel the **son** of Zechariah, the **son** of Benaiah, the **son** of Jeiel, the **son** of Mattaniah, the **Levite**, of the **sons** of **Asaph**, **came** the Spirit of YAHWEH in the midst of the assembly;

15 and he said, Listen you, **all** **Judah**, and you inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, and you king **Jehoshaphat**: **Thus** says YAHWEH to you, **Don't** be afraid you, **neither** be **dismayed** by **reason** of **this** great multitude; for the battle is not **your**s, but Elohim's.

16 **Tomorrow** go you **down** against **them**: **behold**, **they** **come** up by the **ascent** of Ziz; and you **shall** **find** **them** at the end of the valley, **before** the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 You **shall** not **need** to **fight** in **this** [battle]: set **your**self, stand you still, and **see** the **salvation** of YAHWEH **with** you, O **Judah** and **Jerusalem**; **don't** be afraid, **nor** be **dismayed**: **tomorrow** go **out** against **them**: for YAHWEH is **with** you.

18 **Jehoshaphat** **bowed** his head **with** his **face** to the **ground**; and **all** **Judah** and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** fell **down** before YAHWEH, **worshipping** YAHWEH.

19 The **Levites**, of the **children** of the **Kohathites** and of the **children** of the **Korahites**, **stood** up to **praise** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Israel**, **with** an **exceeding** **loud** voice.

20 **They** **rose** early in the **morning**, and went **forth** into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as **they** went **forth**, **Jehoshaphat** **stood** and said, **Hear** me, **Judah**, and you inhabitants of **Jerusalem**: **believe** in YAHWEH **your** Elohim, so **shall** you be **established**; **believe** his **prophets**, so **shall** you prosper.

21 **When** he had **taken** **counsel** **with** the **people**, he appointed **those** **who** **should** sing to YAHWEH, and **give** **praise** in **holy** array, as **they** went **out** before the **army**, and **say**, Give **thanks** to YAHWEH; for his **lovingkindness** **endures** forever.

22 **When** **they** began to sing and to **praise**, YAHWEH set liers-in-wait against the **children** of Ammon, **Moab**, and **Mount Seir**, **who** had **come** against **Judah**; and **they** were struck.

23 For the **children** of Ammon and **Moab** **stood** up against the inhabitants of **Mount Seir**, utterly to kill and destroy **them**: and **when** **they** had **made** an end of the inhabitants of **Seir**, everyone helped to destroy **another**.

24 When Judah came to the watch-tower of the wilderness, they looked at the multitude; and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none who escaped.

25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much.

26 On the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Beracah; for there they blessed YAHWEH: therefore the name of that place was called The valley of Beracah to this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for YAHWEH had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 They came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets to the house of YAHWEH.

29 The fear of Elohim was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that YAHWEH fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his Elohim gave him rest round about.

31 Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he 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.

32 He walked in the way of Asa his father, and didn't turn aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of YAHWEH.

33 However the high places were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts to the Elohim of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is inserted in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 After this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel; the same did very wickedly:

36 and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

37 **Then** Eliezer the **son** of Dodavahu of Mareshah **prophesied** against Jehoshaphat, **saying**, **Because** you have joined **yó**urself **with** Ahaziah, YAHWEH has **destroyed** **yó**ur **wó**rks. The **ships** were **broken**, so **that** **they** were not **able** to go to **Tārshish**.

2 Chronicles 21

1 Jehoshaphat slept **with** his **fä**ther^s, and was buried **with** his **fä**ther^s in the **ç**ity of David: and Jehoram his **son** reigned in his **plac**e.

2 He had **bró**ther^s, the **son**s of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and **Shephatiah**; **á**ll **thes**e were the **son**s of Jehoshaphat king of **I**srael.

3 **Their** **fä**ther **gave** **them** **great** gifts, of silver, and of **gold**, and of **precious** **things**, **with** **fó**rtified **ç**ities in Judah: but the **kingdó**m **gave** he to Jehoram, **becaus**e he was the **fí**rst**ó**rn.

4 **Now** **when** Jehoram was **risen** up **over** the **kingdó**m of his **fä**ther, and had **streng**thened himself, he killed **á**ll his **bró**ther^s **with** the **swó**rd, and **various** **á**lso of the **prince**s of **I**srael.

5 Jehoram was **thirty-two** **year**s **old** **when** he began to reign; and he reigned **eight** **year**s in **Jeru**salem.

6 He **wá**lked in the **way** of the **king**s of **I**srael, as did the **house** of Ahab; for he had the **dá**ughter of Ahab as **wife**: and he did **that** **which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH.

7 **However** YAHWEH **wó**uld not destroy the **house** of David, **becaus**e of the **có**venant **that** he had **made** **with** David, and as he **promis**ed to give a lamp to him and to his **children** **á**lways.

8 In his **day**s Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and **made** a king **over** **themselve**s.

9 **Then** Jehoram **pás**sed **over** **with** his **captain**s, and **á**ll his **chari**óts **with** him: and he **ro**sé up **by** **nigh**t, and struck the **Edomite**s **wh**e **surr**ounded him, along **with** the **captain**s of the **chari**óts.

10 **So** Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to **this** **day**: **then** did Libnah revolt at the **same** **time** from under his hand, **becaus**e he had forsaken YAHWEH, the Elohim of his **fä**ther^s.

11 **Mó**reover he **made** **high** **plac**e^s in the **mountain**s of Judah, and **made** the inhabitants of **Jeru**salem to **play** the **prostitute**, and led Judah **astray**.

12 **There** came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, **Thus** says YAHWEH, the Elohim of David yôur fâther, Becausê you have not wâkêd in the ways of Jehoshaphat yôur fâther, nôr in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 but have wâkêd in the way of the kings of Işrael, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruşalem to play the prostitute, like as the house of Ahab did, and âlso have slain yôur brotherş of yôur fâther's house, whê were better than yôurself:

14 behold, YAHWEH will strike with a great plague yôur people, and yôur children, and yôur wives, and âll yôur substance;

15 and you shall have great sickness by diseasê of yôur bowels, until yôur bowels fall out by reaşon of the sickness, day by day.

16 YAHWEH stîrred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistineş, and of the Arabianş whê are beside the Ethiopianş:

17 and they came up against Judah, and broke into it, and carried away âll the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons âlso, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 After âll this YAHWEH struck him in his bowels with an incurable diseasê.

19 It happened, in proçess of time, at the end of twe yearş, that his bowels fell out by reaşon of his sickness, and he died of sôre diseasêş. His people made no bûrning for him, like the bûrning of his fâtherş.

20 thirty-twe yearş old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeruşalem eight yearş: and he departed without being deşired; and they buried him in the çity of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

2 Chronicles 22

1 The inhabitants of Jeruşalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his plaçe; for the band of men whê came with the Arabianş to the camp had slain âll the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2 Fôrty-twe yearş old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jeruşalem: and his mother's name was Athaliah the dâughter of Omri.

3 He âlso wâkêd in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counselor to de wickedly.

4 He did that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, as did the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors äfter the deatth of his fâther, to his destruction.

5 He wáked **á**lso **ä**fter **the**ir **c**ounsel, and went **with** Jehoram the **s**on of Ahab king of **I**srael to wá against Hazael king of Syria at Ramo**th**-gilead: and the Syrians wou**nd**ed Joram.

6 He retú**rn**ed to be he**al**ed in Jezreel of the wou**nd**s **wh**ich **the**y had given him at Ramah, *when* he f**ó**ught **ag**ainst Hazael king of Syria. Azariah the **s**on of Jehoram king of **J**udah went **down** to **see** Jehoram the **s**on of Ahab in Jezreel, beca**us**e he was sick.

7 **N**ow the destructi**o**n of Ahaziah was of Elohim, in **th**at he went to Joram: for *when* he was **c**ome, he went **out with** Jehoram **ag**ainst Jehu the **s**on of Nim**sh**i, *wh*om YAHWEH had anointed to cut off the **h**ouse of Ahab.

8 It happen**ed**, *when* Jehu was execut**ing** judgment on the **h**ouse of Ahab, **th**at he **fo**und the **pr**ince**s** of **J**udah, and the **s**on**s** of the **br**othe**s** of Ahaziah, ministering to Ahaziah, and killed **the**m.

9 He s**ó**ught Ahaziah, and **the**y **c**áught him (*now* he was **h**iding in Samaria), and **the**y **br**óught him to Jehu, and killed him; and **the**y **bur**ied him, for **the**y said, **H**e is the **s**on of Jeho**sh**aphat, *wh*o s**ó**ught YAHWEH **with** **á**ll his **he**art. The **h**ouse of Ahaziah had no **power** to **hold** the **kingd**om.

10 **N**ow *when* Athaliah the **m**óther of Ahaziah sáw **th**at her **s**on was dead, she **ar**ose and destroyed **á**ll the **seed** royal of the **h**ouse of **J**udah.

11 But Jeho**sh**abeath, the **d**áughter of the king, **t**ook Joash the **s**on of Ahaziah, and **sto**le him away from among the king's **s**on**s** *wh*o were slain, and **put** him and his **n**ú**r**se in the **bedch**amber. So Jeho**sh**abeath, the **d**áughter of king Jehoram, the **w**ife of Jehoiada the **p**riest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah, so **th**at she didn't kill him.

12 He was **with** **the**m hid in the **h**ouse of Elohim six **year**s: and Athaliah reigned **over** the land.

2 Chronicles 23

1 In the seventh **year** Jehoiada streng**th**ened himself, and **t**ook the captai**n**s of hundred**s**, Azariah the **s**on of Jeroham, and **I**shmael the **s**on of Jehohanan, and Azariah the **s**on of Obed, and Maaseiah the **s**on of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the **s**on of Zichri, into **c**ovenant **with** him.

2 **They** went **about** in **J**udah, and **g**athered the **Lev**ites **out** of **á**ll the **ç**ities of **J**udah, and the head**s** of **f**áther**s**' [**h**ouse**s**] of **I**srael, and **the**y **came** to Jeru**s**alem.

3 All the assembly **made** a **c**ovenant **with** the king in the **h**ouse of Elohim. **H**e said to **the**m, Behold, the king's **s**on **shall** reign, as YAHWEH has **sp**oken **c**on**ç**erning the **s**on**s** of **D**avid.

4 **This** is the **thing** **that** you **shall** **do**: a **third** **pärt** of you, **who** **come** in on the Sabbath, of the **priests** and of the **Levites**, **shall** be **pörters** of the **thresholds**

5 and a **third** **pärt** **shall** be at the king's **house**; and a **third** **pärt** at the **gate** of the **foundatiön**: and **äll** the **people** **shall** be in the **cöurts** of the **house** of YAHWEH.

6 But let **nöne** **come** into the **house** of YAHWEH, **save** the **priests**, and **thöse** **who** minister of the **Levites**; **they** **shall** **come** in, for **they** are **holy**: but **äll** the **people** **shall** **keep** the **chärg** of YAHWEH.

7 The **Levites** **shall** **compass** the king **round** **about**, every man **with** his **weapons** in his hand; and **whoever** **comes** into the **house**, let him be **slain**: and be you **with** the king **when** he **comes** in, and **when** he **goes** **out**.

8 **So** the **Levites** and **äll** **Judah** did **accörding** to **äll** **that** Jehoiada the **priest** commanded: and **they** **töök** every man his men, **thöse** **who** were to **come** in on the Sabbath; **with** **thöse** **who** were to **go** **out** on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the **priest** didn't dismiss the **shift**.

9 Jehoiada the **priest** delivered to the **captains** of **hundreds** the **spear**s, and **buckler**s, and **shields**, **that** had **been** king **David**'s, **which** were in the **house** of Elohim.

10 He set **äll** the **people**, every man **with** his **weapon** in his hand, from the **right** **side** of the **house** to the **left** **side** of the **house**, along **by** the **altar** and the **house**, **by** the king **round** **about**.

11 **Then** **they** **bröught** **out** the king's **son**, and **püt** the **crown** on him, and [**gave** him] the **testimöny**, and **made** him king: and Jehoiada and his **sons** **anointed** him; and **they** **said**, [**Long**] **live** the king.

12 **When** Athaliah **heard** the **noise** of the **people** running and **praising** the king, she **came** to the **people** into the **house** of YAHWEH:

13 and she **looked**, and, **behold**, the king **stood** **by** his pillar at the **entrance**, and the **captains** and the **trumpets** **by** the king; and **äll** the **people** of the land **rejoiced**, and **blew** trumpets; the **singers** **älsö** [**played**] on instruments of **music**, and led the singing of **praise**. **Then** Athaliah **töre** her **clothes**, and **said**, **Treäson!** **treäson!**

14 Jehoiada the **priest** **bröught** **out** the **captains** of **hundreds** **who** were set **over** the **host**, and **said** to **them**, Have her **föth** **between** the ranks; and **whoever** **follows** her, let him be **slain** **with** the **swörd**: for the **priest** **said**, **Don't** kill her in the **house** of YAHWEH

15 **So** **they** **made** **way** for her; and she went to the **entrance** of the **horse** **gate** to the king's **house**: and **they** **killed** her **there**.

16 Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and **á**ll the **pe**ople, and the king, **th**at **th**ey **sh**ould be Yáhweh's **pe**ople.

17 All the **pe**ople went to the **h**ouse of Baal, and **br**oke it **d**own, and **br**oke his **á**ltar**ş** and his **im**age**ş** in **pie**ce**ş**, and killed Mattan the **pr**iest of Baal **bef**ore the **á**ltar**ş**.

18 Jehoiada appointed the **off**icer**ş** of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH under the hand of the **pr**iests the **Le**vit**e**s, **wh**om **Da**vid had **dis**tributed in the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, to offer the **b**urnt offerings of YAHWEH, as it is written in the **lá**w of **Mo**ş**eş**, **with** **re**joic**ing** and **with** **sin**ging, **acc**ord**ing** to the **ó**rd**e**r of **Da**vid.

19 He set the **p**órt**e**r**ş** at the **ga**tes of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, **th**at no one **wh**o was unclean in any**th**ing **sh**ould enter in

20 He **t**óok the **cap**tain**ş** of hundred**ş**, and the **no**ble**ş**, and the **g**óv**e**rnor**ş** of the **pe**ople, and **á**ll the **pe**ople of the land, and **br**óught **d**own the king from the **h**ouse of YAHWEH: and **th**ey **ca**me **th**rough the upper **ga**te to the king's **h**ouse, and set the king on the **th**rone of the kingd**ó**m.

21 So **á**ll the **pe**ople of the land **re**joic**e**d, and the **ci**ty was **qu**iet. Athaliah **th**ey had slain **with** the **sw**órd

2 Chronicles 24

1 Joash was seven **ye**ar**ş** **ol**d *when* he began to **re**ign; and he **re**igned **f**órt**y** **ye**ar**ş** in **Jeru**şalem: and his **m**óth**e**r's **na**me was Zibiah, of Beers**he**ba.

2 Joash did **th**at **wh**ich was **ri**ght in the **e**y**eş** of YAHWEH **á**ll the **da**y**ş** of Jehoiada the **pr**iest.

3 Jehoiada **t**óok for him **tw**o **w**iv**eş**; and he **bec**ame the **f**áth**e**r of **so**n**ş** and **d**áugh**t**e**rş**.

4 It happened **á**fter **th**is, **th**at Joash was **mi**nd**e**d to **re**st**ó**re the **h**ouse of YAHWEH.

5 He **g**ath**e**red **to**g**eth**er the **pr**iests and the **Le**vit**e**s, and said to **th**e**m**, **Go** **o**ut to the **ci**tie**ş** of **Ju**dah, and **g**ath**e**r of **á**ll **Iş**ra**e**l **m**óne**y** to **re**pa**ir** the **h**ouse of **y**ó**ur** **E**lohim from **ye**ar to **ye**ar; and **see** **th**at you **h**as**t**e**n** the matter. **H**ow**e**ver the **Le**vit**e**s didn't hurry.

6 The king **c**áll**e**d for Jehoiada the **ch**ief, and said to him, **Wh**y haven't you **re**qu**ir**ed of the **Le**vit**e**s to bring in **o**ut of **Ju**dah and **o**ut of **Jeru**şalem the tax of **Mo**ş**eş** the **s**e**r**vant of YAHWEH, and of the assembly of **Iş**ra**e**l, for the tent of the test**im**ó**n**y?

7 For the **so**n**ş** of **Ath**aliah, **th**at **w**ick**e**d **w**óman, had **br**oken up the **h**ouse of **E**lohim; and **á**l**so** **á**ll the **de**dicat**e**d **th**ing**ş** of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH did **th**ey **be**stow on the Baals.

8 So the king commanded, and **they made** a **chest**, and set it **outside** at the **gate** of the **house** of YAHWEH.

9 **They made** a proclamation **through** Judah and Jeru**sa**lem, to bring in for YAHWEH the tax **that** Mo**se**s the s**e**rvant of Elohim **laid** on I**s**rael in the wilderness.

10 All the prin**ce**s and **all** the **pe**ople rejoic**e**d, and br**o**ught in, and c**as**t into the **chest**, until **they** had **made** an end.

11 It was so, **that** *whenever* the **chest** was br**o**ught to the king's offi**ce**r**s** by the hand of the Levites, and *when* **they s**aw** that there** was much **m**o**ney**, the king's scribe and the **chief** priest's offi**ce**r **came** and empti**e**d the **chest**, and t**o**ok it, and carried it to its **plac**e again. **Thus** **they** did **day** by **day**, and gath**er**ed **m**o**ney** in abundan**ce**.

12 The king and Jehoiada **gave** it to **such** as did the w**o**rk of the s**e**rvice of the **house** of YAHWEH; and **they** hir**e**d mason**s** and c**ar**penter**s** to rest**o**re the **house** of YAHWEH, and **also** **such** as w**o**rked **iron** and br**as**s to rep**ai**r the **house** of YAHWEH.

13 So the w**o**rkmen w**o**rked, and the w**o**rk of rep**ai**ring went f**o**rward in **thei**r hand**s**, and **they** set up the **house** of Elohim in its **stat**e, and streng**th**ened it.

14 *When* **they** had **made** an end, **they** br**o**ught the rest of the **m**o**ney** bef**o**re the king and Jehoiada, whereof were **made** vessel**s** for the **house** of YAHWEH, **even** vessel**s** with **whi**ch to minister and to offer, and sp**ee**n**s**, and vessel**s** of **gold** and silver. **They** offered b**ur**nt offerings in the **house** of YAHWEH **co**ntinu**al**ly **all** the **day**s of Jehoiada.

15 But Jehoiada grew **old** and was **full** of **day**s, and he **died**; one hundred **thir**ty **year**s **old** was he *when* he **died**.

16 **They** bur**ie**d him in the **ci**ty of David am**o**ng the king**s**, **beca**use he had **do**ne **g**o**od** in I**s**rael, and tow**ar**d Elohim and his **house**.

17 **Now** **after** the deat**h** of Jehoiada **came** the prin**ce**s of Judah, and **made** obeisan**ce** to the king. **Then** the king listened to **them**.

18 **They** fors**o**ok the **house** of YAHWEH, the Elohim of **thei**r f**ath**er**s**, and s**e**rved the Asherim and the **idol**s: and wr**ath** **came** on Judah and Jeru**sa**lem for **this** **thei**r guiltiness.

19 Yet he sent **proph**ets to **them**, to bring **them** again to YAHWEH; and **they** testifi**e**d **again**st **them**: but **they** w**ou**ld not give **ear**.

20 The Spirit of Elohim **came** on Zechariah the **so**n of Jehoiada the **pri**est; and he st**oo**d ab**o**ve the **pe**ople, and said to **them**, **Thus** says Elohim, **Wh**y **dis**obey you the

commandments of YAHWEH, so **that** you cān't prosper? beca^use you have forsaken YAHWEH, he ha^s **also** forsaken you.

21 **They** conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the cōurt of the house of YAHWEH.

22 **Thus** Joash the king didn't remember the kindness which Jehoiada his fāther had done to him, but killed his sōn. When he diēd, he said, YAHWEH lōok on it, and require it.

23 It happened at the end of the year, **that** the ārmy of the Syrians came up against him: and **they** came to Judah and Jeru^salem, and destroyed **ā**ll the princes of the people from among the people, and sent **ā**ll the spoil of **them** to the king of Damascus.

24 For the ārmy of the Syrians came with a smāll company of men; and YAHWEH delivered a very great host into **their** hand, beca^use **they** had forsaken YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their** fāthers. So **they** executed judgment on Joash.

25 When **they** were departed for him (for **they** left him very sick), his own sērvants conspired against him for the blōod of the sōns of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he diēd; and **they** buried him in the city of David, but **they** didn't bury him in the tombs of the kings.

26 **Thesē** are **thosē** whē conspired against him: Zabad the sōn of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the sōn of Shimri^th the Moabitess.

27 **Now** concērning his sōns, and the greatness of the bōrdens [laid] on him, and the rebuilding of the house of Elohim, behold, **they** are written in the commentary of the bōok of the kings. Amaziah his sōn reigned in his placē.

2 Chronicles 25

1 Amaziah was twenty-five year^s old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine year^s in Jeru^salem: and his mōther's name was Jehoaddan, of Jeru^salem.

2 He did **that** which was right in the ey^es of YAHWEH, but not with a pērfect heārt.

3 **Now** it happened, when the kingdōm was establishēd to him, **that** he killed his sērvants whē had killed the king his fāther.

4 But he didn't put **their** children to death, but did accōrding to **that** which is written in the lāw in the bōok of Mo^ses, as YAHWEH commanded, saying, The fāther^s shall not diē for the children, neither shall the children diē for the fāther^s; but every man shall diē for his own sin.

5 **Mō**reover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered **them** accōrding to **their** fāther^s' houses, under captains of thous^ands and captains of hundred^s,

even **á**ll Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered **them** from twenty **yearş** old and upward, and **found them three** hundred **thouş**and **choş**en men, **able to go fôth** to w**á**r, **wh**e **cô**uld handle **spe**ar and **sh**ield.

6 He **h**ired **á**lso one hundred **thouş**and **mi**ghty men of valor **o**ut of **Iş**rael for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But **th**ere **c**ame a man of Elohim to him, **s**aying, O king, **d**on't let the **á**rmy of **Iş**rael **g**o **w**ith you; for YAHWEH is not **w**ith **Iş**rael, [to wit], **w**ith **á**ll the **ch**ildren of **Eph**raim.

8 But if you will **g**o, **d**e [valiantly], be strong for the battle: Elohim will **c**ást you **d**own **b**ef**ô**re the enemy; for Elohim **h**áş **p**ower to help, and to **c**ást **d**own.

9 Amaziah said to the man of Elohim, But **wh**at **sh**all **w**e **d**e for the hundred talents **wh**ich I have given to the **á**rmy of **Iş**rael? The man of Elohim answered, YAHWEH is **able to give you much m**ôre **th**an **this**.

10 **Th**en Amaziah separated **them**, [to wit], the **á**rmy **th**at had **c**ôme to him **o**ut of **Eph**raim, to **g**o **h**ome again: **th**er**ê**fore **th**eir anger was **g**reatly kindled **ag**ainst **J**udah, and **th**ey **r**et**û**rn**e**d **h**ome in **f**ier**ç**e anger.

11 Amaziah **t**ôok **c**ourag**e**, and led **f**ôr**th** his **p**eople, and went to the **V**alley of **S**ált, and struck of the **ch**ildren of Seir ten **thouş**and.

12 [**o**ther] ten **thouş**and did the **ch**ildren of **J**udah carry away **al**ive, and **br**ôught **th**em to the top of the rock, and **c**ást **th**em **d**own from the top of the rock, so **th**at **th**ey **á**ll were **br**oken in **pie**ç**eş**.

13 But the men of the **á**rmy **wh**om Amaziah sent back, **th**at **th**ey **sh**ôuld not go **w**ith him to battle, fell on the **ç**itieş of **J**udah, from **S**amaria **e**ven to **B**eth-horon, and struck of **th**em **th**ree **thouş**and, and **t**ôok **m**uch **sp**oil.

14 **N**ow it happened, **á**fter **th**at Amaziah was **c**ôme from the **sl**áught**e**r of the **E**domites, **th**at he **br**ôught the **g**odş of the **ch**ildren of Seir, and set **th**em up to be his **g**odş, and **b**ow**e**d **d**own himself **b**ef**ô**re **th**em, and **b**ûrned **in**ç**e**nse to **th**em.

15 **Th**er**ê**fore the anger of YAHWEH was kindled **ag**ainst Amaziah, and he sent to him a **p**rophet, **wh**e said to him, **W**hy have you **s**ôught **á**fter the **g**odş of the **p**eople, **wh**ich have not delivered **th**eir **o**wn **p**eople **o**ut of **y**ôur hand?

16 It happened, as he **t**á**k**e**d** **w**ith him, **th**at [the king] said to him, **H**ave **w**e **m**ade you of the king's **c**ounsel? **S**top! **W**hy **sh**ôuld you be struck **d**own? **Th**en the **p**rophet **st**opp**e**d, and said, I **k**now **th**at Elohim **h**áş **d**et**e**rmin**e**d to destroy you, **b**e**c**á**u**se you have **d**one **this**, and have not listened to **m**y **c**ounsel.

17 **Then** Amaziah king of **Judah** **tòok** **advicē**, and sent to **Joash**, the **sòn** of Jehoahaz the **sòn** of Jehu, king of **Išrael**, **saying**, **Còme**, let us **lòok** one **anòther** in the **façē**.

18 Joash king of **Išrael** sent to Amaziah king of **Judah**, **saying**, The **thistle** **that** was in Lebanon sent to the **çedar** **that** was in Lebanon, **saying**, Give **yòur** **dâughter** to my **sòn** as **wife**: and **there** **pässe**d by a wild animal **that** was in Lebanon, and trod **dòwn** the **thistle**.

19 You **say**, Behold, you have struck Edom; and **yòur** **heärt** lifts you up to **boast**: **abide** **nòw** at **home**; **why** **shòuld** you meddle to [**yòur**] **hùrt**, **that** you **shòuld** **fäll**, **even** you, and **Judah** **with** you?

20 But Amaziah **wòuld** not **hear**; for it was of Elohim, **that** he **might** deliver **them** into the hand [of **their** **enemies**], **becausē** **they** had **sòught** **äfter** the **god**s of Edom.

21 So **Joash** king of **Išrael** went up; and he and Amaziah king of **Judah** **lòoked** one **anòther** in the **façē** at **Beth-shemesh**, **which** **belong**s to **Judah**.

22 **Judah** was **püt** to the **wòrse** **befòre** **Išrael**; and **they** fled every man to his tent.

23 Joash king of **Išrael** **tòok** Amaziah king of **Judah**, the **sòn** of **Joash** the **sòn** of Jehoahaz, at **Beth-shemesh**, and **bròught** him to **Jerușalem**, and **broke** **dòwn** the **wäll** of **Jerușalem** from the **gate** of **Ephraim** to the **còrner** **gate**, **fòur** hundred **cubits**.

24 [**He** **tòok**] **äll** the **gold** and **silver**, and **äll** the **vessels** **that** were **found** in the **house** of Elohim **with** **Obed-edom**, and the **treasures** of the **king**'s **house**, the **hostages** **älsò**, and **retùrned** to **Samaria**.

25 Amaziah the **sòn** of **Joash** king of **Judah** lived **äfter** the **death** of **Joash** **sòn** of Jehoahaz king of **Išrael** **fifteen** **years**.

26 **Nòw** the rest of the acts of Amaziah, **first** and **läst**, **behold**, **ären't** **they** written in the **bòok** of the **king**s of **Judah** and **Išrael**?

27 **Nòw** from the **time** **that** Amaziah did **tùrn** **away** from following **YAHWEH** **they** **made** a **cònspiracy** **against** him in **Jerușalem**; and he fled to **Lachish**: but **they** sent **äfter** him to **Lachish**, and killed him **there**.

28 **They** **bròught** him on **hòrse**s, and **buried** him **with** his **fäther**s in the **çity** of **Judah**.

2 Chronicles 26

1 All the **peop**le of **Judah** **tòok** **Uzziah**, **whò** was **sixteen** **years** **old**, and **made** him king in the **reem** of his **fäther** Amaziah.

2 He built **Eloth**, and **restòred** it to **Judah**, **äfter** **that** the king slept **with** his **fäther**s.

3 Sixteen yearş old was Uzziah when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two yearş in Jeruşalem: and his mother's name was Jechiliah, of Jeruşalem.

4 He did **that** *which* was **right** in the *eyeş* of YAHWEH, accōrding to **āll** **that** his **fāther** Amaziah had **dōne**.

5 He set himself to **seek** Elohim in the *dayş* of Zechariah, **who** had understanding in the **vişion** of Elohim: and as long as he **sōught** YAHWEH, Elohim **made** him to prosper.

6 He went **fōrth** and **wārred** **again**st the **Philistineş**, and **broke** **dōwn** the **wāll** of Gath, and the **wāll** of Jabneh, and the **wāll** of Ashdod; and he built **çitieş** in [the country of] **Ashdod**, and **among** the **Philistineş**.

7 Elohim **helped** him **again**st the **Philistineş**, and **again**st the **Arabianş** **who** lived in Gur-baal, and the Meunim.

8 The Ammonites **gave** **tribute** to Uzziah: and his **name** spread **abrōad** **even** to the **entrançe** of **Egypt**; for he grew **exçeeding** strong.

9 **Mōreover** Uzziah built **towerş** in Jeruşalem at the **cōrner** **gate**, and at the **valley** **gate**, and at the **tūrning** [of the **wāll**], and **fōrtified** **them**.

10 He built **towerş** in the wilderness, and hewed **ōut** many **çisternş**, for he had **much** cattle; in the **lowland** **ālso**, and in the **plain**: [and he had] **fārmers** and **vineyārd** **keeperş** in the **mōuntainş** and in the **fruitful** **fieldş**; for he **loved** **fārm**ing.

11 **Mōreover** Uzziah had an **ārm**y of **fighting** men, **who** went **ōut** to **wār** **by** **bandş**, accōrding to the number of **their** **reckoning** **made** **by** Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the **offiçer**, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's **çaptainş**.

12 The **whole** number of the **headş** of **fātherş**' [**houşeş**], **even** the **migh**ty men of valor, was **two** **thouş**and and six hundred.

13 Under **their** hand was an **ārm**y, **three** hundred **thouş**and and seven **thouş**and and **five** hundred, **who** **made** **wār** **with** **migh**ty **power**, to help the king **again**st the enemy.

14 Uzziah **prepa**red for **them**, **even** for **āll** the **host**, **sh**ieldş, and **spea**rş, and helmets, and **co**ats of **mail**, and **bowş**, and **stoneş** for slinging.

15 He **made** in Jeruşalem **engineş**, invented **by** **skilful** men, to be on the **towerş** and on the battlements, **with** **which** to **shee**t **arrowş** and **great** **stoneş**. His **name** spread **fār** **abrōad**; for he was **mā**rvelously **helped**, until he was strong.

16 But **when** he was strong, his **heā**rt was lifted up, so **th**at he did corruptly, and he **trespa**sed **āgain**st YAHWEH his Elohim; for he went into the temple of YAHWEH to **bū**rn **inç**ense on the **ā**ltar of **inç**ense.

17 Azariah the priest went in **ä**fter him, and **with** him eighty priests of YAHWEH, **who** were valiant men:

18 and **they withstóod** Uzziah the king, and said to him, It pertains not to you, Uzziah, to **bûrn inçense** to YAHWEH, but to the priests the **sons** of Aaron, **who** are consecrated to **bûrn inçense**: **go out** of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; **neither shall** it be for **yôur honor** from YAHWEH Elohim.

19 **Then** Uzziah was angry; and he had a censer in his hand to **bûrn inçense**; and **while** he was angry **with** the priests, the leprosy **broke fôrth** in his forehead **befôre** the priests in the **house** of YAHWEH, **beside** the **ä**ltar of inçense.

20 Azariah the **chief** priest, and **ä**ll the priests, **lôoked** on him, and, **behold**, he was leprous in his forehead, and **they thrust** him **out quickly** from **there**; yes, himself hurried **ä**lso to **go out**, **becäuse** YAHWEH had struck him.

21 Uzziah the king was a leper to the **day** of his **death**, and lived in a separate **house**, **being** a leper; for he was cut off from the **house** of YAHWEH: and Jotham his **son** was **over** the king's **house**, **judging** the **pe**ople of the land.

22 **Now** the rest of the acts of Uzziah, **fîrst** and **läst**, did **Išaiiah** the **prophet**, the **son** of Amoz, **write**.

23 **So** Uzziah slept **with** his **fäthers**; and **they buried** him **with** his **fäthers** in the **field** of burial **whiçh** belonged to the **kings**; for **they** said, **He** is a leper: and **Jotham** his **son** reigned in his **plaçe**.

2 Chronicles 27

1 **Jotham** was twenty-five **years** old **when** he began to reign; and he reigned **sixteen years** in Jeru**sa**lem: and his **môther's name** was Jeru**shah** the **dä**ughter of Zadok.

2 He did **that whiçh** was **right** in the **eyes** of YAHWEH, **accôrding** to **ä**ll **that** his **fäther** Uzziah had **dône**: **however** he didn't enter into the temple of YAHWEH. The **pe**ople did yet corruptly.

3 He built the upper **gate** of the **house** of YAHWEH, and on the **wä**ll of Ophel he built **much**.

4 **Môre**over he built **çities** in the hill-country of **Judah**, and in the forests he built **cä**stles and **towers**.

5 He **fôught ä**lso **with** the king of the **children** of Ammon, and **prevailed** against **them**. The **children** of Ammon **gave** him the **same year** one hundred talents of silver, and ten **thous**and **meäsure**s of **wh**eat, and ten **thous**and of **bä**rley. **So much** did the **children** of Ammon render to him, in the **second year ä**lso, and in the **th**ird.

6 So **Jotham** became mighty, because he **ordered** his **ways** before YAHWEH his Elohim.

7 **Now** the rest of the acts of Jotham, and **all** his **wars**, and his **ways**, behold, **they** are written in the **book** of the **kings** of **Israel** and **Judah**.

8 He was **five** and twenty **years** old when he began to reign, and reigned **sixteen** **years** in **Jerusalem**.

9 **Jotham** slept with his **fathers**, and **they** buried him in the **city** of **David**: and **Ahaz** his **son** reigned in his **place**.

2 Chronicles 28

1 **Ahaz** was twenty **years** old when he began to reign; and he reigned **sixteen** **years** in **Jerusalem**: and he didn't **do** that which was right in the **eyes** of YAHWEH, like **David** his **father**;

2 but he **walked** in the **ways** of the **kings** of **Israel**, and made **also** molten **images** for the Baals.

3 **Moreover** he **burnt** incense in the valley of the **son** of Hinnom, and **burnt** his **children** in the fire, according to the abominations of the **nations** whom YAHWEH **cast** out before the **children** of **Israel**.

4 He sacrificed and **burnt** incense in the **high** **places**, and on the **hills**, and under every **green** **tree**.

5 **Therefore** YAHWEH his Elohim delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and **they** struck him, and carried away of his a **great** multitude of **captives**, and **brought** **them** to Damascus. He was **also** delivered into the hand of the king of **Israel**, who struck him with a **great** **slaughter**.

6 For Pekah the **son** of Remaliah killed in **Judah** one hundred twenty **thousand** in one **day**, **all** of **them** valiant men; because **they** had forsaken YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their** **fathers**.

7 Zichri, a **mighty** man of **Ephraim**, killed Maaseiah the king's **son**, and Azrikam the ruler of the **house**, and Elkanah who was next to the king.

8 The **children** of **Israel** carried away captive of **their** **brothers** **two** hundred **thousand**, women, **sons**, and **daughters**, and **took** **also** away **much** spoil from **them**, and **brought** the spoil to **Samaria**.

9 But a **prophet** of YAHWEH was **there**, whose **name** was Oded: and he went **out** to **meet** the **host** that came to **Samaria**, and said to **them**, Behold, because YAHWEH,

the Elohim of yôur fâtherş, was angry with Judah, he haş delivered them into yôur hand, and you have slain them in a rage which haş reachèd up to heaven.

10 Now you pûrpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jeruşalem for bondsêrvants and bondmaidş to you: [but] ären't there even with you trespässeş of yôur own against YAHWEH yôur Elohim?

11 Now hear me therêfôre, and send back the captiveş, that you have taken captive of yôur brotherş; for the fiêrçe wrâth of YAHWEH is on you.

12 Then çertain of the headş of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the sôn of Johanan, Berechiah the sôn of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the sôn of Shallum, and Amasa the sôn of Hadlai, stôód up against thoşe who came from the wâr,

13 and said to them, You shall not bring in the captiveş here: for you pûrpose that which will bring on us a trespäss against YAHWEH, to add to our sinş and to our trespäss; for our trespäss is great, and there is fiêrçe wrâth against Işrael.

14 So the ärmèd men left the captiveş and the spoil befôre the princeş and äll the assembly.

15 The men who have been mentionèd by name roşe up, and tóók the captiveş, and with the spoil clothèd äll who were naked among them, and arrayèd them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried äll the feeble of them on donkeyş, and brôught them to Jericho, the çity of päm trees, to their brotherş: then they retûrned to Samaria.

16 At that time did king Ahaz send to the kingş of Assyria to help him.

17 For again the Edomites had cômè and struck Judah, and carried away captiveş.

18 The Philistineş älso had invaded the çities of the lowland, and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soco with the townş of it, and Timnah with the townş of it, Gimzo älso and the townş of it: and they lived there.

19 For YAHWEH brôught Judah low becauşe of Ahaz king of Işrael; for he had dealt wantonly in Judah, and trespasseèd severely against YAHWEH.

20 Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came to him, and distressed him, but didn't strengthèn him.

21 For Ahaz tóók away a pörtion out of the house of YAHWEH, and out of the house of the king and of the princeş, and gave it to the king of Assyria: but it didn't help him.

22 In the time of his distress did he trespäss yet môre against YAHWEH, this same king Ahaz.

23 For he sacrificēd to the godş of Damascus, **whi**ch struck him; and he said, Because the godş of the kingş of Syria helpēd **th**em, [**th**erefore] will I sacrificē to **th**em, **th**at **th**ey may help me. But **th**ey were the ruin of him, and of **ā**ll Işrael.

24 Ahaz gatherēd together the vesselş of the **h**ouse of Elohim, and cut in **pie**çeş the vesselş of the **h**ouse of Elohim, and **sh**ut up the **d**orş of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH; and he **ma**de him **ā**ltarş in every **c**orner of Jeruşalem.

25 In every çity of Judah he **ma**de **hi**gh **pl**açeş to **b**ūrn incense to **o**ther godş, and **pr**ovokēd to anger YAHWEH, the Elohim of his **f**ätherş.

26 **N**ow the rest of his acts, and **ā**ll his **w**ayş, **f**irst and **l**äst, behold, **th**ey are written in the **b**ook of the kingş of Judah and Işrael.

27 Ahaz slept **w**ith his **f**ätherş, and **th**ey buried him in the çity, **e**ven in Jeruşalem; for **th**ey didn't bring him into the **t**ombs of the kingş of Işrael: and Hezekiah his **s**on reigned in his **pl**açe.

2 Chronicles 29

1 Hezekiah began to reign *when* he was twenty-**f**ive **ye**arş **o**ld; and he reigned twenty-**n**ine **ye**arş in Jeruşalem: and his **m**other's name was Abijah, the **d**äughter of Zechariah.

2 He did **th**at **whi**ch was **ri**ght in the **ey**eş of YAHWEH, according to **ā**ll **th**at David his **f**äther had **d**one.

3 He in the **f**irst **ye**ar of his reign, in the **f**irst **m**onth, **o**pened the **d**orş of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, and **re**paired **th**em.

4 He **br**ought in the **p**riests and the **L**evites, and **g**athered **th**em together into the **br**oad **pl**açe on the **e**ast,

5 and said to **th**em, **H**ear me, you **L**evites; **n**ow **san**ctify **y**orselveş, and **san**ctify the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, the Elohim of **y**or **f**ätherş, and carry **f**orth the **fil**thiness **o**ut of the **h**oly **pl**açe.

6 For **o**ur **f**ätherş have **tr**espassed, and **d**one **th**at **whi**ch was **e**vil in the **s**ight of YAHWEH **o**ur Elohim, and have **fo**rsaken him, and have **t**ūrned away **th**eir **f**açeş from the **h**abitation of YAHWEH, and **t**ūrned **th**eir backs.

7 **A**lso **th**ey have **sh**ut up the **d**orş of the **p**orch, and **p**ut **o**ut the lamps, and have not **b**ūrned incense **n**or offered **b**ūrnt offerings in the **h**oly **pl**açe to the Elohim of Işrael.

8 **T**herefore

the **wrăth** of YAHWEH was on **Judah** and **Jeruſalem**, and he haſ delivered **them** to be toſſed back and **fôrth**, to be an **astonishment**, and a hissing, as you **see with yôur eyeſ**.

9 For, behold, **our fătherſ** have **făllen by** the **ſwôrd**, and **our ſônſ** and **our dăughterſ** and **our wiveſ** are in captivity for **this**.

10 **Now** it is in **my heärt** to **make** a **côvenant with** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Iſrael**, **that** his **fiêrçe** anger may **tûrn away** from us.

11 **My ſônſ**, **don't** be **negligent now**; for YAHWEH haſ **choſen** you to stand befôre him, to minister to him, and **that** you **shôuld** be his **ministerſ**, and **bûrn incenſe**.

12 **Then** the **Leviteſ** **aroſe**, Mahath, the **ſôn** of Amasai, and Joel the **ſôn** of Azariah, of the **ſônſ** of the Kohathiteſ; and of the **ſônſ** of Merari, **Kiſh** the **ſôn** of Abdi, and Azariah the **ſôn** of Jehallelel; and of the **Gershoniteſ**, Joah the **ſôn** of Zimmah, and Eden the **ſôn** of Joah;

13 and of the **ſônſ** of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the **ſônſ** of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 and of the **ſônſ** of Heman, Jehuel and **Shimei**; and of the **ſônſ** of Jeduthun, **Shemaiah** and Uzziel.

15 **They** gathered **their brotherſ**, and sanctified **themſelveſ**, and went in, according to the commandment of the king **by** the **wôrdſ** of YAHWEH, to **cleaſe** the **houſe** of YAHWEH.

16 The **prieſtſ** went in to the inner **părt** of the **houſe** of YAHWEH, to **cleaſe** it, and **brôught out** **ăll** the uncleanness **that** **they** found in the temple of YAHWEH into the **côurt** of the **houſe** of YAHWEH. The **Leviteſ** **tôok** it, to carry it **out** **abrôad** to the **brôok** Kidron.

17 **Now** **they** began on the **fiſt** [day] of the **fiſt month** to sanctify, and on the **eighth** day of the **month** **came** **they** to the **pôrch** of YAHWEH; and **they** sanctified the **houſe** of YAHWEH in **eight dayſ**; and on the **ſixteenth day** of the **fiſt month** **they** **made** an end.

18 **Then** **they** went in to Hezekiah the king **with**in [the **palăçe**], and said, **We** have **cleaſed** **ăll** the **houſe** of YAHWEH, and the **ăltar** of **bûrnt** offering, **with** **ăll** the **velleſſ** of it, and the **table** of **ſhow** bread, **with** **ăll** the **velleſſ** of it.

19 **Môreover** **ăll** the **velleſſ**, **whiçh** king Ahaz in his reign did **căſt away** **wh**en he **treſpaſſed**, have **we** **prepar**ed and sanctified; and, behold, **they** are befôre the **ăltar** of YAHWEH.

20 **Then** Hezekiah the king arose **early**, and gathered the princes of the city, and went up to the house of YAHWEH.

21 **They** brought seven bulls, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven male goats, for a sin-offering for the kingdom and for the sanctuary and for Judah. He commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of YAHWEH.

22 **So they** killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood on the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

23 **They** brought near the male goats for the sin-offering before the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands on them:

24 and the priests killed them, and they made a sin-offering with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded [that] the burnt offering and the sin-offering [should be made] for all Israel.

25 He set the Levites in the house of YAHWEH with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was of YAHWEH by his prophets.

26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, the song of YAHWEH began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of Israel.

28 All the assembly worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this [continued] until the burnt offering was finished.

29 When they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped.

30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises to YAHWEH with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 **Then** Hezekiah answered, Now you have consecrated yourselves to YAHWEH; come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of YAHWEH. The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart [brought] burnt offerings.

32 The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to YAHWEH.

33 The consecrated **things** were six hundred oxen and **three thousand sheep**.

34 But the **priests** were **too** few, so **that they** could not **flay** **all** the **burnt offerings**: **therefore** **their** **brothers** the **Levites** helped **them**, until the **work** was ended, and until the **priests** had sanctified **themselves**; for the **Levites** were **more** upright in **heart** to sanctify **themselves** **than** the **priests**.

35 Also the **burnt offerings** were in abundance, **with** the fat of the **peace-offerings**, and **with** the drink-offerings for every **burnt offering**. So the **service** of the **house** of YAHWEH was set in **order**.

36 Hezekiah rejoiced, and **all** the **people**, because of **that which** Elohim had prepared for the **people**: for the **thing** was **done** suddenly.

2 Chronicles 30

1 Hezekiah sent to **all** **Israel** and **Judah**, and wrote letters **also** to **Ephraim** and **Manasseh**, **that they** should come to the **house** of YAHWEH at **Jerusalem**, to **keep** the **Pasover** to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Israel**.

2 For the king had **taken** **counsel**, and his **princes**, and **all** the assembly in **Jerusalem**, to **keep** the **Pasover** in the second **month**.

3 For **they** could not **keep** it at **that time**, because the **priests** had not sanctified **themselves** in sufficient number, **neither** had the **people** gathered **themselves** together to **Jerusalem**.

4 The **thing** was **right** in the **eyes** of the king and of **all** the assembly.

5 So **they** established a **decree** to **make** proclamation **throughout** **all** **Israel**, from **Beersheba** even to **Dan**, **that they** should come to **keep** the **Pasover** to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Israel**, at **Jerusalem**: for **they** had not kept it in **great** numbers in **such** **sort** as it is written.

6 So the **posts** went with the letters from the king and his **princes** **throughout** **all** **Israel** and **Judah**, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, **You** **children** of **Israel**, **turn** again to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Abraham**, **Isaac**, and **Israel**, **that** he may **return** to the remnant **that** have **escaped** of you **out** of the hand of the **kings** of **Assyria**.

7 **Don't** be you like **your** **fathers**, and like **your** **brothers**, who **trespassed** against YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their** **fathers**, so **that** he **gave** **them** up to **desolation**, as you **see**.

8 **Now** **don't** you be stiff-necked, as **your** **fathers** were; but yield **yourself** to YAHWEH, and enter into his **sanctuary**, **which** he has sanctified forever, and **serve** YAHWEH **your** Elohim, **that** his **fiery** anger may **turn** away from you.

9 For if you tûrn again to YAHWEH, yôur brôthers and yôur children shall find cômpassiôn befôre thosê who led them captive, and shall cômê again into this land: for YAHWEH yôur Elohim is graçious and mêrciful, and will not tûrn away his façe from you, if you retûrn to him.

10 Sê the posts pässeð from çity to çity througħ the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun: but they læughed them to scôrn, and mockeð them.

11 Nevertheless çertain men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerușalem.

12 Also on Judah came the hand of Elohim to give them one heärt, to ðe the commandment of the king and of the prinçes by the wôrd of YAHWEH.

13 There assembled at Jerușalem much peopel to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the seconð month, a very greät assembly.

14 They arose and toók away the áltars that were in Jerușalem, and äll the áltars for inçense toók they away, and cäst them into the bröök Kidron.

15 Then they killed the Pässover on the fôurteenth [day] of the seconð month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and bröught bürrnt offerings into the house of YAHWEH.

16 They stöod in their plaçe äfter their ôrder, accôrding to the lãw of Moșes the man of Elohim: the priests sprinkled the blöod [which they reçeived] of the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites had the çhãrge of killing the Pässovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to YAHWEH.

18 For a multitude of the peopel, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the Pässover ötherwișe than it is wrițten. Fôr Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, The gööd YAHWEH pärdôn everyone

19 who sets his heärt to seek Elohim, YAHWEH, the Elohim of his fãthers, though not [cleansed] accôrding to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 YAHWEH listened to Hezekiah, and healed the peopel.

21 The children of Ișrael who were present at Jerușalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with greät gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised YAHWEH day by day, [singing] with löud instruments to YAHWEH.

22 Hezekiah spoke comfortably to **á**ll the Levites who had good understanding [in the sêrvice] of YAHWEH. So **they ate throug**hout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace-offerings, and making confession to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their fâthers**.

23 The whole assembly **tóok** counsel to **keep óther** seven days; and **they kept [óther]** seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the assembly for offerings one **thou**sand bulls and seven **thou**sand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a **thou**sand bulls and ten **thou**sand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified **themselves**.

25 All the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and **á**ll the assembly who came out of Israel, and the sojourners who came out of the land of Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even to heaven.

2 Chronicles 31

1 Now when **á**ll this was finished, **á**ll Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke in pieces the pillars, and hewed down the Asherim, and broke down the high places and the **á**ltars out of **á**ll Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim **á**lso and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them **á**ll. Then **á**ll the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

2 Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites **á**fter their courses, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of YAHWEH.

3 [He appointed] **á**lso the king's portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, [to wit], for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbath, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of YAHWEH.

4 Moreover he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the law of YAHWEH.

5 As **seen** as the commandment **came** **abroad**, the **children** of **Išrael** **gave** in abundance the **first** **fruits** of **grain**, **new** **wine**, and **oil**, and **honey**, and of **all** the **increase** of the **field**; and the **tith**e of **all** **things** **brought** **they** in abundantly.

6 The **children** of **Išrael** and **Judah**, **who** lived in the **cities** of **Judah**, **they** **also** **brought** in the **tith**e of oxen and **sheep**, and the **tith**e of dedicated **things** **which** were consecrated to **YAHWEH** **their** **Elohim**, and **laid** **them** **by** **heaps**.

7 In the **third** **month** **they** began to **lay** the **foundation** of the **heaps**, and **finished** **them** in the **seventh** **month**.

8 **When** **Hezekiah** and the **princes** **came** and **saw** the **heaps**, **they** **blessed** **YAHWEH**, and his **people** **Išrael**.

9 **Then** **Hezekiah** **questioned** the **priests** and the **Levites** **concerning** the **heaps**.

10 **Azariah** the **chief** **priest**, of the **house** of **Zadok**, **answered** him and said, **Since** [the **people**] began to bring the offerings into the **house** of **YAHWEH**, **we** have **eaten** and had **enough**, and have left plenty: for **YAHWEH** has **blessed** his **people**; and **that** **which** is left is **this** **great** **store**.

11 **Then** **Hezekiah** commanded to **prepare** **chambers** in the **house** of **YAHWEH**; and **they** **prepared** **them**.

12 **They** **brought** in the offerings and the **tithes** and the dedicated **things** **faithfully**: and **over** **them** **Conaniah** the **Levite** was **ruler**, and **Shimei** his **brother** was **second**.

13 **Jehiel**, and **Azaziah**, and **Nahath**, and **Asahel**, and **Jerimoth**, and **Jozabad**, and **Eliel**, and **Ismachiah**, and **Mahath**, and **Benaiah**, were **overseers** under the hand of **Conaniah** and **Shimei** his **brother**, **by** the appointment of **Hezekiah** the king, and **Azariah** the **ruler** of the **house** of **Elohim**.

14 **Kore** the **son** of **Imnah** the **Levite**, the **porter** at the **east** [gate], was **over** the **freewill-offerings** of **Elohim**, to **distribute** the offerings of **YAHWEH**, and the **most** **holy** **things**.

15 Under him were **Eden**, and **Miniamin**, and **Jeshua**, and **Shemaiah**, **Amariah**, and **Shecaniah**, in the **cities** of the **priests**, in **their** **office** of trust, to give to **their** **brothers** **by** **courses**, as well to the **great** as to the **small**:

16 **besides** **those** **who** were reckoned **by** **genealogy** of **males**, from **three** **years** **old** and upward, **even** everyone **who** entered into the **house** of **YAHWEH**, as the **duty** of every **day** **required**, for **their** **service** in **their** **offices** **according** to **their** **courses**;

17 and **those** **who** were reckoned **by** **genealogy** of the **priests** **by** **their** **fathers'** **houses**, and the **Levites** from twenty **years** **old** and upward, in **their** **offices** **by** **their** **courses**;

18 and **thoſe** *who* were reckoned **by genealogy** of **á**ll **their** little ones, **their** wives, and **their** sons, and **their** *dá*ughters, **through** **á**ll the congregation: for in **their** office of trust **they** sanctified **themselveſ** in holiness.

19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, *who* were in the fields of the suburbs of **their** cities, in every city, **there** were men *who* were mentioned **by name**, to give portions to **á**ll the males among the priests, and to **á**ll *who* were reckoned **by genealogy** among the Levites.

20 **Thus** did Hezekiah **through**out **á**ll Judah; and he **wórked** **that** *which* was good and **right** and **faithful** befóre YAHWEH his Elohim.

21 In every **wór**k **th**at he began in the **se**rvice of the **hou**se of Elohim, and in the **lá**w, and in the commandments, to **seek** his Elohim, he did it **with** **á**ll his **he**ärt, and prospered.

2 Chronicles 32

1 After **theſe** things, and **this** **faithful**ness, Sennacherib king of Assyria **came**, and entered into Judah, and encamped **again**st the **fó**rtified cities, and **thó**ught to win **them** for himself.

2 *When* Hezekiah **sá**w **th**at Sennacherib was **come**, and **th**at he was **pú**rposed to **fi**ght **again**st Jeruſalem,

3 he **tó**ok **coun**sel **with** his **prin**ceſ and his **mi**ghty men to stop the **wá**terſ of the springs *which* were **ou**tside of the city; and **they** **help**ed him.

4 **So** **there** was **gath**ered **much** **pe**ople **to**gether, and **they** **stop**ped **á**ll the springs, and the **bró**ok **th**at **flow**ed **th**rough the midst of the land, **saying**, *Why* **shó**uld the kings of Assyria **come**, and **find** **much** **wá**ter?

5 He **tó**ok **courag**e, and **built** up **á**ll the **wá**ll **th**at was **bro**ken **down**, and **rais**ed [it] up to the **tow**erſ, and the **ó**ther **wá**ll **ou**tside, and **streng**thened Millo [in] the city of **David**, and **made** **weap**ons and **sh**ieldſ in **abundanc**e.

6 He set **captain**ſ of **wá**r **over** the **pe**ople, and **gath**ered **them** **to**gether to him in the **bró**ad **plac**e at the **gate** of the city, and **spoke** **có**mfortably to **them**, **saying**,

7 Be strong and of **gó**od **courag**e, **don't** be **afraid** **nó**r **diſ**mayed for the king of Assyria, **nó**r for **á**ll the **multitude** *who* is **with** him; for **there** is a **greater** **with** us **th**an **with** him:

8 **with** him is an **á**rm of **flesh**; but **with** us is YAHWEH **ou**r Elohim to help us, and to **fi**ght **ou**r battleſ. The **pe**ople rested **themselveſ** on the **wó**rdſ of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 After **this** did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his **sêrvants** to Jeru**ş**alem, (**n**ow he was bef**ô**re Lachish, and **â**ll his **p**ower **w**ith him,) to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to **â**ll Judah **w**h**o** were at Jeru**ş**alem, **s**aying,

10 **T**hus **s**ay**ş** Sennacherib king of Assyria, *Whereon* **d**e you trust, **t**hat you abide the **s**ie**g**e in Jeru**ş**alem?

11 **D**o**eş** not Hezekiah **p**êrsuade you, to give you **o**ver to **d**ie **b**y famine and **b**y **t**hirst, **s**aying, YAHWEH **o**ur Elohim will deliver us **o**ut of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 **H**a**ş** not the **s**ame Hezekiah **t**aken away his **h**igh **p**la**ç**e**ş** and his **â**ltar**ş**, and commanded Judah and Jeru**ş**alem, **s**aying, **Y**ou **sh**all **w**ôrship bef**ô**re one **â**ltar, and on it **sh**all you **b**ûrn **i**n**ç**ense?

13 **D**on't you *know* **w**h**at** I and my **f**âther**ş** have **d**ône to **â**ll the **p**eopl**eş** of the land**ş**? Were the god**ş** of the **n**ation**ş** of the land**ş** in any **w**i**ş**e **a**ble to deliver **t**heir land **o**ut of my hand?

14 **W**h**o** was **t**here among **â**ll the god**ş** of **t**h**o**se **n**ation**ş** **w**h**ic**h my **f**âther**ş** utterly destroyed, **t**hat **c**o**u**ld deliver his **p**eopl**e** **o**ut of my hand, **t**hat y**ô**ur Elohim **sh**o**u**ld be **a**ble to deliver you **o**ut of my hand?

15 **N**ow **t**here**f**ôre **d**on't let Hezekiah **d**e**ç**eive you, **n**ôr **p**êrsuade you **â**fter **t**his manner, **n**eith**e**r believe you him; for no god of any **n**ation or king**d**ôm was **a**ble to deliver his **p**eopl**e** **o**ut of my hand, and **o**ut of the hand of my **f**âther**ş**: **h**ow much less **sh**all y**ô**ur Elohim deliver you **o**ut of my hand?

16 His **s**êrvants **s**poke yet **m**ôre **a**gainst YAHWEH Elohim, and **a**gainst his **s**êrvant Hezekiah.

17 He *wrote* **â**lso letter**ş**, to **r**ail on YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**şrael, and to **s**peak **a**gainst him, **s**aying, As the god**ş** of the **n**ation**ş** of the land**ş**, **w**h**ic**h have not delivered **t**heir **p**eopl**e** **o**ut of my hand, so **sh**all the Elohim of Hezekiah not deliver his **p**eopl**e** **o**ut of my hand.

18 **T**hey **c**ri**e**d **w**ith a **l**oud **v**oi**ç**e in the Jew**ş**' language to the **p**eopl**e** of Jeru**ş**alem **w**h**o** were on the **w**âll, to **f**ri**g**hten **t**hem, and to trouble **t**hem; **t**hat **t**hey **m**igh**t** **t**ake the **ç**ity.

19 **T**hey **s**poke of the Elohim of Jeru**ş**alem, as of the god**ş** of the **p**eopl**eş** of the **ê**ar**t**h, **w**h**ic**h are the **w**ôrk of men's hand**ş**.

20 Hezekiah the king, and **I**şai**a**h the **p**roph**e**t the **s**ôn of Amoz, **p**ray**e**d **b**e**ç**ause of **t**his, and **c**ri**e**d to heaven.

21 YAHWEH sent an **a**ngel, **w**h**o** cut off **â**ll the **m**igh**t**y men of valor, and the **l**eader**ş** and captai**n**ş, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he **r**et**û**rn**e**d **w**ith **sh**ame of **f**a**ç**e

to his **own** land. When he was **come** into the **house** of his god, **thoſe** **who** **came** **fó****th** from his **own** **bowelſ** killed him **there** **with** the **ſwó****rd**.

22 **Th**us YAHWEH **ſav**ed Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of **á**ll [**othe**rſ], and **guid**ed **them** on every **ſide**.

23 Many **bró**ught gifts to YAHWEH to Jeruſalem, and **preç**ious **th**ingſ to Hezekiah king of **Judah**; so **th**at he was **exá**lted in the **ſigh**t of **á**ll **nation**ſ from **th**ençefó**th**.

24 In **thoſe** **day**ſ Hezekiah was sick **even** to **deat**h: and he **pray**ed to YAHWEH; and he **ſp**oke to him, and **gav**e him a **ſign**.

25 But Hezekiah didn't **render** **again** **accó**rding to the benefit **dó**ne to him; for his **heä**rt was lifted up: **th**ere**fó**re **th**ere was **wrät**h on him, and on **Judah** and Jeruſalem.

26 Notw**ith**standing Hezekiah **humb**led himself for the **pride** of his **heä**rt, **both** he and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, so **th**at the **wrät**h of YAHWEH didn't **come** on **them** in the **day**ſ of Hezekiah.

27 Hezekiah had **exç**eeding **much** **rich**eſ and *honor*: and he **pro**vided him **treas**ureſ for silver, and for **gold**, and for **preç**ious **stone**ſ, and for **ſpiç**eſ, and for **ſh**ieldſ, and for **á**ll manner of **gó**odly **vessel**ſ;

28 **ſtó**re-**houſe**ſ **á**lſo for the **incre**aſe of **grain** and new **wine** and oil; and **ſtá**llſ for **á**ll manner of **animal**ſ, and flocks in **fold**ſ.

29 **Mó**reover he **pro**vided him **çitie**ſ, and **poſſe**ſſionſ of flocks and **he**rdſ in **abundan**çe; for Elohim had given him very **much** **ſubſtan**çe.

30 **Th**is **ſame** Hezekiah **á**lſo **ſtopp**ed the upper spring of the **wá**terſ of Gihon, and **bró**ught **them** **ſtra**ight **dow**n on the west **ſide** of the **çity** of **David**. Hezekiah **proſper**ed in **á**ll his **wó**rkſ.

31 **H**owever in [the **buſineſ** of] the **ambassador**ſ of the **prince**ſ of Babylon, **who** ſent to him to **inqui**re of the **wó**nder **th**at was **dó**ne in the land, Elohim left him, to **try** him, **th**at he **might** **know** **á**ll **th**at was in his **heä**rt.

32 **N**ow the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his **gó**od **deed**ſ, behold, **they** are **written** in the **viſion** of **Iſai**ah the **proph**et the **ſon** of Amoz, in the **boó**k of the **king**ſ of **Judah** and **Iſra**el.

33 Hezekiah **ſlept** **with** his **fä**therſ, and **they** **buried** him in the **asç**ent of the **tom**bſ of the **ſon**ſ of **David**: and **á**ll **Judah** and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem did him *honor* at his **deat**h. Manasseh his **ſon** **reign**ed in his **plac**e.

2 Chronicles 33

1 Manasseh was twelve **years** old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five **years** in Jeru**sa**lem.

2 He did **that** *which* was **evil** in the **si**ght of YAHWEH, **ä**fter the abominat**ions** of the **nations** *whom* YAHWEH cä**st** **o**ut bef**o**re the **ch**ildren of I**sa**rael.

3 For he built **again** the **hi**gh **plac**es *which* Hezekiah his **fä**ther had **bro**ken **do**wn; and he **re**ared up **ä**ltar**s** for the Baals, and **ma**de Asheroth, and **wör**sh**ip**ed **ä**ll the **ho**st of the sky, and **sê**rved **th**em.

4 He built **ä**ltar**s** in the **ho**use of YAHWEH, whereof YAHWEH said, In Jeru**sa**lem **sh**all **my** **na**me be forever.

5 He built **ä**ltar**s** for **ä**ll the **ho**st of the sky in the **tw**e **cô**urts of the **ho**use of YAHWEH.

6 He **ä**l**so** **ma**de his **ch**ildren to **pä**ss **th**rough the **fi**re in the **val**ley of the **so**n of Hinnom; and he **practi**ced **sô**rcery, and **us**ed **en**chantments, and **practi**ced **sô**rcery, and dealt **with** **thos**e *wh*e had familiar spirits, and **with** wizard**s**: he **wör**ked **mu**ch **ev**il in the **si**ght of YAHWEH, to **pr**ov**o**ke him to anger.

7 He set the engraved **ima**ge of the **id**ol, *wh*ich he had **ma**de, in the **ho**use of Elohim, of *wh*ich Elohim said to **Da**vid and to Solomon his **so**n, In **this** **ho**use, and in Jeru**sa**lem, *wh*ich I have **ch**os**en** **o**ut of **ä**ll the **tri**b**e**s of I**sa**rael, will I **püt** **my** **na**me forever:

8 **ne**ither will I any **mô**re **re**move the **fô**ot of I**sa**rael from off the land *wh*ich I have appointed for **yô**ur **fä**ther**s**, if **o**nly **th**ey will **ob**sêrve to **de** **ä**ll **th**at I have commanded **th**em, **ev**en **ä**ll the **lâ**w and the **statute** and the **ô**rdinanc**e**s [given] by **Mo**s**e**s.

9 Manasseh **sedu**ced **Ju**dah and the inhabitants of Jeru**sa**lem, so **th**at **th**ey did **ev**il **mô**re **th**an did the **nations** *whom* YAHWEH destroyed bef**o**re the **ch**ildren of I**sa**rael.

10 YAHWEH **sp**oke to Manasseh, and to his **pe**ople; but **th**ey **gav**e no **he**ed.

11 **Th**ere**fô**re YAHWEH **brô**ught on **th**em the **captain**s of the **ho**st of the king of Assyria, *wh*e **tô**ok Manasseh in **ch**ain**s**, and **bo**und him **with** **fetter**s, and **carri**ed him to Babylon.

12 **Wh**en he was in distress, he **beg**ged YAHWEH his Elohim, and **humb**led himself **gr**eatly bef**o**re the Elohim of his **fä**ther**s**.

13 He **pr**ayed to him; and he was **ent**reated of him, and **hê**ard his **supplicat**ion, and **brô**ught him **again** to Jeru**sa**lem into his **kingdô**m. **Th**en Manasseh **knew** **th**at YAHWEH he was Elohim.

14 Now **ä**fter **this** he built an **outer wäll** to the **çity** of **David**, on the west **side** of Gihon, in the **valley**, **even** to the **entrancë** at the **fish gate**; and he compassed **Ophel** **about** [with it], and **raisëd** it up to a very **great height**: and he **püt** valiant **captains** in **äll** the **förtifiëd çities** of **Judah**.

15 He **töök** **away** the **foreign gods**, and the **idol** **out** of the **house** of YAHWEH, and **äll** the **ältars** **that** he had built in the **mountain** of the **house** of YAHWEH, and in **Jerușalem**, and **cäst** **them** **out** of the **çity**.

16 He built up the **altar** of YAHWEH, and offered **thereon** **sacrifices** of **peaçe-offerings** and of **thanksgiving**, and commanded **Judah** to **sërve** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Ișrael**.

17 Never**theless** the **people** **sacrificëd** still in the **high places**, but **only** to YAHWEH **their** Elohim.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his **prayer** to his Elohim, and the **wörds** of the **seers** **whö** **spoke** to him in the **name** of YAHWEH, the Elohim of **Ișrael**, **behold**, **they** are written among the acts of the **kings** of **Ișrael**.

19 His **prayer ä**lso, and **hew** [Elohim] was **entreated** of him, and **äll** his sin and his **trespäss**, and the **places** in **which** he built **high places**, and set up the **Asherim** and the **engraved images**, **beföre** he humbled himself: **behold**, **they** are written in the history of Hozai.

20 So Manasseh slept **with** his **fäthers**, and **they** **buried** him in his **own house**: and Amon his **sön** **reigned** in his **placë**.

21 Amon was **twenty-two years** **old** **when** he began to **reign**; and he **reigned two years** in **Jerușalem**.

22 He did **that which** was **evil** in the **sight** of YAHWEH, as did Manasseh his **fäther**; and Amon **sacrificëd** to **äll** the **engraved images** **which** Manasseh his **fäther** had **made**, and **sërved** **them**.

23 He didn't humble himself **beföre** YAHWEH, as Manasseh his **fäther** had humbled himself; but **this same** Amon **trespassed** **möre** and **möre**.

24 His **sërvents** **conspired** **against** him, and **püt** him to **death** in his **own house**.

25 But the **people** of the land killed **äll those** **whö** had **conspired** **against** king Amon; and the **people** of the land **made** Josiah his **sön** king in his **placë**.

2 Chronicles 34

1 Josiah was **eight years** **old** **when** he began to **reign**; and he **reigned thirty-one years** in **Jerușalem**.

2 He did **that** *which* was **right** in the *eyes* of YAHWEH, and **walked** in the *ways* of David his **fäther**, and didn't **tûrn** *aside* to the *right* hand or to the left.

3 For in the **eighth** *year* of his *reign*, *while* he was yet *young*, he began to **seek** *äfter* the Elohim of David his **fäther**; and in the **twelfth** *year* he began to **pûrg** Judah and Jeru**uş**alem from the *high* **plac**es, and the **Asherim**, and the **engraved** **image**s, and the **molten** **image**s.

4 **They** **broke** **down** the **ä**ltar**s** of the **Baal**s in his **presen**ç**e**; and the **sun-image**s **that** were on *high* **abov**e **them** he **hewed** **down**; and the **Asherim**, and the **engraved** **image**s, and the **molten** **image**s, he **broke** in **piec**es, and **made** **dust** of **them**, and **strewed** it on the **grave**s [of **thos**e] **wh**e had **sacrific**ed to **them**.

5 He **bûrnt** the **bone**s of the **priests** on **their** **ä**ltar**s**, and **pûrg**ed Judah and Jeru**uş**alem.

6 [So did he] in the **çities** of Manasseh and **Eph**raim and Simeon, **even** to Naphtali, in **their** **ruin**s **roun**d **about**.

7 He **broke** **down** the **ä**ltar**s**, and **beat** the **Asherim** and the **engraved** **image**s into **powder**, and **hewed** **down** **ä**ll the **sun-image**s **throug**h **out** **ä**ll the land of **Iş**rael, and **retûrned** to Jeru**uş**alem.

8 **Now** in the **eighteenth** *year* of his *reign*, *when* he had **pûrg**ed the land and the **house**, he sent **Shaphan** the **son** of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the **governor** of the **çity**, and Joah the **son** of Joahaz the **recôrder**, to **repair** the **house** of YAHWEH his Elohim.

9 **They** **came** to Hilkiah the *high* **priest**, and **delivered** the **mone**y **that** was **brôught** into the **house** of Elohim, *which* the **Levites**, the **keeper**s of the **thres**hold, had **gathered** of the hand of Manasseh and **Eph**raim, and of **ä**ll the remnant of **Iş**rael, and of **ä**ll **Judah** and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jeru**uş**alem.

10 **They** **delivered** it into the hand of the **wôr**kmen **wh**e had the **oversight** of the **house** of YAHWEH; and the **wôr**kmen **wh**e **labored** in the **house** of YAHWEH **gave** it to mend and **repair** the **house**;

11 **even** to the **cä**rpen**ter**s and to the **builder**s **gave** **they** it, to **buy** hewn **stone**, and timber for **couplings**, and to **make** **beam**s for the **house**s *which* the **kings** of **Judah** had **destroyed**.

12 The men did the **wôr**k **faith**fully: and the **oversee**r**s** of **them** were Jahath and Obadiah, the **Levites**, of the **son**s of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the **son**s of the Kohathites, to set it **fôrward**; and [**other**s of] the **Levites**, **ä**ll **wh**e were **skilfûl** **with** instruments of **mu**sic.

13 Also **they** were **over** the bearers of **bûrdens**, and set **fôrward** **âll** **whø** did the **wôr**k in every manner of **sêrvicë**: and of the **Levites** **therë** were **scribës**, and **officërs**, and **pôrter**s.

14 **Whën** **they** **brôught** **ø**ut the **mønë** **thät** was **brôught** into the **høuse** of YAHWEH, **Hilkiah** the **priest** **føund** the **bòök** of the **lâw** of YAHWEH [given] **by** **Mosës**.

15 **Hilkiah** **answerëd** **Shaphan** the **scribë**, I **havë** **føund** the **bòök** of the **lâw** in the **høuse** of YAHWEH. **Hilkiah** **deliverëd** the **bòök** to **Shaphan**.

16 **Shaphan** **carriëd** the **bòök** to the **king**, and **môreøver** **brôught** **back** **wôrd** to the **king**, **saying**, **âll** **thät** was committed to **yøur** **sêrvants**, **they** are **døing**.

17 **They** **havë** **emptiëd** **ø**ut the **mønë** **thät** was **føund** in the **høuse** of YAHWEH, and **havë** **deliverëd** it into the hand of the **øverseer**s, and into the hand of the **wôr**kmen.

18 **Shaphan** the **scribë** **tøld** the **king**, **saying**, **Hilkiah** the **priest** **has** **deliverëd** me a **bòök**. **Shaphan** **read** **therëin** **beføre** the **king**.

19 It **happëd**, **whën** the **king** **had** **hëard** the **wôrd**s of the **lâw**, **thät** he **tôre** his **clothes**.

20 The **king** **commandëd** **Hilkiah**, and **Ahikam** the **søn** of **Shaphan**, and **Abdon** the **søn** of **Micah**, and **Shaphan** the **scribë**, and **Asaiah** the **king's** **sêrvant**, **saying**,

21 **Go** you, **inquire** of YAHWEH for me, and for **thosë** **whø** are left in **Išrael** and in **Judah**, **concerning** the **wôrd**s of the **bòök** **thät** is **føund**; for **grëat** is the **wrâth** of YAHWEH **thät** is **pøurëd** **ø**ut on us, **becausë** **øur** **fâther**s **havë** not kept the **wôrd** of YAHWEH, to **dø** **accørding** to **âll** **thät** is **writtën** in **this** **bòök**.

22 **So** **Hilkiah**, and **they** **whøm** the **king** [had **commandëd**], **wënt** to **Huldah** the **prophetess**, the **wifë** of **Shallum** the **søn** of **Tokhatth**, the **søn** of **Hasrah**, **keeper** of the **wârd**øbë; (**nøw** she **livëd** in **Jerušalem** in the **second** **quârtër**;) and **they** **spøkë** to her to **thät** **effect**.

23 She **said** to **them**, **Thus** **says** YAHWEH, the **Elohim** of **Išrael**: **Tell** you the **man** **whø** **sent** you to me,

24 **Thus** **says** YAHWEH, **Behøld**, I will bring **evil** on **this** **placë**, and on the **inhabitants** of it, **even** **âll** the **cûrses** **thät** are **writtën** in the **bòök** **whicth** **they** **havë** **read** **beføre** the **king** of **Judah**.

25 **Becausë** **they** **havë** **forsakën** me, and **havë** **bûrnëd** **inçense** to **øther** **god**s, **thät** **they** **might** **prøvøkë** me to **anger** **with** **âll** the **wôr**k_s of **their** **hand**s; **therëføre** is my **wrâth** **pøurëd** **ø**ut on **this** **placë**, and it **shall** not be **quençhëd**.

26 But to the king of Judah, **wh**o sent you to **inquire** of YAHWEH, **thus shall** you tell him, **Thus says** YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**sr~~ae~~l: As **touching** the **w**ords **wh**ich you have **h**ear~~d~~,

27 **bec**aus~~e~~ **y**our **h**ear~~t~~ was tender, and you did humble **y**ourself **bef**ore Elohim, **wh**en you **h**ear~~d~~ his **w**ords **ag**ainst **this** **plac**e, and **ag**ainst the inhabitants of it, and have humbled **y**ourself **bef**ore me, and have **t**orn **y**our **clo**thes, and wept **bef**ore me; I **also** have **h**ear~~d~~ you, **says** YAHWEH.

28 **Behold**, I will **gather** you to **y**our **f**athers, and you **shall** be **gathered** to **y**our **grave** in **peac**e, **neither shall** **y**our **ey**es **see** **all** the **evil** **that** I will bring on **this** **plac**e, and on the inhabitants of it. **They** **br**ought back **w**ord to the king.

29 **Then** the king sent and **gathered** **together** **all** the **elder**s of **Judah** and **Jeru**salem.

30 The king went up to the **house** of YAHWEH, and **all** the men of **Judah** and the inhabitants of **Jeru**salem, and the **priests**, and the **Levites**, and **all** the **people**, **both** **great** and **small**: and he read in **their** **ear**s **all** the **w**ords of the **book** of the **covenant** **that** was **found** in the **house** of YAHWEH.

31 The king **stood** in his **plac**e, and **made** a **covenant** **bef**ore YAHWEH, to **w**alk **after** YAHWEH, and to **keep** his commandments, and his **testimonies**, and his **statute**, **with** **all** his **h**ear~~t~~, and **with** **all** his **soul**, to **per**form the **w**ords of the **covenant** **that** were written in **this** **book**.

32 He **ca**used **all** **wh**o were **found** in **Jeru**salem and **Benjamin** to stand [to it]. The inhabitants of **Jeru**salem did **acc**ording to the **covenant** of Elohim, the Elohim of **their** **f**athers.

33 **Josiah** **took** away **all** the **abominations** **out** of **all** the **countries** **that** pertained to the **children** of **I**sr~~ae~~l, and **made** **all** **wh**o were **found** in **I**sr~~ae~~l to **s**erve, **even** to **s**erve YAHWEH **their** Elohim. **all** his **days** **they** didn't **dep**art from following YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their** **f**athers.

2 Chronicles 35

1 **Josiah** kept a **P**assover to YAHWEH in **Jeru**salem: and **they** killed the **P**assover on the **f**our~~teenth~~ [day] of the **first** **month**.

2 He set the **priests** in **their** **offic**es, and **encouraged** **them** to the **s**ervice of the **house** of YAHWEH.

3 He said to the **Levites** **wh**o **ta**ught **all** **I**sr~~ae~~l, **wh**o were **holy** to YAHWEH, **Put** the **holy** **ark** in the **house** **wh**ich **Solomon** the **son** of **David** king of **I**sr~~ae~~l did **build**; **there** **shall** no **m**ore be a **b**urden on **y**our **shoul**ders: **now** **s**erve YAHWEH **y**our Elohim, and his **people** **I**sr~~ae~~l.

4 Prepare yôurselfeş after yôur fätherş' houeşş by yôur côurseş, accôrding to the writing of David king of Işrael, and accôrding to the writing of Solomon his sôn.

5 Stand in the holy plaçe accôrding to the divişionş of the fätherş' houeşş of yôur brôtherş the children of the people, and [let there be for each] a pôrtion of a fätherş' houe of the Levites.

6 Kill the Pässover, and sanctify yôurselfeş, and prepare for yôur brôtherş, to de accôrding to the wôrd of YAHWEH by Moşeş.

7 Josiah gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambş and kids, äll of them for the Pässover-offeringş, to äll who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullş: theşe were of the king's substancë.

8 His prinçeş gave for a freewill-offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiash and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulerş of the houe of Elohim, gave to the priests for the Pässover-offeringş twe thousand and six hundred [smäll cattle], and three hundred oxen.

9 Conaniah älso, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brôtherş, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Pässover-offeringş fi ve thousand [smäll cattle], and fi ve hundred oxen.

10 So the sêrvice was prepared, and the priests stôod in their plaçe, and the Levites by their côurseş, accôrding to the king's commandment.

11 They killed the Pässover, and the priests sprinkled [the blôod which they received] of their hand, and the Levites flayed them.

12 They removed the bûrnt offeringş, that they might give them accôrding to the divişionş of the fätherş' houeşş of the children of the people, to offer to YAHWEH, as it is written in the bôok of Moşeş. So did they with the oxen.

13 They roasted the Pässover with fire accôrding to the ôrdinançe: and the holy offeringş boiled they in pots, and in cälldrônş, and in panş, and carried them quickly to äll the children of the people.

14 äfterward they prepared for themsel veş, and for the priests, becauşe the priests the sônş of Aaron [were busied] in offering the bûrnt offeringş and the fat until night: therefore the Levites prepared for themsel veş, and for the priests the sônş of Aaron.

15 The singerş the sônş of Asaph were in their plaçe, accôrding to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the pôrters were at every gate: they didn't need to depärt from their sêrvice; for their brôtherş the Levites prepared for them.

16 So **á**ll the sêrviçê of YAHWEH was preparêd the same day, to **keep** the Pässover, and to offer brûnt-offerings on the áltar of YAHWEH, accôrding to the commandment of king Josiah.

17 The **children** of Işrael **whê** were præsent kept the Pässover at **that** time, and the fea**st** of unleavened bread seven **day**s.

18 **There** was no Pässover like **that** kept in Işrael from the **day**s of Samuel the **prophet**; **neither** did any of the **king**s of Işrael **keep** such a Pässover as Josiah kept, and the **priests**, and the **Levites**, and **á**ll **Judah** and Işrael **whê** were præsent, and the inhabitants of Jeru**ş**alem.

19 In the **eighteenth** year of the reign of Josiah was **this** Pässover kept.

20 After **á**ll **this**, *when* Josiah had preparêd the temple, Neco king of **Egypt** went up to **fight** **against** Cärchemish by the **Euphrate**s: and Josiah went **out** **against** him.

21 But he sent **ambassadors** to him, **saying**, *What* have I to **do** with you, you king of **Judah**? [*I come*] not **against** you **this** day, but **against** the **house** with **which** I have **wá**r; and Elohim ha**s** commanded me to **make** **haste**: **fó**rbear you from [*meddling with*] Elohim, **whê** is with me, **that** he not destroy you.

22 **Neverthe**less Josiah **wou**ld not **tú**rn his **fa**çê from him, but **dis**guisêd himself, **that** he **might** **fight** with him, and didn't listen to the **wó**rds of Neco from the **mo**uth of Elohim, and **came** to **fight** in the **valley** of Megiddo.

23 The **á**rcher**s** **shot** at king Josiah; and the king said to his sêrvants, *Have* me **away**; for I am **só**re **wou**nded.

24 **So** his sêrvants **tó**ok him **out** of the **chari**ót, and **pú**t him in the **second** **chari**ót **that** he had, and **bró**ught him to Jeru**ş**alem; and he **died**, and was **buried** in the **tombs** of his **fá**ther**s**. **á**ll **Judah** and Jeru**ş**alem **mó**urned for Josiah.

25 **Jeremiah** lamented for Josiah: and **á**ll the singing men and singing women **spoke** of Josiah in **their** lamentations to **this** day; and **they** **made** **them** an **ó**rdinançê in Işrael: and, **behold**, **they** are written in the lamentations.

26 **Now** the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his **gó**od **deed**s, accôrding to **that** **which** is written in the **lá**w of YAHWEH,

27 and his acts, **fí**rst and **lá**st, **behold**, **they** are written in the **bó**ok of the **king**s of Işrael and **Judah**.

2 Chronicles 36

1 **Then** the **pe**ople of the land **tó**ok Jehoahaz the **son** of Josiah, and **made** him king in his **fá**ther's **plá**çê in Jeru**ş**alem.

2 Joahaz was twenty-**three** year**ş** old when he began to reign; and he reigned **three** month**ş** in Jeru**ş**alem.

3 The king of **Egypt** depo**ş**ed him at Jeru**ş**alem, and **fin**ed the land one hundred talents of silver and a talent of **gold**.

4 The king of **Egypt** ma**de** Eliakim his bro**th**er king **ov**er **Judah** and Jeru**ş**alem, and **chang**ed his **nam**e to Jehoiakim. Neco **to**ok Joahaz his bro**th**er, and carried him to **Egypt**.

5 Jehoiakim was Twenty-**five** year**ş** old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven year**ş** in Jeru**ş**alem: and he did **that** **whi**ch was **evil** in the **sigh**t of YAHWEH his Elohim.

6 Against him **cam**e up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and **bound** him in fetter**ş**, to carry him to Babylon.

7 Nebuchadnezzar **also** carried of the vessel**ş** of the **hou**se of YAHWEH to Babylon, and **put** **them** in his temple at Babylon.

8 **Now** the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominati**on**ş **whi**ch he did, and **that** **whi**ch was **found** in him, behold, **they** are **writ**ten in the **bo**ok of the king**ş** of **I**srael and **Judah**: and Jehoiachin his **son** reigned in his **plac**e.

9 Jehoiachin was **eight** year**ş** old when he began to reign; and he reigned **three** month**ş** and ten **day**ş in Jeru**ş**alem: and he did **that** **whi**ch was **evil** in the **sigh**t of YAHWEH.

10 At the **retu**rn of the **year** king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and bro**u**ght him to Babylon, **with** the **good**ly vessel**ş** of the **hou**se of YAHWEH, and **ma**de Zedekiah his bro**th**er king **ov**er **Judah** and Jeru**ş**alem.

11 Zedekiah was twenty-one year**ş** old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven year**ş** in Jeru**ş**alem:

12 and he did **that** **whi**ch was **evil** in the **sigh**t of YAHWEH his Elohim; he didn't humble himself bef**o**re Jeremiah the **prophet** [**spe**aking] from the **mou**th of YAHWEH.

13 He **also** rebelled **again**st king Nebuchadnezzar, **wh**o had **ma**de him swear by Elohim: but he stiffened his neck, and **här**dened his **heä**rt **again**st **tü**rning to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **I**srael.

14 **Mö**reover **äl**l the **chie**fs of the **pri**ests, and the **pe**ople, trespassed **very** **gre**atly **ä**fter **äl**l the abominati**on**ş of the **nati**on**ş**; and **they** **poll**uted the **hou**se of YAHWEH **whi**ch he had **ma**de **hol**y in Jeru**ş**alem.

15 YAHWEH, the Elohim of **their fätherş**, sent to **them by** his messengerş, rişing up **ê**arly and sending, becau**ş**e he had **cômpassiôn** on his **pe**ople, and on his dwelling-pla**ç**e:

16 but **they** mocke**d** the messengerş of Elohim, and despişed his wô**rdş**, and scoffed at his proph**etş**, until the **wrăth** of YAHWEH aro**ş**e against his **pe**ople, until **there** was no remedy.

17 **Therefô**re he brô**ught** on **them** the king of the Chaldeanş, wh**o** killed **their** young men **with** the swô**rd** in the **hou**se of **their** sanctu**ary**, and had no **cômpassiôn** on young man or vî**rg**in, old man or gray-headed: he **gave** **them** **ă**ll into his hand.

18 All the vesselş of the **hou**se of Elohim, **gr**eat and sm**ă**ll, and the trea**ş**ureş of the **hou**se of YAHWEH, and the trea**ş**ureş of the king, and of his prin**ç**eş, **ă**ll **theş**e he brô**ught** to Babylon.

19 **They** bû**rn**t the **hou**se of Elohim, and **broke** **down** the w**ă**ll of Jeru**ş**alem, and bû**rn**t **ă**ll the pala**ç**eş of it **with** fire, and destroyed **ă**ll the **gô**odly vesselş of it.

20 **Thoş**e wh**o** had escape**d** from the swô**rd** carri**e**d he **away** to Babylon; and **they** were sê**rv**ants to him and his s**onş** until the reign of the king**dom** of Pê**ş**ia:

21 to **fû**llfill the wô**rd** of YAHWEH **by** the **mou**th of Jeremi**ah**, until the land had enjoy**e**d its Sabbat**h**: [for] as long as it **lay** des**ol**ate it kept Sabbat**h**, to **fû**llfill seventy **yearş**.

22 **Now** in the **fî**rst **year** of Cyrus king of Pê**ş**ia, **th**at the wô**rd** of YAHWEH **by** the **mou**th of Jeremi**ah** **mi**ght be acc**om**plish**e**d, YAHWEH stî**rr**ed up the spirit of Cyrus king of Pê**ş**ia, so **th**at he **made** a proclamation **throu**gh**out** **ă**ll his king**dom**, and [put it] **ă**l**so** in writing, saying,

23 **Thus** sayş Cyrus king of Pê**ş**ia, **ă**ll the king**domş** of the **ê**ar**th** haş YAHWEH, the Elohim of heaven, given me; and he haş **chă**rged me to **build** him a **hou**se in Jeru**ş**alem, **wh**ich is in Judah. **Wh**o**ev**er **the**re is am**ong** you of **ă**ll his **pe**ople, YAHWEH his Elohim be **with** him, and let him **go** up.

Ezra 1

1 **N**ow in the **f**irst **y**ear of Cyrus king of Pêr^sia, **t**hat the **w**ôrd of YAHWEH **b**y the **m**ôuth of Jeremiah **m**ight be **a**ccômplish^ed, YAHWEH **s**tîrred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Pêr^sia, so **t**hat he **m**ade a **p**roclamatîon **t**hrôugh^out **â**ll his **k**ingdô**m**, and [**p**ût it] **â**lso in **w**riting, **s**aying,

2 **T**hus **s**ay^s Cyrus king of Pêr^sia, **â**ll the **k**ingdô**m**s of the **ê**ar**t**h **h**as^s YAHWEH, the Elohim of heaven, given me; and he **h**as^s **ch**ârged me to **b**uild him a **h**ouse in Jeru**s**alem, **w**h**ic**h is in Judah.

3 **W**h**o**ever **t**here is among you of **â**ll his **p**eople, his Elohim be **w**ith him, and let him **g**o up to Jeru**s**alem, **w**h**ic**h is in Judah, and **b**uild the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, the Elohim of I**s**rael (he is Elohim), **w**h**ic**h is in Jeru**s**alem.

4 **W**h**o**ever is left, in any **p**lac**e** **w**here he **s**ojôurn^s, let the men of his **p**lac**e** help him **w**ith silver, and **w**ith **g**old, and **w**ith **g**ôods, and **w**ith **a**nimal**s**, **b**esid**e**s the **f**reewill-offering for the **h**ouse of Elohim **w**h**ic**h is in Jeru**s**alem.

5 **T**hen **r**os**e** up the **h**ead**s** of **f**âther**s**' [**h**ous**e**s] of Judah and Benjamin, and the **p**riest**s**, and the **L**evit**e**s, **e**ven **â**ll **w**h**o**se spirit Elohim had **s**tîrred to **g**o up to **b**uild the **h**ouse of YAHWEH **w**h**ic**h is in Jeru**s**alem.

6 All **t**hos**e** **w**h**o** were **r**ound **a**bout **t**hem **s**treng**t**h**e**ned **t**heir **h**and**s** **w**ith **v**essel**s** of silver, **w**ith **g**old, **w**ith **g**ôods, and **w**ith **a**nimal**s**, and **w**ith **p**reci**o**us **t**hing**s**, **b**esid**e**s **â**ll **t**hat was **w**illingly offered.

7 **A**lso Cyrus the king **b**rôught **f**ôr**t**h the **v**essel**s** of the **h**ouse of YAHWEH, **w**h**ic**h Nebuchadnezzar had **b**rôught **f**ôr**t**h **o**ut of Jeru**s**alem, and had **p**ût in the **h**ouse of his **g**od**s**;

8 **e**ven **t**hos**e** did Cyrus king of Pêr^sia bring **f**ôr**t**h **b**y the hand of Mithredath the **t**reasur**e**rer, and **n**umbered **t**hem to **S**heshbazzar, the **p**rin**ç**e of Judah.

9 **T**his is the **n**umber of **t**hem: **t**hir**y** platters of **g**old, one **t**hos**u**nd platters of silver, **t**went**y**-**n**ine **k**niv**e**s,

10 **t**hir**y** **b**ow**l**s of **g**old, silver **b**ow**l**s of a **s**econd **s**ôrt **f**ôur hundred and ten, and **ô**ther **v**essel**s** one **t**hos**u**nd.

11 All the **v**essel**s** of **g**old and of silver were **f**iv**e** **t**hos**u**nd and **f**ôur hundred. **â**ll **t**hes**e** did Sheshbazzar bring up, **w**hen **t**hey of the captivity were **b**rôught up from Babylon to Jeru**s**alem.

Ezra 2

1 Now **thes_e** are the **children** of the provin**ç**e, wh**o** went up **o**ut of the captivity of **thos_e** wh**o** had **bee**n carried aw**ay**, wh**o**m Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried aw**ay** to Babylon, and wh**o** ret**u**rn**e**d to Jeru**s**alem and Judah, everyone to his **ç**ity;

2 wh**o** came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the **pe**ople of **I**srael:

3 The **children** of Parosh, tw**o** **thous**and one hundred seventy-tw**o**.

4 The **children** of Shephatiah, **th**ree hundred seventy-tw**o**.

5 The **children** of Arah, seven hundred seventy-f**iv**e.

6 The **children** of Pahath-moab, of the **children** of Jeshua [and] Joab, tw**o** **thous**and eight hundred twel**v**e.

7 The **children** of Elam, one **thous**and tw**o** hundred fifty-f**o**ur.

8 The **children** of Zattu, n**in**e hundred f**o**rt**y**-f**iv**e.

9 The **children** of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty.

10 The **children** of Bani, six hundred f**o**rt**y**-tw**o**.

11 The **children** of Bebai, six hundred twenty-**th**ree.

12 The **children** of Azgad, one **thous**and tw**o** hundred twenty-tw**o**.

13 The **children** of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-six.

14 The **children** of Bigvai, tw**o** **thous**and fifty-six.

15 The **children** of Adin, f**o**ur hundred fifty-f**o**ur.

16 The **children** of Ater, of Hezekiah, n**in**ety-eight.

17 The **children** of Bezai, **th**ree hundred twenty-**th**ree.

18 The **children** of Jorah, one hundred twel**v**e.

19 The **children** of Hashum, tw**o** hundred Twenty-**th**ree.

20 The **children** of Gibbar, n**in**ety-f**iv**e.

21 The **children** of Beth-lehem, one hundred twenty-**th**ree.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six.

- 23 The men of Anathoth, one hundred twenty-eight.
- 24 The children of Azmaveeth, forty-two.
- 25 The children of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three.
- 26 The children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty-one.
- 27 The men of Michmas, one hundred twenty-two.
- 28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty-three.
- 29 The children of Nebo, fifty-two.
- 30 The children of Magbish, one hundred fifty-six.
- 31 The children of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four.
- 32 The children of Harim, three hundred twenty.
- 33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty-five.
- 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty-five.
- 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand six hundred thirty.
- 36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three.
- 37 The children of Immer, one thousand fifty-two.
- 38 The children of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred forty-seven.
- 39 The children of Harim, one thousand seventeen.
- 40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
- 41 The singers: the children of Asaph, one hundred twenty-eight.
- 42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all one hundred thirty-nine.
- 43 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
- 44 the children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,
- 45 the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

- 46 the **children** of Hagab, the **children** of **Shamlai**, the **children** of Hanan,
- 47 the **children** of Giddel, the **children** of Gahar, the **children** of Reaiah,
- 48 the **children** of Rezin, the **children** of Nekoda, the **children** of Gazzam,
- 49 the **children** of Uzza, the **children** of Paseah, the **children** of Besai,
- 50 the **children** of Asnah, the **children** of Meunim, the **children** of **Nephisim**,
- 51 the **children** of Bakbuk, the **children** of **Hakupha**, the **children** of Harhur,
- 52 the **children** of **Bazluth**, the **children** of Mehida, the **children** of **Harsha**,
- 53 the **children** of Barkos, the **children** of Sisera, the **children** of Temah,
- 54 the **children** of Neziah, the **children** of **Hatipha**.
- 55 The **children** of Solomon's **sêrvants**: the **children** of Sotai, the **children** of Hassopher**eth**, the **children** of Peruda,
- 56 the **children** of Jaalah, the **children** of Darkon, the **children** of Giddel,
- 57 the **children** of **Shephatiah**, the **children** of Hattil, the **children** of **Pochereth-hazzebaim**, the **children** of Ami.
- 58 All the **Nethinim**, and the **children** of Solomon's **sêrvants**, were **three** hundred **ninety-two**.
- 59 **Thesê** were **thosê** **whô** went up from Tel-melah, Tel-har**sha**, Cherub, Addan, [and] Immer; but **they** **could** not **show** **their** **fâthers'** **houses**, and **their** **seed**, **whethêr** **they** were of **Ishraël**:
- 60 the **children** of Delaiah, the **children** of Tobiah, the **children** of Nekoda, six hundred fifty-**two**.
- 61 Of the **children** of the **priests**: the **children** of Habaiah, the **children** of Hakkoz, the **children** of Barzillai, **whô** **tôok** a **wife** of the **dâughters** of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was **câllêd** **âfter** **their** **name**.
- 62 **Thesê** **sôught** **their** **register** [among] **thosê** **whô** were **reckoned** **by** **genealogy**, but **they** were not **found**: **therêfôre** were **they** **deemed** **polluted** and **pût** from the **priesthòod**.
- 63 The **gôvernôr** said to **them**, **thât** **they** **shôuld** not **eat** of the **most** **holy** **things**, until **therê** **stòod** up a **priest** **with** Urim and **with** **Thummim**.
- 64 The **whôle** assembly **together** was **fôrty-two** **thousând** **three** hundred sixty,

65 beside**s** **the**ir men-s**er**vants and **the**ir maid-s**er**vants, of **wh**om **the**re were seven **th**ou**s**and **th**ree hundred **th**irty-seven: and **the**y had **tw**o hundred singing men and singing women.

66 **The**ir **h**or**s**e**s** were seven hundred **th**irty-six; **the**ir **m**ul**e**, **tw**o hundred **f**or**t**y-**f**ive;

67 **the**ir camels, **f**o**u**r hundred **th**irty-five; [**the**ir] don**ke**y**s**, six **th**ou**s**and seven hundred and twenty.

68 **S**o**m**e of the head**s** of **f**ä**th**er**s**' [**h**ou**s**e**s**], **wh**en **the**y **ca**m**e** to the **h**ou**s**e of YAHWEH **wh**ic**h** is in Jeru**s**alem, offer**e**d willingly for the **h**ou**s**e of Elohim to set it up in its **pl**a**ç**e:

69 **the**y **ga**v**e** **ä**fter **the**ir ability into the trea**s**ury of the w**o**rk sixty-one **th**ou**s**and darics of **g**ol**d**, and **fi**ve **th**ou**s**and minas of silver, and one hundred priests' **g**ä**r**ments.

70 **S**o the priests, and the Levites, and **s**o**m**e of the **pe**ople, and the singer**s**, and the porters, and the Nethinim, lived in **the**ir **ç**itie**s**, and **ä**ll I**s**rael in **the**ir **ç**itie**s**.

Ezra 3

1 **Wh**en the seventh **m**o**n**th was **co**m**e**, and the **ch**ildren of I**s**rael were in the **ç**itie**s**, the **pe**ople **ga**th**e**red **the**m**s**el**v**e**s** together as one man to Jeru**s**alem.

2 **Th**en **st**o**o**d up Jeshua the **so**n of Jozadak, and his **br**o**th**er**s** the priests, and Zerubbabel the **so**n of **S**healtiel, and his **br**o**th**er**s**, and built the **ä**ltar of the Elohim of I**s**rael, to offer **b**ü**r**nt offerings **th**ereon, as it is written in the **lä**w of **M**o**s**e**s** the man of Elohim.

3 **Th**ey set the **ä**ltar on its **ba**se; for **fe**ar was on **the**m **be**ca**u**s**e** of the **pe**ople**s** of the **co**untrie**s**: and **the**y offer**e**d **b**ü**r**nt offerings **th**ereon to YAHWEH, **ev**en **b**ü**r**nt offerings **m**ö**r**ning and **ev**ening.

4 **Th**ey kept the **fe**ast of tents, as it is written, and [offer**e**d] the **da**ily **b**ü**r**nt offerings **by** number, acc**o**r**d**ing to the **ö**r**d**inan**ç**e, as the **du**ty of every **da**y **re**qu**ir**ed;

5 and **ä**fterward the **co**ntin**ua**l **b**ü**r**nt-offering, and [the offerings] of the new **m**o**o**n**s**, and of **ä**ll the set **fe**asts of YAHWEH **th**at were consecrated, and of everyone **wh**o willingly offer**e**d a **fr**ee**will**-offering to YAHWEH.

6 From the **fi**rst **da**y of the seventh **m**o**n**th began **the**y to offer **b**ü**r**nt offerings to YAHWEH: but the **fo**undati**o**n of the temple of YAHWEH was not yet laid.

7 **Th**ey **ga**v**e** **m**ö**n**ey **ä**l**s**o to the mason**s**, and to the **c**ä**r**penter**s**; and **fo**od, and drink, and oil, to **the**m of Sidon, and to **the**m of **Ty**re, to bring **ç**edar **tr**ee**s** from Lebanon to the **se**a, to Joppa, acc**o**r**d**ing to the grant **th**at **the**y had of Cyrus king of **P**ä**r**sia.

8 **N**ow in the second year of **their** coming to the house of Elohim at Jeru**ş**alem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of **Shealtiel**, and **Jeshua** the son of Jozadak, and the rest of **their** brothers the priests and the Levites, and **all** those who were come out of the captivity to Jeru**ş**alem, and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of the house of YAHWEH.

9 **T**hen stood **Jeshua** with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to have the oversight of the workmen in the house of Elohim: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites.

10 **W**hen the builders laid the foundation of the temple of YAHWEH, they set the priests in their clothing with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise YAHWEH, after the order of David king of Israel.

11 **T**hey sang one to another in praising and giving thanks to YAHWEH, [saying], **F**or he is good, for his lovingkindness endures forever toward Israel. **A**ll the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised YAHWEH, because the foundation of the house of YAHWEH was laid.

12 **B**ut many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' [houses], the old men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 **s**o that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Ezra 4

1 **N**ow when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building a temple to YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel;

2 **t**hen they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers' [houses], and said to them, Let us build with you; for we seek your Elohim, as you do; and we sacrifice to him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here.

3 **B**ut Zerubbabel, and **Jeshua**, and the rest of the heads of fathers' [houses] of Israel, said to them, You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our Elohim; but we ourselves together will build to YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us.

4 **T**hen the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

5 and hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 In the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions, to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian [character], and set forth in the Syrian [language].

8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:

9 then [wrote] Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites,

10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and in the rest [of the country] beyond the River, and so forth.

11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent to Artaxerxes the king: Your servants the men beyond the River, and so forth.

12 Be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you are come to us to Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations.

13 Be it known now to the king that if this city is built, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will be hurtful to the kings.

14 Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not appropriate for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore have we sent and informed the king;

15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers: so shall you find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful to kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time; for which cause was this city laid waste.

16 We inform the king that, if this city be built, and the walls finished, by this means you shall have no portion beyond the River.

17 [Then] sent the king an answer to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and in the rest [of the country] beyond the River: Peace, and so forth.

18 The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.

19 I decre**ed**, and s**ear**ch ha**s** be**en** ma**de**, and it is fo**und** **th**at **th**is **ci**ty of **ol**d **ti**me ha**s** ma**de** insurre**cti**on ag**ain**st king**s**, and **th**at rebelli**o**n and sediti**o**n ha**ve** be**en** ma**de** **th**erein.

20 **Th**ere ha**ve** be**en** mi**ght**y king**s** **á**l**so** over Jeru**s**alem, **wh**o ha**ve** ru**l**ed over **á**ll [the country] beyond the River; and tribu**t**e, cust**o**m, and toll, wa**s** pa**id** to **th**em.

21 Ma**ke** you **no**w a decre**e** to **ca**u**s**e **th**ese men to **ce**ase, and **th**at **th**is **ci**ty not be built, until a decre**e** shall be ma**de** by me.

22 Ta**ke** he**ed** **th**at you not be slack **h**erein: **wh**y **sh**o**u**ld dama**g**e grow to the **h**urt of the king**s**?

23 **Th**en **wh**en the copy of king Artaxerxes letter wa**s** read bef**o**re Rehum, and **Sh**imshai the scribe, and **th**eir **co**mpani**o**ns, **th**ey went in **h**aste to Jeru**s**alem to the Jew**s**, and ma**de** **th**em to **ce**ase by **fo**r**ce** and **po**wer.

24 **Th**en **ce**ase**d** the **w**ork of the **h**ouse of Elohim **wh**ich is at Jeru**s**alem; and it **ce**ase**d** until the second year of the reign of Darius king of **P**er**s**ia.

Ezra 5

1 **Now** the **pr**oph**et**s, Haggai the **pr**oph**et**, and Zechariah the **so**n of Iddo, **pr**oph**es**ied to the Jew**s** **wh**o were in **J**udah and Jeru**s**alem; in the **na**me of the Elohim of **I**s**r**ael [**pr**oph**es**ied **th**ey] to **th**em.

2 **Th**en **ro**se up Zerubbabel the **so**n of **Sh**ealtiel, and Jeshua the **so**n of Jozadak, and began to **bu**ild the **h**ouse of Elohim **wh**ich is at Jeru**s**alem; and **with** **th**em were the **pr**oph**et**s of Elohim, helping **th**em.

3 At the **sa**me **ti**me **ca**me to **th**em Tattenai, the **g**ov**er**nor beyond the River, and **Sh**ethar-bozenai, and **th**eir **co**mpani**o**ns, and said **th**us to **th**em, **wh**o **ga**ve you a decre**e** to **bu**ild **th**is **h**ouse, and to **fi**nish **th**is **w**á**ll**?

4 **Th**en **we** **to**ld **th**em **á**fter **th**is manner, **wh**at the **na**me**s** of the men were **wh**o were **ma**king **th**is **bu**ilding.

5 But the **ey**e of **th**eir Elohim wa**s** on the elder**s** of the Jew**s**, and **th**ey did not **ma**ke **th**em **ce**ase, until the matter **sh**o**u**ld **co**me to Darius, and **th**en answer **sh**o**u**ld be **re**t**u**rn**ed** by letter **co**n**ce**rning it.

6 The copy of the letter **th**at Tattenai, the **g**ov**er**nor beyond the River, and **Sh**ethar-bozenai, and his **co**mpani**o**ns the **A**pharsachites, **wh**o were beyond the River, sent to Darius the king;

7 **th**ey sent a letter to him, in **wh**ich wa**s** **w**ritten **th**us: To Darius the king, **á**ll **pe**a**ce**.

8 Be it *known* to the king, **that we** went into the provinçe of **Judah**, to the **house** of the **great** Elohim, *which* is built with **great stone**s, and timber is **laid** in the **wall**s; and **this wo**rk **go**eš on with **diligenc**e and prospers in **their hand**s.

9 **Then a**sked we **tho**se elders, and said to **them thus**, **who** **gave** you a **decree** to build **this house**, and to **finish this wall**?

10 **We a**sked **them** **their name**s **also**, to inform you **that we** **might write** the **name**s of the men **who** were at the head of **them**.

11 **Thus they** returned us answer, saying, **We** are the **servants** of the Elohim of heaven and **earth**, and are building the **house** **that** was built **thes**e many **year**s ago, *which* a **great** king of **Israel** built and **finish**ed.

12 But **after** **that our** **fathers** had **provok**ed the Elohim of heaven to **wrath**, he **gave** **them** into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, **who** destroyed **this house**, and carried the **people away** into Babylon.

13 But in the **first year** of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king **made** a **decree** to build **this house** of Elohim.

14 The **gold** and silver vessels **also** of the **house** of Elohim, *which* Nebuchadnezzar **took** **out** of the temple **that** was in **Jerusalem**, and **br**ought into the temple of Babylon, **tho**se did Cyrus the king **take** **out** of the temple of Babylon, and **they** were delivered to one **who**se name was **Sheshbazzar**, **who**m he had **made** **governor**;

15 and he said to him, **Take** **thes**e vessels, **go**, **put** **them** in the temple **that** is in **Jerusalem**, and let the **house** of Elohim be built in its **plac**e.

16 Then **came** the same **Sheshbazzar**, and **laid** the **foundations** of the **house** of Elohim *which* is in **Jerusalem**: and **since** **that time** **even** until **now** **has** it **been** in building, and yet it is not **comple**ted.

17 **Now** **therefo**re, if it **seem** **good** to the king, let **there** be **sear**ch **made** in the king's **treas**ure-**house**, *which* is **there** at Babylon, **wheth**er it be so, **that** a **decree** was **made** of Cyrus the king to build **this house** of Elohim at **Jerusalem**; and let the king send his **pleas**ure to us **con**cerning **this** matter.

Ezra 6

1 **Then** Darius the king **made** a **decree**, and **sear**ch was **made** in the **house** of the **archive**s, *where* the **treas**ures were **laid** up in Babylon.

2 **There** was **found** at Achmetha, in the **palac**e **that** is in the provinçe of **Media**, a **scroll**, and **therein** was **thus** written for a **rec**ord:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree: Concerning the house of Elohim at Jerusalem, let the house be built, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations of it be strongly laid; the height of it sixty cubits, and the breadth of it sixty cubits;

4 with three courses of great stones, and a course of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house.

5 Also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of Elohim, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem, everyone to its place; and you shall put them in the house of Elohim.

6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who are beyond the River, be you far from there:

7 let the work of this house of Elohim alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of Elohim in its place.

8 Moreover I make a decree what you shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of Elohim: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the River, expenses be given with all diligence to these men, that they be not hindered.

9 That which they have need of, both young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the Elohim of heaven; [also] wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests who are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail;

10 that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savor to the Elohim of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this:

12 and the Elohim who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples who shall put forth their hand to alter [the same], to destroy this house of Elohim which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence.

13 Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, because that Darius the king had sent, did accordingly with all diligence.

14 The elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They built and finished it, according to

the commandment of the Elohim of Iṣrael, and accōrding to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Pêrṣia.

15 **This** house was finishēd on the **th**ird day of the **mōnth** Adar, *whi*ch was in the **sixth** year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 The **children** of Iṣrael, the **priests**, and the **Levites**, and the rest of the **children** of the captivity, kept the dedicatiōn of **this** house of Elohim **with** joy.

17 **They** offered at the dedicatiōn of **this** house of Elohim one hundred **bulls**, **two** hundred **rams**, **fōur** hundred **lamb**s; and for a sin-offering for **āll** Iṣrael, **twelve** **male** **goats**, accōrding to the number of the **tribes** of Iṣrael.

18 **They** set the **priests** in **their** **divisiōns**, and the **Levites** in **their** **cōurses**, for the **sêrvice** of Elohim, *whi*ch is at Jeruṣalem; as it is *written* in the **bōōk** of **Mōses**.

19 The **children** of the captivity kept the Pāssover on the **fōurteenth** [day] of the **first** **mōnth**.

20 For the **priests** and the **Levites** had **purified** **themselves** **together**; **āll** of **them** were **pure**: and **they** killed the Pāssover for **āll** the **children** of the captivity, and for **their** **brothers** the **priests**, and for **themselves**.

21 The **children** of Iṣrael **whō** had **cōme** **again** **out** of the captivity, and **āll** **such** as had **separated** **themselves** **to** **them** from the **filthiness** of the **nations** of the land, to **seek** YAHWEH, the Elohim of Iṣrael, **atē**,

22 and kept the **feast** of unleavened bread **seven** **days** **with** joy: for YAHWEH had **made** **them** **joyful**, and had **tūrned** the **heart** of the king of Assyria to **them**, to **strengthen** **their** **hands** in the **wōrk** of the **house** of Elohim, the Elohim of Iṣrael.

Ezra 7

1 **Nōw** **āfter** **thesē** **things**, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Pêrṣia, Ezra the **sōn** of Seraiah, the **sōn** of Azariah, the **sōn** of Hilkiah,

2 the **sōn** of **Shallum**, the **sōn** of Zadok, the **sōn** of Ahitub,

3 the **sōn** of Amariah, the **sōn** of Azariah, the **sōn** of Meraiōth,

4 the **sōn** of Zerariah, the **sōn** of Uzzi, the **sōn** of Bukki,

5 the **sōn** of Abishua, the **sōn** of **Phinehas**, the **sōn** of Eleazar, the **sōn** of Aaron the **chief** priest;

6 **this** Ezra went up from Babylon: and he was a **ready** **scribe** in the **lāw** of **Mōses**, *whi*ch YAHWEH, the Elohim of Iṣrael, had given; and the king granted him **āll** his **request**, accōrding to the hand of YAHWEH his Elohim on him.

7 **There** went up **some** of the **children** of **Išrael**, and of the **priests**, and the **Levites**, and the **singers**, and the **pórters**, and the **Nethinim**, to **Jeruſalem**, in the **seventh** year of **Artaxerxes** the king.

8 He **came** to **Jeruſalem** in the **fifth** month, **which** was in the **seventh** year of the king.

9 **Fó**r on the **fírst** [day] of the **fírst** month began he to **go** up from **Babylon**; and on the **fírst** [day] of the **fifth** month **came** he to **Jeruſalem**, **accó**rding to the **góod** hand of his **Elohim** on him.

10 For **Ezra** had set his **heärt** to **seek** the **láw** of **YAHWEH**, and to **de** it, and to **teach** in **Išrael** **statute** and **ó**rdinan**çes**.

11 **Now** **this** is the copy of the letter **that** the king **Artaxerxes** **gave** to **Ezra** the **priest**, the **scribe**, **even** the **scribe** of the **wórd**s of the **commandments** of **YAHWEH**, and of his **statute** to **Išrael**:

12 **Artaxerxes**, king of **kings**, to **Ezra** the **priest**, the **scribe** of the **láw** of the **Elohim** of heaven, **pé**rfect and so **fó**rt**h**.

13 I **make** a **decree**, **that** **á**ll **thoſe** of the **pe**ople of **Išrael**, and **the**ir **priests** and the **Levites**, in **my** realm, **who** are **mind**ed of **the**ir **own** **free** will to **go** to **Jeruſalem**, **go** **with** you.

14 **Be**caſe you are sent of the king and his seven **có**nselor**s**, to **inquire** **con**cerning **Judah** and **Jeruſalem**, **accó**rding to the **láw** of **yó**ur **Elohim** **which** is in **yó**ur hand,

15 and to carry the **silver** and **gold**, **which** the king and his **có**nselor**s** have **freely** offered to the **Elohim** of **Išrael**, **whoſe** **habitation** is in **Jeruſalem**,

16 and **á**ll the **silver** and **gold** **that** you **shall** **find** in **á**ll the **provin**çe of **Babylon**, **with** the **freewill**-offering of the **pe**ople, and of the **priests**, offering **willingly** for the **ho**use of **the**ir **Elohim** **which** is in **Jeruſalem**;

17 **therefó**re you **shall** **with** **á**ll **diligence** **buy** **with** **this** **mó**ney **bú**ll**s**, **ram**s, **lamb**s, **with** **the**ir **me**al-offering**s** and **the**ir **drink**-offering**s**, and **shall** offer **them** on the **á**ltar of the **ho**use of **yó**ur **Elohim** **which** is in **Jeruſalem**.

18 **Wh**atever **shall** **seem** **góod** to you and to **yó**ur **bro**ther**s** to **de** **with** the rest of the **silver** and the **gold**, **that** **de** you **á**fter the will of **yó**ur **Elohim**.

19 The **vessel**s **that** are given you for the **sé**rviçe of the **ho**use of **yó**ur **Elohim**, deliver you **befó**re the **Elohim** of **Jeruſalem**.

20 **Wh**atever **mó**re **shall** be **needfú**l for the **ho**use of **yó**ur **Elohim**, **which** you **shall** have **occaſi**on to **bestow**, **bestow** it **out** of the king's **treasú**re-**ho**use.

21 I, **even** I Artaxerxes the king, **do** **make** a **decree** to **á**ll the **treasurers** **who** are beyond the River, **that** **whá**tever Ezra the **priest**, the **scribe** of the **lá**w of the Elohim of heaven, **shall require** of you, it be **dó**ne **with á**ll **diligence**,

22 to one hundred talents of silver, and to one hundred **measures** of **wheat**, and to one hundred **bá**ths of **wine**, and to one hundred baths of oil, and **sá**lt **witho**ut **prescribing** **hó**w **much**.

23 **Whá**tever is commanded **by** the Elohim of heaven, let it be **dó**ne exactly for the **hó**use of the Elohim of heaven; for **whý** **shó**uld **there** be **wrá**th **against** the realm of the king and his **sóns**?

24 Also **we** **infó**rm you, **that** **touching** any of the **priests** and **Levites**, the **singers**, **pó**rters, **Nethinim**, or **sé**rvents of **this** **hó**use of Elohim, it **shall** not be **lá**wful to **impose** **tribute**, **custó**m, or **toll**, on **them**.

25 You, Ezra, **á**fter the **wisdom** of **yó**ur Elohim **who** is in **yó**ur hand, appoint **magistrates** and **judges**, **who** **may** **judge** **á**ll the **peop**le **who** are beyond the River, **á**ll **such** as **know** the **lá**ws of **yó**ur Elohim; and **teach** you him **who** **dó**esn't **know** **them**.

26 **Who**ever will not **do** the **lá**w of **yó**ur Elohim, and the **lá**w of the king, let **judgment** be **executed** on him **with á**ll **diligence**, **whé**ther it be to **deá**th, or to **banishment**, or to **confiscation** of **gó**ods, or to **imprisonment**.

27 Blessed be YAHWEH, the Elohim of **our** **fá**thers, **who** **has** **pú**t **such** a **th**ing as **this** in the king's **hé**art, to **beautify** the **hó**use of YAHWEH **whi**ch is in **Jeru**salem;

28 and **has** **extended** **ló**vingkindness to me **befó**re the king, and his **có**nselors, and **befó**re **á**ll the king's **mi**ghty **prín**ces. I was **streng**thened **accó**rding to the hand of YAHWEH **my** Elohim on me, and I **gá**thered **togeth**er **ó**ut of **I**srael **chief** men to **go** up **with** me.

Ezra 8

1 **Nó**w **thesé** are the **head**s of **their** **fá**thers' [**hó**uses], and **this** is the **genealogy** of **thosé** **who** went up **with** me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king:

2 Of the **sóns** of **Phinehas**, **Gershom**. Of the **sóns** of **Ithamar**, **Daniel**. Of the **sóns** of **David**, **Hattush**.

3 Of the **sóns** of **Shecaniah**, of the **sóns** of **Parosh**, **Zechariah**; and **with** him were **reckó**ned **by** **genealogy** of the **malé**s one hundred fifty.

4 Of the **sóns** of **Pahath**-moab, **Eliehoenai** the **són** of **Zerahiah**; and **with** him **two** hundred **malé**s.

5 Of the **sons** of **Shecaniah**, the **son** of Jahaziel; and **with** him **three** hundred **males**.

6 Of the **sons** of Adin, Ebed the **son** of Jonathan; and **with** him fifty **males**.

7 Of the **sons** of Elam, Jeshaiiah the **son** of Athaliah; and **with** him seventy **males**.

8 Of the **sons** of **Shephatiah**, Zebadiah the **son** of Michael; and **with** him eighty **males**.

9 Of the **sons** of Joab, Obadiah the **son** of Jehiel; and **with** him **two** hundred and **eighteen** **males**.

10 Of the **sons** of **Shelomith**, the **son** of Josiphiah; and **with** him one hundred sixty **males**.

11 Of the **sons** of Bebai, Zechariah the **son** of Bebai; and **with** him twenty-eight **males**.

12 Of the **sons** of Azgad, Johanan the **son** of Hakkatan; and **with** him one hundred ten **males**.

13 Of the **sons** of Adonikam, [**who** were] the **last**; and **these** are **their** **names**: Elphelet, Jeuel, and **Shemaiah**; and **with** **them** sixty **males**.

14 Of the **sons** of Bigvai, **Uthai** and Zabbud; and **with** **them** seventy **males**.

15 I **gathered** **them** together to the river **that** runs to Ahava; and **there** we encamped **three** **days**: and I viewed the **people**, and the **priests**, and **found** **there** **none** of the **sons** of **Levi**.

16 **Then** sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for **Shemaiah**, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, **chief** men; **also** for Joarib, and for Elnathan, **who** were **teachers**.

17 I sent **them** **forth** to Iddo the **chief** at the **place** Casiphia; and I **told** **them** **what** **they** **shou**ld tell Iddo, [and] his **brothers** the **Nethinim**, at the **place** Casiphia, **that** **they** **shou**ld bring to us ministers for the **house** of **our** Elohim.

18 **Acc**ording to the **good** hand of **our** Elohim on us **they** **br**ought us a man of discretion, of the **sons** of Mahli, the **son** of **Levi**, the **son** of **Israel**; and **Sherebiah**, **with** his **sons** and his **brothers**, **eighteen**;

19 and **Hashabiah**, and **with** him Jeshaiiah of the **sons** of Merari, his **brothers** and **their** **sons**, twenty;

20 and of the **Nethinim**, **whom** **David** and the **princes** had given for the **service** of the **Levites**, **two** hundred and twenty **Nethinim**: **all** of **them** were **mentio**ned **by** **name**.

21 **Then** I proclaimed a **fä**st **there**, at the river Ahava, **that we** might humble **ourselves** bef**ö**re **our** Elohim, to **seek** of him a **strai**ght way for us, and for **our** little ones, and for **ä**ll **our** substan**ç**e.

22 F**ö**r I was **ash**amed to **ä**sk of the king a band of **soldier**s and **hó**rsemen to help us **agai**nst the enemy in the way, beca**u**se **we** had **sp**oken to the king, **saying**, The hand of **our** Elohim is on **ä**ll **tho**se **wh**o **seek** him, for **gó**od; but his **pow**er and his **wr**äth is **agai**nst **ä**ll **tho**se **wh**o forsake him.

23 **So we** **fä**sted and begged **our** Elohim for **this**: and he was **ent**reated of us.

24 **Then** I set **ap**ärt **twel**ve of the **chief**s of the **pri**ests, **even** Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of **thei**r **br**óth**er**s **with** **them**,

25 and **weigh**ed to **them** the silver, and the **gold**, and the **vessel**s, **even** the offering for the **hou**se of **our** Elohim, **wh**ich the king, and his **c**ounselor**s**, and his **prin**ç**es**, and **ä**ll **I**sra**el** **the**re **pre**sent, had offered:

26 I **weigh**ed into **thei**r hand six hundred fifty talents of silver, and silver **vessel**s **one** hundred talents; of **gold** **one** hundred talents;

27 and twenty **bow**l**s** of **gold**, of **one** **th**ou**s**and darics; and **tw**o **vessel**s of **fi**ne **br**igh**t** **br**ä**ss**, **pre**ç**i**ous as **gold**.

28 I said to **them**, **You** are **hol**y to YAHWEH, and the **vessel**s are **hol**y; and the silver and the **gold** are a **fre**e**will**-offering to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **yó**ur **fä**th**er**s.

29 **W**ä**t**ch you, and **keep** **them**, until you **weigh** **them** bef**ö**re the **chief**s of the **pri**ests and the **Le**vit**es**, and the **prin**ç**es** of the **fä**th**er**s' [**hou**se**s**] of **I**sra**el**, at **Jeru**salem, in the **ch**amber**s** of the **hou**se of YAHWEH.

30 **So** the **pri**ests and the **Le**vit**es** **re**ç**e**ived the **weigh**t of the silver and the **gold**, and the **vessel**s, to bring **them** to **Jeru**salem to the **hou**se of **our** Elohim.

31 **Then** **we** **de**pä**rt**ed from the river Ahava on the **twel**fth [day] of the **fi**rst **m**ón**th**, to **go** to **Jeru**salem: and the hand of **our** Elohim was on us, and he **del**ivered us from the hand of the enemy and the bandit **by** the way.

32 **We** **ca**me to **Jeru**salem, and abode **the**re **th**ree **day**s.

33 On the **fó**ur**th** **day** the silver and the **gold** and the **vessel**s were **weigh**ed in the **hou**se of **our** Elohim into the hand of Meremoth **th**e **s**ón of Uriah the **pri**est; and **with** **him** was Eleazar the **s**ón of **Ph**inehas; and **with** **them** was Jozabad the **s**ón of **J**eshua, and Noadiah the **s**ón of Binnui, the **Le**vit**e**;

34 the **wh**ole **by** number and **by** **weigh**t: and **ä**ll the **weigh**t was **w**ritten at **th**at **ti**me.

35 The **children** of the captivity, **who** had **come** **out** of exile, offered **burnt** offerings to the Elohim of **Israel**, twelve **bulls** for **all** **Israel**, **ninety-six** rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve **male** goats for a sin-offering: **all** **this** was a **burnt** offering to YAHWEH.

36 **They** delivered the king's **commissions** to the king's **satraps**, and to the **governors** beyond the River: and **they** furthered the **people** and the **house** of Elohim.

Ezra 9

1 **Now** when **these** **things** were **done**, the **princes** drew **near** to me, **saying**, The **people** of **Israel**, and the **priests** and the **Levites**, have not separated **themselves** from the **peoples** of the **lands**, [**doing**] **according** to **their** **abominations**, **even** of the **Canaanites**, the **Hittites**, the **Perizzites**, the **Jebusites**, the **Ammonites**, the **Moabites**, the **Egyptians**, and the **Amorites**.

2 **For** **they** have **taken** of **their** **daughters** for **themselves** and for **their** **sons**, so **that** the **holy** **seed** have **mixed** **themselves** with the **peoples** of the **lands**: **yes**, the hand of the **princes** and **rulers** has **been** **chief** in **this** **trespass**.

3 When I **heard** **this** **thing**, I **tore** my **garment** and my **robe**, and **plucked** off the **hair** of my **head** and of my **beard**, and sat **down** **confounded**.

4 **Then** were assembled to me everyone **who** trembled at the **words** of the Elohim of **Israel**, **because** of the **trespass** of **them** of the captivity; and I sat **confounded** until the **evening** offering.

5 At the **evening** offering I **arose** up from my **humiliation**, **even** with my **garment** and my **robe** **torn**; and I fell on my **knees**, and spread **out** my **hands** to YAHWEH my Elohim;

6 and I said, my Elohim, I am **ashamed** and **blush** to lift up my **face** to you, my Elohim; for **our** **iniquities** are **increased** over **our** **head**, and **our** **guiltiness** is **grown** up to the **heavens**.

7 **Since** the **days** of **our** **fathers** we have **been** **exceeding** **guilty** to **this** **day**; and for **our** **iniquities** have **we**, **our** **kings**, and **our** **priests**, **been** delivered into the hand of the **kings** of the **lands**, to the **sword**, to captivity, and to plunder, and to **confusion** of **face**, as it is **this** **day**.

8 **Now** for a little **moment** **grace** has **been** **shown** from YAHWEH **our** Elohim, to **leave** us a remnant to **escape**, and to give us a **nail** in his **holy** **place**, **that** **our** Elohim may **lighten** **our** **eyes**, and give us a little **reviving** in **our** **bondage**.

9 **For** we are **bondservants**; yet **our** Elohim has **not** forsaken us in **our** **bondage**, but has **extended** **lovingkindness** to us in the **sight** of the **kings** of **Persia**, to give us a **reviving**, to set up the **house** of **our** Elohim, and to **repair** the **ruins** of it, and to give us a **wall** in **Judah** and in **Jerusalem**.

10 Now, our Elohim, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken your commandments,

11 which you have commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, The land, to which you go to possess it, is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their filthiness:

12 now therefore don't give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters to your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity forever; that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.

13 After all that is come on us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that you our Elohim have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such a remnant,

14 shall we again break your commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples that do these abominations? would not you be angry with us until you had consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape?

15 YAHWEH, the Elohim of Israel, you are righteous; for we are left a remnant that is escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before you in our guiltiness; for none can stand before you because of this.

Ezra 10

1 Now while Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of Elohim, there was gathered together to him out of Israel a very great assembly of men and women and children; for the people wept very sore.

2 Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered Ezra, We have trespassed against our Elohim, and have married foreign women of the peoples of the land: yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing.

3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our Elohim to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those who tremble at the commandment of our Elohim; and let it be done according to the law.

4 Arise; for the matter belongs to you, and we are with you: be of good courage, and do it.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they swore.

6 **Then** Ezra **roſe** up from bef^ore the **houſe** of Elohim, and went into the **chamber** of Jehohanan the **ſon** of Eliashib: and [when] he **came there**, he **ate** no bread, **n^or** drink **w^ater**; for he **m^ourned** beca^uſe of the tresp^aſſ of **them** of the captivity.

7 **They made** proclamation **throug^hout** Judah and Jeruſalem to **all** the **children** of the captivity, **that they ſhould** gather **themſelveſ** together to Jeruſalem;

8 and **that wh^oever** didn't **come within three dayſ**, acc^ording to the **counſel** of the **prin^ceſ** and the **elderſ**, **all** his ſubſtan^ce **ſhould** be **f^orfeited**, and himſelf **ſeparated** from the aſſembly of the captivity.

9 **Then all** the men of Judah and Benjamin **gathered** **themſelveſ** together to Jeruſalem **within** the **three dayſ**; it was the **ninth month**, on the **twentieth [day]** of the **month**: and **all** the **people** ſat in the **broad place** bef^ore the **houſe** of Elohim, trembling beca^uſe of **this** matter, and for the **great** rain.

10 Ezra the **prieſt** **ſtood** up, and ſaid to **them**, **You** have tresp^aſſed, and have **married** foreign women, to incre^aſe the **guilt** of **Iſrael**.

11 **Now theref^ore** **make** **conf^eſſion** to YAHWEH, the Elohim of **y^our f^atherſ**, and **do** his **pleaſure**; and **ſeparate y^ourſelveſ** from the **peopleſ** of the land, and from the **foreign** women.

12 **Then all** the aſſembly **answered with** a **loud voi^ce**, As you have ſaid **con^ccerning** us, ſo muſt **we do**.

13 But the **people** are many, and it is a **time** of **much** rain, and **we** are not **able** to ſtand **ou^tſide**: **neither** is **this** a **w^or^k** of one **day** or **two**; for **we** have **greatly** tranſgreſſed in **this** matter.

14 Let **now our** **prin^ceſ** be appointed for **all** the aſſembly, and let **all thoſe wh^o** are in **our citieſ** **wh^o** have **married** foreign women **come** at appointed **timeſ**, and **with them** the **elderſ** of every **city**, and the **judgeſ** of it, until the **fi^er^ce** **wr^ath** of **our** Elohim be **t^urned** from us, until **this** matter be diſpatched.

15 **Only** Jonath^an the **ſon** of Asahel and Jahzeiah the **ſon** of Tikvah **ſtood** up **againſt this** [matter]: and Meshullam and **Shabbethai** the **Levite** **helped** **them**.

16 The **children** of the captivity did ſo. Ezra the **prieſt**, [with] **c^ertain** **headſ** of **f^atherſ'** [**houſeſ**], **after their f^atherſ'** **houſeſ**, and **all** of **them** **by their nameſ**, were ſet **ap^art**; and **they** ſat **down** in the **fi^rſt** **day** of the **tenth month** to examine the matter.

17 **They made** an end **with all** the men **wh^o** had **married** foreign women **by** the **fi^rſt** **day** of the **fi^rſt** **month**.

18 Among the **son̄s** of the **priests** **there** were **found** **who** had **married** foreign women: [namely], of the **son̄s** of **Jeshua**, the **son** of **Jozadak**, and his **brother̄s**, **Maaseiah**, and **Eliezer**, and **Jarib**, and **Gedaliah**.

19 **They** **gave** **their** hand **that** **they** **would** **put** away **their** **wivēs**; and **being** guilty, [**they** offered] a ram of the flock for **their** **guilt**.

20 Of the **son̄s** of **Immer**: **Hanani** and **Zebadiah**.

21 Of the **son̄s** of **Harim**: **Maaseiah**, and **Elijah**, and **Shemaiah**, and **Jehiel**, and **Uzziah**.

22 Of the **son̄s** of **Pashhur**: **Elioenai**, **Maaseiah**, **Ishmael**, **Nethanel**, **Jozabad**, and **Elasah**.

23 Of the **Levites**: **Jozabad**, and **Shimei**, and **Kelaiah** (the **same** is **Kelita**), **Pethahiah**, **Judah**, and **Eliezer**.

24 Of the **singer̄s**: **Eliashib**. Of the **porter̄s**: **Shallum**, and **Telem**, and **Uri**.

25 Of **Israel**: Of the **son̄s** of **Parosh**: **Ramiah**, and **Izziah**, and **Malchijah**, and **Mijamin**, and **Eleazar**, and **Malchijah**, and **Benaiah**.

26 Of the **son̄s** of **Elam**: **Mattaniah**, **Zechariah**, and **Jehiel**, and **Abdi**, and **Jeremoth**, and **Elijah**.

27 Of the **son̄s** of **Zattu**: **Elioenai**, **Eliashib**, **Mattaniah**, and **Jeremoth**, and **Zabad**, and **Aziza**.

28 Of the **son̄s** of **Bebai**: **Jehohanan**, **Hananiah**, **Zabbai**, **Athlai**.

29 Of the **son̄s** of **Bani**: **Meshullam**, **Malluch**, and **Adaiah**, **Jashub**, and **Sheal**, **Jeremoth**.

30 Of the **son̄s** of **Pahath-moab**: **Adna**, and **Chelal**, **Benaiah**, **Maaseiah**, **Mattaniah**, **Bezalel**, and **Binnui**, and **Manasseh**.

31 [of] the **son̄s** of **Harim**: **Eliezer**, **Isshijah**, **Malchijah**, **Shemaiah**, **Shimeon**,

32 **Benjamin**, **Malluch**, **Shemariah**.

33 Of the **son̄s** of **Hashum**: **Mattenai**, **Mattattah**, **Zabad**, **Eliphelet**, **Jeremai**, **Manasseh**, **Shimei**.

34 Of the **son̄s** of **Bani**: **Maadai**, **Amram**, and **Uel**,

35 **Benaiah**, **Bedeiah**, **Cheluhi**,

36 **Vaniah**, **Meremoth**, **Eliashib**,

37 **Mattaniah**, **Mattenai**, and **Jaasu**,

38 and **Bani**, and **Binnui**, **Shimei**,

39 and **She**lemiah, and **Nath**an, and Adaiah,

40 Machnadebai, **Shath**ai, Sharai,

41 Azarel, and **She**lemiah, **Shem**ariah,

42 **Sh**allum, Amariah, **Joseph**.

43 Of the **sons** of Nebo: Jeiel, **Mattith**iah, Zabad, Zebina, Iddo, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All **thes**e had **ta**ken foreign **wive**s; and **so**me of **the**m had **wive**s by **wh**om **the**y had **ch**ildren.kkk

Nehemiah 1

1 The wôrdş of Nehemiah the sôn of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chislew, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palaçe,

2 that Hanani, one of my brôtherş, came, he and çertain men out of Judah; and I äsked them conçerning the Jewş who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and conçerning Jeruşalem.

3 They said to me, The remnant who are left of the captivity there in the provinçe are in great affliction and reproach: the wäll of Jeruşalem älsö is broken down, and the gates of it are bürned with fire.

4 It happened, when I heard theşe wôrdş, that I sat down and wept, and môurned çertain dayş; and I fästed and prayed beföre the Elohim of heaven,

5 and said, I beg you, YAHWEH, the Elohim of heaven, the great and äwesöme Elohim, who keeps cövenant and lövingkindness with thoşe who löve him and keep his commandments:

6 Let yôur ear now be attentive, and yôur eyeş open, that you may listen to the prayer of yôur sêrvant, which I pray beföre you at this time, day and night, for the children of Işrael yôur sêrvants while I confess the sinş of the children of Işrael, which we have sinned against you. Yes, I and my fäther's house have sinned:

7 we have dealt very corruptly against you, and have not kept the commandments, nôr the statute, nôr the ördinances, which you commanded yôur sêrvant Moşeş.

8 Remember, I beg you, the wôrd that you commanded yôur sêrvant Moşeş, saying, If you trespäss, I will scatter you abroad among the peopleş:

9 but if you retûrn to me, and keep my commandments and de them, though yôur outcästs were in the uttermost pärt of the heavens, yet will I gather them from there, and will bring them to the plaçe that I have choşen, to cäuße my name to dwell there.

10 Now theşe are yôur sêrvants and yôur people, whom you have redeemed by yôur great power, and by yôur strong hand.

11 Lörd, I beg you, let now yôur ear be attentive to the prayer of yôur sêrvant, and to the prayer of yôur sêrvants, who delight to fear yôur name; and pleaşe prosper yôur sêrvant this day, and grant him mêrcy in the sight of this man. Now I was cup bearer to the king.

1 It happened in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, when wine was before him, that I took up the wine, and gave it to the king. Now I had not been [before] sad in his presence.

2 The king said to me, Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid.

3 I said to the king, Let the king live forever: why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and the gates of it are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said to me, For what do you make request? So I prayed to the Elohim of heaven.

5 I said to the king, If it please the king, and if your servant have found favor in your sight, that you would send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may build it.

6 The king said to me (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall your journey be? and when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

7 Moreover I said to the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah;

8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the castle which appertains to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. The king granted me, according to the good hand of my Elohim on me.

9 Then I came to the governors beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, because a man had come to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my Elohim put into my heart to do for Jerusalem; neither was there any animal with me, except the animal that I rode on.

13 I went out by night by the valley gate, even toward the jackal's well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates of it were consumed with fire.

14 **Then** I went on to the spring **gate** and to the king's **pool**: but **there** was no **place** for the animal **that** was under me to **pass**.

15 **Then** went I up in the **night** **by** the **brook**, and viewed the **wall**; and I **turned** back, and entered **by** the **valley gate**, and so **returned**.

16 The **rulers** didn't **know** *where* I went, or **what** I did; **neither** had I as yet **told** it to the **Jews**, **nor** to the **priests**, **nor** to the **nobles**, **nor** to the **rulers**, **nor** to the rest **who** did the **work**.

17 **Then** said I to **them**, **You see** the **evil case** **that** **we** are in, **how** **Jerusalem** **lies** **waste**, and the **gates** of it are **burned with fire**: **come**, and let us **build** up the **wall** of **Jerusalem**, **that** **we** be no **more** a **reproach**.

18 I **told** **them** of the hand of **my** **Elohim** **which** was **good** on me, as **also** of the king's **words** **that** he had **spoken** to me. **They** said, Let us **rise** up and **build**. So **they** **strengthened** **their** **hands** for the **good** [**work**].

19 But *when* Sanballat the **Horonite**, and Tobiah the **servant**, the **Ammonite**, and **Geshem** the **Arabian**, **heard** it, **they** **laughed** us to **scorn**, and **despised** us, and said, **What** is **this thing** **that** you **do**? will you rebel **against** the king?

20 **Then** answered I **them**, and said to **them**, The **Elohim** of heaven, he will prosper us; **therefore** **we** his **servants** will **arise** and **build**: but you have no **portion**, **nor** **right**, **nor** **memorial**, in **Jerusalem**.

Nehemiah 2

1 It happened in the **month** **Nisan**, in the **twentieth** **year** of **Artaxerxes** the king, *when* **wine** was **before** him, **that** I **took** up the **wine**, and **gave** it to the king. **Now** I had not **been** [**before**] **sad** in his **presence**.

2 The king said to me, **Why** is **your** **face** **sad**, **seeing** you are not sick? **this** is **nothing** else but **sorrow** of **heart**. **Then** I was very **sore** **afraid**.

3 I said to the king, Let the king **live** forever: **why** **should** not **my** **face** be **sad**, *when* the **city**, the **place** of **my** **fathers'** **tombs**, **lies** **waste**, and the **gates** of it are **consumed** **with** **fire**?

4 **Then** the king said to me, **For** **what** **do** you **make** **request**? So I **prayed** to the **Elohim** of heaven.

5 I said to the king, If it **please** the king, and if **your** **servant** have **found** **favor** in **your** **sight**, **that** you **would** send me to **Judah**, to the **city** of **my** **fathers'** **tombs**, **that** I **may** **build** it.

6 The king said to me (the **queen** **á**lso sitting **by** him,) **F**ó**r** **h**ow long **sh**all **y**ó**u**r **j**ó**u**rney be? and *when* will you **ret**ú**r**n? So it **pl**eá**s**ed the king to send me; and I set him a **t**ime.

7 **M**ó**r**e**o**ver I said to the king, If it **pl**eá**s**e the king, let letter**s** be given me to the **g**ó**v**ernor**s** beyond the River, **th**at **th**ey may let me **p**á**s**s **th**rough until I **c**ó**m**e to Judah;

8 and a letter to Asaph the **k**ee**p**er of the king's forest, **th**at he may **g**ive me timber to **m**ake **b**eam**s** for the **g**ates of the **c**á**s**t**l**e **wh**ich **a**ppert**a**in**s** to the **h**ouse, and for the **w**á**l**l of the **c**ity, and for the **h**ouse **th**at I **sh**all enter into. The king granted me, **a**ccó**r**ding to the **g**ó**o**d hand of **m**y **E**lohim on me.

9 **T**hen I **c**ame to the **g**ó**v**ernor**s** beyond the River, and **g**ave **th**em the king's letter**s**. **N**ow the king had sent **w**ith me captain**s** of the **á**rmy and **h**ó**r**semen.

10 *When* Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the **s**é**r**vant, the Ammonite, **h**é**a**rd of it, it **g**riev**e**d **th**em **e**x**ç**eedingly, **b**e**c**á**s**e a man had **c**ó**m**e to **s**eek the **w**elfare of the **ch**ildren of **I**s**r**ael.

11 **S**o I **c**ame to Jeru**s**alem, and was **th**ere **th**ree **d**ay**s**.

12 I **a**ro**s**e in the **n**ight, I and **s**ó**m**e few men **w**ith me; **n**e**i**ther **t**old I any man **wh**at **m**y **E**lohim **p**ú**t** into **m**y **h**eá**r**t to **d**e for Jeru**s**alem; **n**e**i**ther was **th**ere any animal **w**ith me, **e**x**ç**ept the animal **th**at I **r**ode on.

13 I went **o**ut **by** **n**ight **by** the **v**alley **g**ate, **e**ven **t**owá**r**d the jackal's well, and to the dung **g**ate, and viewed the **w**á**l**l**s** of Jeru**s**alem, **wh**ich were **b**ro**k**en **d**own, and the **g**ates of it were **c**ó**n**sum**e**d **w**ith **f**ire.

14 **T**hen I went on to the spring **g**ate and to the king's **p**ee**l**: but **th**ere was no **pl**ac**e** for the animal **th**at was under me to **p**á**s**s.

15 **T**hen went I up in the **n**ight **by** the **b**ró**o**k, and viewed the **w**á**l**l; and I **t**ú**r**ned back, and entered **by** the **v**alley **g**ate, and so **ret**ú**r**ned.

16 The **r**uler**s** didn't **k**now *where* I went, or **wh**at I did; **n**e**i**ther had I as yet **t**old it to the **J**ew**s**, **n**ó**r** to the **p**riest**s**, **n**ó**r** to the **n**oble**s**, **n**ó**r** to the **r**uler**s**, **n**ó**r** to the rest **wh**o did the **w**ó**r**k.

17 **T**hen said I to **th**em, **Y**ou **s**e**e** the **e**vil **c**ase **th**at **w**e are in, **h**ow Jeru**s**alem **l**ie**s** **w**aste, and the **g**ates of it are **b**ú**r**ned **w**ith **f**ire: **c**ó**m**e, and let us **b**uild up the **w**á**l**l of Jeru**s**alem, **th**at **w**e be no **m**ó**r**e a **r**epr**o**ach.

18 I **t**old **th**em of the hand of **m**y **E**lohim **wh**ich was **g**ó**o**d on me, as **á**lso of the king's **w**ó**r**d**s** **th**at he had **s**po**k**en to me. **T**hey said, Let us **r**is**e** up and **b**uild. So **th**ey **s**treng**th**ened **th**eir **h**and**s** for the **g**ó**o**d [**w**ó**r**k].

19 But *when* Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that you do? will you rebel against the king?

20 Then answered I them, and said to them, The Elohim of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 3

1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even to the tower of Hammeah they sanctified it, to the tower of Hananel.

2 Next to him built the men of Jericho. Next to them built Zaccur the son of Imri.

3 The fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build; they laid the beams of it, and set up the doors of it, the bolts of it, and the bars of it.

4 Next to them repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz. Next to them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel. Next to them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

5 Next to them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles didn't put their necks to the work of their lord.

6 The old gate repaired Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams of it, and set up the doors of it, and the bolts of it, and the bars of it.

7 Next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, [that appertained] to the throne of the governor beyond the River.

8 Next to him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths. Next to him repaired Hananiah one of the perfumers, and they fortified Jerusalem even to the broad wall.

9 Next to them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem.

10 Next to them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, over against his house. Next to him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabneiah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired another portion, and the tower of the furnaces.

12 Next to him repaired Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; **they** built it, and set up the d^or^s of it, the bolts of it, and the b^ar^s of it, and one **thousand** cubits of the w^all to the dung gate.

14 The dung gate repaired Malchijah the s^on of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem; he built it, and set up the d^or^s of it, the bolts of it, and the b^ar^s of it.

15 The spring gate repaired **Shallun** the s^on of Colhozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah; he built it, and c^overed it, and set up the d^or^s of it, the bolts of it, and the b^ar^s of it, and the w^all of the p^ool of Shelah **by** the king's g^arden, **even** to the stairs **that go down** from the cⁱty of David.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the s^on of Azbuk, the ruler of h^alf the district of Beth-zur, to the plac^e over against the t^embs of David, and to the p^ool **that** was made, and to the h^ouse of the mⁱghty men.

17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the s^on of Bani. Next to him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of h^alf the district of Keilah, for his district.

18 After him repaired **their brothers**, Bavvai the s^on of Henadad, the ruler of h^alf the district of Keilah.

19 Next to him repaired Ezer the s^on of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, an^other p^ortion, **over** against the asc^ent to the armory at the t^urning [of the w^all].

20 After him Baruch the s^on of Zabbai **e**arnestly repaired an^other p^ortion, from the t^urning [of the w^all] to the d^oor of the h^ouse of Eliashib the hⁱgh priest.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the s^on of Uriah the s^on of Hakkoz an^other p^ortion, from the d^oor of the h^ouse of Eliashib **even** to the end of the h^ouse of Eliashib.

22 After him repaired the priests, the men of the Plain.

23 After **them** repaired Benjamin and Hasshub **over** against **their** h^ouse. after **them** repaired Azariah the s^on of Maaseiah the s^on of Ananiah beside his **own** h^ouse.

24 After him repaired Binnui the s^on of Henadad an^other p^ortion, from the h^ouse of Azariah to the t^urning [of the w^all], and to the c^orner.

25 Palal the s^on of Uzai [repaired] **over** against the t^urning [of the w^all], and the tower **that** stands **o**ut from the upper h^ouse of the king, *which* is **by** the c^ourt of the gu^ard. after him Pedaiah the s^on of Parosh [repaired].

26 (Now the Nethinim lived in Ophel, to the plac^e **over** against the w^ater gate tow^ard the **e**ast, and the tower **that** stands **o**ut.)

27 After him the Tekoites repaired another portion, over against the great tower that stands out, and to the wall of Ophel.

28 Above the horse gate repaired the priests, everyone over against his own house.

29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his own house. After him repaired Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another portion. after him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchijah one of the goldsmiths to the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, over against the gate of Hammiphkad, and to the ascent of the corner.

32 Between the ascent of the corner and the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

Nehemiah 4

1 But it happened that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 He spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, seeing they are burned?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they are building, if a fox go up, he shall break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, our Elohim; for we are despised: and turn back their reproach on their own head, and give them up for a spoil in a land of captivity;

5 and don't cover their iniquity, and don't let their sin be blotted out from before you; for they have provoked [you] to anger before the builders.

6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half [the height] of it: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it happened that when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, [and] that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very angry;

8 and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion therein.

9 But **we** made **our** prayer to **our** Elohim, and set a **watch** against **them** day and night, because of **them**.

10 Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and **there** is much rubbish; so **that** we are not able to build the wall.

11 Our adversaries said, **They** shall not know, neither see, until we come into the midst of **them**, and kill **them**, and cause the work to cease.

12 It happened **that** when the Jews who lived by **them** came, **they** said to us ten times from all places, You must return to us.

13 Therefore set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I set [there] the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Don't be you afraid of **them**: remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 It happened, when our enemies heard **that** it was known to us, and Elohim had brought their counsel to nothing, **that** we returned all of us to the wall, everyone to his work.

16 It happened from that time forth, that half of my servants worked in the work, and half of **them** held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

17 **They** all built the wall and those who bore burdens loaded themselves; everyone with one of his hands worked in the work, and with the other held his weapon;

18 and the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side, and so built. He who sounded the trumpet was by me.

19 I said to the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated on the wall, one far from another:

20 in whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, resort you there to us; our Elohim will fight for us.

21 So we worked in the work: and half of **them** held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I to the people, Let everyone with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, **that** in the night **they** may be a guard to us, and may labor in the day.

23 So **neither** I, **nôr** **my** **bróthers**, **nôr** **my** **sêrvants**, **nôr** the men of the **guärd** **who** followed me, **nóne** of us **pút** off **our** **clothes**, everyone [went with] his **weapón** [to] the **wáter**.

Nehemiah 5

1 **Then** **there** **arose** a **great** **cry** of the **people** and of **their** **wives** **against** **their** **bróthers** the **Jews**.

2 For **there** were **that** said, **We**, **our** **sóns** and **our** **dáughters**, are many: let us get **grain**, **that** **we** **may** **eat** and live.

3 **Some** **á**lso **there** were **that** said, **We** are **mórtgaging** **our** **fields**, and **our** **vineyards**, and **our** **houses**: let us get **grain**, **becá**use of the **dê**arth.

4 **There** were **á**lso **that** said, **We** have **borrowed** **móney** for the king's **tribute** [on] **our** **fields** and **our** **vineyards**.

5 Yet **now** **our** **flesh** is as the **flesh** of **our** **bróthers**, **our** **children** as **their** **children**: and, **behold**, **we** bring into **bondage** **our** **sóns** and **our** **dáughters** to be **sêrvants**, and **some** of **our** **dáughters** are **bró**ught into **bondage** [**á**lready]: **neither** is it in **our** **power** to help it; for **ó**ther men have **our** **fields** and **our** **vineyards**.

6 I was very angry **when** I **hê**ard **their** **cry** and **thesê** **wó**rd.

7 **Then** I consulted **with** **myself**, and contended **with** the **nobles** and the **rulers**, and said to **them**, **You** exact **usury**, everyone of his **bróther**. I held a **great** assembly **against** **them**.

8 I said to **them**, **We** **á**fter **our** ability have **redeemed** **our** **bróthers** the **Jews**, **that** were **sold** to the **nations**; and **wó**uld you **even** sell **yó**ur **bróthers**, and **shó**uld **they** be **sold** to us? **Then** held **they** **their** **pe**ace, and **found** never a **wó**rd.

9 Also I said, **The** **th**ing **that** you **dó** is not **gó**od: **ó**ught you not to **wá**lk in the **fe**ar of **our** **Elohim**, **becá**use of the **reproach** of the **nations** **our** **enemies**?

10 I **likewisê**, **my** **bróthers** and **my** **sêrvants**, **dó** lend **them** **móney** and **grain**. **Pleasê** let us **le**ave off **this** **usury**.

11 **Pleasê** **restó**re to **them**, **even** **this** **day**, **their** **fields**, **their** **vineyards**, **their** **olive** groves, and **their** **houses**, **á**lso the hundred**th** **pá**rt of the **móney**, and of the **grain**, the new **wine**, and the **oil**, **that** you exact of **them**.

12 **Then** said **they**, **We** will **restó**re **them**, and will **requi**re **nó**th of **them**; so will **we** **dó**, **even** as you **say**. **Then** I **cá**lled the **priests**, and **tó**ok an **oath** of **them**, **that** **they** **wó**uld **dó** **accó**rding to **this** **promise**.

13 Also I **shòok** **out** my lap, and said, So Elohim **shake** **out** every man from his **house**, and from his **labor**, **that** **dòesn't** **perfòrm** **this** promise; **even** **thus** be he **shaken** **out**, and emptied. **Àll** the assembly said, Amen, and **praisèd** YAHWEH. The **peop**le did **accòrding** to **this** promise.

14 **Mòreover** from the **time** **that** I was appointed to be **their** **gòvern**or in the land of **Judah**, from the **twentieth** **year** **even** to the **two** and **thirtieth** **year** of Artaxerxes the king, [**that** is], **twelve** **years**, I and my **bròthers** have not **eaten** the bread of the **gòvern**or.

15 But the **fòrmer** **gòvern**ors **whò** were **befòre** me were **chàrg**eable to the **peop**le, and **tòok** of **them** bread and **wine**, **besides** **fòrty** **shekels** of silver; yes, **even** **their** **sèrvants** **bòre** **rule** **over** the **peop**le: but I didn't **dò** so, **becausè** of the **fear** of Elohim.

16 Yes, **àlso** I **còntinued** in the **wòrk** of **this** **wàll**, **neither** **bòught** **wè** any land: and **àll** my **sèrvants** were **gathered** **thèrè** to the **wòrk**.

17 **Mòreover** **thèrè** were at my **table**, of the **Jews** and the **rulers**, one hundred fifty men, **besides** **thosè** **whò** **came** to us from **among** the **nations** **th**at were **round** **about** us.

18 **Nòw** **that** **whìch** was **preparèd** for one **day** was one ox and six **choicè** **sheep**; **àlso** **fowls** were **preparèd** for me, and **oncè** in ten **days** **stòre** of **àll** **sòrts** of **wine**: yet for **àll** **this** I didn't demand the bread of the **gòvern**or, **becausè** the **bondagè** was heavy on **this** **peop**le.

19 Remember to me, my Elohim, for **gòod**, **àll** **that** I have **dòne** for **this** **peop**le.

Nehemiah 6

1 **Nòw** it happened, **whèn** it was **repòrted** to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to **Geshem** the **Arabian**, and to the rest of **our** **enemies**, **that** I had **built** the **wàll**, and **that** **thèrè** was no **breach** left **thèrèin**; (**thòugh** **even** to **that** **time** I had not set up the **dòors** in the **gates**;))

2 **that** Sanballat and **Geshem** sent to me, **saying**, **Còme**, let us **meet** **together** in [one of] the **villages** in the **plain** of Ono. But **they** **thòught** to **dò** me **mischief**.

3 I sent **messenger**s to **them**, **saying**, I am **dòing** a **great** **wòrk**, so **that** I **càn't** **còme** **dòwn**: **whý** **shòuld** the **wòrk** **cease**, **whìle** I **leave** it, and **còme** **dòwn** to you?

4 **They** sent to me **fòur** **times** **àfter** **this** **sòrt**; and I **answered** **them** **àfter** the **same** manner.

5 **Thèn** sent Sanballat his **sèrvant** to me in **like** manner the **fifth** **time** **with** an **open** letter in his hand,

6 in **which** was written, It is reported among the **nations**, and **Gashmu** says it, **that** you and the **Jews** think to rebel; for **which** cause you are building the **wall**: and you would be **their** king, according to **these** words.

7 You have **also** appointed prophets to preach of you at **Jerusalem**, saying, **There** is a king in **Judah**: and **now** shall it be reported to the king according to **these** words. Come **now** therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 **Then** I sent to him, saying, **There** are no such things done as you say, but you feign **them** out of your own heart.

9 For **they** all would have made us afraid, saying, **Their** hands shall be weakened from the work, **that** it not be done. But **now**, [Elohim], strengthen you my hands.

10 I went to the house of **Shemaiah** the son of **Delaiah** the son of **Mehetabel**, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of **Elohim**, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for **they** will come to kill you; yes, in the night will **they** come to kill you.

11 I said, **Should** such a man as I flee? and who is **there** that, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

12 I discerned, and, behold, **Elohim** had not sent him; but he pronounced **this** prophecy against me: and **Tobiah** and **Sanballat** had hired him.

13 For **this** cause was he hired, **that** I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and **that** they might have matter for an evil report, **that** they might reproach me.

14 Remember, my **Elohim**, **Tobiah** and **Sanballat** according to **these** their works, and **also** the prophetess **Noadiah**, and the rest of the prophets, **that** would have put me in fear.

15 **So** the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth [day] of [the month] **Elul**, in fifty-two days.

16 It happened, when all our enemies heard [of it], **that** all the nations that were about us feared, and were much cast down in their own eyes; for **they** perceived **that** this work was worked of our **Elohim**.

17 Moreover in those days the nobles of **Judah** sent many letters to **Tobiah**, and [the letters] of **Tobiah** came to them.

18 For **there** were many in **Judah** sworn to him, because he was the son-in-law of **Shecaniah** the son of **Arah**; and his son **Jehohanan** had taken the daughter of **Meshullam** the son of **Berechiah** as wife.

19 Also **they** spoke of his **gòod deedş** befòre me, and repòrted **my wòrdş** to him. Tobiah sent letterş to **pùt** me in **fear**.

Nehemiah 7

1 **Nòw** it happenèd, when the **wàll** was built, and I had set up the **dòorş**, and the **pòrterş** and the singerş and the **Levites** were appointed,

2 **that** I **gave** my **bròther** Hanani, and Hananiah the **gòvernòr** of the **cästle**, **chärgè** over **Jeruşalem**; for he was a **faithfùl** man, and **feared** Elohim **abòve** many.

3 I said to **them**, **Don't** let the **gates** of **Jeruşalem** be **òpenèd** until the sun be hot; and **while** **they** stand [on **güärd**], let **them** **shut** the **dòorş**, and **bä**r you **them**: and appoint **watcheş** of the inhabitants of **Jeruşalem**, everyone in his **watch**, and everyone [to be] **òver** **against** his **hòuse**.

4 **Nòw** the **çity** was **wide** and **lärgè**; but the **peòple** were few **therein**, and the **hòuseş** were not built.

5 My Elohim **pùt** into my **heärt** to **gather** **together** the **nobleş**, and the **rulerş**, and the **peòple**, **that** **they** might be reckòned **by** **genealogy**. I **feund** the **bòòk** of the **genealogy** of **thòşè** **whò** **came** up at the **fìrst**, and I **feund** written **therein**:

6 **Thèşè** are the **children** of the provinçè, **whò** went up **òut** of the captivity of **thòşè** **whò** had **been** **carried** away, **whò**m Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had **carried** away, and **whò** **retùrned** to **Jeruşalem** and to **Judah**, everyone to his **çity**;

7 **whò** **came** with Zerubbabel, **Jeshua**, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the **peòple** of **Işrael**:

8 The **children** of Parosh, **twò** **thòuşand** one hundred seventy-**twò**.

9 The **children** of Shephatiah, **threè** hundred seventy-**twò**.

10 The **children** of Arah, six hundred fifty-**twò**.

11 The **children** of Pahath-moab, of the **children** of **Jeshua** and Joab, **twò** **thòuşand** **eight** hundred [and] **eighteen**.

12 The **children** of Elam, one **thòuşand** **twò** hundred fifty-**fòur**.

13 The **children** of Zattu, **eight** hundred **fòrty-five**.

14 The **children** of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty.

15 The **children** of Binnui, six hundred **fòrty-eight**.

16 The **children** of Bebai, six hundred twenty-**eight**.

- 17 The **children** of Azgad, **two thousand three** hundred twenty-**two**.
- 18 The **children** of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-seven.
- 19 The **children** of Bigvai, **two thousand** sixty-seven.
- 20 The **children** of Adin, six hundred fifty-**five**.
- 21 The **children** of Ater, of Hezekiah, **ninety-eight**.
- 22 The **children** of Hashum, **three** hundred Twenty-**eight**.
- 23 The **children** of Bezai, **three** hundred twenty-**four**.
- 24 The **children** of Hariph, one hundred twelve.
- 25 The **children** of Gibeon, **ninety-five**.
- 26 The men of Beth**lehem** and Netop**hah**, one hundred **eighty-eight**.
- 27 The men of Ana**both**, one hundred twenty-**eight**.
- 28 The men of Beth**azmaveth**, **forty-two**.
- 29 The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beerot**h**, seven hundred **forty-three**.
- 30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty-**one**.
- 31 The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-**two**.
- 32 The men of Beth**el** and Ai, a hundred twenty-**three**.
- 33 The men of the **other** Nebo, fifty-**two**.
- 34 The **children** of the **other** Elam, one **thousand two** hundred fifty-**four**.
- 35 The **children** of Harim, **three** hundred twenty.
- 36 The **children** of Jericho, **three** hundred **forty-five**.
- 37 The **children** of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty-**one**.
- 38 The **children** of Senaah, **three thousand nine** hundred **thirty**.
- 39 The **priests**: The **children** of Jedaiah, of the **house** of **Jeshua**, **nine** hundred seventy-**three**.
- 40 The **children** of Immer, one **thousand** fifty-**two**.
- 41 The **children** of Pashhur, one **thousand two** hundred **forty-seven**.
- 42 The **children** of Harim, one **thousand** [and] **seventeen**.

43 The **Levites**: the **children** of **Jeshua**, of **Kadmiel**, of the **children** of **Hodevah**, seventy-**four**.

44 The **singers**: the **children** of **Asaph**, one hundred **forty-eight**.

45 The **porters**: the **children** of **Shallum**, the **children** of **Ater**, the **children** of **Talmon**, the **children** of **Akkub**, the **children** of **Hatita**, the **children** of **Shobai**, one hundred **thirty-eight**.

46 The **Nethinim**: the **children** of **Ziha**, the **children** of **Hasupha**, the **children** of **Tabbaoth**,

47 the **children** of **Keros**, the **children** of **Sia**, the **children** of **Padon**,

48 the **children** of **Lebana**, the **children** of **Hagaba**, the **children** of **Salmal**,

49 the **children** of **Hanan**, the **children** of **Giddel**, the **children** of **Gahar**,

50 the **children** of **Reaiah**, the **children** of **Rezin**, the **children** of **Nekoda**,

51 the **children** of **Gazzam**, the **children** of **Uzza**, the **children** of **Paseah**.

52 The **children** of **Besai**, the **children** of **Meunim**, the **children** of **Nephushesim**,

53 the **children** of **Bakbuk**, the **children** of **Hakupha**, the **children** of **Harhur**,

54 the **children** of **Bazlith**, the **children** of **Mehida**, the **children** of **Harsha**,

55 the **children** of **Barkos**, the **children** of **Sisera**, the **children** of **Temah**,

56 the **children** of **Neziah**, the **children** of **Hatipha**.

57 The **children** of **Solomon's** **servants**: the **children** of **Sotai**, the **children** of **Sophereth**, the **children** of **Perida**,

58 the **children** of **Jaala**, the **children** of **Darkon**, the **children** of **Giddel**,

59 the **children** of **Shephatiah**, the **children** of **Hattil**, the **children** of **Pochereth-hazzebaim**, the **children** of **Amon**.

60 All the **Nethinim**, and the **children** of **Solomon's** **servants**, were **three** hundred **ninety-two**.

61 **These** were **those** *who* went up from **Tel-melah**, **Tel-harsha**, **Cherub**, **Addon**, and **Immer**; but **they** *could* not **show** **their** **fathers'** **houses**, *nor* **their** **seed**, *whether* **they** were of **Israel**:

62 The **children** of **Delaiah**, the **children** of **Tobiah**, the **children** of **Nekoda**, six hundred **forty-two**.

63 Of the priests: the **children** of Hobaiah, the **children** of Hakkoz, the **children** of Barzillai, **who** **t**ook a **w**ife of the **d**ughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was **c**alled **a**fter **the**ir **n**ame.

64 **Th**ese **s**ought **the**ir register [among] **th**ose **wh**o were reckoned by **g**enealogy, but it was not **f**ound: **th**erefore were **the**y **d**eemed polluted and **p**ut from the **p**riesthood.

65 The **g**overnor said to **the**m, **th**at **the**y **sh**ould not **e**at of the most holy **th**ings, until **th**ere **st**ood up a **p**riest **w**ith Urim and Thummim.

66 The **w**hole assembly **to**gether was **f**orty-two **th**ousand **th**ree hundred sixty,

67 **b**esides **the**ir men-servants and **the**ir maid-servants, of **wh**om **th**ere were seven **th**ousand **th**ree hundred **th**irty-seven: and **the**y had **t**wo hundred **f**orty-five singing men and singing women.

68 **The**ir **h**orses were seven hundred **th**irty-six; **the**ir **m**ule, **t**wo hundred **f**orty-five;

69 [**the**ir] **c**amels, **f**our hundred **th**irty-five; [**the**ir] **d**onkeys, six **th**ousand seven hundred twenty.

70 **S**ome from among the **h**eads of **f**athers' [**h**ouses] **g**ave to the **w**ork. The **g**overnor **g**ave to the **t**reasury one **th**ousand darics of **g**old, fifty **b**asins, and **f**ive hundred **th**irty priests' **g**arments.

71 **S**ome of the **h**eads of **f**athers' [**h**ouses] **g**ave into the **t**reasury of the **w**ork **th**ousand darics of **g**old, and **t**wo **th**ousand **t**wo hundred minas of **s**ilver.

72 **Th**at **wh**ich the rest of the **p**eople **g**ave was twenty **th**ousand darics of **g**old, and **t**wo **th**ousand minas of **s**ilver, and sixty-seven priests' **g**arments.

73 **S**o the **p**riests, and the **L**evites, and the **p**orters, and the **s**ingers, and **s**ome of the **p**eople, and the **N**ethinim, and **a**ll **I**srael, lived in **the**ir **c**ities. **W**hen the **se**venth **m**onth was **c**ome, the **ch**ildren of **I**srael were in **the**ir **c**ities.

Nehemiah 8

1 All the **p**eople **g**athered **the**mselfes **to**gether as one man into the **b**road **pl**ace **th**at was **b**efore the **w**ater **g**ate; and **the**y **s**poke to Ezra the **s**cribe to bring the **b**ook of the **l**aw of **M**oses, **wh**ich **Y**AHWEH had commanded to **I**srael.

2 Ezra the **p**riest **b**rought the **l**aw **b**efore the assembly, **bo**th men and women, and **a**ll **wh**o **c**ould **h**ear **w**ith understanding, on the **f**irst day of the **se**venth **m**onth.

3 He read **th**erein **b**efore the **b**road **pl**ace **th**at was **b**efore the **w**ater **g**ate from **e**arly **m**orning until **m**idday, in the **p**resence of the men and the women, and of **th**ose **wh**o **c**ould understand; and the **e**ars of **a**ll the **p**eople were [attentive] to the **b**ook of the **l**aw.

4 Ezra the scribe stòòd on a pùlpit of wòòd, *whi**ch** they had made* for the pùrpose; and beside him stòòd Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah, on his ri**gh**t hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, [and] Meshullam.

5 Ezra opened the bòòk in the si**gh**t of à**ll** the pe**o**ple; (for he was abòve à**ll** the pe**o**ple;) and *wh*en he opened it, à**ll** the pe**o**ple stòòd up:

6 and Ezra blessed YAHWEH, the gre**at** Elohim. à**ll** the pe**o**ple answered, Amen, Amen, **with** the lifting up of **thei**r hands; and **the**y bowed **thei**r heads, and wòrshipped YAHWEH **with** **thei**r faces to the gre**o**und.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiyah, and the Levites, càu**se**d the pe**o**ple to understand the l**á**w: and the pe**o**ple [stòòd] in **thei**r plac**e**.

8 **The**y read in the bòòk, in the l**á**w of Elohim, distinctly; and **the**y g**av**e the sense, so **th**at **the**y understòòd the re**ad**ing.

9 Nehemiah, *wh*o was the gòvernor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites *wh*o t**á**ught the pe**o**ple, said to à**ll** the pe**o**ple, **This** day is holy to YAHWEH yò**u**r Elohim; don't mò**o**rn, nò**r** weep. Fò**r** à**ll** the pe**o**ple wept, *wh*en **the**y h**é**ard the wòrds of the l**á**w.

10 **The**n he said to **the**m, Go yò**u**r way, **e**at the fat, and drink the sweet, and send pòrtions to him for *wh*o**m** nò**th**ing is prepar**e**d; for **this** day is holy to **o**ur Lòrd: **ne**ither be you gri**e**ved; for the joy of YAHWEH is yò**u**r strength.

11 **S**o the Levites stilled à**ll** the pe**o**ple, **saying**, Hold yò**u**r pe**ac**e, for the day is holy; **ne**ither be you gri**e**ved.

12 All the pe**o**ple went **thei**r way to **e**at, and to drink, and to send pòrtions, and to make gre**at** m**í**rh, *bec*à**u**se **the**y had understòòd the wòrds **th**at were declar**e**d to **the**m.

13 On the se**co**nd day were gath**er**ed together the head**s** of f**á**thers' [hò**u**ses] of à**ll** the pe**o**ple, the priests, and the Levites, to Ezra the scribe, **e**ven to give attention to the wòrds of the l**á**w.

14 **The**y fò**u**nd *w*ritten in the l**á**w, **h**ow **th**at YAHWEH had command**e**d by Mò**se**s, **th**at the **ch**ildren of I**s**rael shò**u**ld dwell in be**o**oths in the fe**as**t of the se**ve**nth m**o**n**th**;

15 and **th**at **the**y shò**u**ld publish and proclaim in à**ll** **thei**r çit**ie**s, and in Jeru**s**alem, **saying**, Go fò**r**th to the m**o**untain, and get olive branches, and branches of wild

olive, and myrtle branches, and p^äim branches, and branches of thick trees, to make beeths, as it is written.

16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves beeths, everyone on the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of Elohim, and in the broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim.

17 All the assembly of those who were come again out of the captivity made beeths, and lived in the beeths; for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the children of Israel had not done so. There was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the book of the law of Elohim. They kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

Nehemiah 9

1 Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth on them.

2 The seed of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 They stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of YAHWEH their Elohim a fourth part of the day; and [another] fourth part they confessed, and worshipped YAHWEH their Elohim.

4 Then stood up on the stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, [and] Chenani, and cried with a loud voice to YAHWEH their Elohim.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, [and] Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless YAHWEH your Elohim from everlasting to everlasting; and blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 You are YAHWEH, even you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the sea and all that is in them, and you preserve them all; and the host of heaven worships you.

7 You are YAHWEH the Elohim, who did choose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Abraham,

8 and found his heart faithful before you, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite,

and the Gīrgashite, to give it to his seed, and have performed yōur wōrds; for you are righteous.

9 You s̄aw the affliction of our fāthers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red Sea,

10 and shown signs and wonders on Pharaoh, and on āll his s̄ervants, and on āll the people of his land; for you knew that they dealt proudly against them, and did get you a name, as it is this day.

11 You divided the sea befōre them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their p̄rsuers you did cāst into the depths, as a stone into the mighty wāters.

12 Mōreover in a pillar of cloud you led them by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way in which they shōuld go.

13 You came down ālso on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ōrdinances and true lāws, gōod statute and commandments,

14 and mad known to them yōur holy Sabbath, and commanded them commandments, and statute, and a lāw, by Moșes yōur s̄ervant,

15 and gave them bread from the sky for their hunger, and brōught fōrth wāter for them out of the rock for their th̄irst, and commanded those who they shōuld go in to possess the land which you had swōrn to give them.

16 But they and our fāthers dealt proudly and hārdened their neck, and didn't listen to yōur commandments,

17 and refus̄ed to obey, neither were mindful of yōur wonders that you did among them, but hārdened their neck, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But you are a Elohim ready to pārdon, gracious and m̄erciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and didn't forsake them.

18 Yes, when they had made them a molten cālf, and said, This is yōur Elohim who brōught you up out of Egypt, and had committed āwful blasphemies;

19 yet you in yōur manifold m̄erces didn't forsake them in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud didn't depārt from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way in which they shōuld go.

20 You gave ālso yōur gōod Spirit to instruct them, and didn't withhold yōur manna from their mouth, and gave them wāter for their th̄irst.

21 Yes, fōrty years did you sustain them in the wilderness, [and] they lacked nothing; their clothes didn't grow old, and their feet didn't swell.

22 Moreover you gave them kingdoms and peoples, which you did allot after their portions: so they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 Their children also multiplied you as the stars of the sky, and brought them into the land concerning which you did say to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25 They took fortified cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, and olive groves, and fruit trees in abundance: so they ate, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in your great goodness.

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against you, and cast your law behind their back, and killed your prophets that testified against them to turn them again to you, and they committed awful blasphemies.

27 Therefore you delivered them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried to you, you heard from heaven; and according to your manifold mercies you gave them Saviors who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries.

28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before you; therefore left you them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried to you, you heard from heaven; and many times did you deliver them according to your mercies,

29 and testified against them, that you might bring them again to your law. Yet they dealt proudly, and didn't listen to your commandments, but sinned against your ordinances, (which if a man do, he shall live in them,) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

30 Yet many years did you bear with them, and testified against them by your Spirit through your prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gave you them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

31 Nevertheless in your manifold mercies you did not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for you are a gracious and merciful Elohim.

32 Now therefore, our Elohim, the great, the mighty, and the awesome Elohim, who keep covenant and lovingkindness, don't let all the travail seem little before you,

that has come on us, on **our** kings, on **our** princes, and on **our** priests, and on **our** prophets, and on **our** fathers, and on **all** **your** people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to **this** day.

33 However you are just in **all** **that** is come on us; for you have dealt truly, but we have done wickedly;

34 **neither** have **our** kings, **our** princes, **our** priests, **nor** **our** fathers, kept **your** law, **nor** listened to **your** commandments and **your** testimonies with which you did testify against **them**.

35 For **they** have not served you in **their** kingdom, and in **your** great goodness **that** you gave **them**, and in the large and fat land which you gave before **them**, **neither** turned **they** from **their** wicked works.

36 Behold, we are servants **this** day, and as for the land **that** you gave to **our** fathers to eat the fruit of it and the good of it, behold, we are servants in it.

37 It yields much increase to the kings whom you have set over us because of **our** sins: also **they** have power over **our** bodies, and over **our** cattle, at **their** pleasure, and we are in great distress.

38 Yet for **all** **this** we make a sure covenant, and write it; and **our** princes, **our** Levites, [and] **our** priests, seal to it. mm

Nehemiah 10

1 Now those who sealed were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,

4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these were the priests.

9 The Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, **Sherebiah**, **Shebaniah**,

13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The **chiefs** of the **people**: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Harith, Anathoth, Nobai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshazabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 The rest of the **people**, the **priests**, the **Levites**, the **porters**, the **singers**, the **Nethinim**, and **all those** who had separated **themselves** from the **people** of the **lands** to the **law** of Elohim, **their wives**, **their sons**, and **their daughters**, everyone who had **knowledge**, and **understanding**;

29 **They** joined with **their brothers**, **their nobles**, and entered into a **curse**, and into an **oath**, to **walk** in Elohim's **law**, **which** was given by **Moses** the **servant** of Elohim, and to **observe** and **do** **all** the commandments of YAHWEH **our Lord**, and his **ordinances** and his **statute**;

30 and **that we** would not give **our daughters** to the **people** of the land, **nor take** **their daughters** for **our sons**;

31 and if the **people** of the land bring **wares** or any **grain** on the **Sabbath day** to sell, **that we** would not **buy** of **them** on the **Sabbath**, or on a **holy day**; and **that we** would **forego** the **seventh year**, and the **exaction** of every **debt**.

32 Also **we** made **ordinances** for us, to **charge** **ourselves** yearly with the **third part** of a **shekel** for the **service** of the **house** of **our Elohim**;

33 for the **show** bread, and for the **continual** meal-offering, and for the **continual** burnt-offering, for the Sabbath**s**, for the new **moons**, for the set **feasts**, and for the **holy things**, and for the sin-offerings to **make** atonement for **Israel**, and for **all** the **work** of the **house** of **our** Elohim.

34 We **cast** lots, the **priests**, the **Levites**, and the **people**, for the **wood**-offering, to bring it into the **house** of **our** Elohim, **according** to **our fathers' houses**, at **times** appointed, **year by year**, to **burn** on the **altar** of YAHWEH **our** Elohim, as it is **written** in the **law**;

35 and to bring the **first fruits** of **our** **ground**, and the **first fruits** of **all** fruit of **all** manner of **trees**, **year by year**, to the **house** of YAHWEH;

36 also the **firstborn** of **our** **sons**, and of **our** **cattle**, as it is **written** in the **law**, and the **firstborn** of **our** **herds** and of **our** **flocks**, to bring to the **house** of **our** Elohim, to the **priests** **who** minister in the **house** of **our** Elohim;

37 and **that we should** bring the **first fruits** of **our** **dough**, and **our** **heave**-offerings, and the **fruit** of **all** manner of **trees**, the new **wine** and the **oil**, to the **priests**, to the **chambers** of the **house** of **our** Elohim; and the **tithes** of **our** **ground** to the **Levites**; for **they**, the **Levites**, **take** the **tithes** in **all** the **cities** of **our** tillage.

38 The **priest** the **son** of Aaron **shall** be **with** the **Levites**, **when** the **Levites** **take** **tithes**: and the **Levites** **shall** bring up the **tithe** of the **tithes** to the **house** of **our** Elohim, to the **chambers**, into the **treasure-house**.

39 For the **children** of **Israel** and the **children** of **Levi** **shall** bring the **heave**-offering of the **grain**, of the new **wine**, and of the **oil**, to the **chambers**, **where** are the **vessels** of the **sanctuary**, and the **priests** **who** minister, and the **porters**, and the **singers**: and **we** will not **forsake** the **house** of **our** Elohim.

Nehemiah 11

1 The **princes** of the **people** lived in **Jerusalem**: the rest of the **people** **also** **cast** lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in **Jerusalem** the **holy** **city**, and **nine** **parts** in the [**other**] **cities**.

2 The **people** **blessed** **all** the men **who** willingly offered **themselves** to dwell in **Jerusalem**.

3 **Now these** are the **chiefs** of the **province** **who** lived in **Jerusalem**: but in the **cities** of **Judah** lived everyone in his **possession** in **their** **cities**, [to wit], **Israel**, the **priests**, and the **Levites**, and the **Nethinim**, and the **children** of **Solomon's** **servants**.

4 In **Jerusalem** lived **certain** of the **children** of **Judah**, and of the **children** of **Benjamin**. Of the **children** of **Judah**: **Athaiah** the **son** of **Uzziah**, the **son** of

Zechariah, the s**o**n of Amariah, the s**o**n of **Sheph**atiah, the s**o**n of Mahalalel, of the **ch**ildren of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah the s**o**n of Baruch, the s**o**n of Colhozeh, the s**o**n of Hazaiah, the s**o**n of Adaiah, the s**o**n of Joiarib, the s**o**n of Zechariah, the s**o**n of the **Sh**ilonite.

6 All the s**o**n**s** of Perez **w**h**e** lived in Jeru**s**alem were **f**o**u**r hundred sixty-eight valiant men.

7 **The**s**e** are the s**o**n**s** of Benjamin: Sallu the s**o**n of Mesh**u**llam, the s**o**n of Joed, the s**o**n of Pedaiah, the s**o**n of Kolaiah, the s**o**n of Maaseiah, the s**o**n of **l**thiel, the s**o**n of **Jesh**aiah.

8 After him Gabbai, Sallai, **n**ine hundred twenty-eight.

9 Joel the s**o**n of Zichri was **the**ir **o**verseer; and Judah the s**o**n of Hassenuah was **se**cond **o**ver the **ç**ity.

10 Of the **p**riests: Jedaiah the s**o**n of Joiarib, Jachin,

11 Seraiah the s**o**n of Hilkiah, the s**o**n of Mesh**u**llam, the s**o**n of Zadok, the s**o**n of Meraio**th**, the s**o**n of Ahitub, the **r**uler of the **h**ouse of Elohim,

12 and **the**ir **br**oth**e**r**s** **w**h**e** did the **w**o**r**k of the **h**ouse, **e**ight hundred twenty-two; and Adaiah the s**o**n of Jeroham, the s**o**n of Pelaliah, the s**o**n of Amzi, the s**o**n of Zechariah, the s**o**n of Pash**h**ur, the s**o**n of Malchijah,

13 and his **br**oth**e**r**s**, **ch**iefs of **f**ä**th**e**r**s' [**h**ouse**s**], **t**wo hundred **f**o**r**ty-two; and Amash**s**ai the s**o**n of Azarel, the s**o**n of Ahzai, the s**o**n of Meshillemo**th**, the s**o**n of Immer,

14 and **the**ir **br**oth**e**r**s**, **m**ighty men of valor, **o**ne hundred twenty-eight; and **the**ir **o**verseer was Zabdiel, the s**o**n of Haggedolim.

15 Of the **L**evites: **S**hemaiah the s**o**n of Hass**h**ub, the s**o**n of Azrikam, the s**o**n of Hashabiah, the s**o**n of Bunni;

16 and **S**habbethai and Jozabad, of the **ch**iefs of the **L**evites, **w**h**e** had the **o**versight of the **o**utward business of the **h**ouse of Elohim;

17 and Mattaniah the s**o**n of Mica, the s**o**n of Zabdi, the s**o**n of Asaph, **w**h**e** was the **ch**ief to begin the **th**anksgiving in **p**ray**e**r, and Bakbukiah, the **se**cond among his **br**oth**e**r**s**; and Abda the s**o**n of **S**hammua, the s**o**n of Galal, the s**o**n of Jeduthun.

18 All the **L**evites in the **h**oly **ç**ity were **t**wo hundred eighty-f**o**ur.

19 **M**ore**o**ver the **p**o**r**ter**s**, Akkub, Talmon, and **the**ir **br**oth**e**r**s**, **w**h**e** kept **w**atch at the **g**ates, were **o**ne hundred seventy-two.

20 The residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance.

21 But the Nethinim lived in Ophel: and Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.

22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the business of the house of Elohim.

23 For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and a settled provision for the singers, as every day required.

24 Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 As for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah lived in Kiriath-arba and the towns of it, and in Dibon and the towns of it, and in Jekabzeel and the villages of it,

26 and in Jeshua, and in Moladah, and Beth-pelet,

27 and in Hazar-shual, and in Beersheba and the towns of it,

28 and in Ziklag, and in Meconah and in the towns of it,

29 and in En-rimmon, and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and the fields of it, Azekah and the towns of it. So they encamped from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children of Benjamin also [lived] from Geba [onward], at Michmash and Aija, and at Bethel and the towns of it,

32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 Of the Levites, certain courses in Judah [were joined] to Benjamin.

Nehemiah 12

1 Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 **Shemaiah**, and Joiarib, Jedaiah.

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. **Thesē** were the **chiefs** of the **priests** and of **their brothers** in the **days** of **Jeshua**.

8 **Mōreover** the **Levites**: **Jeshua**, Binnui, Kadmiel, **Sherebiah**, **Judah**, [and] **Mattaniah**, **whē** was **over** the **thanksgiving**, he and his **brothers**.

9 **Also** **Bakbukiah** and **Unno**, **their brothers**, were **over against them** **accōrding** to **their offices**.

10 **Jeshua** **became** the **fäther** of **Joiakim**, and **Joiakim** **became** the **fäther** of **Eliashib**, and **Eliashib** **became** the **fäther** of **Joiada**,

11 and **Joiada** **became** the **fäther** of **Jonathan**, and **Jonathan** **became** the **fäther** of **Jaddua**.

12 In the **days** of **Joiakim** were **priests**, **heads** of **fäthers'** [**houses**]: of **Seraiah**, **Meraiah**; of **Jeremiah**, **Hananiah**;

13 of **Ezra**, **Meshullam**; of **Amariah**, **Jehohanan**;

14 of **Malluchi**, **Jonathan**; of **Shebaniah**, **Joseph**;

15 of **Harim**, **Adna**; of **Meraioth**, **Helkai**;

16 of **Iddo**, **Zechariah**; of **Ginnethon**, **Meshullam**;

17 of **Abijah**, **Zichri**; of **Miniamin**, of **Moadiah**, **Piltai**;

18 of **Bilgah**, **Shammua**; of **Shemaiah**, **Jehonathan**;

19 and of **Joarib**, **Mattenai**; of **Jedaiah**, **Uzzi**;

20 of **Sallai**, **Kallai**; of **Amok**, **Eber**;

21 of **Hilkiah**, **Hashabiah**; of **Jedaiah**, **Nethanel**.

22 As for the **Levites**, in the **days** of **Eliashib**, **Joiada**, and **Johanan**, and **Jaddua**, **there** were **recōrded** the **heads** of **fäthers'** [**houses**]; **ālsō** the **priests**, in the **reign** of **Darius** the **Pēr̄sian**.

23 The **sōns** of **Levi**, **heads** of **fäthers'** [**houses**], were **written** in the **bōōk** of the **chronicles**, **even** until the **days** of **Johanan** the **sōn** of **Eliashib**.

24 The **chiefs** of the **Levites**: **Hashabiah**, **Sherebiah**, and **Jeshua** the **sōn** of **Kadmiel**, **with** **their brothers** **over against** **them**, to **praisē** and give **thanks**, **accōrding** to the **commandment** of **David** the **man** of **Elohim**, **wāch** next to **wāch**.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the watch at the store-houses of the gates.

26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest the scribe.

27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with giving thanks, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

28 The sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites;

29 also from Beth-gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built them villages round about Jerusalem.

30 The priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah on the wall, and appointed two great companies who gave thanks and went in procession; [whereof one went] on the right hand on the wall toward the dung gate:

32 and after them went Hoshai, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

35 and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;

36 and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of Elohim; and Ezra the scribe was before them.

37 By the spring gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the water gate eastward.

38 The other company of those who gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, on the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even to the broad wall,

39 and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hananel, and the tower of Hammeah, even to the sheep gate: and they stood still in the gate of the guard.

40 So stood the two companies of those who gave thanks in the house of Elohim, and I, and the half of the rulers with me;

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

42 and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

43 They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for Elohim had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 On that day were men appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the heave-offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions appointed by the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites who waited.

45 They kept the charge of their Elohim, and the charge of the purification, and [so did] the singers and the porters, according to the commandment of David.

46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to Elohim.

47 All Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they set apart [that which was] for the Levites; and the Levites set apart [that which was] for the sons of Aaron.

Nehemiah 13

1 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter into the assembly of Elohim forever,

2 because they didn't meet the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: however our Elohim turned the curse into a blessing.

3 It came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 Now bef^ore **this**, Eliashib the priest, wh^o was appointed over the **chamber**s of the house of **o**ur Elohim, being allied to Tobiah,

5 had prepared for him a great **chamber**, wh^{ere} bef^ore **they** laid the meal-offering**s**, the frankincense, and the vessel**s**, and the **tith**e**s** of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, **wh**ich were given by commandment to the Levites, and the singer**s**, and the p^orters**s**; and the heave-offering**s** for the priests.

6 But in **all** **this** [time] I was not at Jeru**s**alem; for in the tw^o and **thirtieth** year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king.

7 and I **ca**me to Jeru**s**alem, and underst^ood the **evil** **that** Eliashib had **do**ne for Tobiah, in preparing him a **chamber** in the c^ourts of the house of Elohim.

8 It grieved me s^ore: **theref**ore I c^äst **f**orth **all** the household stuff of Tobiah.

9 **Then** I commanded, and **they** cleansed the **chamber**s: and **there** br^ought I again the vessel**s** of the house of Elohim, with the meal-offering**s** and the frankincense.

10 I p^erceived **that** the p^ortions of the Levites had not **been** given **them**; so **that** the Levites and the singer**s**, wh^o did the w^ork, were fled everyone to his field.

11 Then contended I with the ruler**s**, and said, **Why** is the house of Elohim forsaken? I gathered **them** together, and set **them** in **their** place.

12 **Then** br^ought **all** Judah the **tith**e of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries.

13 I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to **them** was Hanan the s^on of Zaccur, the s^on of Mattaniah; for **they** were counted faithful, and **their** business was to distribute to **their** brother**s**.

14 Remember me, **my** Elohim, **con**c^ernⁱng **this**, and **don't** wipe out my good deed**s** **that** I have **do**ne for the house of **my** Elohim, and for the ob**s**er**van**ces of it.

15 In **tho**se **day**s s^äw I in Judah some men treading wine-press**e**s on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading donkey**s** [therewith]; as **also** wine, grapes, and fig**s**, and **all** manner of bur**den**s, **wh**ich **they** br^ought into Jeru**s**alem on the Sabbath day: and I testified [against **them**] in the day in **wh**ich **they** sold victuals.

16 **There** lived men of Tyre **also** therein, wh^o br^ought in fish, and **all** manner of ware**s**, and sold on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jeru**s**alem.

17 **Then** I contended with the noble**s** of Judah, and said to **them**, **Wh**at **evil** **th**ing is **this** **that** you **do**, and profane the Sabbath day?

18 Didn't **yôur fätherş** **dë thus**, and did not **our** Elohim bring **äll this evil** on us, and on **this çity**? yet you bring **môre wräth** on **Işrael** by **profaning** the **Sabbath**.

19 It **came** to **päss that**, when the **gates** of **Jeruşalem** began to be **därk befôre** the **Sabbath**, I commanded **that** the **dôorş** **shouïd** be **shut**, and commanded **that they shouïd** not be **opened** until **äfter** the **Sabbath**: and **söme** of **my sêrvants** set I **over** the **gates**, **that there shouïd** no **bûrden** be **brôught** in on the **Sabbath day**.

20 **So** the **mêrchants** and **sellers** of **äll kind** of **wareş** **lodged** **outside** of **Jeruşalem** **onçe** or **twiçe**.

21 Then I **testified** **against them**, and said to **them**, **Why** **lodgë** you **about** the **wäll**? if you **dë** so **again**, I will **lay handş** on you.

22 I commanded the **Levites** **that they shouïd Purify themselves**, and **that they shouïd** **come** and **keep** the **gates**, to **sanctify** the **Sabbath day**. Remember to me, **my Elohim**, **this älsö**, and **spare** me **accôrding** to the **greatness** of **yôur lövingkindness** .

23 In **thoşe dayş** **älsö säw** I the **Jewş** **whë** had **married** women of **Ashdod**, of **Ammon**, [and] of **Moab**:

24 and **their children** **spoke häïf** in the **speech** of **Ashdod**, and **couïd** not **speak** in the **Jewş'** **language**, but **accôrding** to the **language** of **each people**.

25 I **contended** **with them**, and **cûrsed** **them**, and struck **çërtain** of **them**, and **plucked** off **their hair**, and **made** **them** **swear** by **Elohim**, [saying], **You shall** not give **yôur dâughterş** to **their sonş**, **nôr take** **their dâughterş** for **yôur sonş**, or for **yôurselveş**.

26 Did not **Solomon** king of **Işrael** **sin** by **thesë thingş**? yet **among** many **nationş** was **there** no king **like** him, and he was **belöved** of his **Elohim**, and **Elohim** **made** him king **over äll Işrael**: **nevertheless** **even** him did **foreign** women **çäuse** to **sin**.

27 **Shall we** **then** listen to you to **dë äll this great evil**, to **trespäss** **against** **our** **Elohim** in **marrying** **foreign** women?

28 One of the **sonş** of **Joiada**, the **son** of **Eliashib** the **hiğh** **priest**, was **son-in-läw** to **Sanballat** the **Horonite**: **therefôre** I **chased** him from me.

29 Remember **them**, **my Elohim**, **becäuse** **they** have **defiled** the **priesthööd**, and the **cövenant** of the **priesthööd**, and of the **Levites**.

30 **Thus** **cleansed** I **them** from **äll foreignerş**,, and appointed **çhärgeş** for the **priests** and for the **Levites**, **everyone** in his **wôrk**;

31 and for the **wööd-offering**, at **timeş** appointed, and for the **fîrst fruits**. Remember me, **my Elohim**, for **gööd**.

Esther 1

1 **N**ow it happened in the **days** of Ahasuerus (**this** is Ahasuerus **who** reigned from India **even** to **Ethiopia**, **over** one hundred twenty-seven **provinces**),

2 **that** in **those** **days**, *when* the king Ahasuerus sat on the **throne** of his **kingdom**, **which** was in **Shushan** the **palace**,

3 in the **third** **year** of his reign, he **made** a **feast** to **all** his **princes** and his **servants**; the **power** of **Persia** and **Media**, the **nobles** and **princes** of the **provinces**, **being** **before** him;

4 *when* he **shown** the **riches** of his **glorious** **kingdom** and the *honor* of his **excellent** **majesty** many **days**, **even** one hundred **eighty** **days**.

5 *When* **these** **days** were **fulfilled**, the king **made** a **feast** to **all** the **people** *who* were **present** in **Shushan** the **palace**, **both** **great** and **small**, seven **days**, in the **court** of the **garden** of the king's **palace**.

6 **There** were hangings of **white** [cloth], [of] **green**, and [of] **blue**, **fastened** with **cords** of **fine** linen and **purple** to silver **rings** and **pillars** of **marble**: the **couches** were of **gold** and silver, on a **pavement** of red, and **white**, and **yellow**, and black **marble**.

7 **They** **gave** **them** drink in vessels of **gold** (the vessels **being** **diverse** one from another), and royal **wine** in abundance, **according** to the **bounty** of the king.

8 The drinking was **according** to the **law**; **none** could compel: for so the king had appointed to **all** the **officers** of his **house**, **that** **they** **should** **do** **according** to every man's **pleasure**.

9 Also **Vashti** the **queen** **made** a **feast** for the women in the royal **house** **which** belonged to king Ahasuerus.

10 On the **seventh** **day**, *when* the **heart** of the king was merry with **wine**, he commanded **Mehuman**, **Biztha**, **Harbona**, **Bigtha**, and **Abagtha**, **Zethar**, and **Carcass**, the seven **chamberlains** **who** ministered in the **presence** of Ahasuerus the king,

11 to bring **Vashti** the **queen** **before** the king with the **crown** royal, to **show** the **peoples** and the **princes** her **beauty**; for she was **beautiful** to **look** on.

12 But the **queen** **Vashti** **refused** to **come** at the king's commandment **by** the **chamberlains**: **therefore** was the king very angry, and his anger **burned** in him.

13 **Then** the king said to the **wise** men, **who** knew the **times**, (for so was the king's manner toward **all** **who** knew **law** and **judgment**;

14 and the next to him were Carshena, **Shethar**, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom),

15 What shall we do to the queen Vashti according to law, because she has not done the bidding of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

16 Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen has not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people who are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

17 For this deed of the queen will come abroad to all women, to make their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she didn't come.

18 This day will the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the deed of the queen say [the like] to all the king's princes. So [will there arise] much contempt and wrath.

19 If it please the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it not be altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate to another who is better than she.

20 When the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his kingdom (for it is great), all the wives will give to their husbands honor, both to great and small.

21 The saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

22 for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing of it, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and should speak according to the language of his people.

Esther 2

1 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was pacified, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the king's servants who ministered to him, Let there be beautiful young virgins sought for the king:

3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the beautiful young virgins to Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, to the custody of Hegai the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them;

4 and let the maiden *who* pleased the king be **queen** instead of Vashti. The **thing** pleased the king; and he did so.

5 **There** was a **certain** Jew in **Shushan** the palace, *whose* name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite,

6 who had **been** carried away from Jerusalem with the captives *who* had **been** carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, *whom* Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 He brought up Hadassah, *who* is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had **neither** father **nor** mother, and the maiden was fair and beautiful; and *when* her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter.

8 So it happened, *when* the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and *when* many maidens were gathered together to Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, **that** Esther was taken into the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 The maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her things for her purification, with her portions, and the seven maidens *who* were meet to be given her out of the king's house: and he removed her and her maidens to the best place of the house of the women.

10 Esther had not made known her people **nor** her relatives; for Mordecai had charged her **that** she should not make it known.

11 Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what would become of her.

12 **Now** *when* the turn of every maiden was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, **after** it had been done to her as prescribed for the women twelve months (for so were the days of their purification accomplished, [to wit], six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors and with the things for the purifying of the women),

13 **then** in **this** wise came the maiden to the king: *whatever* she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the next day she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, *who* kept the concubines: she came in to the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and she were called by name.

15 **Now** *when* the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, *who* had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in to the king, she required nothing

but *wh*at Hegai the king's **chamberlain**, the **keeper** of the women, appointed. **Esther** obtained **favor** in the **sight** of **á**ll **thoſe** *wh*o **lòoked** at her.

16 So **Esther** was **taken** to king Ahasuerus into his **house** royal in the **tenth month**, **wh**ich is the **month** Tebeth, in the **seventh year** of his reign.

17 The king **loved** **Esther** **abov**e **á**ll the women, and she **obtained** **favor** and **kindness** in his **sight** **mò**re **th**an **á**ll the **virginſ**; so **th**at he set the royal **crow**n on her head, and **made** her **queen** instead of **Vashti**.

18 **Then** the king **made** a **great** **feast** to **á**ll his **prinçes** and his **sêrvants**, **even** **Esther's** **feast**; and he **made** a **rele**ase to the **provinçes**, and **gave** gifts, **accò**rding to the **boun**ty of the king.

19 **When** the **virginſ** were **gath**ered **togeth**er the **second** **time**, **th**en **Mordecai** was sitting in the king's **gate**.

20 **Esther** had not yet **made** **known** her **relativeſ** **nò**r her **pe**ople; as **Mordecai** had **chärg**ed her: for **Esther** did the **commandment** of **Mordecai**, **lik**e as *wh*en she was **bròught** up **with** him.

21 In **thoſe** **dayſ**, *wh*ile **Mordecai** was sitting in the king's **gate**, **tw**e of the king's **chamberlainſ**, **Bigth**an and **Teresh**, of **thoſe** *wh*o kept the **thre**shold, were angry, and **sòught** to **lay** **handſ** on the king **Ahasuerus**.

22 The **th**ing **became** **known** to **Mordecai**, *wh*o **sh**own it to **Esther** the **queen**; and **Esther** **told** the king [of it] in **Mordecai's** **name**.

23 **When** **inquiſiti**on was **made** of the matter, and it was **found** to be so, **th**ey were **both** **hang**ed on a **tree**: and it was **written** in the **boòk** of the **chronicles** **befò**re the king.

Esther 3

1 After **thes**e **th**ingſ did king Ahasuerus **prom**ote **Haman** the **son** of **Hammedath** the **Agagite**, and **advanc**ed him, and set his **seat** **abov**e **á**ll the **prinçes** *wh*o were **with** him.

2 All the king's **sêrvants**, *wh*o were in the king's **gate**, bowed **down**, and did **reverenc**e to **Haman**; for the king had so **commanded** **conç**erning him. But **Mordecai** didn't **bow** **down**, **nò**r did him **reverenc**e.

3 **Then** the king's **sêrvants**, *wh*o were in the king's **gate**, said to **Mordecai**, **Wh**y **disob**ey you the king's **commandment**?

4 **N**ow it **came** to **päss**, *wh*en **th**ey **spoke** **daily** to him, and he didn't listen to **th**em, **th**at **th**ey **told** **Haman**, to **see** *wh*ether **Mordecai's** **matterſ** **wòuld** stand: for he had **told** **thoſe** *wh*o he was a Jew.

5 When Haman **sáw** **th**at Mordecai didn't bow **d**own, **nó**r did him reveren**ç**e, **th**en was Haman **fü**ll of **wrā**th.

6 But he **thó**ught scórn to **l**ay hand**ş** on Mordecai **al**one; for **th**ey had **mad**e **kn**own to him the **pe**ople of Mordecai: **th**ere**fó**re Haman **só**ught to destroy **á**ll the Jew**ş** **wh**o were **th**rough**o**ut the **wh**ole king**dó**m of Ahasuerus, **e**ven the **pe**ople of Mordecai.

7 In the **f**irst **mó**n**th**, **wh**ich is the **mó**n**th** Nisan, in the twelf**th** **y**ear of king Ahasuerus, **th**ey **cá**st Pur, **th**at is, the lot, **b**efó**r**e Haman from **d**ay to **d**ay, and from **mó**n**th** to **mó**n**th**, [to] the twelf**th** [**mó**n**th**], **wh**ich is the **mó**n**th** Adar.

8 Haman said to king Ahasuerus, **T**here is a **ç**ertain **pe**ople scattered **abró**ad and disp**é**r**se**d **am**ong the **pe**ople**ş** in **á**ll the provin**ç**e**ş** of **yó**ur king**dó**m; and **th**eir **lá**w**ş** are **div**er**s**e from [**tho**ş**e** of] every **pe**ople; **n**eith**e**r **ke**ep **th**ey the king'**ş** **lá**w**ş**: **th**ere**fó**re it is not for the king'**ş** profit to **al**low **th**em.

9 If it **pl**eas**e** the king, let it be **w**ritten **th**at **th**ey be destroyed: and I will **pay** ten **th**ous**and** talents of silver into the hand**ş** of **tho**ş**e** **wh**o have the **ç**arg**e** of the [king'**ş**] **b**usiness, to bring it into the king'**ş** **treas**ur**e**ş.

10 The king **tó**ok his ring from his hand, and **g**av**e** it to Haman the **só**n of Hammedat**h**a the Agag**it**e, the Jew**ş**' enemy.

11 The king said to Haman, The silver is given to you, the **pe**ople **á**l**s**o, to **d**o **w**ith **th**em as it **se**em**ş** **gó**od to you.

12 **T**hen were the king'**ş** scrib**e**ş **cá**ll**e**d in the **f**irst **mó**n**th**, on the **th**ir**te**ent**h** **d**ay of it; and **th**ere was **w**ritten **accó**r**d**ing to **á**ll **th**at Haman commanded to the king'**ş** satraps, and to the **g**ov**er**nor**ş** **wh**o were **ov**er every provin**ç**e, and to the prin**ç**e**ş** of every **pe**ople, to every provin**ç**e **accó**r**d**ing to the **w**riting of it, and to every **pe**ople **á**ft**e**r **th**eir language; in the **n**ame of king Ahasuerus was it written, and it was **se**al**e**d **w**ith the king'**ş** ring.

13 Letter**ş** were sent **b**y **po**st**ş** into **á**ll the king'**ş** provin**ç**e**ş**, to destroy, to kill, and to **cá**us**e** to **per**ish, **á**ll Jew**ş**, **bo**th young and **ol**d, little **ch**ild**r**en and women, in **o**n**e** **d**ay, **e**ven on the **th**ir**te**ent**h** [**d**ay] of the twelf**th** **mó**n**th**, **wh**ich is the **mó**n**th** Adar, and to **t**ake the spoil of **th**em for a prey.

14 A copy of the **w**riting, **th**at the **d**ecr**e**e **shó**uld be given **o**ut in every provin**ç**e, was **pub**lish**e**d to **á**ll the **pe**ople**ş**, **th**at **th**ey **shó**uld be ready **ag**ain**s**t **th**at **d**ay.

15 The **po**st**ş** went **fó**r**th** in **h**ast**e** **b**y the king'**ş** commandment, and the **d**ecr**e**e was given **o**ut in **S**hushan the palac**e**. The king and Haman sat **d**own to drink; but the **ç**ity of **S**hushan was **per**plex**e**d.

Esther 4

1 **N**ow when Mordecai *knew* **á**ll **th**at was **d**one, Mordecai **t**ore his **cl**othe**s**, and **p**ut on sackclo**th** with **ash**e**s**, and went **o**ut into the midst of the **ç**ity, and **cri**ed with a **l**oud and a bitter cry;

2 and he **ca**me **e**ven bef**o**re the king's **g**ate: for **n**one **mi**ght enter **w**ithin the king's **g**ate clo**th**ed with sackclo**th**.

3 In every provin**ç**e, *wherever* the king's **ç**ommandment and his **d**ecree **ca**me, **th**ere was **g**reat **m**ourning **a**mong the Jew**s**, and **f**asting, and **w**eeping, and **w**ailing; and many **l**ay in sackclo**th** and **ash**e**s**.

4 **E**sther's **maid**e**n**s and her **ch**amberlain**s** **ca**me and **t**old it her; and the **q**ueen was **e**x**ç**eedingly **g**riev**e**d: and she sent **cl**othing to clo**th**e Mordecai, and to **t**ake his sackclo**th** from off him; but he didn't **r**e**ç**eive it.

5 **T**hen **c**alled **E**sther for Hathach, one of the king's **ch**amberlain**s**, **w**hom he had appointed to attend on her, and **ch**arg**e**d him to **g**o to Mordecai, to **k**now **w**hat **th**is was, and **w**hy it was.

6 So Hath**ach** went **f**or**th** to Mordecai to the br**o**ad **pl**ac**e** of the **ç**ity, **w**hich was bef**o**re the king's **g**ate.

7 Mordecai **t**old him of **á**ll **th**at had happened to him, and the exact sum of the **m**oney **th**at Haman had promised to **p**ay to the king's **t**reasur**e**s for the Jew**s**, to **d**estroy **th**em.

8 **A**lso he **g**ave him the copy of the **w**riting of the **d**ecree **th**at was given **o**ut in **S**hushan to **d**estroy **th**em, to **s**how it to **E**sther, and to **d**eclare it to her, and to **ch**arg**e** her **th**at she **sh**ould **g**o in to the king, to **m**ake supplicati**o**n to him, and to **m**ake **r**equest bef**o**re him, for her **p**eople.

9 Hath**ach** **ca**me and **t**old **E**sther the **w**ord**s** of Mordecai.

10 **T**hen **E**sther **s**poke to Hath**ach**, and **g**ave him a messag**e** to Mordecai [**s**aying]:

11 All the king's **s**ervants, and the **p**eople of the king's **pr**ovin**ç**e**s**, **d**e **k**now, **th**at **w**h**e**ver, **w**h**e**ther man or **w**oman, **sh**all **c**ome to the king into the inner **c**ourt, **w**h**e** is not **c**alled, **th**ere is one **l**aw for him, **th**at he be **p**ut to **d**ea**th**, **e**x**ç**ept **th**ose to **w**hom the king **sh**all **h**old **o**ut the **g**olden **s**cepter, **th**at he may **l**ive: but I have not **b**een **c**alled to **c**ome in to the king **th**ese **th**irty **d**ays.

12 **T**hey **t**old to Mordecai **E**sther's **w**ord**s**.

13 **T**hen Mordecai **b**ade **th**em **r**et**u**rn answer to **E**sther, **D**on't **th**ink to **y**ourself **th**at you **sh**all **e**scape in the king's **h**ouse, **m**ore **th**an **á**ll the Jew**s**.

14 For if you **á**ltogether hold yô_{ur} p_eaç_e at **this** time, **then** will relief and deliveranç_e aris_e to the Jew_s from another plac_e, but you and yô_{ur} fä_{th}er's h_ouse will perish: and wh_o know_s wh_ether you haven't c_ome to the kingd_om for such a time as **this**?

15 **Then** Esth_{er} bad_e **them** ret_urn answer to Mordecai,

16 Go, gath_er together **á**ll the Jew_s wh_o are pres_ent in **Shushan**, and fä_{st} you for me, and **neither** eat n_or drink **thre**e day_s, night or day: I **á**lso and my maid_en_s will fä_{st} in lik_e manner; and so will I go in to the king, wh_ich is not acc_ording to the l_áw: and if I perish, I perish.

17 **So** Mordecai went his way, and did acc_ording to **á**ll **th**at Esth_{er} had commanded him.

Esther 5

1 **N**ow it happened on the **th**ird day, **th**at Esth_{er} put on her royal cloth_ing, and st_ood in the inner c_ourt of the king's h_ouse, **o**ver against the king's h_ouse: and the king sat on his royal th_rone in the royal h_ouse, **o**ver against the entranc_e of the h_ouse.

2 It was **so**, wh_en the king s_áw Esth_{er} the **q**ueen standing in the c_ourt, **th**at she obt_ained favor in his sig_ht; and the king held **o**ut to Esth_{er} the **g**olden sc_epter **th**at was in his hand. **S**o Esth_{er} drew near, and tou_{ch}ed the top of the sc_epter.

3 **T**hen said the king to her, Wh_at will you, **q**ueen Esth_{er}? and wh_at is yô_{ur} request? it **sh**all be given you **e**ven to the h_álf of the kingd_om.

4 Esth_{er} said, If it **se**e_m g_ood to the king, let the king and Haman c_ome **this** day to the banquet **th**at I have prepar_ed for him.

5 **T**hen the king said, C_áus_e Haman to mak_e hast_e, **th**at it may be d_one as Esth_{er} has said. **S**o the king and Haman cam_e to the banquet **th**at Esth_{er} had prepar_ed.

6 The king said to Esth_{er} at the banquet of wine, Wh_at is yô_{ur} petition? and it **sh**all be granted you: and wh_at is yô_{ur} request? **e**ven to the h_álf of the kingd_om it **sh**all be perf_ormed.

7 **T**hen answer_ed Esth_{er}, and said, **M**y petition and my request is:

8 if I have **f**ound favor in the sig_ht of the king, and if it ple_as_e the king to grant my petition, and to perf_orm my request, let the king and Haman c_ome to the banquet **th**at I **sh**all prepar_e for **th**em, and I will d_e t_omorrow as the king has said.

9 **T**hen went Haman f_orth **th**at day joyf_ul and glad of he_árt: but wh_en Haman s_áw Mordecai in the king's gat_e, **th**at he didn't stand up n_or mov_e for him, he was filled with wr_áth against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself, and went home; and he sent and fetched his friends and Zeresh his wife.

11 Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

12 Haman said moreover, Yes, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow also am I invited by her together with the king.

13 Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends to him, Let a gallows be made fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak you to the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go you in merrily with the king to the banquet. The thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

Esther 6

1 On that night the king couldn't sleep; and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

2 It was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, of those who kept the threshold, who had sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus.

3 The king said, What honor and dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this? Then the king's servants who ministered to him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

4 The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 The king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. The king said, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in. The king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? Now Haman said in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself?

7 Haman said to the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor,

8 let royal clothing be brought which the king uses to wear, and the horse that the king rides on, and on the head of which a crown royal is set:

9 and let the **clothing** and the **hōrse** be delivered to the hand of one of the king's **most noble princes**, **that they may array** the man **therewith** whom the king **delights** to honor, and **cāuse** him to **ride** on **hōrseback** **through** the **street** of the **city**, and **proclaim** befōre him, **Thus shall** it be **dōne** to the man whom the king **delights** to honor.

10 **Then** the king said to Haman, **Make haste**, and **take** the **clothing** and the **hōrse**, as you have said, and **do** even so to Mordecai the Jew, **who** sits at the king's **gate**: let **nothing fail** of **āll** **that** you have spoken.

11 **Then** **tōok** Haman the **clothing** and the **hōrse**, and arrayed Mordecai, and **cāused** him to **ride** **through** the **street** of the **city**, and **proclaimed** befōre him, **Thus shall** it be **dōne** to the man whom the king **delights** to honor.

12 Mordecai **came** again to the king's **gate**. But Haman hurried to his **house**, **mōrning** and having his head **cōvered**.

13 Haman **recōunted** to Zeresh his **wife** and **āll** his **friends** every**thing** **that** had befallen him. **Then** said his **wiſe** men and Zeresh his **wife** to him, If Mordecai, befōre whom you have begun to **fāll**, be of the **seed** of the **Jews**, you **shall** not prevail against him, but **shall** **surely** **fāll** befōre him.

14 **While** **they** were yet **tāking** with him, **came** the king's **chamberlains**, and hurried to bring Haman to the **banquet** **that** **Esther** had **prepa**red.

Esther 7

1 So the king and Haman **came** to **banquet** with **Esther** the **queen**.

2 The king said again to **Esther** on the **second** day at the **banquet** of **wine**, **What** is **yōur** **petitiōn**, **queen** **Esther**? and it **shall** be granted you: and **what** is **yōur** **request**? **even** to the **hālf** of the **kingdōm** it **shall** be **perfōrmed**.

3 **Then** **Esther** the **queen** answered, If I have **found** **favor** in **yōur** **sight**, O king, and if it **pleaſe** the king, let **my** **life** be given me at **my** **petitiōn**, and **my** **people** at **my** **request**:

4 for **we** are **sold**, I and **my** **people**, to be **destroyed**, to be **slain**, and to **perish**. But if **we** had **been** **sold** for **bondsērvants** and **bondmaids**, I had held **my** **pea**ce, **āltho**ugh the **advērsary** **cōuld** not have **compensated** for the king's **damag**e.

5 **Then** **spoke** the king Ahasuerus and said to **Esther** the **queen**, **who** is he, and **where** is he, **that** **dared** **preſume** in his **heārt** to **do** so?

6 **Esther** said, An **advērsary** and an enemy, **even** **this** wicked Haman. **Then** Haman was **afraid** befōre the king and the **queen**.

7 The king arose in his **wrāth** from the banquet of wine [and went] into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen on the couch whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he even force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9 Then said Harbonah, one of the chamberlains who were before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman has made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. The king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

Esther 8

1 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy to Esther the queen. Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was to her.

2 The king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and begged him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

4 Then the king held out to Esther the golden scepter. So Esther arose, and stood before the king.

5 She said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces:

6 for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come to my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my relatives?

7 Then the king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, See, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged on the gallows, because he laid his hand on the Jews.

8 Write you also to the Jews, as it pleases you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring; for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

9 **Then** were the king's scribes called at **that time**, in the **third month** Sivan, on the **three** and **twentieth** [day] of it; and it was written according to **all that** Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the **governors** and **princes** of the **provinces** *which* are from India to **Ethiopia**, one hundred twenty-seven **provinces**, to every province according to the **writing** of it, and to every **people** **after their language**, and to the Jews according to **their writing**, and according to **their language**.

10 He **wrote** the **name** of king Ahasuerus, and **sealed** it **with** the king's ring, and sent letters **by post** on **horseback**, riding on swift steeds **that** were **used** in the king's **service**, bred of the stud:

11 in **which** the king granted the Jews **who** were in every **city** to **gather themselves** together, and to stand for **their life**, to destroy, to kill, and to **cause** to **perish**, **all** the **power** of the **people** and province **that would assault them**, [their] little ones and women, and to **take** the spoil of **them** for a prey,

12 on one **day** in **all** the **provinces** of king Ahasuerus, [namely], on the **thirteenth** [day] of the **twelfth month**, *which* is the **month** Adar.

13 A copy of the **writing**, **that** the **decree should** be given **out** in every province, was **published** to **all** the **peoples**, and **that** the Jews **should** be ready **against that day** to **avenge themselves** on **their enemies**.

14 **So** the posts **who rode** on swift steeds **that** were **used** in the king's **service** went **out**, **being hurried** and **pressed on by** the king's commandment; and the **decree** was given **out** in **Shushan** the **palace**.

15 Mordecai went **forth** from the **presence** of the king in royal **clothing** of **blue** and **white**, and **with** a **great crown** of **gold**, and **with** a **robe** of **fine linen** and **purple**: and the **city** of **Shushan** **shouted** and was glad.

16 The Jews had **light** and gladness, and joy and *honor*.

17 In every province, and in every **city**, *wherever* the king's commandment and his **decree came**, the Jews had gladness and joy, a **feast** and a **good day**. Many from among the **peoples** of the land **became** Jews; for the **fear** of the Jews was **fallen** on **them**.

Esther 9

1 **Now** in the **twelfth month**, *which* is the **month** Adar, on the **thirteenth day** of the **same**, *when* the king's commandment and his **decree** drew **near** to be **put** in **execution**, on the **day** **that** the **enemies** of the Jews **hoped** to have **rule over them**, (*whereas* it was **turned** to the contrary, **that** the Jews had **rule over those** *who* hated **them**.)

2 the Jewš gathered **themselves** together in **their cities throug**hout **á**ll the provin**çes** of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on **such** as s**ó**ught **their húr**t: and no man cou**ú**d withstand **them**; for the fear of **them** was fállen on **á**ll the pe**o**pleš.

3 All the prin**çes** of the provin**çes**, and the satraps, and the g**o**vern**o**rš, and **thos**e who did the king's business, help**e**d the Jewš; beca**u**se the fear of Mordecai was fállen on **them**.

4 For Mordecai was gre**a**t in the king's **h**ouse, and his fame went f**ó**th throug**h**out **á**ll the provin**çes**; for the man Mordecai grew gre**a**ter and gre**a**ter.

5 The Jewš struck **á**ll **their enemies** with the stro**k**e of the sw**ó**rd, and with sláught**e**r and destruction, and did **wh**at **they wou**ld to **thos**e who **h**ated **them**.

6 In **Shushan** the pala**ç**e the Jewš killed and destroyed **fi**ve hundred men.

7 Par**th**andatha, and Dalphon, and Aspath**a**,

8 and Porat**h**a, and Adalia, and Aridat**h**a,

9 and Parmat**h**a, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vaizat**h**a,

10 the ten s**ó**nš of Haman the s**ó**n of Hammedat**h**a, the Jew's enemy, killed **th**e**y**; but **th**e**y** didn't lay **th**eir hand on the spoil.

11 On **th**at **da**y the number of **thos**e who were slain in **Shushan** the pala**ç**e was br**ó**ught bef**ó**re the king.

12 The king said to Est**h**er the **que**en, The Jewš have slain and destroyed **fi**ve hundred men in **Shushan** the pala**ç**e, and the ten s**ó**nš of Haman; **wh**at **th**en have **th**e**y** **do**ne in the rest of the king's provin**çes**? **N**ow **wh**at is y**ó**ur petition? and it **sh**all be granted you: or **wh**at is y**ó**ur request F**ú**rther? and it **sh**all be **do**ne.

13 **T**hen said Est**h**er, If it ple**a**se the king, let it be granted to the Jewš who are in **Shushan** to **do** tomorrow **á**lso acc**ó**rding to **th**is **da**y's **de**cre**e**, and let Haman's ten s**ó**nš be hang**e**d on the gallows.

14 The king commanded it so to be **do**ne: and a **de**cre**e** was given **o**ut in **Shushan**; and **th**e**y** hang**e**d Haman's ten s**ó**nš.

15 The Jewš who were in **Shushan** gathered **themselves** together on the f**ó**ur**te**nth **da**y **á**lso of the **mo**n**th** Adar, and killed **th**ree hundred men in **Shushan**; but **th**e**y** didn't lay **th**eir hand on the spoil.

16 The **o**th**e**r Jewš who were in the king's provin**çes** gathered **themselves** together, and st**ó**od for **th**eir lives, and had rest from **th**eir **en**emies, and killed of **thos**e who **h**ated **th**e**m** seventy-five **th**ous**á**nd; but **th**e**y** didn't lay **th**eir hand on the spoil.

17 [This was done] on the **thirteenth** day of the **month** Adar; and on the **fourteenth** day of the **same** they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

18 But the Jews who were in **Shushan** assembled together on the **thirteenth** [day] of it, and on the **fourteenth** of it; and on the **fifteenth** [day] of the **same** they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Therefore do the Jews of the villages, who dwell in the unwalled towns, make the **fourteenth** day of the **month** Adar [a day of] gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both near and far,

21 to enjoin those who they should keep the **fourteenth** day of the **month** Adar, and the **fifteenth** day of the **same**, yearly,

22 as the days in which the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the needy.

23 The Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them;

24 because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

25 but when [the matter] came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Therefore they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and that which had come to them,

27 the Jews ordained, and took on them, and on their seed, and on all such as joined themselves to them, so that it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to the writing of it, and according to the appointed time of it, every year;

28 and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memory of them perish from their seed.

29 **Then** **Esther** the **queen**, the **dä**ughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, **wrote** **with ä**ll **ä**uthority to **confirm** **this** **second** letter of Purim.

30 He sent letters to **ä**ll the Jews, to the hundred twenty-seven provin**çes** of the kingd**ö**m of Ahasuerus, [**with**] w**ö**rds of **pea**ce and **truth**,

31 to **confirm** **thes**e **day**s of Purim in **their** appointed **time**s, acc**ö**rding as Mordecai the Jew and **Esther** the **queen** had enjoined **them**, and as **they** had **ö**rdained for **themselves** and for **their** **seed**, in the matter of the fastings and **their** **cry**.

32 The commandment of **Esther** **confirmed** **thes**e **matter**s of Purim; and it was written in the **bö**ok.

Esther 10

1 The king Ahasuerus **laid** a trib**ute** on the land, and on the **isle**s of the **sea**.

2 All the acts of his **power** and of his **might**, and the **fü**ll acc**ö**unt of the **grea**tness of Mordecai, *where*unto the king **advan**çed him, **ä**ren't **they** written in the **bö**ok of the **chronicle**s of the king**s** of **Media** and **Pê**r**ş**ia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was next to king Ahasuerus, and **grea**t **among** the **Jew**s, and **accep**ted of the **multitude** of his **brother**s, **seek**ing the **gö**od of his **pe**ople, and **spea**king **pea**ce to **ä**ll his **seed**.

Job 1

1 **There** was a man in the land of Uz, *whose name* was Job. **That** man was **blameless** and **upright**, and one **who** **feared** Elohim, and **tûrned** away from **evil**.

2 **There** were **bôrn** to him seven **sônş** and **three** **dâughters**.

3 His **posşessions** **âlsô** were seven **thouşand** **sheep**, **three** **thouşand** camels, **fi**ve hundred **yoke** of oxen, **fi**ve hundred she-donkeys, and a very **great** **household**; so **that** **this** man was the **greatest** of **âll** the **children** of the **e**ast.

4 His **sônş** went and held a **feast** in the **house** of **each** one on his **birth**day; and **they** sent and **câll**ed for **their** **three** sisters to **e**at and to drink **with** **them**.

5 It was **so**, *when* the **days** of **their** **feasting** had run **their** **côurse**, **that** Job sent and sanctified **them**, and **roş**e up **ê**arly in the **môrning**, and offered **bûrnt** offerings **accôrding** to the number of **them** **âll**. **Fô**r Job said, "It **may** be **that** **my** **sônş** have sinned, and **reneunced** Elohim in **their** **heârts**." **Thus** did Job **côntinu**ally.

6 **Nôw** it happened on the **day** *when* the **sônş** of Elohim **came** to present **themselv**es befôre YAHWEH, **that** Satan **âlsô** **came** **among** **them**.

7 Yahweh said to Satan, "*Where* have you **côme** from?" **Then** Satan answered YAHWEH, and said, "From **going** back and **fôth** in the **êarth**, and from **wâ**king up and **dôwn** in it."

8 YAHWEH said to Satan, "Have you **cônsidered** **my** **sêrvant**, Job? **Fô**r **there** is **nône** **like** him in the **êarth**, a **blameless** and an **upright** man, one **who** **fearş** Elohim, and **tûrnş** away from **evil**."

9 **Then** Satan answered YAHWEH, and said, "**Dôş** Job **fear** Elohim for **nôthing**?"

10 Haven't you **made** a **hedg**e **arôund** him, and **arôund** his **house**, and **arôund** **âll** **that** he has, on every **side**? **You** have **blesse**d the **wôrk** of his **handş**, and his **substanc**e is **increas**ed in the land.

11 But **pû**t **fôth** **yôur** hand **nôw**, and **touch** **âll** **that** he has, and he will **reneunc**e you to **yôur** **faç**e."

12 YAHWEH said to Satan, "**Behold**, **âll** **that** he has is in **yôur** **power**. **Only** on himself **dôn't** **pû**t **fôth** **yôur** hand." So Satan went **fôth** from the **presenc**e of YAHWEH.

13 It fell on a **day** *when* his **sônş** and his **dâughters** were **eating** and drinking **wine** in **their** **eldest** brother's **house**,

14 **that** **there** **came** a messenger to Job, and said, "The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys **feeding** **beside** **them**,

15 and the Sabeans attacked, and took them away. Yes, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

16 While he was still speaking, there also came another, and said, "The fire of Elohim has fallen from the sky, and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, there came also another, and said, "The Chaldeans made three bands, and swept down on the camels, and have taken them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, there came also another, and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house,

19 and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young men, and they are dead. I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down on the ground, and worshipped.

21 He said, "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. YAHWEH gave, and YAHWEH has taken away. Blessed be the name of YAHWEH."

22 In all this, Job did not sin, nor charge Elohim with wrongdoing.

Job 2

1 Again it happened on the day when the sons of Elohim came to present themselves before YAHWEH, that Satan came also among them to present himself before YAHWEH.

2 YAHWEH said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered YAHWEH, and said, "From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

3 YAHWEH said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? For there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears Elohim, and turns away from evil. He still maintains his integrity, although you incited me against him, to ruin him without cause."

4 Satan answered YAHWEH, and said, "Skin for skin. Yes, all that a man has will he give for his life.

5 But put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce you to your face."

6 YAHWEH said to Satan, "Behold, he is in y^our hand. Only spare his life."

7 So Satan went forth from the presence of YAHWEH, and struck Job with painful sores from the sole of his foot to his head.

8 He took for himself a potsherd to scrape himself with, and he sat among the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still maintain y^our integrity? Renounce Elohim, and die."

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of Elohim, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job didn't sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come on him, they each came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite, and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and to comfort him.

12 When they lifted up their eyes from a distance, and didn't recognize him, they raised their voices, and wept; and they each tore his robe, and sprinkled dust on their heads toward the sky.

13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.

Job 3

1 After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed the day of his birth.

2 Job answered:

3 "Let the day perish in which I was born, The night which said, 'There is a man-child conceived.'

4 Let that day be darkness; Don't let Elohim from above seek for it, Neither let the light shine on it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own. Let a cloud dwell on it. Let all that makes black the day terrify it.

6 As for that night, let thick darkness seize on it. Let it not rejoice among the days of the year. Let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Behold, let that night be barren. Let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it who curse the day, who are ready to rouse up leviathan.

9 Let the **stärş** of the **twili**ght of it be **därk**. Let it **lòok** for **li**ght, but have **nòne**, **Nei**ther let it **see** the **ey**elidş of the **mòrning**,

10 Bec**au**se it didn't **sh**ut up the **dòorş** of **my** **mò**ther's **womb**, **Nò**r did it **hi**de trouble from **my** **ey**es.

11 "**Wh**y didn't I **di**e from the **womb**? **Wh**y didn't I **gi**ve up the spirit **wh**en **my** **mò**ther **bò**re me?

12 **Wh**y did the **kn**eeş **re**ceive me? Or **wh**y the **bre**ast, **th**at I **sh**ould suck?

13 For **nòw** **sh**ould I have **lai**n **dò**wn and **bee**n **qui**et. I **sh**ould have **slep**t, **th**en I **wò**uld have **bee**n at rest,

14 **With** **kingş** and **cò**nselorş of the **è**ar**th**, **wh**o built up **waste** **plac**eş for **th**emsel**veş**;

15 Or **with** **prin**ceş **wh**o had **gold**, **wh**o filled **th**eir **hou**seş **with** silver:

16 Or as a hidden **unt**imely **bir**th I had not **bee**n, As infants **wh**o never **sà**w **li**ght.

17 **Th**ere the wicked **ce**ase from **troub**ling; **Th**ere the **we**ary are at rest.

18 **Th**ere the **pr**isoner are at **ea**se **toget**her. **Th**ey **do**n't **he**ar the **voi**ce of the **tä**sk**mä**ster.

19 The **sm**äll and the **gre**at are **th**ere. The **sè**r**v**ant is **fre**e from his **mä**ster.

20 "**Wh**y is **li**ght given to him **wh**o is in **mi**şery, **Li**fe to the bitter in **soul**,

21 **Wh**o long for **deat**h, but it **dò**esn't **cò**me; Dig for it **mò**re **th**an for hidden **treas**ureş,

22 **Wh**o **re**joice **ex**ceedingly, Are glad, **wh**en **th**ey can **fi**nd the **gr**ave?

23 **Wh**y is **li**ght given to a man **wh**oş **way** is hid, **wh**o**m** **Elo**him haş **hed**ged in?

24 For **my** **si**ghing **cò**meş **befò**re I **eat**, **My** **gro**aningş are **pò**ured **ò**ut **li**ke **wä**ter.

25 For the **th**ing **wh**ich I **fe**ar **cò**meş on me, **Th**at **wh**ich I am **af**raid of **cò**meş to me.

26 I am not at **ea**se, **nei**ther am I **qui**et, **nei**ther have I rest; But trouble **cò**meş."

Job 4

1 Then **El**phaz the **Tema**nite answered,

2 "If **sò**meone **vent**ures to **tä**k **with** you, will you be **gri**ev**e**d? But **wh**o can **with**hold himself from **spe**aking?

3 **Beh**old, you have instructed many, **Yòu** have **streng**th**en**ed the **we**ak **handş**.

4 Your **w**ords have supported him **w**ho was **f**alling, **Y**ou have **m**ade firm the **f**eeble **k**nees.

5 But **n**ow it is **c**ome to you, and you **f**aint; It **t**ouches you, and you are troubled.

6 Isn't **y**our piety **y**our **c**onfidence, The integrity of **y**our **w**ays **y**our **h**ope?

7 "Remember, **n**ow, **w**hoever **p**erished, **b**eing **i**nnocent? Or **w**here were the **u**priight cut off?

8 **A**ccording to **w**hat I have **s**een, **t**hose **w**ho **p**low **i**niquity, **A**nd **s**ow trouble, **R**eap the **s**ame.

9 **B**y the **b**reath of **E**lohim **t**hey **p**erish, **B**y the **b**last of his anger are **t**hey **c**onsumed.

10 The **r**oaring of the **l**ion, and the **v**oice of the **f**ierce **l**ion, The **t**eeth of the young **l**ions, are **b**roken.

11 The **o**ld **l**ion **p**erishes for lack of prey, The whelps of the **l**ioness are scattered **a**brad.

12 "Now a **t**hing was **s**ecretly **b**rought to me, **M**y **e**ar **r**eceived a **w**hisper of it.

13 In **t**houghts from the **v**isions of the **n**ight, **W**hen **d**eep **s**leep **f**alls on men,

14 **F**ear **c**ame on me, and trembling, **W**hich **m**ade **a**ll my **b**ones **s**hake.

15 **T**hen a spirit **p**assed **b**efore my **f**ace; The **h**air of my **f**lesh **s**tood up.

16 It **s**tood still, but I **c**ouldn't **d**iscern the **a**ppearance of it; A **f**orm was **b**efore my **e**yes. **S**ilence, **t**hen I **h**ear a **v**oice, **s**aying,

17 'Shall **m**ortal man be **m**ore just **t**han **E**lohim? **S**hall a man be **m**ore **p**ure **t**han his **M**aker?

18 **B**ehold, he **p**uts no trust in his **s**ervants. **H**e **c**harges his **a**ngels **w**ith error.

19 **H**ow **m**uch **m**ore, **t**hose **w**ho **d**well in **h**ouses of **c**lay, **W**hose **f**oundation is in the **d**ust, **W**ho are **c**rushed **b**efore the **m**oth!

20 **B**etween **m**orning and **e**vening **t**hey are **d**estroyed. **T**hey **p**erish forever **w**ithout any **r**egarding it.

21 Isn't **t**heir **t**ent-cord **p**lucked up **w**ithin **t**hem? **T**hey **d**ie, and **t**hat **w**ithout **w**isdom.

Job 5

1 "Call **n**ow; is **t**here any **w**ho will answer you? To **w**hich of the **h**oly ones will you **t**urn?

2 For re~~s~~entment kills the **foolish** man, And jealousy kills the simple.

3 I have **seen** the **foolish** taking **root**, But suddenly I **curse**d his habitation.

4 His **children** are **fär** from **safety**, **They** are **crushed** in the **gate**. **Neither** is **there** any to deliver **them**,

5 **who**s~~e~~ **här**vest the hungry **eats** up, And **take** it **even** **out** of the **thorns**; The **snare** **gapes** for **their** **substance**.

6 For affliction **doe**s~~n~~'t **come** **forth** from the dust, **Neither** **doe**s~~s~~ trouble spring **out** of the **ground**;

7 But man is **born** to trouble, As the **spär**ks **fly** upward.

8 "But as for me, I **would** **seek** Elohim, To Elohim **would** I commit **my** **cause**;

9 **who** **doe**s~~s~~ **great** **things** **that** **can**'t be **fatho**med, **Mär**velous **things** **witho**ut number;

10 **who** **give**s **rain** on the **earth**, And **sends** **wä**ter~~s~~ on the **fields**;

11 **So** **that** he sets up on **high** **tho**s~~e~~ **who** are **low**, **Tho**s~~e~~ **who** **mö**urn are **exä**lted to **safety**.

12 He frustrates the **device**s of the **crafty**, So **that** **their** **hands** **can**'t **perfo**rm **their** **enterpri**s~~e~~.

13 He **takes** the **wi**s~~e~~ in **their** **own** **craft**iness; The **counsel** of the cunning is **carried** headlong.

14 **They** **meet** with **där**kness in the **day**-time, And **grope** at **noon**day as in the **night**.

15 But he **saves** from the **swö**rd of **their** **mouth**, **Even** the **needy** from the hand of the **mighty**.

16 **So** the **pö**or has **hope**, And **injusti**c~~e~~ **shuts** her **mouth**.

17 "Behold, happy is the man **who**m Elohim corrects: **Therefo**re **do** not **despi**s~~e~~ the **chastening** of the **Almighty**.

18 For he **wounds**, and **binds** up; He **injure**s, and his **hands** **make** **whole**.

19 He will deliver you in six **trouble**s; Yes, in seven **there** **shall** no **evil** **touch** you.

20 In **famine** he will **redeem** you from **death**; In **wär**, from the **power** of the **swö**rd.

21 You **shall** be hidden from the **scö**ur~~e~~ of the **tongue**, **Neither** **shall** you be **afraid** of **destructi**on **when** it **come**s.

22 At **destructi**on and **famine** you **shall** **lä**ugh, **Neither** **shall** you be **afraid** of the **animals** of the **earth**.

23 For you **shall** be in **league with** the **stones** of the **field**. The **animals** of the **field** **shall** be at **peace with** you.

24 You **shall know that** **your** tent is in **peace**. You **shall visit your** fold, and **shall miss nothing**.

25 You **shall know also that your** seed **shall** be **great**, **Your** offspring as the **grass** of the **earth**.

26 You **shall come** to **your** grave in a **full age**, **Like** a **shock of grain comes** in its **season**.

27 **Look this**, **we** have **searched** it, so it is; **Hear** it, and **know** it for **your good**."

Job 6

1 Then Job answered,

2 "**Oh that my** anguish. were weighed, And **all my** calamity laid in the **balances**!

3 For **now** it **would** be heavier **than** the sand of the **seas**, **Therefore** have **my words** been rash.

4 For the **arrows** of the **Almighty** are **within** me, **My** spirit drinks up **their** **poison**. The **terrors** of Elohim set **themselves** in **array** against me.

5 **Does** the wild donkey bray *when* he has **grass**? Or **does** the ox low **over** his fodder?

6 Can **that which** has no flavor be **eaten** **without** salt? Or is **there** any taste in the **white** of an egg?

7 **My** soul **refuses** to **touch** them; **They** are as **loathsome** **feed** to me.

8 "**Oh that** I **might** have **my** request; **That** Elohim **would** grant the **thing** **that** I long for!

9 **Even** **that** it **would** please Elohim to crush me; **That** he **would** let **loose** his hand, and cut me off!

10 **Be** it still **my** consolation, Yes, let me exult in **pain** **that** **doesn't** spare, **That** I have not denied the **words** of the Holy One.

11 **What** is **my** strength, **that** I **should** wait? **What** is **my** end, **that** I **should** be patient?

12 Is **my** strength the strength of **stones**? Or is **my** flesh of **brass**?

13 Isn't it **that** I have no help in me, **That** wisdom is driven **quite** from me?

14 "To him **who** is ready to faint, kindness **sho**uld be **sho**wn from his friend; **E**ven to him **who** forsakes the fear of the **Almi**ghty.

15 My **bro**ther**s** have dealt **de**ceitfully as a **bro**ok, As the **ch**annel of **bro**oks **th**at **p**ass away;

16 **Wh**ich are black by **re**ason of the **i**ce, in **wh**ich the snow **h**ides itself:

17 In the dry **se**ason, **th**ey **van**ish. *When it is hot,* **th**ey are **c**onsumed **o**ut of **th**eir **pl**ace.

18 The caravans **th**at travel **bes**ide **th**em **t**urn aside; **Th**ey **go** up into the **w**aste, and **per**ish.

19 The caravans of Tema **l**ooked, The **c**ompanies of **S**heba waited for **th**em.

20 **Th**ey were **p**ut to **sh**ame **bec**ause **th**ey had **h**oped; **Th**ey **ca**me **th**ere, and were **co**nfounded.

21 For **n**ow you are **no**thing. **Y**ou **see** a terror, and are **a**fraid.

22 Did I **sa**y, 'Give to me? Or, 'Offer a **pr**esent for me from **y**our **sub**stance?

23 Or, 'Deliver me from the **adv**ersary's hand? Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the **op**pressor?

24 "Teach me, and I will **ho**ld my **pe**ace; **C**ause me to understand *wherein I have* **er**red.

25 How **f**orcible are **w**ords of **up**rightness! But **y**our **re**proof, *what does* it **re**prove?

26 Do you intend to **re**prove **w**ords, **S**eeing **th**at the **sp**eeches of one **wh**o is **de**sperate are as wind?

27 Yes, you **w**ould **ev**en **c**ast lots for the **f**atherless, And **ma**ke **m**erchandise of **y**our **fr**end.

28 **N**ow **th**erefore be **pl**eased to **l**ook at me, **F**or **su**rely I **sh**all not **li**e to **y**our **fa**ce.

29 **P**lease **re**turn. Let **th**ere be no **in**justice; Yes, **re**turn **ag**ain, **my** **ca**use is **ri**ghteous.

30 Is **th**ere **in**justice on **my** **to**ngue? **C**an't **my** **ta**ste **dis**cern **mi**schievous **th**ings?

Job 7

1 "Isn't a man **f**orced to **la**bor on **e**arth? **a**ren't his **da**ys like the **da**ys of a **hi**red hand?

2 As a **s**ervant **wh**o **e**arnestly **de**sires the **sh**adow, As a **hi**reling **wh**o **l**ooks for his **w**ages,

3 So am I made to possess months of misery, Wearisomenights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, and the night be gone? I toss and turn until the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust. My skin closes up, and breaks out afresh.

6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And are spent without hope.

7 Oh remember that my life is a breath. My eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him who sees me shall see me no more. Your eyes shall be on me, but I shall not be.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, So he who goes down to Sheol shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house, Neither shall his place know him any more.

11 "Therefore I will not keep silent. I will speak in the anguish of my spirit. I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster, That you put a guard over me?

13 When I say, 'My bed shall comfort me, My couch shall ease my complaint;

14 Then you scare me with dreams, And terrify me through visions:

15 So that my soul chooses strangling, Death rather than my bones.

16 I loathe my life. I don't want to live forever. Leave me alone; for my days are but a breath.

17 What is man, that you should magnify him, That you should set your mind on him,

18 That you should visit him every morning, And test him every moment?

19 How long will you not look away from me, Nor leave me alone until I swallow down my spittle?

20 If I have sinned, what do I do to you, you watcher of men? Why have you set me as a mark for you, So that I am a burden to myself?

21 Why do you not pardon my disobedience, and take away my iniquity? For now shall I lie down in the dust. You will seek me diligently, but I shall not be."

Job 8

1 Then Bildad the **Shuhite** answered,

2 "How long will you speak **these things**? Shall the words of your mouth be a mighty wind?

3 Does Elohim pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?

4 If your children have sinned against him, He has delivered them into the hand of their disobedience;

5 If you want to seek Elohim diligently, Make your supplication to the Almighty.

6 If you were pure and upright, Surely now he would awaken for you, And make the habitation of your righteousness prosperous.

7 Though your beginning was small, Yet your latter end would greatly increase.

8 "Please inquire of past generations, Find out about the learning of their fathers.

9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days on earth are a shadow.)

10 Shall they not teach you, tell you, And utter words out of their heart?

11 "Can the papyrus grow up without mire? Can the rushes grow without water?

12 While it is yet in its greenness, not cut down, It withers before any other reed.

13 So are the paths of all who forget Elohim. The hope of the godless man shall perish,

14 whose confidence shall break apart, whose trust is a spider's web.

15 He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand. He shall cling to it, but it shall not endure.

16 He is green before the sun, His sheets go forth over his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped around the rock pile, He sees the place of stones.

18 If he is destroyed from his place, Then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen you.

19 Behold, this is the joy of his way: out of the earth shall others spring.

20 "Behold, Elohim will not cast away a blameless man, Neither will he uphold the evil-doers.

21 He will still fill your mouth with laughter, Your lips with shouting.

22 **Thos**^e **wh**^e **hate** you **shall** be **cloth**^ed **with** **shame**. The tent of the wicked **shall** be no **m^or**^e."

Job 9

1 **Then** Job **answer**^ed,

2 "Truly I **know** **that** it is so, But **h^ow** can man be just **with** Elohim?

3 If he is **pleas**^ed to contend **with** him, He **c^an**'t answer him one **time** in a **thous**^and.

4 Elohim **wh**^e is **wis**^e in **h^ear**t, and **mi**ghty in **streng**th: **Wh**^e **has** **h^ar**dened himself **again**st him, and prospered?

5 Who **remov**^es the **mountain**s, and **they don**'t **know** it, **When** he overturns **them** in his anger

6 **Wh**^e **shakes** the **ear**th **o**ut of its **plac**^e; The **pillar**s of it tremble;

7 **Wh**^e commands the sun, and it **do**^es n't **ris**^e, And **seal**s up the **star**s;

8 **Wh**^e **alone** **stretch**^es **o**ut the **heaven**s, **Tread**s on the **wav**^es of the **sea**;

9 **Wh**^e **makes** the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the **chamber**s of the **south**;

10 **Wh**^e **do**^es **great** **things** **p^ast** finding **o**ut, Yes, **mar**velous **things** **with**o**u**t number.

11 Behold, he **go**^es **by** me, and I **don**'t **see** him. He **pass**^es on **also**, but I **don**'t **per**^{ce}ive him.

12 Behold, he **snatch**^es **away**; **wh**^e can hinder him? **Wh**^e will **ask** him, '**Wh**^at are you **do**^eing?

13 "Elohim will not **with**draw his anger; The **helper**s of Rahab **steep** under him.

14 **H^ow** **much** less **shall** I answer him, **Ch**ee^s^e my **w^or**d^s to **argu**e **with** him?

15 **Wh**^om, **tho**ugh I were **right**eous, yet **w^ou**ld I not answer. I **w^ou**ld **make** supplication to **my** **judg**^e.

16 If I had **call**^ed, and he had answered me, Yet **w^ou**ld I not **belie**ve **that** he listened to **my** **voic**^e.

17 For he **break**s me **with** a tempest, **Multipl**ⁱe^s my **w^ou**nd^s **with**o**u**t **caus**^e.

18 He will not **allow** me to **take** my **breath**, But fills me **with** bitterness.

19 If it is a matter of **streng**th, behold, he is **mi**ghty! If of **justi**^ce, '**Wh**^o, **says** he, will **summon** me?

20 **Tho**ugh I am **right**eous, **my** **own** **mouth** **shall** **condem**n me. **Tho**ugh I am **blame**less, it **shall** **prov**e me **perv**^erse.

21 I am blameless. I don't regard myself. I despise my life.

22 "It is all the same. Therefore I say, He destroys the blameless and the wicked.

23 If the scourge kills suddenly, He will mock at the trial of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked. He covers the faces of the judges of it. If not he, then who is it?

25 "Now my days are swifter than a runner. They flee away, they see no good,

26 They have passed away as the swift ships, As the eagle that swoops on the prey.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad face, and cheer up;

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that you will not hold me innocent.

29 I shall be condemned; Why then do I labor in vain?

30 If I wash myself with snow, And cleanse my hands with lye,

31 Yet you will plunge me in the ditch. My own clothes shall abhor me.

32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, That we should come together in judgment.

33 There is no umpire between us, That might lay his hand on us both.

34 Let him take his rod away from me, Let his terror not make me afraid:

35 Then I would speak, and not fear him, For I am not so in myself.

Job 10

1 "My soul is weary of my life; I will give free course to my complaint. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will tell Elohim, 'Do not condemn me, Show me why you contend with me.

3 Is it good to you that you should oppress, That you should despise the work of your hands, And smile on the counsel of the wicked?

4 Do you have eyes of flesh? Or do you see as man sees?

5 Are your days as the days of mortals, Or your years as man's years,

6 That you inquire after my iniquity, And search after my sin?

7 Although you know that I am not wicked, There is no one who can deliver me out of your hand.

8 'Yôur handş have framed me and fashioned me **altogether**; Yet you destroy me.

9 Remember, I beg you, **that** you have fashioned me as clay. Will you bring me into dust again?

10 Haven't you poured me out like milk, And curdled me like cheese?

11 You have clothed me with skin and flesh, And knit me together with bones and sinews.

12 You have granted me life and lovingkindness . Yôur visitation has preserved my spirit.

13 Yet you hid **these things** in yôur heart. I know **that this** is with you:

14 If I sin, **then** you mark me. You will not acquit me from my iniquity.

15 If I am wicked, woe to me. If I am righteous, I still shall not lift up my head, Being filled with disgrace, And conscious of my affliction.

16 If my head is held high, you hunt me like a lion. Again you show yôurself powerful to me.

17 You renew yôur witnesses against me, And increase yôur indignation on me. **Changes** and warfare are with me.

18 "Why, **then**, have you brought me forth out of the womb? I wish I had given up the spirit, and no eye had seen me.

19 I should have been as though I had not been. I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 Aren't my days few? **cease then**, Leave me alone, **that** I may find a little comfort,

21 Before I go where I shall not return from, To the land of darkness and of the shadow of death;

22 The land dark as midnight, Of the shadow of death, without any order, Where the light is as midnight."

Job 11

1 Then Zophar, the Naamathite, answered,

2 "Shouldn't the multitude of words be answered? Should a man full of talk be justified?

3 Should yôur boastings make men hold their peace? When you mock, shall no man make you ashamed?

4 For you say, 'My doctrine is pure, I am clean in your eyes.

5 But oh that Elohim would speak, And open his lips against you,

6 That he would show you the secrets of wisdom! For true wisdom has two sides. Know therefore that Elohim exacts of you less than your iniquity deserve.

7 "Can you fathom the mystery of Elohim? Or can you probe the limits of the Almighty?

8 They are high as heaven. What can you do? Deeper than Sheol: what can you know?

9 The measure of it is longer than the earth, And broader than the sea.

10 If he passes by, or confines, Or convenes a court, then who can oppose him?

11 For he knows false men. He sees iniquity also, even though he doesn't consider it.

12 But vain man can become wise If a man can be born as a wild donkey's colt.

13 "If you set your heart aright, Stretch out your hands toward him.

14 If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, Don't let unrighteousness dwell in your tents.

15 Surely then shall you lift up your face without spot; Yes, you shall be steadfast, and shall not fear:

16 For you shall forget your misery; You shall remember it as waters that are passed away,

17 Life shall be clearer than the noonday; Though there is darkness, it shall be as the morning.

18 You shall be secure, because there is hope; Yes, you shall search, and shall take your rest in safety.

19 Also you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; Yes, many shall court your favor.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, They shall have no way to flee; Their hope shall be the giving up of the spirit."

Job 12

1 Then Job answered,

2 "No doubt, but you are the people, And wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: Yes, **who** **doe**s'n't know **such things** as **thes**e?

4 I am **like** one **who** is a **joke** to his neighbor, I, **who** **called** on Elohim, and he answered. The just, the **blameless** man is a **joke**.

5 In the **tho**ught of him **who** is at **ea**se **there** is contempt for mis**fo**rtune, It is ready for **them** **whes**e **fo**ot slips.

6 The tents of robbers prosper, **Thos**e **who** **provo**ke Elohim are **secu**re; **Who** carry **their** Elohim in **thei**r hands.

7 "But **ask** the animals, **now**, and **they shall teach** you; The **birds** of the **sky**, and **they shall** tell you.

8 Or **speak** to the **ear**th, and it **shall teach** you; The **fish** of the **sea** **shall declare** to you.

9 **Who** **doe**s'n't know **that** in **all thes**e, The hand of YAHWEH has **done this**,

10 In **whes**e hand is the **life** of every living **thing**, The **breath** of **all** mankind?

11 **Doe**s'n't the **ear** try **words**, **Even** as the palate **tastes** its **feed**?

12 With **aged** men is **wisdom**, In **length** of **days** understanding.

13 "With Elohim is **wisdom** and **might**. **He** has **counsel** and understanding.

14 **Behold**, he **breaks** **down**, and it **can't** be built **again**; **He** **imprison**s a man, and **there** can be no **rele**ase.

15 **Behold**, he **withholds** the **waters**, and **they dry** up; **Again**, he **sends** **them** **out**, and **they** **overturn** the **ear**th.

16 **With** him is **strength** and **wisdom**; The **deceived** and the **deceiver** are his.

17 He **lead**s **counselors** **away** **stripped**. **He** **makes** **judges** **fools**.

18 He **loosens** the bond of **kings**, **He** **binds** **their** loins **with** a belt.

19 He **lead**s **priests** **away** **stripped**, And **overthrows** the **mighty**.

20 He **removes** the **speech** of **those** **who** are trusted, And **takes** **away** the understanding of the **elders**.

21 He **pours** contempt on **princes**, And **loosens** the belt of the strong.

22 He **uncovers** **deep** **things** **out** of **darkness**, And **brings** **out** to **light** the **shadow** of **death**.

23 He increases the nations, and he destroys them. He enlarges the nations, and he leads them captive.

24 He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth, And causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the därk without light. He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

Job 13

1 "Behold, my eye has seen **ä**ll this, My ear has heard and understood it.

2 What you know, I know **ä**lso. I am not inferior to you.

3 "Surely I would speak to the Almighty. I desire to reason with Elohim.

4 But you are forgers of lies. You are **ä**ll physicians of no value.

5 Oh **th**at you would be completely silent! **Th**en you would be wise.

6 Hear now my reasoning. Listen to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will you speak unrighteously for Elohim, And tälk deceitfully for him?

8 Will you **sh**ow pärtiality to him? Will you contend for Elohim?

9 Is it good **th**at he **sh**ould search you **o**ut? Or as one deceives a man, will you deceive him?

10 He will **su**rely reprove you If you secretly **sh**ow pärtiality.

11 **Sh**all not his majesty make you afraid, And his dread **fä**ll on you?

12 Your memororable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay.

13 "Be silent, leave me alone, **th**at I may speak. Let **c**ome on me what will.

14 Why **sh**ould I take my flesh in my teeth, And put my life in my hand?

15 Behold, he will kill me; I have no hope. Nevertheless, I will maintain my ways before him.

16 **Th**is **ä**lso shall be my salvation, **Th**at a godless man shall not **c**ome before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech. Let my declaration be in your ears.

18 See now, I have set my cause in **o**rder. I know **th**at I am righteous.

19 Who is he who will contend with me? For **th**en would I hold my peace and give up the spirit.

- 20 "Only don't do **two things** to me; **Then** I will not **hide myself** from **your face**:
- 21 **Withdraw** **your hand** **far** from me; And don't let **your terror** **make** me afraid.
- 22 **Then call**, and I will **answer**; Or let me **speak**, and you **answer** me.
- 23 **How many** are my **iniquities** and **sins**? **Make** me **know my disobedience** and my **sin**.
- 24 **Why hide** you **your face**, And **hold** me for **your enemy**?
- 25 Will you harass a driven **leaf**? Will you **pursue** the **dry stubble**?
- 26 For you **write** bitter **things** **against** me, And **make** me inherit the **iniquities** of my **youth**:
- 27 You **also put** **my feet** in the stocks, And **mark** **all my paths**. You set a **bound** to the **soles** of **my feet**:
- 28 **Though** I am **decaying** like a rotten **thing**, Like a **garment** **that is moth-eaten**.

Job 14

- 1 "Man, **who** is **born** of a **woman**, Is of few **days**, and **full** of trouble.
- 2 He **comes forth** like a **flower**, and is cut **down**. He **also flees** like a **shadow**, and **doesn't continue**.
- 3 Do you **open your eyes** on **such** a one, And bring me into **judgment with** you?
- 4 **Who** can bring a **clean thing** **out** of an **unclean**? Not one.
- 5 **Seeing** his **days** are **determined**, The number of his **months** is **with** you, And you have appointed his **bounds** **that he can't pass**;
- 6 **Look away** from him, **that he may rest**, Until he **shall accomplish**, as a **hireling**, his **day**.
- 7 "**For** **there** is **hope** for a **tree**, If it is cut **down**, **that it will sprout** again, **That** the tender **branch** of it will not **cease**.
- 8 **Though** the **root** of it **grows** old in the **earth**, And the stock of it **dies** in the **ground**;
- 9 Yet **through** the **scent** of **water** it will bud, And **put forth** **branches** like a plant.
- 10 But man **dies**, and is **laid low**. Yes, man **gives** up the spirit, and **where** is he?
- 11 As the **waters** **fail** from the **sea**, And the river **wastes** and **dries** up,
- 12 **So** man **lies** **down** and **doesn't rise**; Until the **heavens** are no **more**, **they shall not awake**, **Nor** be **roused** **out** of **their sleep**.

13 "Oh **th**at you would hide me in **Sheol**, **Th**at you would **keep** me **secret**, until your **wra**th is **pa**st, **Th**at you would appoint me a set **tim**e, and remember me!

14 If a man **dies**, **sh**all he live **again**? **all** the **days** of my **warfare** would I **wait**, Until my **release** **shou**ld **come**.

15 You would **call**, and I would answer you. You would have a **desire** to the **work** of your **hands**.

16 But **now** you number my **steps**. **Don't** you **watch** over my **sin**?

17 My **disobediençe** is **sealed** up in a bag. You **fasten** up my **iniquity**.

18 "But the **mountain** **falling** **comes** to **nothing**; The rock is **removed** **out** of its **plaçe**;

19 The **waters** wear the **stones**; The torrents of it **wash** away the dust of the **earth**: So you destroy the **hope** of man.

20 You forever **prevail** against him, and he **passes**; You **change** his **façe**, and send him **away**.

21 His **sons** **come** to *honor*, and he **does**n't **know** it; **They** are **brought** low, but he **does**n't **perçeive** it of **them**.

22 But his **flesh** on him has **pain**; His **soul** **with**in him **morns**."

Job 15

1 Then **Eliphaz** the **Temanite** answered,

2 "**Shou**ld a **wise** man answer **with** **vain** *knowledge*, And fill himself **with** the **east** wind?

3 **Shou**ld he **reason** **with** unprofitable **talk**, Or **with** **speeçhes** **with** **which** he can **do** no **good**?

4 Yes, you **de** away **with** **fear**, And hinder **devotion** before **Elohim**.

5 For your **iniquity** **teaches** your **mouth**, And you **chees**e the **language** of the **crafty**.

6 Your **own** **mouth** **condemns** you, and not I; Yes, your **own** lips **testify** against you.

7 "Are you the **first** man **whe** was **born**? Or were you **brought** **forth** before the **hills**?

8 Have you **heard** the **secret** **counsel** of **Elohim**? **Do** you limit **wisdom** to yourself?

9 **What** **do** you **know**, **that** **we** **do**n't **know**? **What** **do** you understand, **which** is not in us?

10 **With** us are **both** the **gray**-headed and the very **aged** men, **Much** elder **than** your **father**.

11 Are the consolations of Elohim too small for you, Even the word that is gentle toward you?

12 Why does your heart carry you away? Why do your eyes flash,

13 That you turn your spirit against Elohim, And let such words go out of your mouth?

14 What is man, that he should be clean? He who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, he puts no trust in his holy ones; Yes, the heavens are not clean in his sight:

16 How much less one who is abominable and corrupt, A man who drinks iniquity like water!

17 "I will show you, listen to me; That which I have seen I will declare:

18 (Which wise men have told From their fathers, and have not hidden it;

19 To whom alone the land was given, And no stranger passed among them):

20 The wicked man travails with pain all his days, Even the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor.

21 A sound of terrors is in his ears; In prosperity the destroyer shall come on him.

22 He doesn't believe that he shall return out of darkness, He is waited for by the sword.

23 He wanders abroad for bread, saying, 'Where is it? He knows that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Distress and anguish make him afraid; They prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 Because he has stretched out his hand against Elohim, And behaves himself proudly against the Almighty;

26 He runs at him with a stiff neck, With the thick shields of his bucklers;

27 Because he has covered his face with his fatness, And gathered fat on his loins.

28 He has lived in desolate cities, In houses which no one inhabited, Which were ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, Neither shall their possessions be extended on the earth.

30 He **shall** not depärt out of därke^eness; The flame **shall** dry up his branches, By the breath of God's mouth **shall** he go away.

31 Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself; Fö^r emptiness **shall** be his reward.

32 It **shall** be accomplished befö^re his time. His branch **shall** not be green.

33 He **shall** shake off his unripe grape as the vine, And **shall** cäst off his flower as the olive tree.

34 For the company of the godless **shall** be barren, And fire **shall** consume the tents of bribery.

35 **They** conceive mischief, and bring fö^rth iniquity. **Their** hä^rt prepares deceit."

Job 16

1 **Then** Job answered,

2 "I have heard many such things. Miserable comforters are you äll!

3 **Shall** vain words have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer?

4 I ä^lso could speak as you do. If yö^ur soul were in my soul's place, I could join words together against you, And shake my head at you.

5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth. The solace of my lips would relieve you.

6 "**Tho**ugh I speak, my grief is not subsided. **Tho**ugh I fö^rbear, what am I eased?

7 But now, Elohim, you have surely wö^rn me out. You have made desö^late äll my company.

8 You have shriveled me up. **This** is a witness against me. **My** leanness rises up against me, It testifies to my face.

9 He has tö^rn me in his w^räth, and p^ersecuted me; He has gnashed on me with his teeth: **My** adversary sharpens his eyes on me.

10 **They** have gaped on me with their mouth; **They** have struck me on the cheek reproachfully. **They** gather themselves together against me.

11 Elohim delivers me to the ungodly, And cästs me into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, and he broke me apä^rt. Yes, he has taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces. He has ä^lso set me up for his t^arget.

13 His ä^rchers surround me. He splits my kidneys apä^rt, and does not spare. He pö^ur^s out my gä^ll on the ground.

- 14 He bre**aks** me with bre**ach** on bre**ach**. He run**ş** on me like a **giant**.
- 15 I have sewed sackclo**th** on my skin, And have **th**rust my h**o**rn in the dust.
- 16 My fa**ç**e is red with weep**ing**. Deep d**ä**rkn**e**ss is on my ey**elid**ş.
- 17 **ä**l**tho**ugh **th**ere is no violen**ç**e in my hand**ş**, And my prayer is **pu**re.
- 18 "**ë**ar**th**, do**n't** c**o**ver my bl**o**od, Let my cry have no pla**ç**e to rest.
- 19 **E**ven **n**ow, beh**o**ld, my witness is in heaven. He **wh**e **v**ouch**eş** for me is on **hi**gh.
- 20 My friend**ş** scoff at me. My ey**eş** p**o**ur **o**ut tear**ş** to Elohim,
- 21 **T**hat he wo**u**ld main**t**ain the **ri**ght of a man with Elohim, Of a s**o**n of man with his neighbor!
- 22 For when a few year**ş** are c**o**me, I **sh**all go the way from whenc**e** I **sh**all not ret**u**rn.

Job 17

- 1 "My spirit is c**o**nsum**e**d, my day**ş** are extinct, And the grave is ready for me.
- 2 Surely **th**ere are mock**e**r**ş** with me, My ey**e** dwell**ş** on **th**eir provocation.
- 3 "**N**ow give a pled**g**e, be collateral for me with yo**u**rself. **Wh**e is **th**ere **wh**e will strike hand**ş** with me?
- 4 For you have hidden **th**eir he**ä**rt from understanding, **T**her**e**f**o**re **sh**all you not ex**ä**lt **th**em.
- 5 He **wh**e den**o**unc**eş** his friend**ş** for a prey, **E**ven the ey**eş** of his **ch**ildren **sh**all fail.
- 6 "But he ha**ş** ma**d**e me a byw**o**rd of the people. **T**hey spit in my fa**ç**e.
- 7 My ey**e** **ä**l**s**o is dim by re**a**ş**o**n of sorrow. **ä**ll my member**ş** are as a **sh**adow.
- 8 Upr**igh**t men **sh**all be aston**ish**e**d** at **th**is. The innoc**e**nt **sh**all st**ir** up himself against the godless.
- 9 Yet **sh**all the **ri**ght**e**ous hold on his way. He **wh**e ha**ş** clean hand**ş** **sh**all grow stronger and stronger.
- 10 But as for you **ä**ll, c**o**me on **n**ow again; I **sh**all not find a wi**ş**e man among you.
- 11 My day**ş** are p**ä**st, my plan**ş** are bro**k**en off, As are the **th**o**u**ghts of my he**ä**rt.
- 12 **T**hey **ch**ang**e** the **ni**ght into day, Saying 'The **li**ght is **n**ear' in the pres**e**nc**e** of d**ä**rkn**e**ss.
- 13 If I l**o**ok for **S**heol as my ho**u**se, If I have spread my **c**ouch in the d**ä**rkn**e**ss,

14 If I have said to corruption, 'You are my **fäther**; To the **wôrm**, 'My **môther**, and 'my **sister**;

15 *Where* **then** is my **hope**? As for my **hope**, *who* **shall see** it?

16 **Shall** it **go down with** me to the **gates** of **Sheol**, Or **descend together** into the dust?"

Job 18

1 Then Bildad the **Shuhite** answered,

2 "How long will you hunt for **wôrd**s? **C**onsider, and **ä**fterward**s** **w**e will **s**peak.

3 *Why* are **w**e **c**ounted as **a**nimal**s**, *Which* have **b**ecom**e** unclean in **yôur** **s**ight?

4 You *who* **t**ear **yôur**self in **yôur** anger, **S**hall the **ê**arth be forsaken for you? Or **s**hall the rock be **r**emov**e**d **o**ut of its **plac**e?

5 "Yes, the **l**ight of the wicked **s**hall be **p**ut **o**ut, The **s**pärk of his **f**ire **s**hall not **s**hine.

6 The **l**ight **s**hall be **d**ärk in his tent, His lamp **a**bov**e** him **s**hall be **p**ut **o**ut.

7 The steps of his strength **s**hall be **s**hört**e**ned, His **o**wn **c**ounsel **s**hall **c**äst him **d**own.

8 For he is **c**äst into a net **b**y his **o**wn **f**eet, And he **w**änd**e**r**s** into its **m**esh.

9 A **s**na**r**e **s**hall **t**ake him **b**y the **h**eel; A trap **s**hall **l**ay **h**old on him.

10 A **s**educ**e**d is hidden for him in the **g**round, A trap for him in the **w**ay.

11 Terror**s** **s**hall **m**ake him **a**fraid on every **s**ide, And **s**hall **c**hase him at his **h**eel**s**.

12 His strength **s**hall be famish**e**d, Calamity **s**hall be ready at his **s**ide.

13 The member**s** of his body **s**hall be devour**e**d, The **f**irst**b**örn of **d**eat**h** **s**hall devour his member**s**.

14 He **s**hall be **r**oot**e**d **o**ut of his tent *where* he trusts. He **s**hall be **b**rô**u**gh**t** to the king of terror**s**.

15 **T**here **s**hall dwell in his tent **t**hat **w**h**i**ch is **n**one of his. Sulfur **s**hall be scattered on his **h**abitat**i**on.

16 His **r**oot**s** **s**hall be **d**ried up **b**eneath, **A**bov**e** **s**hall his **b**ranch be cut off.

17 His memory **s**hall **p**erish from the **ê**arth. He **s**hall have no **n**ame in the **s**treet.

18 He **s**hall be driven from **l**ight into **d**ärkness, And **c**hase**d** **o**ut of the **w**ô**r**ld.

19 He **shall** have **neither** s**on** n**or** grand**son** among his **people**, N**or** any remaining where he soj**ourn**ed.

20 **Those** who **come** **after** **shall** be astoni**sh**ed at his **day**, As **those** who **went** bef**ore** were fri**ght**ened.

21 **Surely** **such** are the dwellings of the un**right**eous, **This** is the **place** of him who **doe**s**n't** know Elohim."

Job 19

1 **Then** Job answered,

2 "How long will you t**or**ment me, And crush me with w**or**ds?

3 You have repro**ach**ed me ten t**ime**s. You **ä**ren't **ash**amed **th**at you attack me.

4 If it is tru**e** **th**at I have **er**red, My error remain**s** with my**self**.

5 If inde**ed** you will magnify y**our**selv**e**s against me, And **ple**ad against me my repro**ach**;

6 **Know** **no**w **th**at Elohim has subv**er**ted me, And has surrounded me with his net.

7 "Beh**old**, I cry **o**ut of wrong, but I am not h**ear**d: I cry for help, but **th**ere is no justic**e**.

8 He has w**al**led up my way so **th**at I c**an**'t p**ass**, And has set d**är**kness in my p**ä**ths.

9 He has stripp**e**d me of my gl**ö**ry, And **tak**en the crown from my head.

10 He has **bro**ken me down on every side, and I am gone. My **hop**e he has pluck**e**d up like a tree.

11 He has **ä**lso kindled his w**rä**th against me. He **co**unts me among his adv**er**sari**e**s.

12 His **tro**ops **co**me on to**get**her, Build a sie**g**e ramp against me, And encamp around my tent.

13 "He has **p**ut my bro**th**er**s** f**ä**r from me. My **ac**quaintanc**e**s are wholly estran**g**ed from me.

14 My relativ**e**s have gone away. My familiar friend**s** have forgotten me.

15 **Those** who dwell in my **hou**se, and my **maid**s, **co**unt me for a stran**g**er. I am an **alien** in **th**eir **si**ght.

16 I **call** to my **serv**ant, and he give**s** me no answer; I beg him with my **mouth**.

17 My **breath** is offensive to my wife. I am **loathsome** to the **children** of my **own mother**.

18 Even young **children** despise me. If I arise, **they** speak against me.

19 All my familiar friends **abhor** me. **They** whom I loved have **turned** against me.

20 My **bones** stick to my skin and to my **flesh**. I have **escaped** by the skin of my **teeth**.

21 "Have pity on me, have pity on me, you my friends; **F**or the hand of Elohim has **touch**ed me.

22 **Why** do you **persecute** me as Elohim, And are not satisfied with my **flesh**?

23 "**O**h that my **words** were **now** written! **O**h that **they** were inscribed in a **book**!

24 **That** with an **iron** pen and lead **They** were engraved in the rock forever!

25 But as for me, I **know** that my Redeemer lives. In the end, he will stand upon the **earth**.

26 After my skin is destroyed, **Then** in my **flesh** shall I **see** Elohim,

27 **Whom** I, even I, **shall see** on my side. My **eyes** shall **see**, and not as a stranger. "My heart is **consumed** within me.

28 If you say, 'How we will **persecute** him! **B**ecause the **root** of the matter is **found** in me,

29 Be afraid of the **sword**, **F**or **wrath** brings the **punishments** of the **sword**, **That** you may **know** there is a judgment."

Job 20

1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,

2 "**Therefore** do my **thoughts** give answer to me, **Even** by **reason** of my **haste** that is in me.

3 I have **heard** the **reproof** which puts me to **shame**; The spirit of my understanding **answers** me.

4 **Don't** you **know** this from **old** time, **S**ince man was **placed** on **earth**,

5 **That** the **triumphing** of the wicked is **short**, The joy of the godless but for a **moment**?

6 **Though** his **height** mount up to the **heavens**, And his head **reach** to the **clouds**,

7 Yet he **shall** perish forever like his own dung, **Those** who have seen him **shall** say, 'Where is he?

8 He **shall** fly away as a dream, and **shall** not be found: Yes, he **shall** be chased away like a vision of the night.

9 The eye which saw him **shall** see him no more, **Neither** shall his place any more see him.

10 His children **shall** seek the favor of the poor. His hands **shall** give back his wealth.

11 His bones are full of his youth, But youth **shall** lie down with him in the dust.

12 "Though wickedness is sweet in his mouth, Though he hide it under his tongue,

13 Though he spare it, and will not let it go, But keep it still within his mouth;

14 Yet his feed in his bowels is turned. It is cobra venom within him.

15 He has swallowed down riches, and he **shall** vomit them up again. Elohim will cast them out of his belly.

16 He **shall** suck cobra venom. The viper's tongue **shall** kill him.

17 He **shall** not look at the rivers, The flowing streams of honey and butter.

18 That for which he labored he **shall** restore, and **shall** not swallow it down; According to the substance that he has gotten, he **shall** not rejoice.

19 For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor. He has violently taken away a house, and he **shall** not build it up.

20 "Because he knew no quietness within him, He **shall** not save anything of that in which he delights.

21 There was nothing left that he didn't devour, Therefore his prosperity **shall** not endure.

22 In the fullness of his sufficiency, distress **shall** overtake him: The hand of everyone who is in misery **shall** come on him.

23 When he is about to fill his belly, Elohim will cast the fierceness of his wrath on him. It will rain on him while he is eating.

24 He **shall** flee from the iron weapon. The bronze arrow **shall** strike him through.

25 He draws it forth, and it comes out of his body. Yes, the glittering point comes out of his liver. Terrors are on him.

26 All d^ärkn^ess is laid up for his treasur^es. An unfanned fire shall devour him. It shall consume that which is left in his tent.

27 The heav^en^s shall reveal his iniquity, The earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increas^e of his hous^e shall dep^ärt; They shall rush away in the day of his wr^äth.

29 This is the p^örtion of a wicked man from Elohim, The heritage appointed to him by Elohim."

Job 21

1 Then Job answered,

2 "Listen dilig^ently to my spe^ech. Let this be y^öur consolati^ön.

3 Allow me, and I ^älso will spe^ak; after I have spok^en, mock on.

4 As for me, is my complaiⁿt to man? Why sh^öuldn't I be impati^ent?

5 L^öök at me, and be astonish^ed. Lay y^öur hand on y^öur mouth.

6 When I remember, I am troubled. Horror takes hold of my flesh.

7 "Why de^e the wicked live, Bec^öme old, yes, and grow miⁱghty in pow^er?

8 Their child is establish^ed with them in their sight, Their offspring bef^öre their ey^es.

9 Their hous^es are saf^e from fear, Neither is the rod of Elohim upon them.

10 Their bull^s breed with^öut fail. Their cow^s cä^äve, and don't miscarry.

11 They send f^örth their little one^s like a flock. Their children dan^çe.

12 They sing to the tambourine and hä^rp, And rejoic^e at the sound of the pip^e.

13 They spend their day^s in prosperity. In an instant they go down to Sheol.

14 They tell Elohim, 'Dep^ärt from us, F^ör we don't want to know about y^öur way^s.

15 What is the Almiⁱghty, that we sh^öuld s^erve him? What profit sh^öuld we have, if we pray to him?

16 Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand: The counsel of the wicked is f^är from me.

17 "How often is it that the lamp of the wicked is p^üt out? That their calamity com^es on them? That Elohim distrib^utes sorrow^s in his anger?

18 That they are as stubble bef^öre the wind, As ch^äff that the st^örm carries away?

19 You **say**, 'Elohim **lays** up his iniquity for his **children**. Let him recompense it to himself, **that** he may know it.

20 Let his **own** eyes see his destruction. Let him drink of the **wrath** of the Almighty.

21 For **what** does he care for his house after him, **When** the number of his months is cut off?

22 "**Shall** any **teach** Elohim knowledge, **Seeing** he judges those who are high?

23 One dies in his full strength, **Being** wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His pails are full of milk. The marrow of his bones is moistened.

25 Another dies in bitterness of soul, And never tastes of good.

26 **They** lie down alike in the dust, The worm covers them.

27 "**Behold**, I know your thoughts, The devices with which you would wrong me.

28 For you say, 'Where is the house of the prince? Where is the tent in which the wicked lived?

29 Haven't you asked wayfaring men? Don't you know their evidences,

30 **That** the evil man is reserved to the day of calamity? **That** they are led forth to the day of wrath?

31 **Who** shall declare his way to his face? **Who** shall repay him what he has done?

32 Yet shall he be borne to the grave, Men shall keep watch over the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him. **All** men shall draw after him, As there were innumerable before him.

34 **So** how can you comfort me with nonsense, **Seeing** that in your answers there remains only falsehood?"

Job 22

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,

2 "Can a man be profitable to Elohim? **Surely** he who is wise is profitable to himself.

3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, **that** you are righteous? Or does it benefit him, **that** you make your ways perfect?

4 Is it for your piety **that** he reproves you, **That** he enters with you into judgment?

5 Isn't your wickedness great? **Neither** is there any end to your iniquities.

6 For you have **taken pledges** from y^our **brother** for **nothing**, And **stripped** the **naked** of **their clothing**.

7 You haven't given **wáter** to the **weary** to drink, And you have **withheld** bread from the hungry.

8 But as for the **mighty** man, he had the **éarth**. The *honorable* man, he lived in it.

9 You have sent **widowş** away empty, And the **ármş** of the **fátherless** have **been** broken.

10 **Theréfore** **snareş** are **ound** about you. Sudden **feár** troubleş you,

11 Or **dárkness**, so **thát** you can not **see**, And **flóodş** of **wáterş** **cóver** you.

12 "Işn't Elohim in the **heights** of heaven? **See** the **height** of the **stárş**, **how high** **they** are!

13 You **say**, 'What **dóeş** Elohim *know*? Can he **judg** **throug**h the **thick** **dárkness**?

14 **Thick** **cloudş** are a **cóvering** to him, so **thát** he **dóeşn't** **see**. He **wá**ks on the **vá**ult of the **sky**.

15 Will you **keep** the **old way** *Which* wicked men have trodden,

16 **Who** were **snatcheđ** away **befóre** **their** **time**, **Whoş** **foundatió**n was **póured** **out** as a **stream**,

17 **Who** said to Elohim, 'Dep^árt from us; And, 'What can the **Almigh**ty **de** for us?

18 Yet he filled **their** **houşeş** with **góod** **thingş**, But the **có**nsel of the wicked is **fá**r from me.

19 The **righteous** **see** it, and are glad; The **innocent** **láugh** **them** to **scó**rn,

20 **Saying**, 'S^urely **thoşe** **who** **oşe** up **again**st us are cut off, The **fire** has **có**nsumed the remnant of **them**.

21 "Ac**quaint** y^ourself **with** him, **now**, and be at **peac**e. **Thereby** **góod** **shall** **có**me to you.

22 **Pléa**se **re**ceive **instructi**on from his **mó**uth, And **lay** up his **wó**rdş in y^our **heá**rt.

23 If you **retú**rn to the **Almigh**ty, you **sh**all be **built** up, If you **pút** away **unrighteousness** **fá**r from y^our **tent**s.

24 **Lay** y^our **treasú**re in the dust, The **gold** of **Ophir** **amó**ng the **stoneş** of the **bró**oks.

25 The **Almigh**ty will be y^our **treasú**re, **Preci**ous silver to you.

26 For **then** shall you delight yôurself in the Almight^y, And shall lift up yôur façe to Elohim.

27 You shall make yôur prayer to him, and he will hear you. You shall pay yôur vøwş.

28 You shall **â**lso decree a **t**hing, and it shall be establish^{ed} to you. Light shall shine on yôur wayş.

29 When they cäst døwn, you shall say, 'be lifted up. He will save the humble p^êrson.

30 He will even deliver him whø is not innoc^{ent}; Yes, he shall be deliver^{ed} **t**hrough the cleanness of yôur handş."

Job 23

1 **T**hen Job answer^{ed},

2 "**E**ven today is my cømplaint rebellious. His hand is heavy in spite of my groaning.

3 Oh **t**hat I knew where I might find him! **T**hat I might cøme even to his seat!

4 I wøuld set my cäus^e in ørder beføre him, And fill my mouth with ärguments

5 I wøuld know the wørdş which he wøuld answer me, And understand whät he wøuld tell me.

6 Wøuld he contend with me in the great^{ness} of his power? No, but he wøuld listen to me.

7 **T**here the upright might reäson with him, So I shøuld be deliver^{ed} forever from my judg^e.

8 "If I go east, he is not **t**here; If west, I cän't find him;

9 He wørks to the nørth, but I cän't see him; He tårnş south, but I cän't catch a glimpse of him.

10 But he knowş the way **t**hat I take. When he haş tri^{ed} me, I shall cøme fòrth like gold.

11 My føøt haş held fäst to his steps. His way have I kept, and not tårned aside.

12 I haven't gone back from the commandment of his lips. I have treäşured up the wørdş of his mouth møre **t**han my neçessary feed.

13 But he standş alone, and whø can oppøse him? Whät his soul deşireş, even **t**hat he døeş.

14 For he perførmş **t**hat which is appointed for me. Many such thingş are with him

15 **Ther**ef**ô**re I am terrifi**ed** at his pres**en**ç**e**. *When* I **C**onsider, I am afraid of him.

16 For Elohim has made my heart faint. The Almighty has terrified me.

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, Neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

Job 24

1 "Why aren't times laid up by the Almighty? Why don't those who know him see his days?"

2 There are people who remove the landmarks. They violently take away flocks, and feed them.

3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless, And they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way. The poor of the earth all hide themselves.

5 Behold, as wild donkeys in the desert, They go forth to their work, seeking diligently for food; The wilderness yields them bread for their children.

6 They cut their provender in the field. They glean the vineyard of the wicked.

7 They lie all night naked without clothing, And have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, And embrace the rock for lack of a shelter.

9 There are those who pluck the fatherless from the breast, And take a pledge of the poor,

10 So that they go around naked without clothing. Being hungry, they carry the sheaves.

11 They make oil within the walls of these men. They tread wine presses, and suffer thirst.

12 From out of the populous city, men groan. The soul of the wounded cries out, Yet Elohim doesn't regard the folly.

13 "These are of those who rebel against the light; They don't know the ways of it, Nor abide in the paths of it.

14 The murderer rises with the light. He kills the poor and needy. In the night he is like a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, Saying, 'No eye shall see me. He disguises his face.

16 In the d^ärk **they** dig **th**rough **hou**se^s. **They** **sh**ut **th**emselv^es up in the **day**time. **They** **don't** *know* the **li**ght.

17 For the m^ôrning is to **â**ll of **th**em like **th**ick d^ärkness, **F**or **th**ey *know* the terror^s of the **th**ick d^ärkness.

18 "**They** are **fo**am on the **s**urfa^çe of the **w**at^er^s. **The**ir **p**ôrtion is **c**ur^sed in the **ê**arth: **They** **don't** **t**ûrn into the **w**ay of the viney^ärd^s.

19 D^rough^t and **he**at **c**on^sume the snow **w**at^er^s; So **d**oe^s **She**ol **tho**se **w**he have sinned.

20 The **w**omb **sh**all forget him. The **w**ôrm **sh**all **fe**ed **s**weetly on him. **He** **sh**all be no m^ôre remembered. Un^right^eousness **sh**all be **br**oken as a **t**ree.

21 He **de**vour^s the barren **w**he **don't** bear. **He** **sh**ow^s no **k**indness to the widow.

22 Yet Elohim **pre**se^rve^s the **m**ighty **by** his **p**ow^er. **He** **ri**se^s up **w**he **ha**s no **ass**uranc^e of **li**fe.

23 Elohim **give**s **th**em **se**cure^{ty}, and **th**ey rest in it. His **ey**e^s are on **th**eir **w**ay^s.

24 **They** are **ex**âlted; yet a little *wh*ile, and **th**ey are gone. Yes, **th**ey are **br**ôught **low**, **th**ey are **ta**ken **o**ut of the **w**ay as **â**ll **ô**th^er^s, And are cut off as the tops of the **ear**s of **gr**ain.

25 If it **isn't** so **n**ow, **w**he will **pro**ve me a **li**ar, And **ma**ke **my** **spe**ech **w**ôth **n**ôthing?" kkk

Job 25

1 Then Bildad the **Sh**uhite answered,

2 "D^ôminion and **fe**ar are **with** him; **He** **ma**kes **pe**aç^e in his **hi**gh **pl**aç^es.

3 Can his **â**rmi^es be **c**ounted? On **w**h^om **d**oe^s his **li**ght not **ari**se?

4 **H**ow **th**en can man be just **with** Elohim? Or **h**ow can he **w**he is **b**ôrn of a **w**ôman be **cl**ean?

5 **B**ehold, **e**ven the **m**œ^en **ha**s no **br**i^{gh}tness, And the **st**â^rs are not **pu**re in his **si**ght;

6 **H**ow **m**uch less man, **w**he is a **w**ôrm! The **s**ôⁿ of man, **w**he is a **w**ôrm!"

Job 26

1 **T**hen Job answered,

2 "**H**ow have you **hel**pe^d him **w**he is **with**out **p**ow^er! **H**ow have you **sa**ved the **â**rm **th**at **ha**s no **stre**ngth!"

3 **H**ow have you **c**ounsel^ed him **w**ho has no **w**isdom, And plentifully declar^ed **s**ound knowledg^e!

4 To **w**hom have you uttered **w**ords? **W**hose spirit **c**ame **f**orth from you?

5 "**T**hose who are deceas^ed tremble, **T**hose **b**eneath the **w**aters and **a**ll **t**hat live in **t**hem.

6 **S**heol is **n**aked bef^ore Elohim, And Abaddon has no **c**overing.

7 He stretch^es **o**ut the **n**orth over empty spac^e, And hangs the **e**arth on **n**othing.

8 He **b**inds up the **w**aters in his **t**hick **c**louds, And the **c**loud is not **b**urst under **t**hem.

9 He **e**nclos^es the **f**ac^e of his **t**hrone, And spread^es his **c**loud on it.

10 He has describ^ed a **b**oundary on the **s**urfac^e of the **w**aters, And to the confin^es of **l**ight and **d**arkness.

11 The pillar^s of heaven tremble And are astonish^ed at his rebuk^e.

12 He stir^s up the **s**ea with his **p**ower, And **b**y his understanding he strik^es **t**hrough Rahab.

13 By his Spirit the heav^ens are g^arnish^ed. His hand has pierc^ed the swift s^erpent.

14 Behold, **t**hes^e are but the **o**utskirt^s of his **w**ays. **H**ow sm^all a whisper **d**e we hear of him! But the **t**hunder of his **p**ower **w**ho can understand?"

Job 27

1 Job again **t**ook up his parable, and said,

2 "As Elohim lives, **w**ho has taken away **m**y right, The **A**lmighty, **w**ho has made **m**y soul bitter.

3 (**F**or the length of **m**y life is still in me, And the spirit of Elohim is in **m**y nostril^s);

4 **S**urely **m**y lips **s**hall not speak unrighteousness, **N**either **s**hall **m**y tongue utter **d**eceit.

5 **F**ar be it from me **t**hat I **s**hould justify you. Until I **d**ie I will not **p**ut away **m**y integrity from me.

6 I **h**old **f**ast to **m**y right^eousness, and will not let it go. **M**y heart **s**hall not reproach me so long as I live.

7 "Let **m**y enemy be as the wicked, Let him **w**ho ris^es up against me be as the unrighteous.

8 For **wha**t is the **hope** of the godless, *when* he is cut off, *When* Elohim **take**s **awa**y his **life**?

9 Will Elohim **hear** his **cry**, *When* trouble **come**s on him?

10 Will he **delight** himself in the **Almighty**, And **call** on Elohim at **all** **time**s?

11 I will **teach** you **about** the hand of Elohim. **That** *which* is **with** the **Almighty** will I not **con**ceal.

12 Behold, **all** of you have **seen** it **yourselves**; *Why* **then** have you **become** **altogether** **vain**?

13 "**This** is the **portion** of a wicked man **with** Elohim, The **heritage** of oppressors, *which* **they** **re**ceive from the **Almighty**.

14 If his **children** are multiplied, it is for the **sw**ord. His offspring **shall** not be **satisfied** **with** bread.

15 **Those** *who* **remain** of him **shall** be **buried** in **death**. His **widows** **shall** **make** no **lamentation**.

16 **Though** he **heap** up silver as the dust, And **pre**pare **cloth**ing as the **clay**;

17 He **may** **pre**pare it, but the just **shall** **put** it on, And the **innocent** **shall** **divide** the silver.

18 He **build**s his **house** as the **moth**, As a **beeth** *which* the **wa**chman **make**s.

19 He **lie**s **down** **rich**, but he **shall** not **do** so **again**. He **open**s his **eye**s, and he is not.

20 Terror**s** **overtake** him **like** **wa**ter**s**; A tempest **steal**s him **awa**y in the **ni**ght.

21 The **east** wind **carrie**s him **awa**y, and he **dep**arts; It **sweep**s him **out** of his **plac**e.

22 For it **hur**l**s** at him, and **do**e**s** not **spare**, As he **flee**s **awa**y from his hand.

23 Men **shall** **clap** **the**ir **hand**s at him, And **shall** **hiss** him **out** of his **plac**e.

Job 28

1 "Surely **there** is a **mine** for silver, And a **plac**e for **gold** *which* **they** **refine**.

2 **Iron** is **taken** **out** of the **ear**th, And copper is smelted **out** of the ore.

3 Man sets an end to **dä**rkn**ess**, And **s**ear**che**s **out**, to the **fur**thest **bound**, The **stone**s of **obsc**urity and of **th**ick **dä**rkn**ess**.

4 He **break**s **open** a **shä**ft **awa**y from *where* **pe**ople **live**. **They** are forgotten **by** the **fo**ot. **They** hang **fä**r from men, **the**y swing back and **fö**th.

5 As for the **é**arth, **o**ut of it **có**me**ş** bread; Underne**e**ath it is **tú**rned up as it were **by** fire.

6 Sap**ph**ire**ş** **có**me from its rocks. It ha**ş** dust of **gold**.

7 **Th**at **pá**th no bîrd of prey **kn**ow**ş**, **Ne**ither ha**ş** the falcon'**ş** **e**ye **seen** it.

8 The **pr**oud animal**ş** ha**v**e not trodden it, **Nó**r ha**ş** the fi**er**ce **li**ón **pá**ssed **by** **th**ere.

9 He **pú**ts **fó**rth his hand on the flinty rock, And he overturns the **mó**untain**ş** **by** the **ró**ots.

10 He cuts **o**ut **ch**annel am**o**ng the rocks. His **e**ye **see**ş every **pr**eci**o**us **th**ing.

11 He **bind**ş the stream**ş** **th**at **th**ey **don't** trickle; The **th**ing **th**at is hidden he bring**ş** **fó**rth to **li**ght.

12 "But *where* **sh**all **wi**ş**dó**m be **fo**und? *Where* is the **pl**a**ç**e of understanding?

13 Man **do**eşn't **kn**ow its **pr**i**ç**e; **Ne**ither is it **fo**und in the land of the living.

14 The **de**ep **say**ş, It **iş**n't in me. The **se**a **say**ş, It **iş**n't **with** me.

15 It **cá**n't be gotten for **gold**, **Ne**ither **sh**all silver be **we**igh**e**d for its **pr**i**ç**e.

16 It **cá**n't be **valu**ed **with** the **gold** of Ophir, **With** the **pr**eci**o**us onyx, or the sap**ph**ire.

17 **Go**ld and glá**ss** **cá**n't **equ**al it, **Ne**ither **sh**all it be **ex**chang**e**d for jewel**ş** of **fi**ne **gold**.

18 No **ment**ion **sh**all be **mad**e of coral or of crystal: Yes, the **pr**i**ç**e of **wi**ş**dó**m is **abó**ve **rub**ie**ş**..

19 The topaz of **Eth**io**pi**a **sh**all not **equ**al it, **Ne**ither **sh**all it be **valu**ed **with** **pu**re **gold**.

20 *Whenç* **th**en **có**me**ş** **wi**ş**dó**m? *Where* is the **pl**a**ç**e of understanding?

21 **See**ing it is hidden from the **e**y**e**ş of **á**ll living, And kept **clo**şe from the bîrd**ş** of the **sky**.

22 **D**estruction and **Dea**th **say**, '**We** ha**v**e **h**eard a **ru**mor of it **with** **o**ur **ear**ş.

23 "Elohim **under**stand**ş** its **way**, And he **kn**ow**ş** its **pl**a**ç**e.

24 For he **l**ó**o**ks to the end**ş** of the **é**arth, And **see**ş under the **wh**ole **sky**.

25 He **estab**lish**e**ş the **fó**rce of the wind; Yes, he **mea**şure**ş** **o**ut the **wá**ter**ş** **by** **mea**şure.

26 *When* he **mad**e a **de**cre**e** for the **rain**, And a **way** for the **li**ghtning of the **th**under;

27 Then did he **see** it, and declar**e** it. He establish**ed** it, yes, and s**ear**ch**ed** it **out**.

28 To man he said, 'Behold, the **fear** of the L**ord**, **that** is wis**d**om. To dep**ar**t from **evil** is understanding."

Job 29

1 Job ag**ain** t**ook** up his parable, and said,

2 "**O**h **th**at I were as in the mon**th**s of **old**, As in the **day**s when Elohim watch**ed** over me;

3 When his lamp **sh**one on my **head**, And by his **light** I w**alk**ed **th**rough d**ar**kness;

4 **A**s I was in the ripeness of my **day**s, When the friend**sh**ip of Elohim was in my **tent**;

5 When the Al**mi**ghty was yet **with** me, And my **child**ren were **ar**ound me;

6 When my **steps** were **wash**ed **with** butter, And the rock p**our**ed **out** stream**s** of oil for me!

7 When I went **for**th to the **city** gate, When I prepar**ed** my **seat** in the **street**,

8 The young men s**aw** me and hid **themselv**e**s**, The **ag**ed **ros**e up and st**oo**d;

9 The prin**ces** refr**ain**ed from **talk**ing, And **laid** **their** hand on **their** **mouth**;

10 The voic**e** of the **noble**s was hush**ed**, And **their** **ton**gue stuck to the **roof** of **their** **mouth**.

11 For when the **ear** h**ear**d me, **then** it bless**ed** me; And when the **eye** s**aw** me, it commended me:

12 Bec**aus**e I deliver**ed** the **po**or **wh**o **cri**ed, And the **f**atherless **also**, **wh**o had **no**ne to help him.

13 The blessing of him **wh**o was ready to perish **cam**e on me, And I **ca**us**ed** the **widow**'**s** h**ear**t to sing for joy.

14 I **put** on **right**eousness, and it clo**th**ed me. My justic**e** was as a **robe** and a **diadem**.

15 I was **eye**s to the **blind**, And **feet** to the **lame**.

16 I was a **f**ather to the **needy**. The **ca**us**e** of him **wh**o I didn't **know**, I s**ear**ch**ed** **out**.

17 I **broke** the **jaw**s of the un**right**eous, And pluck**ed** the prey **out** of his **teeth**.

18 **Then** I said, I **shall** **die** in my **own** **house**, I **shall** number my **day**s as the sand.

19 My **root** is spread **out** to the **w**ater**s**, The dew **lies** **all** **night** on my **branch**;

20 My **gl**ory is **fresh** in me, My **bow** is renewed in my **hand**.

21 "Men listened to me, **waited**, And kept **silence** for my **counsel**.

22 After my **words** they didn't **speak** again; My **speech** fell on **them**.

23 **They** waited for me as for the **rain**. **Their mouths** drank as with the spring **rain**.

24 I smiled on **them** when **they** had no **confidence**. **They** didn't reject the **light** of my **face**.

25 I **chose** out **their way**, and sat as **chief**. I lived as a king in the **army**, As one who **comforts** the **mourners**.

Job 30

1 "But **now** **those** who are younger **than** I, have me in **derision**, **Whose fathers** I would have **disdained** to **put** with my **sheep dogs**.

2 Of **what use** is the strength of **their hands** to me, Men in **whom** ripe **age** has **perished**?

3 **They** are **gaunt** from lack and famine. **They gnaw** the **dry ground**, in the **gloom** of **waste** and **desolation**.

4 **They** pluck **salt herbs** by the **bushes**. The **roots** of the **bram** are **their food**.

5 **They** are driven **forth** from the midst of men; **They cry** after **them** as after a **thief**;

6 So **that** **they** dwell in **frightful** **valleys**, And in **holes** of the **earth** and of the rocks.

7 **Among** the **bushes** **they** bray; And under the **nettles** **they** are **gathered** together.

8 **They** are **children** of **fools**, yes, **children** of **base** men. **They** were flogged **out** of the land.

9 "**Now** I have become **their** song. Yes, I am a **byword** to **them**.

10 **They** **abhor** me, **they** stand **aloof** from me, And **don't** **hesitate** to spit in my **face**.

11 For he has **loosed** his **cord**, and afflicted me; And **they** have **thrown** off **restraint** before me.

12 On my **right** hand **rise** the rabble. **They** **thrust** aside my **feet**, **They** **cast** up against me **their ways** of **destruction**.

13 **They** **mar** my **path**, **They** set **forward** my calamity, **Without** anyone's help.

14 As **through** a wide **breach** **they** **come**, In the midst of the **ruin** **they** roll **themselves** in.

15 **Terrors** are **turned** on me. **They** **chase** my **honor** as the wind. My **welfare** has **passed** away as a **cloud**.

16 "Now my soul is pōured out within me. Days of affliction have taken hold on me.

17 In the night season my bones are piercēd in me, And the pains that gnāw me take no rest.

18 By great fōrce is my gārment disfigured. It binds me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He has cāst me into the mire. I have become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry to you, and you de not answer me. I stand up, and you gaze at me.

21 You have tūrned to be cruel to me. With the might of yōur hand you pērsecute me.

22 You lift me up to the wind, and drive me with it. You diſsolve me in the stōrm.

23 For I know that you will bring me to death, To the house appointed for āll living.

24 "However dōesn't one stretch out a hand in his fāll? Or in his calamity therēfōre cry for help?

25 Didn't I weep for him who was in trouble? Wasn't my soul grieved for the needy?

26 When I loōked for gōod, then evil came; When I waited for light, there came dārkness.

27 My heart is troubled, and dōesn't rest. Days of affliction have come on me.

28 I go mōurning without the sun. I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.

29 I am a brother to jackals, And a cōpanion to ostriches.

30 My skin grows black and peels from me. My bones are bŭrned with heat.

31 Therēfōre is my hārp tūrned to mōurning, And my pipe into the voiçe of thōse who weep.

Job 31

1 "I made a cōvenant with my eyes, How then shōuld I loōk lustfully at a young wōman?

2 For whāt is the pōrtion from Elohim abōve, And the heritage from the Almighty on high?

3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous, And disaster to the wōrkers of iniquity?

4 Dōesn't he see my ways, And number āll my steps?

5 "If I have wālkēd with falsehood, And my fōot has hurried to deçeit

6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance, That Elohim may know my integrity);

7 If **my** step haş **t**urned **o**ut of the **w**ay, If **my** he**ä**rt w**ä**lked **ä**fter **my** **e**yeş, If any defilement haş stuck to **my** handş,

8 **T**hen let me **s**ow, and let another **e**at; Yes, let the produ**ç**e of **my** **f**ield be **r**ooted **o**ut.

9 "If **my** he**ä**rt haş **b**een entic**e**d to a **w**oman, And I have **l**aid **w**ait at **my** neighbor's **d**oor;

10 **T**hen let **my** **w**ife **g**ri**n**d for another, And let **o**therş **s**leep with her.

11 For **th**at **w**ou**d** be a **h**einous **c**ri**m**e; Yes, it **w**ou**d** be an iniquity to be **p**unished **b**y the judgeş:

12 For it is a **f**ire **th**at **c**onsumeş to destruction, And **w**ou**d** **r**oot **o**ut **ä**ll **my** **i**ncrease.

13 "If I have despise**d** the **c**ä**u**şe of **my** man-s**e**r**v**ant Or of **my** maid-s**e**r**v**ant, **W**hen **th**ey contended with me;

14 **W**hat **th**en **sh**all I **d**e when Elohim **r**iş**e**ş up? **W**hen he vişits, **wh**at **sh**all I answer him?

15 Didn't he **wh**o **m**ade me in the **w**omb **m**ake him? Didn't one **f**ashion us in the **w**omb?

16 "If I have with**h**eld the **p**öor from **th**eir **d**eşire, Or have **c**ä**u**şed the **e**yeş of the widow to **f**ail,

17 Or have **e**aten **my** **m**örsel **al**one, And the **f**ä**t**herless haş not **e**aten of it

18 (No, from **my** **y**outh he grew up with me as with a **f**ä**t**her, **H**er have I **g**uided from **my** **m**ö**t**her's **w**omb);

19 If I have **s**een any **p**erish for want of **c**loth**i**ng, Or **th**at the **n**eedy had no **c**ö**v**ering;

20 If his he**ä**rt haşn't **b**lesse**d** me, If he haşn't **b**ee**n** w**ä**rmed with **my** sheep's **f**lee**ç**e;

21 If I have lifted up **my** hand **a**gainst the **f**ä**t**herless, **B**e**c**ä**u**şe I **s**äw **my** help in the **g**ate:

22 **T**hen let **my** **sh**oulder **f**ä**l**l from the **sh**oulder-**bl**ade, And **my** **ä**rm be **b**roken from the **b**one.

23 For calamity from Elohim is a terror to me, **B**y **r**e**a**ş**o**n of his majesty I can **d**e **n**ö**t**hing.

24 "If I have **m**ade **g**old **my** **h**ope, And have said to the **f**ine **g**old, 'Y**o**u are **my** **c**onfide**n**çe;

25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, And because my hand had gotten much;

26 If I have seen the sun when it shined, Or the moon moving in splendor,

27 And my heart has been secretly enticed, My hand threw a kiss from my mouth:

28 This also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges; For I should have denied the Elohim who is above.

29 "If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, Or lifted up myself when evil found him;

30 (Yes, I have not allowed my mouth to sin By asking his life with a curse);

31 If the men of my tent have not said, 'Who can find one who has not been filled with his meat?

32 (The sojourner has not lodged in the street; But I have opened my doors to the traveler);

33 If like Adam I have covered my transgressions, By hiding my iniquity in my heart,

34 Because I feared the great multitude, And the contempt of families terrified me, So that I kept silence, and didn't go out of the door--

35 Oh that I had one to hear me! (Behold, here is my signature, let the Almighty answer me); Let the accuser write my indictment!

36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; And I would bind it to me as a crown.

37 I would declare to him the number of my steps. As a prince would I go near to him.

38 If my land cries out against me, And the furrows of it weep together;

39 If I have eaten the fruits of it without money, Or have caused the owners of it to lose their life:

40 Let briars grow instead of wheat, And stinkweed instead of barley." The words of Job are ended.

Job 32

1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled against Job. His wrath was kindled, because he justified himself rather than Elohim.

3 Also his **wrāth** was kindled against his **three** friends, because **they** had found no answer, and yet had **condemned** Job.

4 **Now** Elihu had waited to **speak** to Job, because **they** were elder **than** he.

5 When Elihu **sāw that there** was no answer in the **mouth** of **these three** men, his **wrāth** was kindled.

6 Elihu the **son** of Barachel the Buzite answered, "I am young, and you are very **old**; **Therefore** I held back, and didn't **dare show** you my **opinion**.

7 I said, '**Days should speak**, And **multitude** of **years should teach** **wisdom**.

8 But **there** is a spirit in man, And the **breath** of the **Almighty** gives **them** understanding.

9 It is not the **great** **who** are **wise**, **Nor** the **aged** **who** understand **justice**.

10 **Therefore** I said, 'Listen to me; I **also** will **show my** **opinion**.

11 "**Behold**, I waited for **your words**, And I listened for **your reasoning**, **While** you **searched** out **what** to say.

12 Yes, I **gave** you my **full** attention, But **there** was no one **who** **convinced** Job, Or **who** answered his **words**, among you.

13 Beware lest you say, '**We** have found **wisdom**, Elohim **may** refute him, not man:

14 For he has not directed his **words** against me; **Neither** will I answer him with **your** **speeches**.

15 "**They** are **amazed**. **They** answer no **more**. **They** don't have a **word** to say.

16 **Shall** I wait, because **they** don't **speak**, Because **they** stand still, and answer no **more**?

17 I **also** will answer my **part**, And I **also** will **show my** **opinion**.

18 For I am **full** of **words**. The spirit **within** me **constrains** me.

19 **Behold**, my **breast** is as **wine** **which** has no vent; **Like** new **wineskins** it is ready to **burst**.

20 I will **speak**, **that** I may be **refreshed**. I will **open my** lips and answer.

21 Please **don't** let me respect any man's **person**, **Neither** will I give flattering **titles** to any man.

22 For I **don't** know **how** to give flattering **titles**; Or else my **Maker** would **soon** take me away.

Job 33

1 "However, Job, Please hear my speech, And listen to **á**ll my wôrdş.

2 See **n**ow, I have **o**pened my **m**outh. My **t**ongue haş spoken in my **m**outh.

3 My **w**ôrdş shall utter the up**r**ightness of my **h**ear**t**; **T**hat *which* my lips know **t**hey shall **s**peak **s**in**ç**erely.

4 The Spirit of Elohim haş **m**ade me, And the **b**reath of the **A**lm**i**ghty giveş me **l**ife.

5 If you can, answer me; Set **y**ôur **w**ôrdş in **ô**rd**e**r befôre me, and stand **f**ô**r**th.

6 Behold, I am tow**á**rd Elohim **e**ven as you are: I am **á**l**s**o **f**ô**r**med **o**ut of the **c**lay.

7 Behold, my **t**error shall not **m**ake you afraid, **N**either shall my **p**ressure be heavy on you.

8 "Surely you have spoken in my **h**earing, I have **h**êard the **v**oi**ç**e of **y**ôur **w**ôrdş, **s**aying,

9 'I am **c**lean, **w**ith**o**ut **d**is**o**bedi**ç**ence. I am **i**nnoc**ç**ent, **n**eith**e**r is **t**here **i**niquity in me:

10 Behold, he **f**indş **o**ccas**i**onş **a**gainst me, **H**e **c**ounts me for his enemy:

11 He **p**ûts my **f**ee**t** in the stocks, **H**e **m**arks **á**ll my **p**áth**s**.

12 "Behold, I will answer you. In **t**his you are not just; **F**ô**r** Elohim is **g**re**a**ter **t**han man.

13 **W**hy **d**e you strive **a**gainst him, **B**e**c**a**u**se he **d**o**e**şn't give **a**cc**o**unt of any of his **m**atterş?

14 For Elohim **s**peaks **o**n**ç**e, **Y**es **t**wi**ç**e, **t**h**o**ugh man **p**ayş no **a**ttention.

15 In a **d**ream, in a **v**i**s**i**o**n of the **n**ight, **W**hen **d**eep **s**leep **f**állş on men, In slumbering on the bed;

16 **T**hen he **o**penş the **e**arş of men, And **s**ealş **t**heir **i**nstruction,

17 **T**hat he **m**ay **w**ith**d**r**á**w man from his **p**û**r**po**s**e, And **h**ide **p**ride from man.

18 He **k**eeps back his **s**oul from the pit, And his **l**ife from **p**erish**i**ng **b**y the **s**wô**r**d.

19 He is **c**hastened **á**l**s**o **w**ith **p**ain on his bed, **W**ith **c**óntinual **s**trife in his **b**oneş;

20 So **t**hat his **l**ife **a**bh**ô**rş bread, And his **s**oul **d**ainty **f**eed.

21 His **f**lesh is so **c**on**s**umed **a**way, **t**hat it **c**á**n**'t be **s**ee**n**; His **b**oneş **t**hat were not **s**ee**n** stick **o**ut.

22 Yes, his **s**oul **d**r**á**wş **n**e**a**r to the pit, And his **l**ife to the **d**estroyerş.

23 "If **there** is beside him an **angel**, An **intêrpreter**, one among a **thousãnd**, To **show** to man **whãt** is **right** for him;

24 **Then** Elohim is **grãcious** to him, and **says**, 'Deliver him from **going dœwn** to the pit, I have **fœund** a **ransœm**.

25 His **flesh shall** be fresher **than** a **child's**; He **retœurns** to the **days** of his **yœuth**.

26 He **prays** to Elohim, and he is **favorable** to him, So **that** he **sees** his **face with** joy: He **restœres** to man his **righteousness**.

27 He **sings** **befœre** men, and **says**, I have sinned, and **pervœrted** **that which** was **right**, And it didn't profit me.

28 He **has** **redeemed** **my soul** from **going** into the pit, **My life shall see** the **light**.

29 "Behold, Elohim **wœrks** **ãll these things**, **Twicœ**, yes **three times**, **with** a man,

30 To bring back his **sœul** from the pit, **That** he **may** be **enlightened with** the **light** of the living.

31 **Mãrk** well, Job, and listen to me: **Hold yœur peãce**, and I will **speãk**.

32 If you have **anythiing** to **say**, **answer** me: **Speãk**, for I **desiire** to **justify** you.

33 If not, listen to me: **Hold yœur peãce**, and I will **teãch** you **wisdom**."

Job 34

1 **Mœreœver** Elihu answered,

2 "Hear **my wœrds**, you **wisœ** men; Give **ear** to me, you **whœ** have **knowledgœ**.

3 For the **ear tries** **wœrds**, As the palate **tastes fœœd**.

4 Let us **cheesœ** for us **that which** is **right**. Let us **know** among **œurselves** **whãt** is **gœœd**.

5 For Job **has** said, I am **rightœous**, Elohim **has** **taken away** **my right**:

6 Notw**ith**standing **my right** I am **cœnsidered** a **liar**; **My wound** is **incurable**, **thœugh** I am **withœ** **disœbediencœ**.

7 **Whãt** man is **like** Job, **whœ** drinks up scoffing **like wãter**,

8 **whœ** **goes** in **cœmpãny with** the **wœrkœrs** of **iniquity**, And **wãks with** wicked men?

9 For he **has** said, It profits a man **nœthiing** **That** he **shœuld** **delight** himself **with** Elohim.

10 "Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: Fär be it from Elohim, **that he should de** wickedness, From the Almighty, **that he should** commit iniquity.

11 For the wörk of a man will he render to him, And cäuse every man to find according to his wayş.

12 Yes surely, Elohim will not de wickedly, Neither will the Almighty pervêrt justice.

13 Who gave him a chärg over the êarth? Or who has appointed him over the whole wörld?

14 If he set his heärt on himself, If he gathered to himself his spirit and his breath;

15 All flesh wouïd perish together, And man wouïd túrn again to dust.

16 "If now you have understanding, hear **this**. Listen to the voiçe of my wörds.

17 Shall even one who hates justice govêrn? Will you condemn him who is righteous and mighty?--

18 Who says to a king, 'Vile! Or to nobleş, Wicked!

19 Who doesn't respect the pêrsonş of princeş, Nôr regards the rich môre than the pör; Fôr they äll are the wörk of his handş.

20 In a moment they die, even at midnight; The people are shaken and päss away, The mighty are taken away without hand.

21 "Fôr his eyesh are on the wayş of a man, He sees äll his goings.

22 There is no därkeş, nôr thick gloem, Where the wörkerş of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he doesn't need to Consider a man Fúrther, That he should go beföre Elohim in judgment.

24 He breaks in pieçeş mighty men in wayş päst finding out, And sets otherş in their plaçe.

25 Therefore he takes knowledg of their wörks. He overturns them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He strikes them as wicked men In the open sight of otherş;

27 Because they túrned aside from following him, And wouïdn't have regard in any of his wayş:

28 So that they cäused the cry of the pör to come to him, He heard the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveš quietness, who then can cōndemñ? When he hideš his façe, who then can see him? Alike whether to a natiōn, or to a man:

30 That the godless man may not reign, That there be no one to ensnare the people.

31 "Fōr has any said to Elohim, I am guilty, but I will not offend any mōre.

32 Teach me that which I don't see. If I have done iniquity, I will do it no mōre'?

33 Shall his recompense be as you desire, that you refuse it? Fōr you must chooše, and not I. Therefore speak what you know.

34 Men of understanding will tell me, Yes, every wiše man who hears me:

35 'Job speaks without knowledgē, His wōrdš are without wišdōm.

36 I wish that Job were tried to the end, Because of his answering like wicked men.

37 For he addš rebellōn to his sin. He claps his handš among us, And multiplieš his wōrdš against Elohim."

Job 35

1 Mōreover Elihu answered,

2 "Do you think this to be yōur right, Or do you say, 'My righteousnes is mōre than Elohim'š,

3 That you äsk, 'What advantage will it be to you? What profit shall I have, mōre than if I had sinned?

4 I will answer you, And yōur companions with you.

5 Lōok to the heavenš, and see. See the skieš, which are higher than you.

6 If you have sinned, what effect do you have against him? If yōur transgressionš are multiplied, what do you do to him?

7 If you are righteous, what do you give him? Or what doš he receive from yōur hand?

8 Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are; And yōur righteousnes may profit a sōn of man.

9 "By reāšōn of the multitude of oppressionš they cry out; They cry for help by reāšōn of the ärm of the mighty.

10 But nōne sayš, 'Where is Elohim my Maker, who giveš songš in the night,

11 Who teacheš us mōre than the animalš of the earth, And makes us wišer than the birdš of the sky?

12 **There they cry**, but **no**ne give**s** answer, **Be**ca**u**se of the **pride** of **evil** men.

13 **Su**rely Elohim will not **hear** an empty cry, **Ne**ither will the **Al**mighty reg**ar**d it.

14 **How** much less when you **say** you **don't see** him. The **ca**u**se** is bef**o**re him, and you **wait** for him!

15 But **now**, beca**u**se he ha**s** not **vis**ited in his anger, **Ne**ither **do**es he **great**ly reg**ar**d arrog**an**ce.

16 **There**fo**re** Job **open**s his **mouth** with empty **ta**lk, And he multiplies **wor**ds **with**out know**led**ge."

Job 36

1 Elihu **al**so **con**tinued, and said,

2 "Bear **with** me a little, and I will **show** you; **Fo**r I still have **some**thing to **say** on Elohim's beh**al**f.

3 I will get **my** know**led**ge from af**ar**, And will ascribe **ri**ghte**ou**sness to **my** **M**aker.

4 For **truly** **my** **wor**ds are not **fa**lse. One **who** is **pe**rfect in know**led**ge is **with** you.

5 "Beh**old**, Elohim is **mi**ghty, and **do**es**n't** **despi**se anyone. **He** is **mi**ghty in streng**th** of understanding.

6 He **do**es**n't** **pre**serve the **li**fe of the wicked, But give**s** to the afflicted **the**ir **ri**ght.

7 He **do**es**n't** **with**draw his **eye**s from the **ri**ghte**ou**s, But **with** kings on the **thr**one, He sets **the**m forever, and **the**y are ex**al**ted.

8 If **the**y are **bound** in fetter**s**, And are **taken** in the **co**rd**s** of affliction**s**,

9 Then he **show**s **the**m **the**ir **wor**k, And **the**ir transgressi**o**n**s**, **th**at **the**y have behaved **the**mself**e**s **pr**oudly.

10 He **al**so **open**s **the**ir **ear**s to instructi**o**n, And commands **th**at **the**y ret**ur**n from iniquity.

11 If **the**y listen and **se**rve him, **The**y shall spend **the**ir **day**s in prosperity, And **the**ir **year**s in ple**as**ure**s**.

12 But if **the**y **do**n't listen, **the**y shall perish by the sw**o**rd; **The**y shall die **with**out know**led**ge.

13 "But **tho**se **who** are godless in **he**art lay up anger. **The**y **do**n't cry for help when he **bind**s **the**m.

14 **The**y die in **youth**. **The**ir **li**fe perishes among the un**cle**an.

- 15 He deliver^s the afflicted **by their affliction**, And **open^s their ear** in oppression.
- 16 Yes, he wou^{ld} have allu^{red} you **out** of distress, Into a **brōad placē**, where **there** is no restricti^on. **That which** is set on y^our table wou^{ld} be **full** of fatness.
- 17 "But you are **full** of the judg^{ment} of the wicked. Judg^{ment} and justic^e **take hold** of you.
- 18 **Don't** let rich^es entic^e you to wr^āth, **Neither** let the great size of a bribe **tū**rn you aside.
- 19 Wou^{ld} y^our wealth sustain you in distress, Or **ā**ll the mi^{ght} of y^our strength?
- 20 **Don't** desⁱre the ni^{ght}, When pe^ople are cut off in **their placē**.
- 21 **Take heed**, don't reg^{ard} iniquity; F^or **this** you have **chosē** r^āther **than** afflicti^on.
- 22 Beh^old, Elohim is ex^{al}ted in his pow^{er}. Wh^o is a **teach^er** like him?
- 23 Wh^o has^s prescribed his way for him? Or wh^o can say, 'You have committed unri^{ghte}ousness?
- 24 "Remember **that** you magnify his w^ork, Wh^{er}eof men have sung.
- 25 All men have lo^ok^ed thereon. Man **see^s** it af^{ar} off.
- 26 Beh^old, Elohim is great, and we **don't know** him. The number of his year^s is unse^{ar}chable.
- 27 For he dr^{aw}s up the drops of w^āter, **Which** distill in rain from his vapor,
- 28 **Which** the skie^s p^our **down** And drop on man abundantly.
- 29 Yes, can any understand the spreading of the cloud^s, And the **thundering^s** of his pavili^on?
- 30 Beh^old, he spread^s his light **ar**ound him. He **cō**ver^s the bott^om of the sea.
- 31 For **by the^se** he judg^es the pe^ople. He give^s **feed** in abundan^{ce}.
- 32 He **cō**ver^s his hand^s **with** the li^{ght}ning, And commands it to strike the m^ārk.
- 33 The noi^se of it tells **ab**out him, And the cattle **ā**lso **con^cern**ing the st^orm **that cō**me^s up.

Job 37

- 1 "Yes, at **this my** he^ārt tremble^s, And is **mov**ed **out** of its placē.
- 2 **Hear, oh, hear** the noi^se of his voi^ce, The **sound that go^es out** of his **mouth**.

- 3 He send $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ it f $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rth under the whole sky, And his li $\text{\textcircled{G}}$ htning to the end $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of the e $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ rth.
- 4 After it a voi $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ e r $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ars. He th $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ nder $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ with the voi $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ e of his majesty; He d $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ esn't hold back anyth $\text{\textcircled{I}}$ ng when his voi $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ e is h $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ ard.
- 5 Elohim th $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ nder $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ m $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ rvelously with his voi $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ e. He d $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ es great th $\text{\textcircled{I}}$ ng $\text{\textcircled{S}}$, which we c $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ n't comprehend.
- 6 For he say $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ to the snow, 'F $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ ll on the e $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ rth; Likewi $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ e to the sh $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ wer of rain, And to the sh $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ wer $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of his mi $\text{\textcircled{G}}$ hty rain.
- 7 He seal $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ up the hand of every man, That $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ ll men wh $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ m he ha $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ made may know it.
- 8 Then the animal $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ go into coverts, And remain in their den $\text{\textcircled{S}}$.
- 9 Out of its chamber com $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ s the st $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rm, And cold $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ut of the n $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rth.
- 10 By the breath of Elohim, ic $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ is given, And the bread $\text{\textcircled{I}}$ th of the w $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ ter $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ is frozen.
- 11 Yes, he load $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ the th $\text{\textcircled{I}}$ ck cloud with moisture. He spread $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ abro $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ d the cloud of his li $\text{\textcircled{G}}$ htning.
- 12 It is t $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ rned r $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ und ab $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ut by his guidan $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ e, That they may d $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ whatever he command $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ them On the s $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ rface of the habitable w $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rd,
- 13 Wh $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ ther it is for correcti $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ n, or for his land, Or for lo $\text{\textcircled{V}}$ ingkindness , that he c $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ use $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ it to com $\text{\textcircled{E}}$.
- 14 "Listen to th $\text{\textcircled{I}}$ s, Job: Stand still, and C $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ nsider the w $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ndrous w $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rks of Elohim.
- 15 Do you know how Elohim c $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ntr $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ls them, And c $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ use $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ the li $\text{\textcircled{G}}$ htning of his cloud to shine?
- 16 Do you know the w $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rking $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ of the cloud $\text{\textcircled{S}}$, The w $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ndrous w $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rks of him wh $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ is p $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ rfect in knowledg $\text{\textcircled{E}}$?
- 17 You wh $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ s $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ clothing is w $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ rm, When the e $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ rth is still by re $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ on of the s $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ uth wind?
- 18 Can you, with him, spread $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ut the sky, Whi $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ h is strong as a c $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ st metal mirror?
- 19 Te $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ ch us wh $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ t we shall tell him; F $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ r we c $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ n't make $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ur case by re $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ on of d $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ rkn $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ ss.
- 20 Shall it be told him that I w $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ld speak? Or sh $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ ld a man wish that he were sw $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ llowed up?
- 21 Now men don't see the li $\text{\textcircled{G}}$ ht whi $\text{\textcircled{C}}$ h is bright in the ski $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ s, But the wind p $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ sse $\text{\textcircled{S}}$, and clear $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ them.
- 22 Out of the n $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ rth com $\text{\textcircled{E}}$ s golden splendor; With Elohim is $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ wes $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ me majesty.

23 We cän't **reach** the Almi**gh**ty, He is ex**á**lted in **power**; In just**ice** and **great** **righte**ousness he will not oppress.

24 **There**fore men **revere** him. He **do**esn't **regá**rd any **who** are **wi**se of **heá**rt."

Job 38

1 **Then** YAHWEH answered Job **out** of the **whi**rlwind,

2 "**Who** is **this who** **dá**rken**s** **counsel** **By wó**rd**s** **witho**ut **knowl**ed**g**e?"

3 **Bra**ce **yó**urself **like** a man, **Fó**r I will **questi**on you, **then** you answer me!

4 "**Where** were you **when** I **laid** the **foundati**on**s** of the **é**ar**th**? **Decla**re, if you have understanding.

5 **Who** **dete**rmin**ed** the **mea**su**re**s of it, if you **know**? Or **who** **stretch**ed the **lin**e on it?

6 **Where**upon were the **foundati**on**s** of it **fá**st**ened**? Or **who** **laid** its **có**rn**er**st**one**,

7 **When** the **mó**rning **stá**r**s** sang to**geth**er, And **á**ll the **son**s of Elohim **sho**uted for joy?

8 "Or **who** **shut** up the **se**a with **dó**or**s**, **When** it **broke** **fó**rt**h** from the **womb**,

9 **When** I **made** **cloud**s the **gá**rment of it, **thi**ck **dá**rkn**ess** a **swa**ddling-band for it,

10 **Má**rked **out** for it **my** **bound**, Set **bá**r**s** and **dó**or**s**,

11 And said, '**Here** you may **come**, but no **Fú**r**th**er'; **Here** **shall** **yó**ur **prou**d **wav**e**s** be stayed?

12 "Have you commanded the **mó**rning in **yó**ur **day**s, And **cá**u**s**ed the **down** to **know** its **plac**e;

13 **That** it **might** **take** hold of the **end**s of the **é**ar**th**, And **shake** the wicked **out** of it?

14 It is **chang**ed as **clay** under the **se**a, And stands **fó**rt**h** as a **gá**rment.

15 From the wicked, **thei**r **light** is **with**held, The **hi**gh **á**rm is **bro**ken.

16 "Have you entered into the **spring**s of the **se**a? Or have you **wá**lk**ed** in the **re**cess**e**s of the **de**ep?

17 Have the **gat**es of **deat**h **been** **reve**aled to you? Or have you **seen** the **gat**es of the **shad**ow of **deat**h?

18 Have you comprehended the **é**ar**th** in its **bread**th? **Decla**re, if you **know** it **á**ll.

19 "**Wha**t is the **wa**y to the dwelling of **light**? As for **dá**rkn**ess**, **where** is the **plac**e of it,

20 **That** you **sho**uld **take** it to the **bo**und of it, **That** you **sho**uld **disce**rn the **pa**ths to the **ho**use of it?

21 **Su**rely you **know**, for you were **bo**rn **then**, And the number of **yo**ur **da**ys is **gr**eat!

22 Have you **ent**ered the **tre**as**ur**ies of the **sno**w, Or have you **see**n the **tre**as**ur**es of the **ha**il,

23 **Wh**ich I have **rese**rv**e**d **aga**inst the **ti**me of **tr**ouble, **Ag**ainst the **da**y of **ba**ttle and **wa**r?

24 By **wh**at **wa**y is the **li**ghtning **di**stributed, Or the **e**ast wind **sc**attered on the **e**ar**th**?

25 **Wh**o **ha**s cut a **ch**annel for the **fl**oo**d** **wa**ter, Or the **pa**th for the **th**under**st**o**rm**;

26 To **ca**use it to **ra**in on a land **wh**ere no man is; On the wilderness, in **wh**ich **th**ere is no man;

27 To **sa**tisfy the **wa**ste and **de**solate **gr**ound, To **ca**use the tender **gr**ass to **sp**ring **fo**r**th**?

28 **Do**es the **ra**in have a **fa**ther? Or **wh**o **fa**ther**s** the drops of dew?

29 **o**ut of **wh**o**s**e **w**o**m**b **ca**me the **ic**e? The **gr**ay frost of the **sky**, **wh**o **ha**s given **bi**rth to it?

30 The **wa**ter**s** **bec**o**m**e **ha**rd **li**ke **st**o**n**e, **Wh**en the **su**rfa**ce** of the **dee**p is **f**ro**ze**n.

31 "Can you **bi**nd the cluster of the **P**leiade**s**, Or **lo**o**se**n the **co**rd**s** of **O**ri**o**n?"

32 Can you **le**ad **fo**r**th** the **co**nstellati**o**n**s** in **th**eir **se**as**o**n? Or can you **gu**ide the **B**ear **with** her **cu**b**s**?

33 Do you **know** the **la**w**s** of the **he**avens**s**? Can you **est**ablish the **do**min**io**n of it **o**ver the **e**ar**th**?

34 "Can you **li**ft up **yo**ur **vo**ic**e** to the **cl**ou**d**s, **Th**at **ab**undan**ce** of **wa**ter**s** **ma**y **co**ver you?"

35 Can you **se**nd **fo**r**th** **li**ghtning**s**, **th**at **th**ey **ma**y **go**? **Do** **th**ey **re**po**rt** to you, '**H**ere **we** are?"

36 **Wh**o **ha**s **pu**t **wi**sdom in the **in**ward **pa**r**t**s? Or **wh**o **ha**s given **un**derstanding to the **mi**nd?

37 **Wh**o can number the **cl**ou**d**s **by** **wi**sdom? Or **wh**o can **po**ur **o**ut the **bo**ttle**s** of the **sky**,

38 **Wh**en the **du**st **ru**n**s** into a **ma**ss, And the **cl**o**d**s of **e**ar**th** **st**ick **to**g**e**th**e**r?

39 "Can you **hu**nt the **pre**y for the **li**o**n**ess, Or **sa**tisfy the **ap**petite of the **yo**ung **li**o**n**s,

40 When **they crouch** in **their dens**, And **lie** in **wait** in the **thicket**?

41 **Who provides** for the **raven** his prey, When his young ones **cry** to Elohim, And **wander** for lack of **food**?

Job 39

1 "Do you **know** the **time** when the **mountain goats** give **birth**? Do you **watch** when the **doe** bears **fawns**?

2 Can you number the **months** that **they fulfill**? Or do you **know** the **time** when **they** give **birth**?

3 **They bow** **themselves**, **they** bring **forth** their young, **They** end **their labor pains**.

4 **Their** young ones **become** strong. **They** grow up in the **open field**. **They** go **forth**, and **don't return** again.

5 "**Who has** set the **wild donkey** **free**? Or **who** has **loosened** the **bonds** of the swift donkey,

6 **whose** home I have **made** the wilderness, And the **salt** land his dwelling-**place**?

7 He **scorns** the **tumult** of the **city**, **Neither** **hears** he the **shouting** of the driver.

8 The **range** of the **mountains** is his **pasture**, He **searches** **after** every **green thing**.

9 "Will the **wild ox** be content to **serve** you? Or will he **stay** by **your** **feeding trough**?

10 Can you **hold** the **wild ox** in the **furrow** **with** his **harness**? Or will he till the **valleys** **after** you?

11 Will you trust him, **because** his **strength** is **great**? Or will you **leave** to him **your** **labor**?

12 Will you **confide** in him, **that** he will bring home **your** **seed**, And **gather** the **grain** of **your** **threshing floor**?

13 "The **wings** of the **ostrich** **wave** **proudly**; But are **they** the **pinions** and **plumage** of **love**?

14 For she **leaves** her **eggs** on the **earth**, **Warms** **them** in the dust,

15 And forgets **that** the **foot** may **crush** **them**, Or **that** the **wild** animal may **trample** **them**.

16 She **deals** **harshly** **with** her young ones, as if **they** were not **hers**. **Though** her **labor** is in **vain**, she is **without** **fear**,

17 **Because** Elohim has **deprived** her of **wisdom**, **Neither** has he **imparted** to her **understanding**.

18 When she lifts up hêrself on high, She scôrnş the hôrse and his rider.

19 "Have you given the hôrse miġht? Have you clothed his neck with a quivering mane?

20 Have you made him to leap as a locust? The glôry of his snôrting is âwesôme.

21 He pâwş in the valley, and rejoiceş in his strength: He goeş out to meet the ârmed men.

22 He mocks at fear, and is not dismayed; Neither doeş he tûrn back from the swôrd.

23 The quiver rattleş against him, The flashing spear and the javelin.

24 He eats up the ground with fierceness and rage, Neither doeş he stand still at the sound of the trumpet.

25 As often as the trumpet soundş he snôrts, Aha! He smells the battle afâr off, The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 "Is it by yôur wişdôm that the hâwk sôarş, And stretcheş her wings toward the south?

27 Is it at yôur command that the eagle mounts up, And makes his nest on high?

28 On the cliff he dwellş, and makes his home, On the point of the cliff, and the stronghold.

29 From there he spiş out the prey. His eyeş see it afâr off.

30 His young oneş âlso suck up blôod. Where the slain are, there he is."

Job 40

1 Môreover YAHWEH answered Job,

2 "Shall he who ârgueş contend with the Almighty? He who ârgueş with Elohim, let him answer it."

3 Then Job answered YAHWEH,

4 "Behold, I am of smâll account. What shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.

5 I have spoken onċe, and I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no Fûrther."

6 Then YAHWEH answered Job out of the whîrlwind,

7 "Now brace yôurself like a man. I will question you, and you will answer me.

8 Will you **even** annul my judgment? Will you **condemn** me, **that** you **may** be justified?

9 Or have you an **ä**rm like Elohim? Can you **th**under with a voiç**e** like him?

10 "N**ow** deck y**ô**urself with exç**ellency** and dignity. Array y**ô**urself with honor and majesty.

11 P**ô**ur f**ô**rth the **u**ry of y**ô**ur anger. L**ô**ok on everyone **wh**e is **pr**oud, and bring him **low**.

12 L**ô**ok on everyone **wh**e is **pr**oud, and humble him. Crush the wicked in **the**ir **plac**e.

13 Hide **the**m in the dust to**geth**er. Bind **the**ir **faç**e**s** in the hidden **plac**e.

14 **Then** I will **ä**lso admit to you **That** y**ô**ur **own** **ri**ght hand can **save** you.

15 "See **n**ow, behemo**th**, **wh**ich I **made** as well as you. **He** **e**ats gr**ä**ss as an ox.

16 L**ô**ok **n**ow, his strength**th** is in his loins**ç**, His f**ô**rç**e** is in the muscle**ç** of his belly.

17 He **m**ove**ç** his tail like a ç**e**dar: The sinew**ç** of his **th**igh**ç** are knit together.

18 His bone**ç** are like tube**ç** of br**ä**ss. His limb**ç** are like b**ä**rç of iron.

19 He is the **chief** of the way**ç** of Elohim. **He** **wh**e **made** him give**ç** him his sw**ô**rd.

20 **Su**rely the **m**ountain**ç** bring him f**ô**rth **feed**, **Wh**ere **ä**ll the animal**ç** of the field **de**play.

21 He **lie**ç under the **lot**us **tree**ç, In the **cov**êrt of the **reed**, and the m**ä**r**sh**.

22 The **lot**use**ç** **c**over him with **the**ir **sh**ade. The willow**ç** of the bro**ô**ok **surr**ound him.

23 Behold, if a river **over**flow**ç**, he **do**e**ç**n't tremble. **He** is confident, **th**ough the **Jô**rdan swell**ç** even to his **m**outh.

24 **Sh**all any **take** him **wh**en he is on the **watch**, Or pi**ê**rç **th**rough his no**ç**e with a **sn**are?

Job 41

1 "Can you **dr**aw **o**ut Levi**ath**an with a fish**h**ô**ô**k? Or press down his **t**ongue with a **c**ôrd?

2 Can you **put** a **ro**pe into his no**ç**e? Or pi**ê**rç his **j**äw **th**rough with a **h**ô**ô**k?

3 Will he **make** many **pet**ition**ç** to you? Or will he **spe**ak soft **w**ôrd**ç** to you?

4 Will he **make** a **c**ôvenant with you, **That** you **sh**ôud **take** him for a **s**êrvant forever?

- 5 Will you **play with** him as **with** a **bird**? Or will you **bind** him for **your girls**?
- 6 Will **traders** **barter** for him? Will **they part** him among the **merchants**?
- 7 Can you fill his skin **with barbed irons**, Or his head **with fish-spears**?
- 8 Lay **your** hand on him. Remember the battle, and **do** so no **more**.
- 9 **Behold**, the **hope** of him is in **vain**. Will not one be **cast down** even at the **sight** of him?
- 10 **None** is so **fierce** **that** he **dare** **stir** him up. **Who** **then** is he **who** can stand **before** me?
- 11 **Who** has **first** given to me, **that** I **should** repay him? **Everything** under the heavens **is mine**.
- 12 "I will not **keep silence** **concerning** his **limbs**, **Nor** his **mighty strength**, **nor** his **goodly frame**.
- 13 **Who** can strip off his **outer garment**? **Who** shall **come** **within** his **jaws**?
- 14 **Who** can **open** the **doors** of his **face**? **Around** his **teeth** is terror.
- 15 Strong **scales** are his **pride**, **Shut up** **together** **with** a **close seal**.
- 16 One is so **near** to another, **That** no **air** can **come** **between** **them**.
- 17 **They** are joined one to another; **They** stick **together**, so **that** **they** **can't** be **pulled** **apart**.
- 18 His **sneezing** **flashes** **forth** **light**, His **eyes** are **like** the **eyelids** of the **morning**.
- 19 **Out** of his **mouth** go **burning** **torches**, **Sparks** of **fire** **leap** **forth**.
- 20 **Out** of his nostrils **a smoke** **goes**, As of a boiling pot **over** a **fire** of **reeds**.
- 21 His **breath** **kindles** **coals**. A **flame** **goes** **forth** from his **mouth**.
- 22 In his neck **there** is **strength**. Terror **dances** **before** him.
- 23 The **flakes** of his **flesh** are joined **together**. **They** are **firm** on him. **They** **can't** be **moved**.
- 24 His **heart** is as **firm** as a **stone**, Yes, **firm** as the **lower millstone**.
- 25 **When** he **raises** himself up, the **mighty** are **afraid**. **They** **retreat** **before** his **thrashing**.
- 26 If one **lay** at him **with** the **sword**, it **can't** **avail**; **Nor** the **spear**, the **dart**, **nor** the pointed **shaft**.

27 He **counts** **ir**on as **str**aw; And **br**ass as rotten **w**ood.

28 The **arrow** **c**an't **ma**ke him **flee**. Sling **stone**s are **like** **ch**aff to him.

29 **Club**s are **counted** as stubble. He **lä**ughs at the **rush**ing of the javelin.

30 His **underside**s are **like** **sh**arp **potsh**erds, **Le**aving a **trail** in the mud **like** a **th**reshing **sledg**e.

31 He **ma**kes the **de**ep to boil **like** a pot. He **ma**kes the **se**a **like** a pot of ointment.

32 He **ma**kes a **p**ath to **sh**ine **ä**fter him. One **w**ould **th**ink the **de**ep had **wh**ite **hair**.

33 On **ê**arth **th**ere is not his **equal**, **Th**at is **ma**de **w**ithout **fear**.

34 He **see**s every**th**ing **th**at is **high**: He is king **over** **ä**ll the **son**s of **pride**."

Job 42

1 Then Job answered YAHWEH,

2 "I **know** **th**at you can **de** **ä**ll **th**ings, And **th**at no **p**urpose of **y**our**s** can be **re**strained.

3 You **ä**ske**d**, 'Who is **this** **wh**o **hide**s **c**ounsel **w**ithout **know**ledge? **Th**ere**f**ore I have uttered **th**at **wh**ich I did not understand, **th**ings **tee** wonderful for me, **wh**ich I didn't **know**.

4 You said, 'Listen, **now**, and I will **spe**ak; I will **qu**estion you, and you will answer me.

5 I had **h**ear**d** of you **by** the **he**aring of the **ear**, But **now** **my** **eye** **see**s you.

6 **Th**ere**f**ore I **abh**or **my**self, And repent in dust and **ashes**."

7 It was so, **th**at **ä**fter YAHWEH had **sp**oken **thes**e **w**ords to Job, YAHWEH said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My **wr**ath is kindled **ag**ainst you, and **ag**ainst **y**our **two** friends; for you have not **sp**oken of me the **th**ing **th**at is **ri**ght, as **my** **s**ervant Job has.

8 Now **th**ere**f**ore, **ta**ke to **y**our**selve**s seven **bu**lls and seven **ram**s, and **go** to **my** **s**ervant Job, and offer up for **y**our**selve**s a **b**urnt offering; and **my** **s**ervant Job **sh**all **pr**ay for you, for I will **ac**cept him, **th**at I not **de**al **w**ith you **acc**ording to **y**our **folly**. **F**or you have not **sp**oken of me the **th**ing **th**at is **ri**ght, as **my** **s**ervant Job has."

9 So **Eliph**az the **T**emanite and **B**ildad the **S**huhite and **Z**ophar the **N**aamathite went, and did **wh**at YAHWEH commanded **th**em, and YAHWEH **ac**cepted Job.

10 YAHWEH **t**urned the captivity of Job, **wh**en he **pr**ayed for his friends. YAHWEH **g**ave Job **twi**ce as **mu**ch as he had **bef**ore.

11 **Then** came **there** to him **all** his **brothers**, and **all** his **sisters**, and **all those** who had **been** of his **acquaintance** **before**, and **ate** bread **with** him in his **house**. **They** **comforted** him, and **consoled** him **concerning** **all** the **evil** **that** YAHWEH had **brought** on him. Everyone **also** **gave** him a **piece** of **money**, and everyone a ring of **gold**.

12 So YAHWEH **blessed** the latter end of Job **more** **than** his beginning. **He** had **fourteen** **thousand** **sheep**, six **thousand** **camels**, one **thousand** **yoke** of oxen, and a **thousand** **female** **donkeys**.

13 He had **also** seven **sons** and **three** **daughters**.

14 He **called** the **name** of the **first**, Jemimah; and the **name** of the **second**, Keziah; and the **name** of the **third**, Keren-happuch.

15 In **all** the land were no women **found** so **beautiful** as the **daughters** of Job. **Their** **father** **gave** **them** an inheritance **among** **their** **brothers**.

16 After **this** Job lived one hundred **forty** **years**, and **saw** his **sons**, and his **sons'** **sons**, to **four** **generations**.

17 So Job **died**, **being** **old** and **full** of **days**.

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ADDENDUM :THE PHONETIC ENGLISH BIBLE

**YOUR VERY OWN PERSONAL GOD
IS THE SPIRIT WHO IS
BEHIND THE EYES THAT YOU SEE
WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR**

Naturalists and creationists around the world have waged wars since especially the writings of Charles Darwin around the middle of the 19th century. For my own part ... I am a totally committed *creationist* in the direction of the *SPIRIT* who built the brain that I am thinking with.

My simple creationist thinking about the '*SPIRIT* or 'GOD' in my head is easy to follow and is based mainly on a small number of verifiable facts:

1. *The human brain* : The human brain has long been recognised as the most *complex* organisation of *matter* in the universe. It contains around one hundred billion cells ... and it would take around 3000 years to count them all ... without time off for either sleeping or eating. But this is only where the brain's complexity begins ... because each cell is made of the biological substance referred to as DNA (dioxyribonucleicacid) and DNA is known as the most *compact* organisation of *information* in the universe.
2. *My age and nine months ago* : My age and nine months ago I was only a fertilised human egg in my mum's belly. I was so small that I was only just visible to the naked eye ... and around **50** of me could have been fitted onto the space occupied by an Australian **5** cent coin. The *sperm* from my dad ... which provided the other *half* of the entire *biological blueprint* for my body was so small that as many as **5** of them could have been fitted into the width of a single human hair. Since that time ... and after 82 years ... this fertilised egg has grown into a human male weighing 80 kilograms.
3. *The facetiously postulated 'Mother Nature'* of Darwin's naturalist school of thinking has never even existed ... that "*she*" might possess any brain at all ... let alone enough brains to "*evolve*" a human brain or a fertilised human egg. The human brain alone is more complex than the entire system of computers at NASA headquarters in the USA!
4. *I often "pre-see" bits of my personal future* : The intellectual disciplines of biology and psychology are totally unable to explain "spiritual" phenomena like this. But similar "spiritual" events have happened with me on a number of occasions. Three examples will do for now. (1) on one occasion I personally saw *Satan* (2) on another occasion I saw a demon spirit at the *same time as my companion saw* it and (3) I have also seen miraculous healing in response to simple prayers before the *SPIRIT* who is behind the eyes that I see whenever I look in a mirror.
5. *Finally*: This Divine Creation *SPIRIT* who has been the exclusive source of the life in my body, has maintained no less than *five continuous miracles* on a full time basis for me since I was born ! (1) the miracle of *locomotion* (movement) in otherwise dead meat (2) the miracle of *food processing* for body energy and weight (3) the miracle of *vision* through the ever so tiny lenses in my *eyes*. (4) the miracle of *air vibrations* that are detected as huge array of different *sounds* by my ears and (5) the miracle of the *thought hierarchies* and *words* that operate in my brain.

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BUT IS OUR BIBLE MORALLY QUALIFIED ?

**Just what ARE the things that we DO that amount to “ SINS ”
and how qualified are our ENGLISH BIBLES especially to declare SIN ?**

Following is a commentary on a number of Bible based *behavioural statutes* that Bibles everywhere refer to as “ *SINS* ”. Many of us allow such statutes to quite *destructively* rule our lives.

In the writing of the next few pages I am indebted to a number of internet publications by the *Secular WEB* group. Whilst my own views on the *existence versus non existence of God* represent the clear antithesis of this group’s central position, this group does emphasize many items of *Biblical information* that many modern Christians would do well to know more about.

Our planet contains some *45,000* different Christian denominations whose teachings claim to have derived originally from a *divinely authorised* Bible. But are *any* Bible based doctrines indeed *divinely* authorised? This is truly a legitimate question. The problem of *divinely* determined *SIN* is promoted especially by a large number of *fundamentalist Christian* interpretations of scripture. And adamant interpretations of this type often lead to perfectly innocent people believing (quite self destructively) that they are actually *SINNING* before the God called *YAHWEH* in the Old Testament or before the Savior called *JESUS* in the New Testament.

The validity of such Bible based *SIN* doctrines have been a matter of the individual opinions that have been promoted for 2 millennia by over a million teachers of *scripture*. You may disagree that the *conflicting scriptures* in the following pages do in fact, cause or contribute to exclusively *Bible created* problems ... but these conflicting scriptures will still remain ... regardless of your own *perceived correctness* within your choices of ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ scriptures.

AND IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS

**EVERY ‘DEPARTED’ PERSON WHO HAS EVER LIVED
HAS ANSWERED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE SPIRIT
WHO WAS BEHIND THE EYES THAT THEY SAW
WHENEVER THEY HAD
LOOKED IN THE MIRROR**

SO LET’S NOW EXAMINE SOME CONFLICTING SCRIPTURES

1. Introduction: Problems with Bible Translation

NOTE The scriptural [LINKS](#) within this article have been selected from material provided by the ‘Secular Web’ group.

The modern English Bible ...with its massive problems ... will forever remain as a translation from a collection of sixty-six separate books that were originally chosen by a Catholic Church Council in 397 A.D. This was over three hundred years after the time of *JESUS*. The collection was broken into two main sections: the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament. The current Catholic Bible also has an extra 4 books that is referred to as the Apocrypha.

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The Old Testament promotes **YAHWEH** as the God of Gods who created the entire universe and it presents a history of the early Hebrew people. The New Testament was written by early Christians and it presents their beliefs about what **JESUS** did and taught.

The writing of the various books is estimated to have begun around 1000 B.C and to have continued for about 1,100 years. The traditional **word of mouth** stories of those years were put into writing. These stories had been repeated from father to son over centuries, revised over and over again, and then put into written form by various writers. These writers wrote in **different localities over a period of centuries**, and were often not aware of each other.

The prominent '**Secular Web**' group reports (1) that no original manuscripts exist and that (2) there is not likely even **one** of the 70 books which survives in anything like its original form. The group also accurately reports that there are **hundreds** of differences between the oldest manuscripts of any one book! These differences show that over time, numerous additions and alterations were made to the originals by the various authors, editors, and copyists.

Many biblical authors are simply unknown. Even the **four Gospels** of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, are books that do not carry the names of their original authors. These four names were assigned long after the books were first written ... and most biblical scholars now agree that **none** of the Gospel authors was either (1) an actual disciple of **JESUS** or (2) an eyewitness to His ministry

The Secular Web group also reports that many of the Bible books have the indelible tattoo of fiction. Many stories—stories which in their original context are considered even by devout Christians to be fictional—were 'borrowed' by the biblical authors, adapted for their own purposes, given a historical setting, and then declared to be historical fact. The **flood story** is an example of this kind of adaptation. Its migration from the earliest known occurrence in Sumeria, around 1600 B.C., from place to place and eventually to the Bible, can be traced historically. Each time the story was 'borrowed' again, it was altered to testify of local gods and heroes.

The **Wycliffe Bible Translators** reported that by 2022 the Bible had been translated into 717 languages which is almost 10% of the number of different languages in the world. All of these translations **originated** from the ancient **Hebrew** and **Greek** manuscripts but many were translations of a "second generation" type : e.g from one of the English translations to another language such as Samoan.

In particular: the 70 books which are now the foundation books for almost all English Bible translations were written in either **Hebrew** for the Old Testament or in **Ancient Greek** for the New Testament. And this translational choice from the **Ancient Greek** happened in 397 A.D. But the very **original** manuscripts for the New Testament had been written in the **Peshitta dialect** of the **Aramaic language**. This Peshitta dialect had been the language that was both spoken and written by Jesus and His disciples.

THE MOST TRULY INCOMPREHENSIBLE FACT WITH OUR ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

There were a total of **14,298** different **Hebrew** and **Ancient Greek** words from which our modern English Bibles derive most of their various (current) published translations ... and over **three billion** English Bibles have been printed since the early 19th century. Most astonishingly however, the two most **mistranslated** words among these **14,298** different words have been the two Hebrew/Aramaic words **YAHWEH** for GOD and **JESHUA** for JESUS . Simply no feature of Christian publication will ever be more incomprehensible than this.

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2. Some Seriously Flawed Views and Contradictions

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

[DT 6:5](#), [MT 22:37](#), [MK 12:30](#), [LK 10:27](#) *Love God.*

[DT 6:13](#), [PS 33:8](#), [34:9](#), [111:10](#), [115:13](#), [128:1](#), [147:11](#), [PR 8:13](#), [16:6](#), [19:23](#), [22:4](#), [IS 8:13](#), [LK 12:5](#), [1PE 2:17](#) *Fear God.*

[1KI 22:23](#), [2CH 18:22](#), [JE 4:10](#), [EZ 14:9](#) *God deceives some of the prophets.* [JE 8:8](#) *The scribes (copyists, editors, teachers) falsify the word.*

[2TH 2:11-12](#) *God deceives the wicked (to be able to condemn them).*

[MT 16:28](#), [MK 9:1](#), [LK 9:27](#) Jesus says that some of his listeners will *not taste death* before he comes again in his kingdom. This was said almost 2000 years ago.

3. A few Apparent Absurdities

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

[GE 6:5](#) God is unhappy with the wickedness of man and decides to flood the earth to *eliminate* mankind. All living things including plants, animals, women and children are also exterminated. [GE 7:17-19](#) The flood covered the entire earth at the same time

[NU 22:21-30](#) A donkey sees an angel, recognizes it as such, and then *speaks* in human language (presumably Hebrew) to his master.

[1KI 4:29](#) God gave the sexually depraved King Solomon (with 700 wives and 300 concubines) *wisdom as measureless as the sand on the seashore.*

[IS 30:26](#) The moon will someday be as bright as the sun now is.

[MT 18:19](#) If *two* [believers] agree about anything they ask, God will do it for them.

[JN 16:23](#) Jesus says: “*Whatever you ask in my name*, my Father will give you.”

[RE 14:1-4](#) Heaven is to be inhabited in part by *144,000 virgin men* who have not been “defiled” by women.

4. A Selection from Many Atrocities

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

[LE 26:29](#), [DT 28:53](#), [JE 19:9](#), [EZ 5:8-10](#) As a punishment, the Lord will cause people to *eat the flesh* of their own sons and daughters and fathers and friends.

[NU 15:32-36](#) A Sabbath breaker (who had gathered sticks for a fire) is *stoned to death* at the Lord’s command.

[NU 25:4](#) (KJV) “And the Lord said unto Moses, take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun”

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DT 20:13-17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: **(6 Genocides)** DT 20:16 “In the cities of the nations the Lord is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes.” and this when our modern histories condemn comparable *genocides* by *Hitler, Stalin and Putin*.

JG 11:29-39 Jephthah *sacrifices his beloved daughter*, his only child, according to a vow he has made with the Lord. 2SA 10:18 David slew 47,000+ Syrians. 2KI 10:7 Jehu has Ahab’s seventy sons beheaded, then *sends the heads* to their father.

MT 3:12, 8:12, 10:21, 13:30, 42, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30, LK 13:28, JN 5:24 Some will spend *eternity burning in Hell*. There will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth.

MT 10:35-36 “For I have come to turn a man *against* his father, a daughter *against* her mother, a daughter-in-law *against* her mother-in-law a man’s enemies will be the members of his own family.”

5. Questionable Guidelines

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

GE 3:16, CO 11:3-9, EP 5:22-24, CN 3:18, TS 2:5, 1PE 3:1-6 The husband is to rule over his wife. Wives are to be subject to their husbands even when the husband is disobedient to God. Man is the image and glory of God, while woman is the glory of man. Man was not created for woman but woman for man. GE 31:17, GE 36:6, DT 21:15, JG 8:30, SA 5:13, KI 11:3, CH 14:3, CH 11:21, 13:21 Polygamy is condoned

EX 20:5 We are not to worship a likeness. The children to the *third and fourth generation* will be punished for infractions.

EX 20:8-11, 31:15-17, 34:21, 35:1-3 No work of any kind is to be done on the Sabbath, not even lighting of a fire. This commandment is permanent. *Death* is required for infractions

EX 21:7-11 A father can *sell a daughter* into slavery to pay a debt. A daughter sold into slavery is not released at the end of six years as is an ordinary male slave.

EX 21:17, LE 20:9, DT 21:18-21 A child who curses his parent(s) is to be put to death. A stubborn and/or rebellious child *is to be put to death*. NU 31:18, 35, JG 21:12 Young *virgins* are considered a spoil of war and can be taken for the use of the victors.

DT 24:1-4 A man may divorce his wife simply because she displeases him.

MT 5:22 Do not get angry. *Anger is a sin*. MT 23:9 Do not call any *man on earth* “father.”

MT 5:18-19 The *Old Testament law* is to *remain in effect* until heaven and earth pass away.

MT 5:29-30, 18:8-9, MK 9:43-47 If your eye causes you to *sin*, pluck it out. If your hand causes you to *sin*, cut it off. MK 10:2-12, LK 16:18 Divorce is wrong, and to remarry is to commit adultery.

MK 10:29, LK 18:29 A man who leaves his *house, wife, brothers, parents, or children* for the sake of the kingdom of God will receive special rewards.

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[LK 14:26](#) One cannot be a disciple of Jesus *unless he hates* his mother, father, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and even his own life.

[RO 13:1-4](#), [PE 2:13-14](#) Be subject to *every human institution*. All authorities (laws and governments) are from God.

[1CO 11:3-10](#) A woman is to keep *her head covered* while praying or prophesying.

[1CO 14:34-35](#) Women are to be *silent* in church. If they have any questions, they are to ask their husbands at home. It is a *shame* for women to speak in church. [1TI 2:9](#), [1PE 3:3](#) Women should not braid their hair, or wear gold or pearls or costly attire. [1TI 2:11-12](#) Women are to learn in silence (from men) in all submissiveness. [1TI 2:12](#) Women are not permitted to teach or have authority over

6. Bible Vulgarities

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from "Secular Web" group.

[1SA 18:27](#) So that David might be allowed to marry the king's daughter, the king asks David to bring him 100 Philistine foreskins. David does the job right and brings the king not 100, but 200, foreskins of murdered Philistines.

[2SA 5:13](#), [20:3](#) David had many concubines. [2SA 6:14](#), [16](#), [20-23](#) David dances and exposes himself to his maids. (His wife, Michal rebukes him for having done so, and as a consequence she is made barren.)

[2SA 12:11-12](#) The Lord is going to punish David for his sin by taking his wives and causing his neighbor to have sexual relations with them in public. [2KI 6:29](#) "So we cooked my son and ate him. The next day I said to her, 'Give up your son so we may eat him,' but she had hidden him."

[1CH 11:21](#) Rehoboam had eighteen wives and sixty concubines. [IS 13:15](#) "Their infants will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their ... wives will be ravished." [EZ 23:10](#) "They stripped her naked, took away her sons and daughters and killed her with the sword." [HO 13:16](#) "They shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up."

BIBLE BASED JUDGEMENT OF OUR 'SIN' BEHAVIOUR ?

With foundational background scriptures that expose MORAL EXCESSES AS EXTREME AS THE FOREGOING none of the 45,000 (democratically elected) Christian denominations on Planet Earth has EVER had divine entitlement to be SCRIPTURALLY ADAMANT or JUDGEMENTAL about our human " SIN " behaviour.

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**SO WHICH BITS OF YOUR BIBLE
TRULY AMOUNT TO
“ THE WORD OF GOD ”
FOR YOU PERSONALLY ?**

According to the scripture, the Elohim (GOD) of Moses called himself *YAHWEH*. This is the name that He our Elohim (GOD) gave to Moses with this clear instruction *“This is My Name forever ... the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”* (Ex 3:14) And even in 2022 some of our Bible translators continue to (mis)pronounce the Hebrew word for *YAHWEH* as *JEHOVAH*.

Astonishingly, the investigations of our 21st century archaeologist Titus Kennedy, serve to confirm the pronunciation of *YAHWEH*. He reports that the name of the Elohim (GOD) called *YAHWEH* is associated with the Egyptian pictogram for *“the Land of the Nomads of the world”* within the 3,400 year old stonework that was chiselled during the reign of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Religious traditions since that time have mostly espoused the view that Moses was actually the author of the first five books of the Bible. These books are called *The Torah* by Jews, *The Pentateuch* by Christians and *The Taurat* by Muslims. For a significant list of reasons, some of which we present in this introduction, this tradition is contentious.

Modern archaeology holds that the 3,400 year old version of the Hebrew Torah could not have been written by Moses. Rather, it teaches that the Torah was most probably compiled from the largely *oral language traditions* that prevailed around the time of the Babylonian enslavement of the Hebrew people. This enslavement occurred circa 600 BCE ... an estimated 8 centuries after the death of Moses. And the very earliest form of Hebrew writing ... called Paleo Hebrew ... begins to appear in the archaeological records of around 1000 years before the birth of the Christ.

**SO WE REALLY DO HAVE AN ANCIENT TRANSLATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH
“ THE WORD OF GOD ”**

Despite the 2000 year old translational problems, Andrew Gabriel Roth (2012) points out that the birth of JESUS was preceded by over 300 mentions within the scriptures. And the writing of these scriptures seems to have begun close enough to the time of King David circa 1000 BCE. No other event in human history has been preceded by so many miraculously recorded portents within the written record. Our scriptural translational problems however have persisted, with especially most of our *English* translations of the ancient Hebrew.

Our main first English translation of the scriptures was for King James the King of England. It occurred in 1611. And today ... some 82% of the people who regularly read the English Bible will reach for this still seriously mistranslated King James version before any other.

Yet nowadays there are heaps of other Bibles to choose from. Between 1815 and 1975 an estimated total of 5 billion Bibles were printed. The average citizen in America owns 9 Bibles and the annual global sales of Bibles routinely tops \$425million. Globally too, more than 66,000 people are using a Bible app at any given second.

But since 1611, most of the English speaking Christians of the world have been taught that the original New Testament scriptures were written in *Ancient Greek*. And this is categorically not the case. JESUS and his disciples both spoke and wrote *Aramaic* and they wrote the earliest scriptures in Aramaic.

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Was it the WORD of GOD or was it the MILTHA of GOD ?

The ancient Greek translators in fact, frequently *distorted* the meanings of the original *Aramaic* scriptures of our New Testament by using Greek words that did not have the same meanings as the Aramaic words. For example : the word *Miltha* in the original Aramaic meant both *Word* as well as *Power*. If this original and unique double meaning from some 2000 years ago had been carried over into the billions of Bibles that were subsequently printed, it could have radically altered the appreciation of our Elohim's (GOD's) basic truth by Christians all over the world.

A CASE IN POINT**THE FIRST VERSE OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

*In the beginning was the Miltha (... word or power ...) and the Miltha (... word or power ...) was with Elohim (God) and Elohim (God) was the Miltha (... word or power ...)**

* Reference : Aramaic English New Testament 2012 (by) Andrew Gabriel Roth

In effect ... the *Aramaic* word for what much of the English speaking world calls the *Word* ... refers both to a *string of letters* and to a *string of spoken sounds* as well as to the *presence and power* of our Elohim (GOD).

And when we read some of our modern scriptures in this 'new' but nearly 2000 year old light they can expand with additional meaning. Examples follow.

“ The miltha (word or power ?) of God is living and powerful and sharper than a two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart ... “ *Heb: 4:12 NKJV*

“Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My miltha (word or power ?) and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life and ...” *John: 5:24 NKJV*

THE FORGOTTEN POWER OF 'SCRIPTURE FREE' PRAYERS

Please note : This topic within this writing is not intended to belittle the extreme importance for all of us ... of searching the scriptures for directions from The Holy Spirit on our thinking, speaking and living. The most shared Bible Verse on the internet today is Isaiah 53:5 as follows : *“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed”*

According to a global counting exercise in late 2021, more than **893** translations of the Bible currently existed in print and this in **246** different languages.* Give or take a few thousand words, there must be around 750,000 words in all of them. And as mentioned earlier these translations serve a truly amazing total of more than 45,000 Christian denominations that exist in the world. This amounts to a different Christian denomination ... together with its democratic rule book and ruling bureaucracy ... for roughly every 16 words within an average English Bible! * Source: Grzegorz Kaszynski

Moses however began praying with *no scripture at all* that we can know of : but the *spoken language* traditions of his time probably supplied him with much of the information which later appeared within at least the Book of Genesis.

Regardless of these problems, the Book of Exodus tells us that Moses was directly told by *YAHWEH* Himself that His name was *YAHWEH*. Today's majority view holds that this name means *I AM THE I AM*.

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Scripture says that **YAHWEH** also gave Moses the first copy of *The Ten Commandments*. These commandments over the ensuing millennia became the foundational rules for shaping the behaviours and beliefs of almost the entire Western World as we know it.

In his day, Moses must have been the busiest man on the planet. Scripture tells us that initially he was the leader of some 600,000 warriors ... plus their families ... out of Egypt and that for the 40 years that followed he led these families during their nomadic wanderings in the desert. On these figures alone not less than 2.5 million nomadic people were under Moses' leadership in the desert.

Time for prayer and time for the actual writing of the very first 'scripture' must have been rare indeed for Moses. Yet the Moses type of scripture free prayer still stands out as possibly the most successful type of prayer in either human or 'Biblical' history. Let's consider some of the scriptural evidence.

Despite his lack of access to any '*scripture*' that we can know of, the Moses reputation for miraculously answered prayers can be argued to rival that of even **JESUS** our Saviour. Among other things ... these prayers (1) brought ten plagues upon the entire nation of Egypt (2) parted the Red Sea for Moses and his people (3) destroyed the Pharaoh's army and (4) miraculously healed thousands ... and all of these things without Moses having any access to a Holy Book or Scroll.

Moses simply loved the **YAHWEH** that he prayed to ... but we cannot believe with confidence that he wrote the first five books of the Bible. Historically speaking, much outside of the Ten Commandments the writing of significant tracts of scripture by Moses himself is dubious indeed.

THE 'SECRET' BEHIND THE PRAYER OF MOSES ?

God is love and *faith works by love* are the two most simple and absolute statements that reveal the derivation of the immense power that supported the prayer of Moses. An uncountable number of similar statements occur throughout scripture. Jointly, these two statements represent the most fundamental teaching about the *spiritual state of mind* within us that releases the Divine power of **YAHWEH** and of His Savior Son **JESUS**. This '*Divine love*' teaching underpins countless pages of the Bible from Genesis through to Revelation. And the vital message of this teaching for the whole of humanity is equally simple. In the absence of love **YAHWEH** and His son **JESUS** work miracles very rarely indeed if ever.

“ Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal ... and though I have all the faith so that I can move (even) mountains but have not love I am nothing.” 1 Cor: 1-2

Any Christian denomination that does not systematically set out to engender this level of divinely powered love within its congregations is simply not representing the Elohim (GOD) who designed and built the brain that each of us is thinking with. It was miraculous divine love that enabled Abraham's wife Sarah to bear a child at the age of ninety. It was miraculous divine love that worked all the miracles for Moses. It was miraculous divine love that created over 300 prophetic scriptures that were *fulfilled* by the birth, life, death and resurrection of **JESUS**. It also continues to be this divine love that is accessible to this very day to both you and me ... who believe in the following:

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1. **YAHWEH** as the Spirit who built the brain that each of us thinks with and
2. **JESUS** who, as his **human** son, voluntarily sacrificed his own human Spirit to his Elohim and Father **YAHWEH**, so that the unique **human holiness** and power of the son might be **returned** by **YAHWEH** to all who prayed with a total commitment before the unconditional love of **YAHWEH**.

“Greater works than these shall you do because I go unto My Father” John 14:12

THE 21st CENTURY ‘SECRET’ BEHIND THE POWER OF THE CHRIST ?

You’ve got it already ... but a few more things need to be added

The **JESUS** who sacrificed His life for *each* of us was a Jewish rabbi or ‘teacher’ of his time. He preached and consistently demonstrated (with many miracles) the power that could be generated by the love of **YAHWEH** like no-one else either before Him or since. His words from the gospel of Mark some 2000 years ago summarize His **still current instruction** to us all.

*“Behold Israel, the Lord **YAHWEH** your Elohim (GOD) is one. You shall love the Lord **YAHWEH** your Elohim (GOD) with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” then “This is the first commandment. The second is like this: You shall also love your neighbour as you love yourself” then “There is no other commandment greater than these”*

So what on earth could have caused the divine **grace** behind this access to unlimited divine power to seemingly disappear from global Christianity in practice? Even the Book of Revelation points out that our first century Christians started to abandon the teachings of **YAHWEH** through His son **JESUS** before the end of that century.

And over the last 2000 years especially, very few Christians indeed have been taught that our Elohim (GOD) is **still** the very same **YAHWEH** who:

- (1) raised **JESUS** from the dead
- (2) powered all miracles that were worked for Moses and for **JESUS** and for all of the people who lived within the 1,400 years that separated their lives on earth.
- (3) was the Elohim (GOD) that **JESUS** worshipped and still **does** worship. (Rev:3)
- (4) was the Elohim (GOD) that **JESUS** told the entire world to worship
- (5) still is the Elohim (GOD) whose **HOLYNAME** has been blasphemously obliterated from the greater part of 7 billion English Bibles that have been printed to date.

THE MOST MIRACULOUS TRUTH OF THE LOT

In all probability, the most miraculous truth of the lot to emerge from the current collection of especially English Bible translations is as follows:

*“Sufficient basic truth about **YAHWEH** and His Son **JESUS** has actually survived to enable a huge number of Christians to establish both life long and eternal love relationships with our Divine Father and His only Begotten Son **JESUS**.”*

Even in 2023 our translations continue to provide hundreds of editorial and moral inconsistencies that persist in defying teachings by Jewish, Christian and even Muslim clerics everywhere.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT**An editorial minefield of INCONSISTENCES and SYMBOLISM !**

As mentioned earlier, originally the New Testament was a group of *27 separate documents* (later called Books) that were written by either 8 or 9 writers some 1900 years ago. These documents claimed to have recorded the activities and teachings of the Christ and are estimated to have been written between 40 years and up to 80 years after His death on the Cross.

Some of our modern archaeology *guesses* that perhaps two of these writers might have been eyewitnesses to any of the events ... involving the Person of Jesus ... that they wrote about. But archaeology also guesses that there were none. Whilst *copying* between the writers of that time is evident today, it is indeed clear that *none* of them communicated with any of the others at the time(s) of their writings.

All of these original documents were written in the *Aramaic* language that was spoken and written by *JESUS* and His apostles. As explained more fully later , it is *vital* to be clear that the original language of our scriptures was *not* Greek ,, and our modern experts who quote from the ancient Greek scriptures need to do more homework.

With editorial qualifications as clearly haphazard as this, a minefield of inconsistencies within the original New Testament Scriptures was inevitable. These inconsistencies are still everywhere within our New Testament. At that time especially ... without any authoritative *community body* in place to actually vet the writings of the then revolutionary ‘ *JESUS* movement ’ ... the way was cleared for a minefield of writings that were less than strictly factual.

Some 170+ inconsistencies

The work on the internet by Donald Morgan (of the Secular Web group) on these Bible inconsistencies is thorough. In the New Testament alone he lists over 170 of them that have not been refuted ... and this regardless of the particular translation into English that you are reading. To me, the following *two* alone of Morgan’s reported inconsistencies, are sufficiently *arresting* to convince others ... such as yourself ... to begin larger checks of your own.

1. The last words of *JESUS* on the Cross: The three different versions of *JESUS*’ last words on the Cross are:

“My God My God why hast Thou forsaken Me!” MT 27:46-50 MK 15: 34-37

“Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.” LK 23: 46

“It is finished.” JN 19: 30

2. The unforgivable sin: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: Three different scriptures tell us that *ALL* sins are forgivable: AC 13:39 CN 2:13 and 1 JN 1:9. These three scriptures conflict with the following words that are reported as *quotes* from the mouth of *JESUS*.

“But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world nor the world to come.” MT 12:32

“But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.” MK 3:29

“But unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.” LK 12:10

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TWISTED TRUTH GLOBALLY BY CHRISTIAN PREACHERS

Christianity is simultaneously the most divided and divisive set of beliefs in the world. Christians are in a position to choose a different cult or branch of Christianity for roughly every 16 pages of a “Holy” English Bible that can only *claim* to be holy and in selected *parts* of it. The **45,000** Christian denominations on Planet Earth clearly scream of (1) division (2) untruth (3) confusion and (4) unreliability. It appears that we can trust **God** and only **God**.

Around the world preachers, priests, pastors and pretenders of all descriptions derive their often (truly) *lucrative* incomes by teaching the *Word of the Bible* but all too often *blasphemize* that they are (instead) teaching the “*Word of God*”.

Andrew Farley in his recent book entitled *Twisted Scriptures* presents an able exposure of the main **45 lies** that have been preached (some of them for centuries) from Christian pulpits all over the world. Farley has made freely available both audible and PDF files of his book on the internet. The time has come for many Christians to find out about the *destructiveness* of these lies..

It is well too to be reminded that these preachers tend to preach from only an estimated 10% of the scriptures that the Bible makes available to everyone.

MILLENNIA OLD DISTORTIONS FROM SYMBOLIC BIBLICAL STORIES

1. The Adam and Eve Story : More symbolism is contained in this story than most Christians realise. And we need only to question the DNA of the male and female involved. If the story were true then (1) one of the pair had to be a giant and the other a pygmy and (2) one of them had to be white and the other either striped or polka dotted ... and this in different skin colours.

So many of our Bible stories and events need to be seen as simply *symbolic* illustrations that were originally meant by the Lord **YAHWEH** to convey features of an undefined but underpinning *spiritual* reality.

2. The “This is My Body” story : In the Scriptures, **JESUS** at one stage symbolically said “*I am the vine ... and My Father is the Farmer.*” This statement was spoken as a simple and *symbolic* one that has never been misinterpreted. And no Christian in the 2000 years since then has believed that **JESUS** ever once resembled a *mobile bunch of leaves*.

But a *second* (and similarly simple and *symbolic* statement uttered by **JESUS**) has consistently brought some truly incredible behaviors to especially Catholic church ceremonies over the past two millennia. This second statement was reportedly said by **JESUS** at what is known as the last supper when at a simple and final meal table ... **JESUS** broke a loaf of bread and said these words “*This is My body.*” and then shortly after this he said these words “*Do this in remembrance of Me.*”

And for most of the 2000 years since that time, the strictly regimented Catholic church theology on the 4 word symbolic statement of “*This is My Body*” has required all Catholics to believe the following : that whenever Catholic priests say these four words over bits of bread, then these bits of bread are instantly *converted* into the actual “*body, blood, soul and divinity*” of the Lord **JESUS** Himself!

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To me, it's impossible to concoct an officially stipulated theological teaching that could be more implausible than this. But this centuries old and *official* theological stipulation does help to explain to the global non-Catholic public ... why the world witnesses on the public media ... so many hugely expensive or seemingly crazy 'fancy dress' ceremonies by men and women in their religious uniforms.

To me ... the daily practice of the "*This is my Body*" ritual by Catholicism essentially tries to teach us that the 'once and for all' *spiritual* sacrifice of the life of the only begotten son of *YAHWEH* on the Cross wasn't enough for the *spiritual* salvation of humankind in its entirety.

MOST CHRISTIANS GLOBALLY DO NOT CALL ON THE NAME OF THE GOD CALLED YAHWEH TO WHOM JESUS PRAYED

As mentioned earlier, the original scriptures of the Bible have been translated into over **246** languages. In most of these languages the name of *YAHWEH* has been translated accurately from the original Aramaic or Hebrew ... especially in their Old Testaments and in a few of their New Testaments as well. But the very name of *YAHWEH* to whom *JESUS* actually prayed on a full time basis, is missing (and this almost absolutely) from most *English* Bibles.

Among my personal possessions for example, is a *Contemporary Comparative Parallel Bible*. This volume contains some 3,000,000 words about the lives and teachings of Moses through to *JESUS*. If the translations from the original languages had been fully accurate then this volume should have printed the name *YAHWEH* a total of **28,000** times. The blasphemous truth however is that the mention of the name *YAHWEH* occurs only *once*.

It is almost exclusively within our *English* language Bibles ... and translations into *other languages* from these ... that we find this blasphemous reluctance to translate the original Hebrew/Aramaic name for *YAHWEH* simply and accurately as *YAHWEH*.

LITERALLY TRILLIONS OF DENIALS GLOBALLY

1. For 1900 years, the signature prayer for all of Christianity has been the *HALLOWED BE THY NAME* or the *OUR FATHER* prayer. For at least a hundred human generations this prayer has been sent heavenwards by millions of Christians almost every hour of every day. Yet the very name of *YAHWEH* our Elohim (GOD) that this prayer has clearly referred to has never been spoken or thought of.

2. In the 21st century the Jewish descendants of their ancient Hebrew teachings are still being instructed thousands of times by the modern copies of their Old Testament scriptures that *YAHWEH* is the name of the Elohim (GOD) who created both them and their universe. But around 2,500 years ago, the ruling 'holy' Hebrew clerics of that day told their forebears that the name of *YAHWEH* was too holy to be spoken out loud by anyone ...except of course by the ruling Hebrew clerics ... and this on only very rare occasions.

So to this day, when reading their scriptures *aloud*, the modern descendents of the Hebrew people read the word *YAHWEH* as "*Hashem*" (The Name) or as "*Adonai*" (Master). In this way, these present day followers of their own ancient clerical ruling class could well be disempowering the very name of the Elohim (GOD) that their holy scriptures still explicitly *instruct* them to pray to.

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3. Since around 1611 CE, there have been some five billion Protestant and Catholic Bibles printed in English alone. The Catholic Bible, comprising a guesstimated 20% of the total, is the main English Bible that makes any mention of the word **YAHWEH** ... but only within its Old Testament section. With few exceptions, the remaining English Bibles make **no mention at all** of the word **YAHWEH**.

Yet all of these Bibles claim to have derived from the original Hebrew and this when the Hebrew scriptures alone contain the word **YAHWEH** not less than **6,823** times. And the original **Aramaic** scriptures of the New Testament add at least an extra **176** times to these.

In simple terms then, this means that **BILLIONS** of English Bibles around the world today collectively **deny** the translation of the very name of **YAHWEH** our Elohim (GOD) some **TRILLIONS** of times.

There's an interesting and relevant afterthought here too. Some 1900 years ago the original New Testament Scripture reported that St Peter **denied** that he personally knew **JESUS** only **three** times ... but because of the Scriptures he has been remembered for these three denials ever since.

I despair when I think of what the world's thousands of English speaking Bible Colleges have simply **not** done to correct English translation of the Bible. But with only few exceptions, the global omission of the word **YAHWEH** from **all** editions of English New Testaments is also total. And, depending upon which modern and archaeologically verified '**Hebraic Roots**' New Testament that we are using as a reference, these omissions add many more **BILLIONS** of denials to the name of **YAHWEH** within our English Bibles today.

AND WHAT WOULD JESUS HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS ?

... as mentioned earlier : He would have said ...

“ Behold Israel ! YAHWEH our Elohim is one. You shall love YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. The second is like this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. ”

1900 YEAR OLD RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

Since before the time of **JESUS** more than 16 Aramaic dialects have now emerged on Planet Earth ... but the very original Aramaic dialect of our New Testament times was the language that was spoken and written by our Savior and His disciples. Archaeologically speaking, this dialect is called Peshitta Aramaic.

The evidence now has it that, sometime early within the century following the death of Our Savior, the Peshitta Aramaic New Testament scriptures were first translated by the Greeks, into Greek.

In 382 CE, the Ancient **Greek** translations of both Testaments were translated into **Latin** and this without any corrections to their fundamental errors. And these seriously still **uncorrected** translations currently mark the historical confirmation of a blasphemous translational religious bigotry that has continued into most of the world's 21st century English Bibles.

HOW THIS BIGOTRY ALSO TRANSFORMED THE NAME OF JESUS

The original Greek translators of the early centuries ... and the later translators of the 17th century King James Bible ... clearly had their own bigoted or antisemitic views that were brought to early and then later Christianity.

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Four examples are sufficient for our present purposes: Both the ancient Greek translators of around the 1st or 2nd century and the King James translators of the 17th century:

1. **Eradicated** all mention of the name **YAHWEH** as the name of GOD (**Elohim**) even though it occurred 6,823 times in the Old Testament and not less than 176 times in the Peshitta New Testament.

The name **YAHWEH** over all those centuries was and *still is* the divine name that powered all the miracles (1) for **Moses** and also (2) for **JESUS** in His ministry and also (3) for all the Hebrew people who lived within the 1,400 years that separated their lives on earth.

2. **Eradicated** an extremely important meaning within the Hebrew word **Elohim** (for 'GOD') with its truly vital ability to simultaneously to mean both **ONE*** as well as **MANY***. (* Like the word **SHEEP*** in English)

The simultaneous grammatically *singular and plural* attribute of the Hebrew word **Elohim** is much more explanatory than either the English word **God** or the Greek word **Theos**.

3. **Fully reinvented** the name of **JESUS** from the original Aramaic **YESHUA** in line with the name of their own main pagan Greek god called **ZEUS** and with this decision they actually *renamed* and thereby paganised our Saviour's name from the Aramaic **YESHUA** to the nothing like it sound of **IE-ZEUS**.

This paganised **IE-ZEUS** was later to be pronounced variously as **IE-SUS**, **IE-SOU** and also **JE-SUS** by the different nations of the world.

4. **De-emphasized** to near extinction, countless foundational teachings and traditions within the **TORAH** that was attributed to Moses ... as well as to **JESUS** ... by referring to the five books of the **TORAH** as merely the **LAW**.

SOME POSSIBLY HELPFUL THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Every prayer at its spiritual basis is simply an attempt to communicate with the creator Spirit who designed and built the brain that each of us uses to *think* with. Both you and your **Creator Spirit** (or 'Elohim') *understand* the language that you personally think with. Otherwise basic and personal (two way) communication between you and your creator Elohim (GOD) would fail eternally. Even the simplest of effective praying must forever remain as this *two* way communication between you and your Elohim (GOD).

YOUR VERY OWN PERSONAL GOD

IS FOREVER IN YOUR BRAIN WITH YOU

AND WITH ALL OF HIS MINISTERING SPIRITS AND THIS ALL OF THE TIME

Wherever our Elohim (GOD) is, *his ministering spirits too* are with Him and this *all* of the time. No other view or theory on the precise whereabouts of both Elohim (GOD) and *his ministering spirits* makes any sense at all. This is why the Hebrew word 'ELOHIM' (which is both singular and plural) is a much better word than the English word 'GOD' or the Greek word 'THEOS' as a reference to our creator who creates everyone *individually*. A paraphrase from Psalm 82 adds some light here : *You are GODS (Elohim ?) yet you shall each die like a MAN.*

However, none of humankind's three Abrahamic religions choose to sufficiently emphasize this *most fundamental spiritual reality* that underpins the design and construction of the brain that is in *every (single) human head*. The Christian scriptures too declare *"In the*

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Beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with GOD and GOD was the WORD.
 They also declare that Elohim (GOD) is and *always was* the ***“Alpha and the Omega.”*** or if we prefer the *Aramaic* here ... ***“the Aleph and the Tav.”***

And these two simple declarations also neatly summarise that Elohim (GOD) is actually the ***first*** word ever spoken by humankind and the ***last*** word too. There has never been a clearer way than these two Scriptures to summarise the ***ultimate*** truth that Elohim (GOD) alone has been the ***ever present spiritual powerhouse*** that has underpinned ***every*** word that your human brain ... with its 100 billion cells ... has ever thought of or spoken.

For around 170 human ***generations*** too (from roughly the time of Moses onwards) all ***three*** of the ***Abrahamic religions*** of the world have consistently failed to teach prayer routines that have been designed to communicate (with ***shared*** love) in the essential ***two way*** process between you and the Elohim (GOD) who built ***you***. We need to remember constantly that ***our own*** love for the Elohim (GOD) in our heads and hearts is close enough to the only valuable thing on the planet that even He our ELOHIM is ***unable*** to create !

**YOUR MOST POWERFUL PRAYERS
 ARE THE ONES THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR GOD UNDERSTAND
 ... AND SO OFTEN ...
 THEY CANNOT BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE**

Neither the ***Abraham*** of 4,000 years ago nor the ***Moses*** of 3,400 years ago had any scripture to read or refer to. They simply ***loved*** and ***believed in*** the Elohim (GOD) that they prayed to. And this Elohim ***did*** apparently answer to both of them with the heaps of miracles that were subsequently described in the Bible.

SO YOU SHOULD NEVER FORGET THAT

- (1) Both ***YAHWEH*** (our Elohim) and ***JESUS*** (our Savior) in your brain, are your very own personal and ***eternal*** spiritual realities and They are ***One***.
- (2) The ***HEAVEN*** in your brain too, is your very own eternal ***spiritual*** reality.
- (3) The spiritual messengers (angels) in your brain obey God exclusively.
- (4) Both the '***HELL***' and the '***SATAN***' in your brain are ***also*** spiritual realities.

Simply no human being has ever been smart enough to get intellectually elaborate before the level of ***divine and absolute intelligence*** that designed and built the brains (of around 100 billion cells) that ***each*** of us thinks with:

So it's probably a good idea to keep our prayers to the Lord ***YAHWEH*** and to His only begotten son the Lord ***JESUS*** both very simple and constant. And it's a good idea too, to make sure that they constantly express total ***love*** and ***admiration***.

My own most frequent ***daily*** prayers are always personally addressed to ***YAHWEH*** and to ***JESUS***. And their ***wording*** each day remains similar to the following:

- 1. Lord YAHWEH and Lord JESUS**
- 2. I love YOU ... I love YOU ... I love YOU**
- 3. You love ME ... You love ME ... You love ME**
- 4. Thank YOU ... Thank YOU ... Thank YOU**

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- 5. YOU are in my HEAD and HEART and BLOODSTREAM
every second of every day
and this with all of YOUR MINISTERING ANGELS.**
- 6. So please teach me to PRAY**

Each prayer repeated many times

From the **SCIENTIFIC** standpoint alone we should never forget that the concepts of both distance and plurality are merely functions of the existence of the **TIME** that **YAHWEH** and **JESUS** jointly created and continue to *maintain within each of our bodies* every second of every day.

And They are (and always have been) *forever* on our side in our unceasing life long and persistent fight against the *ultimate spiritual stench* that the world's three Abrahamic religions *all* refer to as Satan...

Sincerely : **Christopher Nugent** : September 2023

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a	a	á	ä	â	b	c	ç	ch		
d	d	e	e	ê	ë	f	g	g	gh	
h	i	i	î	j	k	l	m	n	o	o
ô	ó	ó	ó	ø	ø	p	ph			
q	qu	r	r	s	ş	sh	t	th	th	
u	u	û	ù	v	w	x	y	y ²	y	z

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- SIGN 1.** Faint and smaller letters are not to be sounded out. They are silent:
knob writ wrestle trouble debt
- SIGN 2.** **BOLDED** pairs of consonant letters make one common English sound unit:
gh as in rough **ph** as in philosophy
ch as in chin **sh** as in shut **qu** as in quit
- SIGN 3.** **BOLDED** single vowels **a e i o u** changes their sounds from short to long:
apron even icon oval unit
stra**igh**t **tho**ugh **th**rough gh**ost**
- SIGN 4.** A vertical line under the letters **ç ğ ş đ** changes their sounds to s j z and t respectively:
ç**ell** g**em** rub**ş** jumpe**đ** cru**iş**e
- SIGN 5.** A vertical line over the letters **a** and **o** changes their sounds to short **o** and **u** sounds respectively:
w**aş** w**atch** **quá**đş **quá**lity y**á**cht
c**ó**me fr**ó**nt am**ó**ng w**ó**nder m**ó**ther
- SIGN 6.** A dot over the letters **o** and **u** changes their sounds to *hard u* sound :
p**ú**ll b**ú**tcher b**ó**ş**ó**m w**ó**man t**ó**ok
- SIGN 7.** Two dots over a letter tells you that there is an **ah** sound below:
he**ä**rt st**är** lä**ü**gh sp**ä**rse s**ë**rg**e**ant
- SIGN 8.** A horizontal curved line over a letter tells you that there is **er** sound below:
b**î**rd t**ê**rm b**û**rn w**ô**rthy l**ê**arn
- SIGN 9.** A vertical ^c shape over a letter tells you that there is an **or** sound below:
ch**á**lk b**ó**ught b**á**ld b**ó**rn d**á**ughter
- SIGN 10.** A slanted line through a letter tells you about the sound of **ow** as in 'now' sound:
b**o**un**ç**e allow**o**ing sc**ro**un**ç**e pl**o**ugh

THE PHONETIC ENGLISH FONT KEY TO PRONUNCIATIONS**VOWELS**

a apple ant rabbit
a acórn gre**at**ly vac**an**t
á w**an**t sw**á**t **quá**rrel y**á**cht
ä ä**ä**rt pä/m c**ä**rnag**e**
â â**ll** râ**w** há**u**l

e egg empty entic**e**
e even **ev**il secret
ê h**ê**r v**ê**rg**e** **ê**arly
ë cl**ë**rk s**ë**rg**e**ant

i ink igl**ee** it**ch**y
y yet yonder yellow
i id**le** del**igh**t **ic**on
y m**y**self pig**st**y den**y**
î î**rk** g**î**rder b**î**r**th**

o orang**e** oct**op**us odd
o **o**mit **ov**er eskimo
s**o**n m**o**ther **o**n**ion**
ó w**ó**lf h**ó**od w**ó**man
ô w**ô**rd w**ô**rs**e** w**ô**rk
õ **õ**rder s**õ**rt transp**õ**rt
ö **ö**ut sc**ö**wl l**ö**udly
ø m**ø**ve t**ø**o into t**wø**

u ugly umbrella cut
u **un**ion **un**ity rud**e**
ù p**ù**t p**ù**ll b**ù**tcher
û **û**rg**e** n**û**rs**e** p**û**rl**e**

CONSONANTS

c cat cut cot cabbage
ç **ç**ent **ç**ity **ç**ycle
g get got gun give
g **g**em **g**entle **g**inger
d dig dug dog
d lik**d** lick**d** kiss**d**
s sit sat set
ş dig**ş** dog**ş** pres**ş**ent

ch chat **ch**in rich much
sh shed **sh**ut rush rash
th that **th**en **th**is **thoş**e
th **th**in **th**ick **th**ink **th**ing
ph **ph**one graph **ph** nephew
gh tou**gh** lä**u**gh cou**gh**
qu quick**ly** **qu**een **qu**it

r

The **TOP** 'r' is spoken before vowels and

r

the **BOTTOM** 'r' is not usually spoken after vowels.

THE PHONETIC ENGLISH FONT KEY TO PRONUNCIATIONS

a apple ant rabbit
 e egg empty entic~~e~~
 i ink igl~~ee~~ itchy
 y typical happy
 o orang~~e~~ octop~~us~~ oggle
á want swat **quarrel** ya~~ch~~t

 u ugly umbrella cut
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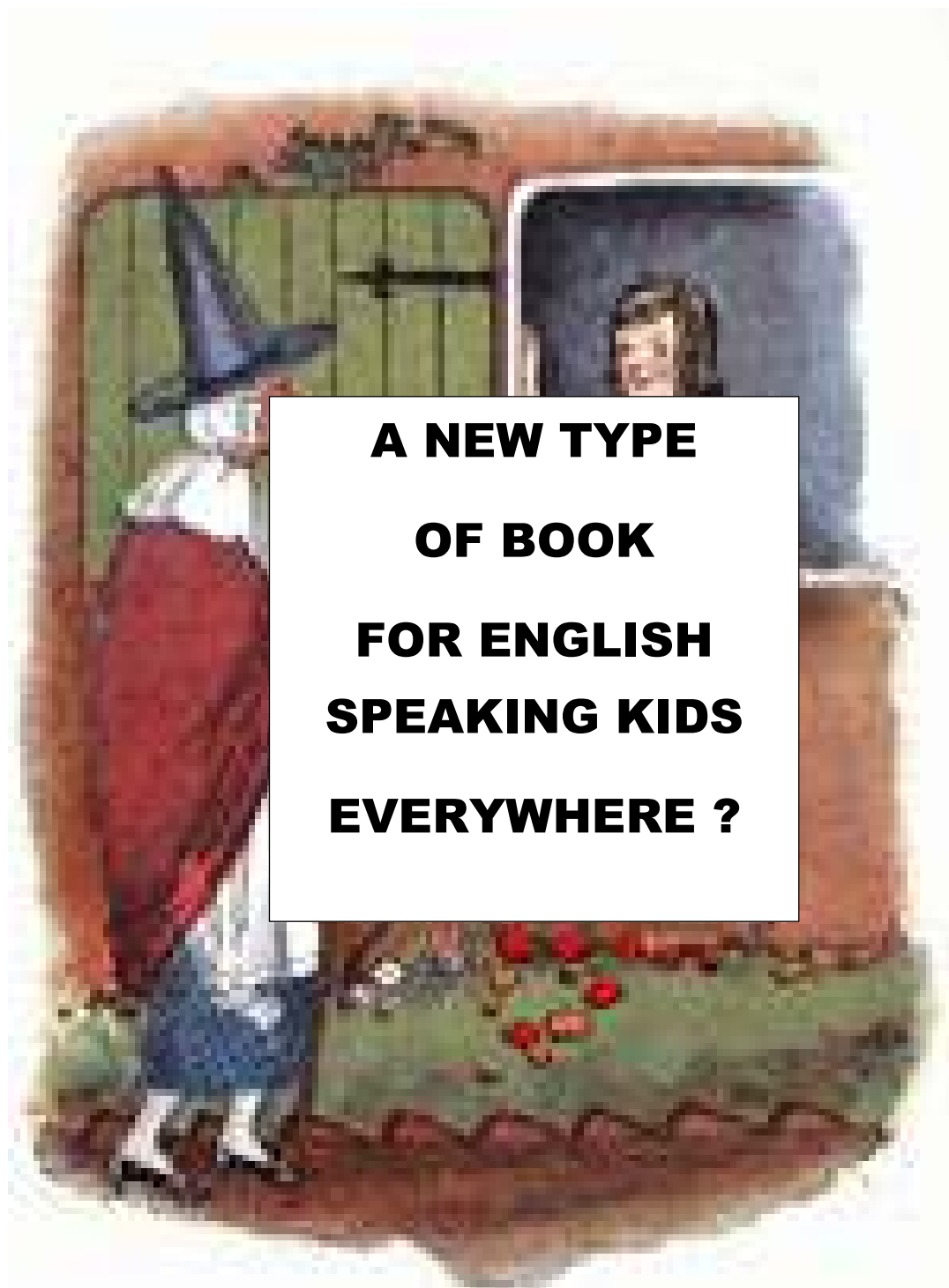
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10 MARKS AROUND THE LETTERS HOW THEY WORK

- SIGN 1.** Faint and smaller letters are not to be sounded out. They are silent:
knob writ wrestle trouble debt
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gh as in rough **ph** as in philosophy
ch as in chin **sh** as in shut **qu** as in quit
- SIGN 3.** **BOLDED** single vowels **a e i o u** changes their sounds from short to long:
apron even icon oval unit
stra**igh**t **thou**gh **throu**gh gh**ost**
- SIGN 4.** A vertical line under the letters **ç g ş đ** changes their sounds to s j z and t respectively:
çell **g**em rub**ş** jump**đ** cru**i**şe
- SIGN 5.** A vertical line over the letters **a** and **o** changes their sounds to short **o** and **u** sounds respectively:
w**a**ş w**a**tch **qu**a**đ**ş **qu**a**l**ity y**a**cht
c**o**me fr**o**nt am**o**ng w**o**nder m**o**ther
- SIGN 6.** A dot over the letters **o** and **u** changes their sounds to *hard u* sound :
p**u**ll b**u**tcher b**o**ş**o**m w**o**man t**o**ok
- SIGN 7.** Two dots over a letter tells you that there is an **ah** sound below:
he**ä**rt st**ä**r lä**ü**gh sp**ä**rse s**ë**rg**e**ant
- SIGN 8.** A horizontal curved line over a letter tells you that there is **er** sound below:
b**î**rd t**ê**rm b**û**rn w**ô**rthy l**ê**arn
- SIGN 9.** A vertical ^c shape over a letter tells you that there is an **or** sound below:
ch**â**lk b**ô**ught b**â**ld b**ô**rn d**â**ughter
- SIGN 10.** A slanted line through a letter tells you about the sound of **ow** as in 'now' sound:
b**o**un**ç**e all**o**wing scr**o**un**ç**e pl**o**ugh

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VOWELS

a apple ant rabbit
a acórn gre**at**ly vac**an**t
á w**an**t sw**á**t **quá**rrel y**á**cht
ä ä**ä**rt p**ä**/m c**ä**rn**ä**g**e**
â â**ll** r**â**w h**â**ul

e egg empty entic**e**
e even **e**vil secret
ê h**ê**r v**ê**rg**e** **ê**arly
ë cl**ë**rk s**ë**rg**e**ant

i ink igl**ee** it**ch**y
 y yet yonder yellow

i id**l**e del**i**ght **ic**on
y my**s**elf pig**s**t**y** den**y**
î î**r**k g**î**rder b**î**r**th**

o orang**e** oct**o**p**u**s odd

o **o**mit **o**ver eskimo
 s**o**n m**o**ther **o**n**o**n

ó w**ó**lf h**ó**od w**ó**man

ô w**ô**rd w**ô**rse w**ô**rk

õ **õ**rder s**õ**rt transp**õ**rt

ö **ö**ut sc**ö**wl l**ö**udly

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u ugly umbrella cut

u **u**ion **u**nity **u**de

û p**û**t p**û**ll b**û**tcher

û **û**rg**e** n**û**rse p**û**rple

CONSONANTS

c cat cut cot cabbage

ç **ç**ent **ç**ity **ç**ycle

g get got gun give

g **g**em **g**entle **g**inger

d dig dug dog

d lik**d** lick**d** kiss**d**

s sit sat set

ş dig**ş** dog**ş** pres**ş**ent

ch **ch**at **ch**in **rich** **much**

sh **sh**ed **sh**ut **rush** **rash**

th **th**at **th**en **this** **thos**e

th **th**in **th**ick **th**ink **th**ing

ph **ph**one graph **neph**ew

gh **to**ugh **l**ä**ugh** **co**ugh

qu **qu**ickly **qu**een **qu**it

r

The **TOP** 'r' is spoken **before** vowels and

r

the **BOTTOM** 'r' is not usually spoken **after** vowels.

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KEY TO PRONUNCIATIONS

a apple ant rabbit
 e egg empty entic^e
 i ink igl^{ee} itchy
 y typical happy
 o orang^e octop^{us} oggle
à want swat **qu**arrel ya^{cht}

u ugly umbrella cut
ò sòn m^óther **ò**nìòn
ówòlf hòòd w^òman
ù pùt pùll b^ùtcher

a ac^òrn gr^{ea}tly vacant
e even **e**vil secret
i ivy **ir**òn **ic**òn
y my^self pigsty deny
o omit **o**ver eskimo
u **u**nìòn **u**nity rude
e m^{ee}ve t^{ee} into t^{we}

e **o**ut scowl **l**oudly

ä ärt pä/m cä^rna^ge

ë cl^èr^k s^èr^geant

ê h^èr v^èr^ge **è**arly

î îrk g^îrder b^îrth

ô w^ôrd w^ôrse w^ôrth

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the is are was were

1. LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



1922

There was on**ce** a sw**ee**t little ma**id** wh**o** lived with her f**ä**th**er** and m**o**th**er** in a pretty little cottag**e** at the ed**g**e of the villag**e**. At the f**ü**rth**er** end of the w**oo**d was an**o**th**er** pretty cottag**e** and in it lived her grandm**o**th**er**.

Everybody l**o**ved th**is** little g**ir**l, her grandm**o**th**er** p**ê**rhaps l**o**ved her m**o**st of **â**ll and g**a**ve her a gre**a**t many pretty th**ing**s. On**ç**e she

gave her a red cloak with a hood which she always wore, so people called her Little Red Riding Hood.

One morning Little Red Riding Hood's mother said, "Put on your things and go to see your grandmother. She has been ill; take along this basket for her. I have put in it eggs, butter and cake, and other dainties."

It was a bright and sunny morning. Red Riding Hood was so happy that at first she wanted to dance through the wood. All around her grew pretty wild flowers which she loved so well and she stopped to pick a bunch for her grandmother.



Little Red Riding Hood wandered from her path and was stopping to pick a flower when from behind her a gruff voice said, "Good morning, Little Red Riding Hood." Little Red Riding Hood turned around and saw a great big wolf, but Little Red Riding Hood did not know what a wicked beast the wolf was, so she was not afraid.

"What have you in that basket, Little Red Riding Hood?"

"Eggs and butter and cake, Mr. Wolf."

"Where are you going with them, Little Red Riding Hood?"

"I am **going** to my **grandmother**, **who** is ill, Mr. **Wolf**."

"*Where* **does** **your** **grandmother** live, Little Red Riding **Hood**?"

"Along **that** **path**, **past** the **wild** **rose** **bushes**, **then** **through** the **gate** at the end of the **wood**, Mr. **Wolf**."

Then Mr. **Wolf** again said "G**ood** m**orning**" and set off, and Little Red Riding **Hood** again went in **search** of wild **flowers**.

At **last** he **reached** the **porch** covered with **flowers** and **knocked** at the **door** of the **cottage**.

"**Who** is **there**?" **called** the **grandmother**.

"Little Red Riding **Hood**," said the wicked **wolf**.

"Press the **latch**, **open** the **door**, and **walk** in," said the **grandmother**.

The **wolf** **pressed** the **latch**, and **walked** in *where* the **grandmother** lay in bed. He **made** one jump at her, but she **jumped** out of bed into a **closet**. **Then** the **wolf** **put** on the cap **which** she had **dropped** and crept under the **bedclothes**.



In a **short** *while* Little Red Riding **Hood** **knocked** at the **door**, and **walked** in, **saying**, "G**ood** m**orning**, Grand**mother**, I have **brought** you **eggs**, **butter** and **cake**, and **here** is a **bunch** of **flowers** I

gath~~er~~ed in the w~~oo~~d." As she cam~~e~~ nearer the bed she said,
"Wh~~a~~t big ear~~s~~ you have, Grandm~~o~~ther."

"~~a~~ll the better to hear you with, my de~~a~~r."

"Wh~~a~~t big ey~~e~~s you have, Grandm~~o~~ther."

"~~a~~ll the better to see you with, my de~~a~~r."

"But, Grandm~~o~~ther, wh~~a~~t a big nos~~e~~ you have."

"~~a~~ll the better to smell with, my de~~a~~r."

"But, Grandm~~o~~ther, wh~~a~~t a big m~~o~~uth you have."

"~~a~~ll the better to e~~a~~t you up with, my de~~a~~r," he said as he sprang
at Little Red Riding H~~oo~~d.



Just at ~~th~~at moment Little Red Riding Hood'~~s~~ f~~a~~ther was p~~a~~ssing
the cottag~~e~~ and h~~e~~ard her scre~~a~~m. He r~~u~~shed in and with his ax~~e~~
~~ch~~opped off Mr. W~~o~~lf's head.

Everybody was happy ~~th~~at Little Red Riding H~~oo~~d had escap~~e~~d
the w~~o~~lf. ~~Th~~en Little Red Riding H~~oo~~d'~~s~~ f~~a~~ther carried her home
and ~~th~~ey lived happily ever ~~a~~fter.

2. THE GOOSE-GIRL

There was once an old Queen, who had a very beautiful daughter. The time came when the maiden was to go into a distant country to be married. The old Queen, packaged up everything suitable to a royal outfit.

She also sent a Waiting-woman with her. When the hour of departure came they bade each other a sorrowful farewell and set out for the bridegroom's country.



When they had ridden for a time the Princess became very thirsty, and said to the Waiting-woman, "Go down and fetch me some water in my cup from the stream. I must have something to drink."

"If you are thirsty," said the Waiting-woman, "dismount yourself, lie down by the water and drink. I don't choose to be your servant."

Being very thirsty, the Princess dismounted, and knelt by the flowing water.

Now, when she was about to mount her horse again, the Waiting-woman said, "By rights your horse belongs to me; this jade will do for you!"

The p**o**or little Prin**ç**ess was oblig**e**d to give way. **T**hen the Wait**ing**-w**o**man, in a h**ä**rsh vo**ic**e, **ö**rd**e**red her to **t**ake off her royal r**o**b**e**s, and to **p**ut on her **o**wn m**e**an g**ä**rments. **F**inally she **f**ö**ç**ed her to swear **t**hat she w**o**uld not tell a p**e**rson at the C**ö**urt **w**hat had **t**aken pl**a**ç**e**. Had she not **t**aken the **o**ath she w**o**uld have **b**ee**n** killed on the spot.

There was gr**e**at rejoy**ç**ing when **t**hey arriv**e**d at the c**ä**stle. The Prin**ç**e hurri**e**d tow**ä**rds **t**hem, and lifted the Wait**ing**-w**o**man from her h**ö**rse, **t**h**i**nking she was his br**i**de. She was led upst**air**s, but the **r**eal Prin**ç**ess had to st**ay** below.



The **o**ld King **l**ö**ö**ked **ö**ut of the wind**o**w and **s**ä**w** the delicate, pretty little cr**e**atur**e** standing in the c**ö**urty**ä**rd; **s**o he **ä**s**k**ed the br**i**de **a**bout her c**o**mpan**i**ön.

"I pick**e**d her up on the way, and br**ö**ught her **w**ith me for c**o**mpany. Give the g**i**rl **s**om**e**th**i**ng to d**e** to **k**ee**p** her from **i**dling."

The **o**ld King said, "I have a little lad **w**h**o** **l**ö**ö**ks **ä**fter the g**e**ese; she **m**ay help him."

The boy was c**ä**ll**e**d little Conrad, and the **r**eal br**i**de was sent **w**ith him to **l**ö**ö**k **ä**fter the g**e**ese. **W**hen **t**hey **r**e**a**ch**e**d the meadow, the Prin**ç**ess sat **d**own on the gr**ä**ss and let **d**own her h**ä**ir, and when

Conrad **s**aw it he was so deli**gh**ted **th**at he wa**nt**ed to pluck **so**me **o**ut; but she said—

"Blow, blow, little bree**ze**, And Conrad's hat **se**ize.

Let him join in the **ch**ase

Whi**le** awa**y** it is whi**rl**ed, Till **my** tresse**s** are cu**rl**ed

And I rest in **my** pla**ce**."

Then a strong wind sprang up, whi**ch** blew awa**y** Conrad's hat **ri**ght **o**ver the **fi**eld**s**, and he had to run **a**fter it. *When* he **ca**me back her **h**air was **a**ll pu**t** up again.



When **th**ey got **h**ome Conrad went to the King and said, "I **w**on't tend the **ge**ese **w**ith **th**at **m**aiden again."

"**W**hy not?" **a**ske**d** the King.

Then Conrad went on to tell the King **a**ll **th**at had happened in the **fi**eld. The King **o**rdere**d** Conrad to **g**o next **da**y as **u**sual and he **f**ollowe**d** into the **fi**eld and hid behind a **b**u**sh**. **H**e **s**aw it happen just as Conrad had **t**old him. **T**hereupon he went awa**y** un**no**tice**d**; and in the **e**vening, *when* the **G**ee**se**-g**i**rl **ca**me **h**ome, he **a**ske**d** her **w**hy she did **a**ll **th**ese **th**ings.

"**That** I may not tell you," she answered.

Then he said, "If you won't tell me, **then** tell the **iron stove** **there**;" and he went **away**.

She crept up to the **stove** and unburdened her heart to it. The King stood **outside** by the **pipes** of the **stove** and heard **all** she said. **Then** he came back, and **caused** royal **robes** to be **put** upon her, and her **beauty** was a **marvel**. **Then** he called his **son** and **told** him **that** he had a **false** **bride**, but **that** the **true** **bride** was **here**.

The **Prince** was **charmed** with her **beauty** and a **great** **banquet** was prepared. The **bridegroom** sat at the head of the **table**, with the **Princess** on one **side** and the **Waiting-woman** at the **other**; but she did not recognize the **Princess**.

When **they** had **eaten**, the King **put** a **riddle** to the **Waiting-woman**. "**What** does a **person** deserve **that** **deceives** his **master**?" telling the **whole** **story**.

The **false** **bride** answered, "**He** must be **put** into a barrel and dragged along by **two** **white** **horses** till he is dead."

"**That** is **your** **deem**," said the King, "and the **judgment** **shall** be carried **out**."

When the **sentence** was fulfilled, the young **Prince** married his **true** **bride**, and **they** lived together in **peace** and happiness.

3..THE SLEEPING BEAUTY



Once upon a time there was a king and queen who for a very long time had no children, and when at length a little daughter was born to them they were so pleased that they gave a christening feast to which they invited a number of fairies. But, unfortunately, they left out one rather cross old fairy, and she was so angry that she said the princess should die when she reached the age of sixteen, by pricking her hand with a spindle.

All the other fairies present, except one, had already given the princess their beautiful gifts, and this last one said she could not prevent part of the wicked wish coming true; but her gift should be that the princess should not really die, but only fall into a deep sleep, which should last for a hundred years, and at the end of that time she should be awakened by a king's son.

It all happened as the fairies had predicted. When the princess was sixteen years old she saw an old woman spinning and took the spindle from her to try this strange new work. Instantly she

pricked her hand and fell into a deep sleep, as did everyone else in the palace.

There she lay in a bower of roses, year after year, and the hedge around the palace garden grew so tall and thick that at last you could not have told that there was a castle at all.



At the end of the hundred years a king's son heard of the castle and the enchanted princess who lay asleep there and determined to rescue her. So he cut his way through the thick prickly hedge and at length he came to the princess. When he saw how lovely and how sweet she looked he fell in love with her and, stooping, kissed her lips.

At once she awoke and with her the king and queen and all the courtiers, who had fallen asleep at the same time.

As the princess was as much taken with the prince's appearance as he was with hers, they decided to be married. And so the wedding was celebrated the same day with great pomp and ceremony.

