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<b>Chapter 1</b> (1) And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God <i>was</i> with him, and magnified him exceedingly. (2) Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. (3) So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that <i>was</i> at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. (4) But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjathjearim to <i>the place which</i> David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. (5) Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. (6) And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which <i>was</i> at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it. (7) In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.	<b>Chapter 1</b> (1) And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD {Jehovah} his God <i>was</i> with him, and magnified him exceedingly. (2) Then Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. (3) So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that <i>was</i> at Gibeon; because the tabernacle of the congregation of God was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} had made in the wilderness. (4) But the ark of God David had brought up from Kirjathjearim to <i>the place which</i> David had prepared for it: because he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. (5) Furthermore the brass altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, <sup>a</sup> he put before the tabernacle of the LORD {Jehovah}: and Solomon and the congregation came to it. (6) And Solomon went up to the brass altar before the LORD {Jehovah}, which <i>was</i> at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it. (7) In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, <i>Ask whatever you would like for Me to give you.</i>
1:5a – Ex. 31:2-9	

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<p>(8) And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.</p> <p>(9) Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.</p> <p>(10) Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, <i>that is so</i> great?</p> <p>(11) And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:</p> <p>(12) Wisdom and knowledge <i>is</i> granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that <i>have been</i> before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.</p> <p>(13) Then Solomon came <i>from his journey</i> to the high place that <i>was</i> at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.</p> <p>(14) And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.</p>	<p>(8) And Solomon said to God, You have shown great mercy to my father David, and have caused me to reign in his place.</p> <p>(9) Now, O LORD {Jehovah} God, let Your promise to David my father be established: because You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.</p> <p>(10) Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: because who can judge this Your people, <i>who are so</i> great?</p> <p>(11) And God said to Solomon, <i>Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of your enemies, neither yet have asked long life; but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people, over whom I have made you king:</i></p> <p>(12) <i>Wisdom and knowledge is granted to you; and I will give you riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had who have been before you, neither shall any after you have the like.</i></p> <p>(13) Then Solomon came <i>from his journey</i> to the high place that <i>was</i> at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.</p> <p>(14) And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.</p>

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<p>(15) And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem <i>as plenteous</i> as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that <i>are</i> in the vale for abundance.</p> <p>(16) And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.</p> <p>(17) And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred <i>shekels</i> of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out <i>horses</i> for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.</p> <p><b>Chapter 2</b></p> <p>(1) And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.</p> <p>(2) And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.</p> <p>(3) And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, <i>even so deal with me</i>.</p>	<p>(15) And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem <i>as plenteous</i> as stones, and cedar trees he made as the sycamore trees that <i>are</i> in the valley for abundance.</p> <p>(16) And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.</p> <p>(17) And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred <i>shekels</i> of silver {about 15 lbs.; 6.8 kg.},<sup>b</sup> and a horse for one hundred fifty {about 3.75 lbs; 1.7 kg}: and so they brought out <i>horses</i> for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.</p> <p><b>Chapter 2</b></p> <p>(1) And Solomon determined to build a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, and a house {palace} for His kingdom.</p> <p>(2) And Solomon drafted seventy thousand men to carry burdens, and eighty thousand to cut in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them.</p> <p>(3) And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying,  As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to live in, <i>even so deal with me</i>.</p>
1:17b - shekel - 0.4 ounces; 11.4 grams – see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a>	

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<p>(4) Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate <i>it</i> to him, <i>and</i> to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This <i>is an ordinance</i> for ever to Israel.</p> <p>(5) And the house which I build <i>is</i> great: for great <i>is</i> our God above all gods.</p> <p>(6) But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who <i>am</i> I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?</p> <p>(7) Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that <i>are</i> with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.</p> <p>(8) Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants <i>shall be</i> with thy servants,</p>	<p>(4) Look, I build a house {temple} to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} my God, to dedicate <i>it</i> to Him, <i>and</i> to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual holy bread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths {Saturdays}, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD {Jehovah} our God. This <i>is an ordinance</i> forever to Israel.</p> <p>(5) And the house {temple} which I build <i>is</i> great: because great <i>is</i> our God above all gods.</p> <p>(6) But who is able to build Him a house {temple}, since the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? who <i>am</i> I then, that I should build Him a house {temple}, except only to burn sacrifices before Him?</p> <p>(7) Send me now therefore a man skilled to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and who can skillfully engrave with the skilled men who <i>are</i> with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.</p> <p>(8) Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: because I know that your servants can skillfully cut timber in Lebanon; and, indeed, my servants <i>shall be</i> with your servants,</p>

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<p>(9) Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build <i>shall be</i> wonderful great.</p> <p>(10) And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.</p> <p>(11) Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.</p> <p>(12) Hiram said moreover, Blessed <i>be</i> the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.</p> <p>(13) And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's,</p>	<p>(9) Even to prepare for me timber in abundance: because the house {temple} which I am about to build <i>shall be</i> wonderfully great.</p> <p>(10) And, indeed, I will give to your servants, the cutters who cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat {about 1,117,000 gal; 4,229 kL.},<sup>a</sup> and twenty thousand measures of barley {about 1,117,000 gal; 4,229 kL.}, and twenty thousand baths of wine<sup>b</sup> {about 116,000 gal.; 439 kL.}, and twenty thousand baths of oil {about 116,000 gal.; 439 kL.}.</p> <p>(11) Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, It is because the LORD {Jehovah} has loved His people, He has made you king over them.</p> <p>(12) Furthermore Hiram said, Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who made heaven and earth, Who has given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, who might build a house {temple} for the LORD {Jehovah}, and a house {palace} for His kingdom.</p> <p>(13) And now I have sent a skilled man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's,</p>
<p>2:10a - measure - cor - homer - about 58 gallons or 220 liters -- 20,000 measures would be about 1,117,000 gallons or 149,321 ft<sup>3</sup> or 5530 yds or 4,229 m<sup>3</sup> - see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p> <p>2:10b - bath - about 5.8 gallons or 21.95 Liters or 0.02185 kiloliters -- 20,000 baths would be about 116,000 gallons or 439 kiloliters</p>	

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<p>(14) The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father <i>was</i> a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.</p> <p>(15) Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:</p> <p>(16) And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(17) And Solomon numbered all the strangers that <i>were</i> in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.</p> <p>(18) And he set threescore and ten thousand of them <i>to be</i> bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand <i>to be</i> hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.</p>	<p>(14) The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father <i>was</i> a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to engrave any manner of engraving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with your skilled men, and with the skilled men of my lord David your father.</p> <p>(15) Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants:</p> <p>(16) And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you shall need: and we will bring it to you in floats by {Mediterranean} Sea to Joppa; and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(17) And Solomon numbered all the strangers who <i>were</i> in the land of Israel, after the numbering with which David his father had numbered them; and they numbered one hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred.</p> <p>(18) And he set seventy thousand of them <i>to be</i> carriers of burdens, and eighty thousand <i>to be</i> cutters in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers to set the people at work.</p>

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<p><b>Chapter 3</b></p> <p>(1) Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where <i>the LORD</i> appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.</p> <p>(2) And he began to build in the second <i>day</i> of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.</p> <p>(3) Now these <i>are the things wherein</i> Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure <i>was</i> threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.</p> <p>(4) And the porch that <i>was</i> in the front <i>of the house</i>, the length <i>of it was</i> according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height <i>was</i> an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.</p> <p>(5) And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.</p>	<p><b>Chapter 3</b></p> <p>(1) Then Solomon began to build the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} at Jerusalem in mount Moriah,<sup>a</sup> where <i>the LORD {Jehovah}</i> appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.</p> <p>(2) And he began to build in the second <i>day</i> of the second month {Iyar [Apr./May]}, in the fourth year of his reign {2/2/3107 A.H./C- 935 B.C.}.<sup>b*</sup></p> <p>(3) Now these <i>are the things in which</i> Solomon was instructed for the building of the house {temple} of God. The length by cubits after the first measure <i>was</i> sixty cubits<sup>c</sup> {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m}, and the width twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}.</p> <p>(4) And the porch that <i>was</i> in the front <i>of the house {temple}</i>, the length <i>of it was</i> according to the width of the house {temple}, twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and the height <i>was</i> one hundred twenty {about 180 ft.; 54.8 m.}: and he overlaid it inside with pure gold.</p> <p>(5) And in the larger house he made a ceiling of fir trees, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set on it palm trees and chains.</p>
<p>3:1a - mount Moriah - the same location where Abraham was to offer his son Isaac - Gen. 22:2; II Sam. 24:18-25; I Chr. 21:15; Ps. 76:2</p> <p>3:2b - See <u>Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</u>. See also <u>The Jewish Calendar</u> a <a href="http://www.TheWordNotes.com">www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p> <p>3:3c - cubit - about 1.5 ft. or 0.457 meters -- 60 cubits would be about 90 feet or 27.4 meters - see <u>Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</u></p> <p>4th year of Solomon's reign; 450 years [plus 114 years of oppression] since Joshua crossed the Jordan River</p> <p>[*3107 A.H./C- 935 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(6) And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold <i>was</i> gold of Parvaim.</p> <p>(7) He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.</p> <p>(8) And he made the most holy house, the length whereof <i>was</i> according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, <i>amounting</i> to six hundred talents.</p> <p>(9) And the weight of the nails <i>was</i> fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.</p> <p>(10) And in the most holy house he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold.</p> <p>(11) And the wings of the cherubims <i>were</i> twenty cubits long: one wing <i>of the one cherub</i> <i>was</i> five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing <i>was likewise</i> five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.</p> <p>(12) And <i>one</i> wing of the other cherub <i>was</i> five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing <i>was</i> five cubits <i>also</i>, joining to the wing of the other cherub.</p>	<p>(6) And he decorated the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold <i>was</i> gold of Parvaim.</p> <p>(7) He overlaid also the house {temple}, the beams, the posts, and its walls, and its doors, with gold; and engraved cherubims on the walls.</p> <p>(8) And he made the most holy house {Holy of Holies}, the length of which <i>was</i> according to the width of the house, twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and its width twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, <i>amounting</i> to six hundred talents {about 45,360 lbs.; 20,580 kg}.<sup>d</sup></p> <p>(9) And the weight of the nails <i>was</i> fifty shekels of gold {about 20 oz.; 570 gm.}.<sup>e</sup> And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.</p> <p>(10) And in the most holy house {Holy of Holies} he made two cherubims of sculpture work, and overlaid them with gold.</p> <p>(11) And the wings of the cherubims <i>were</i> twenty cubits long {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}: one wing <i>of the one cherub</i> <i>was</i> five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m.}, reaching to the wall of the house {temple}: and the other wing <i>was likewise</i> five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m.}, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.</p> <p>(12) And <i>one</i> wing of the other cherub <i>was</i> five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m.}, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing <i>was</i> five cubits <i>also</i> {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m.}, joining to the wing of the other cherub.</p>
<p>3:8d - talent- about 75.6 pounds or 34.3 kilograms -- 600 talents would be about 45,360 pounds or 20,580 kilograms - see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p> <p>3:9e - shekel = 0.4 ounces = 11.4 grams</p>	



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<p>(13) The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces <i>were</i> inward.</p> <p>(14) And he made the vail <i>of</i> blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.</p> <p>(15) Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that <i>was</i> on the top of each of them <i>was</i> five cubits.</p> <p>(16) And he made chains, <i>as</i> in the oracle, and put <i>them</i> on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put <i>them</i> on the chains.</p> <p>(17) And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.</p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b></p> <p>(1) Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.</p>	<p>(13) The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}: and they stood on their feet, and their faces <i>were</i> inward.</p> <p>(14) And he made the curtain <i>of</i> blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and made the cherubims on it.</p> <p>(15) Also he made in front of the house {temple} two pillars of thirty-five cubits high {about 52.5 ft.; 16.0 m.}, and the cap that <i>was</i> on the top of each of them <i>was</i> five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m.}.</p> <p>(16) And he made chains, <i>as</i> in the Holy of Holies, and put <i>them</i> on the heads of the pillars; and made one hundred pomegranates, and put <i>them</i> on the chains.</p> <p>(17) And he raised up the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of the one on the right hand “Jachin” {will establish},<sup>f</sup> and the name of the one on the left “Boaz” {in Him is strength}.<sup>g</sup></p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b></p> <p>(1) Furthermore he made an altar of brass, its length twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and its width twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and its height ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.5 m.}.</p>
<p>3:17f - Jachin {יָכִין} - will establish</p> <p>3:17g - Boaz {בֹּאֵז} – in Him is strength - the great grandfather of David – Ruth 4:21-22</p>	

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<p>(2) Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.</p> <p>(3) And under it <i>was</i> the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen <i>were</i> cast, when it was cast.</p> <p>(4) It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea <i>was set</i> above upon them, and all their hinder parts <i>were</i> inward.</p> <p>(5) And the thickness of it <i>was</i> an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; <i>and</i> it received and held three thousand baths.</p> <p>(6) He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea <i>was</i> for the priests to wash in.</p> <p>(7) And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set <i>them</i> in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.</p> <p>(8) He made also ten tables, and placed <i>them</i> in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred basons of gold.</p>	<p>(2) Also he made a molten sea {great bowl; bath tub}<sup>a</sup> of ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.5 m.} from brim to brim {its diameter}, round in shape, and its height five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m.}; and a line of thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.} encircled it.</p> <p>(3) And under it <i>was</i> the form of oxen, which encircled it: ten in a cubit {about 1.5 ft.; .46 m.}, encircling the sea {great bowl; bath tub} all around. Two rows of oxen <i>were</i> cast, when it was cast.</p> <p>(4) It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking towards the north, and three looking towards the west, and three looking towards the south, and three looking towards the east: and the sea <i>was set</i> above upon them, and all their rear parts <i>were</i> inward.</p> <p>(5) And its thickness <i>was</i> a hands width {about 4 in.; 8 cm.}, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; <i>and</i> it received and held three thousand baths {about 17,400 gal.; 66,000 L.}.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(6) He made also ten bowls, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea {great bowl; bath tub} <i>was</i> for the priests to wash in.</p> <p>(7) And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set <i>them</i> in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.</p> <p>(8) He made also ten tables, and placed <i>them</i> in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred bowls of gold.</p>
<p>4:2a – molten sea – great bowl {bath tub} I Ki. 7:23  4:5b - bath - about 5.8 gallons or 22 liters – see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p>	

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<p>(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.</p> <p>(10) And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.</p> <p>(11) And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;</p> <p>(12) <i>To wit</i>, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters <i>which were</i> on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters which <i>were</i> on the top of the pillars;</p> <p>(13) And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters which <i>were</i> upon the pillars.</p> <p>(14) He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases;</p> <p>(15) One sea, and twelve oxen under it.</p> <p>(16) The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass.</p> <p>(17) In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.</p> <p>(18) Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.</p>	<p>(9) Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the large court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with brass.</p> <p>(10) And he set the sea {great bowl; bath tub} on the right side of the east end, opposite the south side.</p> <p>(11) And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the bowls. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house {temple} of God;</p> <p>(12) In this manner, the two pillars, and the bowls, and the caps <i>which were</i> on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two bowls of the caps which <i>were</i> on the top of the pillars;</p> <p>(13) And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two bowls of the caps which <i>were</i> upon the pillars.</p> <p>(14) He also made bases, and he made bowls upon the bases;</p> <p>(15) One sea {great bowl; bath tub}, and twelve oxen under it.</p> <p>(16) The pots also, and the shovels, and the meat-hooks, and all their instruments, Hiram his father made for king Solomon for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} of bright brass.</p> <p>(17) In the plain of Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.</p> <p>(18) So Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: because the weight of the brass could not be determined.</p>

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<p>(19) And Solomon made all the vessels that <i>were for</i> the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread <i>was set</i>;</p> <p>(20) Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;</p> <p>(21) And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, <i>made he of gold, and</i> that perfect gold;</p> <p>(22) And the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers, <i>of</i> pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy <i>place</i>, and the doors of the house of the temple, <i>were of</i> gold.</p> <p><b>Chapter 5</b></p> <p>(1) Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in <i>all</i> the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.</p> <p>(2) Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.</p>	<p>(19) And Solomon made all the vessels that <i>were for</i> the house {temple} of God, the golden altar also, and the tables on which the holy bread <i>was set</i>;</p> <p>(20) Furthermore the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after their manner in front of the Holy of Holies, of pure gold;</p> <p>(21) And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, <i>he made of gold, and</i> that perfect gold;</p> <p>(22) And the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the censers, <i>of</i> pure gold: and the entrance of the house {temple}, its inner doors for the most holy <i>place</i> {<i>Holy of Holies</i>}, and the doors of the house of the temple, <i>were of</i> gold.</p> <p><b>Chapter 5</b></p> <p>(1) So all the work that Solomon made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was finished: and Solomon brought in <i>all</i> the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, he put among the treasures of the house {temple} of God.</p> <p>(2) Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} out of the city of David, which is Zion.</p>

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<p>(3) Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which <i>was</i> in the seventh month.</p> <p>(4) And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.</p> <p>(5) And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that <i>were</i> in the tabernacle, these did the priests <i>and</i> the Levites bring up.</p> <p>(6) Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.</p> <p>(7) And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy <i>place, even</i> under the wings of the cherubims:</p> <p>(8) For the cherubims spread forth <i>their</i> wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.</p> <p>(9) And they drew out the staves <i>of the ark</i>, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.</p>	<p>(3) Therefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king in the feast {Feast of Tabernacles} which <i>was</i> in the seventh month {Tishri [Sept./Oct.]} {7/15/3107 A.H./C- 935 B.C.}.<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(4) And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.</p> <p>(5) And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that <i>were</i> in the tabernacle, these the priests <i>and</i> the Levites brought up.</p> <p>(6) Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled to him in front of the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.</p> <p>(7) And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} to its place, to the Holy of Holies of the house {temple}, into the most holy <i>place {Holy of Holies}, even</i> under the wings of the cherubims:</p> <p>(8) Because the cherubims spread forth <i>their</i> wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and its carrying poles from above.</p> <p>(9) And they drew out the carrying poles <i>of the ark</i>, so that the ends of the poles were seen from the ark in front of the Holy of Holies; but they were not seen outside. And there it is {the ark} to this day.</p>
<p>5:3a – I Ki. 8:2f – Feast of Tabernacles – Lev. 23:34 - See <a href="#">Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</a>. See also <a href="#">The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p>	

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<p>(10) <i>There was</i> nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put <i>therein</i> at Horeb, when the LORD made <i>a covenant</i> with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.</p> <p>(11) And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy <i>place</i>: (for all the priests <i>that were</i> present were sanctified, <i>and</i> did not <i>then</i> wait by course:</p> <p>(12) Also the Levites <i>which were</i> the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, <i>being</i> arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)</p> <p>(13) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers <i>were</i> as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up <i>their</i> voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, <i>saying</i>, For <i>he</i> is good; for his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever: that <i>then</i> the house was filled with a cloud, <i>even</i> the house of the LORD;</p> <p>(14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.</p>	<p>(10) <i>There was</i> nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put <i>in it</i> at Horeb, when the LORD {Jehovah} made <i>a covenant</i> with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(11) And it came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy <i>place</i>: (because all the priests who <i>were</i> present were sanctified, <i>and</i> at that time did not wait by course:</p> <p>(12) Also the Levites <i>who were</i> the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brothers, <i>being</i> arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries {lyres, stringed instruments} and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)</p> <p>(13) It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers <i>were</i> as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD {Jehovah}; and when they lifted up <i>their</i> voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD {Jehovah}, <i>saying</i>, Because <i>He</i> is good; because His mercy <i>endures</i> forever: <i>then</i> the house {temple} was filled with a cloud, <i>even</i> the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah};</p> <p>(14) So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: because the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} had filled the house {temple} of God.</p>
5:10b – only the stone tablets – see note on I Ki. 8:9	

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<b>Chapter 6</b> (1) Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. (2) But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever. (3) And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood. (4) And he said, Blessed <i>be</i> the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled <i>that</i> which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, (5) Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: (6) But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. (7) Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. (8) But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart: (9) Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.	<b>Chapter 6</b> (1) Then Solomon said, The LORD {Jehovah} has said that He would live in the thick darkness. (2) But I have built a house {temple} for You to live, and a place for Your home forever. (3) And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood. (4) And he said, Blessed <i>is</i> the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who has with His hands fulfilled <i>that</i> which He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying, (5) <i>Since the day that I brought forth My people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house {temple} in, that My Name might be there; neither did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel:<sup>a</sup></i> (6) <i>But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my Name might be there; and have chosen David to be over My people Israel.</i> (7) Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel. (8) But the LORD {Jehovah} said to David my father, <i>Since it was in your heart to build a house {temple} for My Name, you did well since it was in your heart:</i> (9) <i>Nevertheless you shall not build the house {temple}; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house {temple} for My Name.</i>
6:5a – I Ki. 8:16f	

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<p>(10) The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.</p> <p>(11) And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.</p> <p>(12) And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:</p> <p>(13) For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,</p> <p>(14) And said, O LORD God of Israel, <i>there is</i> no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and <i>shewest</i> mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:</p> <p>(15) Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled <i>it</i> with thine hand, as <i>it is</i> this day.</p>	<p>(10) Therefore LORD {Jehovah} has performed His word which He has spoken: because I have risen up in the place of David my father, and been set upon the throne of Israel, as the LORD {Jehovah} promised, and have built the house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.</p> <p>(11) And in it I have put the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, that He made with the children of Israel.</p> <p>(12) And he stood before the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:</p> <p>(13) Because Solomon had made a brass scaffold, of five cubits long {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.},<sup>b</sup> and five cubits wide {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}, and three cubits high {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.}, and had set it in the midst of the court: and he stood upon it, and knelt down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands towards heaven,</p> <p>(14) And said, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, <i>there is</i> no God like You in the heaven, nor in the earth; Who keeps covenant, and <i>shows</i> mercy to Your servants, who walk before You with all their hearts:</p> <p>(15) You have kept with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him; and spoke with Your mouth, and have fulfilled <i>it</i> with Your hand, as <i>it is</i> this day.</p>
6:13b - cubit - about 1.5 ft. or 0.457 meters - see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a>	



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<p>(16) Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.</p> <p>(17) Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.</p> <p>(18) But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!</p> <p>(19) Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:</p> <p>(20) That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place.</p> <p>(21) Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, <i>even</i> from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.</p>	<p>(16) Now therefore, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him, saying, <b>There shall not fail of you a man in My sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; but let your children take heed to their ways to walk in My law, as you have walked before Me.<sup>c</sup></b></p> <p>(17) Now then, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, let Your word be verified, which You have spoken to Your servant David.</p> <p>(18) But will God in very deed live with men on the earth? Indeed, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house {temple} which I have built!</p> <p>(19) Therefore have respect to the prayer of your servant, and to his request, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, to listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant prays before You:</p> <p>(20) That Your eyes may be open upon this house {temple} day and night, upon the place of which You have said that You would put Your Name there; to listen to the prayer which Your servant prays towards this place.</p> <p>(21) Listen therefore to the requests of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, which they shall make towards this place: hear from Your home, <i>even</i> from heaven; and when You hear, forgive.</p>
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<p>(22) If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house;</p> <p>(23) Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.</p> <p>(24) And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house;</p> <p>(25) Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.</p> <p>(26) When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; <i>yet</i> if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;</p> <p>(27) Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.</p>	<p>(22) If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath comes before Your altar in this house {temple};</p> <p>(23) Then hear from heaven, and do, and judge Your servants, by punishing the wicked, by repaying his deed upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.</p> <p>(24) And if Your people Israel are put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against You; and shall return and confess Your Name, and pray and make requests before You in this house {temple};</p> <p>(25) Then hear from the heavens, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which You gave to them and to their forefathers.</p> <p>(26) When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You; <i>yet</i> if they pray towards this place, and confess Your Name, and turn from their sin, when You afflict them;<sup>d</sup></p> <p>(27) Then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, when You have taught them the good way, in which they should walk; and send rain upon Your land, which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.</p>
6:26d – I Ki. 8:35 <sup>f</sup>	

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<p>(28) If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness <i>there be</i>:</p> <p>(29) <i>Then</i> what prayer <i>or</i> what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:</p> <p>(30) Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:)</p> <p>(31) That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.</p> <p>(32) Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house;</p> <p>(33) Then hear thou from the heavens, <i>even</i> from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as <i>doth</i> thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.</p>	<p>(28) If there is a drought in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blasting {hot wind; judgment}, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatever sore or whatsoever sickness <i>there is</i>:</p> <p>(29) <i>Then</i> what prayer <i>or</i> what request shall be made of any man, or of all Your people Israel, when everyone shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house {temple}:</p> <p>(30) Then hear from heaven Your home, and forgive, and give to every man according to all his deeds, whose heart You know; (because only You know the hearts of the children of men:)</p> <p>(31) That they may fear You, to walk in Your ways, so long as they live in the land which You gave to our forefathers.</p> <p>(32) Furthermore concerning the stranger, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your great Name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your out stretched arm; if they come and pray in this house {temple};<sup>e</sup></p> <p>(33) Then hear from the heavens, <i>even</i> from Your home, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for; that all people of the earth may know Your Name, and fear You, as Your people Israel <i>do</i>, and may know that this house temple} which I have built is called by Your Name.</p>
6:32e – I Ki. 8:41f	

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<p>(34) If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name;</p> <p>(35) Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.</p> <p>(36) If they sin against thee, (for <i>there</i> is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before <i>their</i> enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;</p> <p>(37) Yet <i>if</i> they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;</p> <p>(38) If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and <i>toward</i> the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name:</p> <p>(39) Then hear thou from the heavens, <i>even</i> from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.</p>	<p>(34) If Your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that You shall send them, and they pray to You towards this city which You have chosen, and the house {temple} which I have built for Your Name;</p> <p>(35) Then hear from the heavens their prayer and their requests, and maintain their cause.</p> <p>(36) If they sin against You, (because <i>there</i> is no man who does not sin,) and You are angry with them, and deliver them over before <i>their</i> enemies, and they carry them away captives to a land far off or near;</p> <p>(37) Yet <i>if</i> they reconsider in the land where they are carried captive, and turn and pray to You in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have dealt wickedly;</p> <p>(38) If they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have carried them captives, and pray towards their land, which You gave to their forefathers, and <i>towards</i> the city which You have chosen, and towards the house {temple} which I have built for Your Name:</p> <p>(39) Then hear from the heavens, <i>even</i> from Your home, their prayer and their requests, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.</p>

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<p>(40) Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and <i>let</i> thine ears <i>be</i> attent unto the prayer <i>that is made</i> in this place.</p> <p>(41) Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.</p> <p>(42) O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.</p> <p><b>Chapter 7</b></p> <p>(1) Now 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 the LORD filled the house.</p> <p>(2) And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house.</p> <p>(3) And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, <i>saying</i>, For <i>he is</i> good; for his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever.</p>	<p>(40) Now, I ask You, my God, let Your eyes be open, and <i>let</i> Your ears <i>be</i> attentive to the prayer <i>that is made</i> in this place.</p> <p>(41) Now therefore arise, O LORD {Jehovah} God, into Your resting place, You, and the ark of Your strength: let Your priests, O LORD {Jehovah} God, be clothed with salvation, and let Your saints rejoice in goodness.</p> <p>(42) O LORD {Jehovah} God, do not turn away the face of Your anointed: remember the mercies of David Your servant.</p> <p><b>Chapter 7</b></p> <p>(1) Now 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 the LORD {Jehovah} filled the house {temple}.</p> <p>(2) And the priests could not enter into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, because the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} had filled the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}.</p> <p>(3) And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} came upon the house {temple}, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshiped, and praised the LORD {Jehovah}, <i>saying</i>, Because <i>He is</i> good; because His mercy <i>endures</i> forever.</p>

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<p>(4) Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.</p> <p>(5) And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.</p> <p>(6) And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.</p> <p>(7) Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that <i>was</i> before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.</p> <p>(8) Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.</p> <p>(9) And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.</p>	<p>(4) Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(5) And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand oxen, and one hundred twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house {temple} of God.<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(6) And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of music of the LORD {Jehovah}, which David the king had made to praise the LORD {Jehovah}, because His mercy <i>endures</i> forever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.</p> <p>(7) Furthermore Solomon blessed the middle of the court which <i>was</i> before the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: because there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brass altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.</p> <p>(8) Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entrance of Hamath to the river of Egypt.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(9) And on the eighth day {of the Feast of Tabernacles} {7/23/3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.}<sup>c</sup> they made a solemn assembly: because they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.</p>
<p>7:5a – I Ki. 8:63f  7:8b – I Ki. 8:65  7:9c - See <a href="#">Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</a>. See also <a href="#">The Jewish Calendar</a> at <a href="http://www.TheWordNotes.com">www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p>	

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<p>(10) And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.</p> <p>(11) Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.</p> <p>(12) And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.</p> <p>(13) If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;</p> <p>(14) If my people, which 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.</p> <p>(15) Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer <i>that is made</i> in this place.</p> <p>(16) For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.</p>	<p>(10) And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month {Tishri [Sept./Oct.]} he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD {Jehovah} had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to His people Israel.</p> <p>(11) So Solomon finished the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house {palace}: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in his own house {palace}, he effectively prospered.</p> <p>(12) And the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, <i>I have heard Your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house {temple} of sacrifice.</i><sup>d</sup></p> <p>(13) <i>If I shut up heaven that there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send disease among My people;</i></p> <p>(14) <i>If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.</i></p> <p>(15) <i>Now My eyes will be open, and My ears attentive to the prayer <i>that is made</i> in this place.</i></p> <p>(16) <i>Because now I have chosen and sanctified this house {temple}, that My Name may be here forever: and My eyes and My heart shall always be there.</i></p>
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<p>(17) And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;</p> <p>(18) Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man <i>to be</i> ruler in Israel.</p> <p>(19) But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;</p> <p>(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 sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it <i>to be</i> a proverb and a byword among all nations.</p> <p>(21) And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?</p> <p>(22) And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.</p>	<p>(17) And 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 observe My laws and My judgments;</p> <p>(18) Then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I have promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail of you a man <i>to be</i> ruler in Israel.<sup>e</sup></p> <p>(19) But if you turn away, and forsake My laws and My commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;</p> <p>(20) Then I will pluck them up by the roots out of My land which I have given them; and this house {temple}, which I have sanctified for My Name, I will cast out of My sight, and will make it <i>to be</i> a proverb and a byword among all nations.</p> <p>(21) And this house {temple}, which is high, shall be an astonishment to everyone who passes by it; so that he shall say, Why has the LORD {Jehovah} done this to this land, and to this house {temple}?</p> <p>(22) And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers, Who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshiped them, and served them: therefore He has brought all this evil upon them.</p>
7:18e – I Ki. 9:6f	





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<p>(9) But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they <i>were</i> men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.</p> <p>(10) And these <i>were</i> the chief of king Solomon's officers, <i>even</i> two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.</p> <p>(11) And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto 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 <i>the places are</i> holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.</p> <p>(12) Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch,</p> <p>(13) Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, <i>even</i> in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.</p>	<p>(9) But of the children of Israel Solomon did not make servants for his work; but they <i>were</i> men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(10) And these <i>were</i> the chief of king Solomon's officers, <i>even</i> two hundred fifty, who ruled over the people.</p> <p>(11) And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to the house that he had built for her: because he said, My wife shall not live in the house of David king of Israel, because <i>the places are</i> holy, where the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} has come.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(12) Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD {Jehovah} on the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, which he had built before the porch,</p> <p>(13) Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths {Saturdays}, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, <i>even</i> in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles.<sup>d</sup></p>
<p>8:9b – I Ki. 9:22  8:11c – I Ki. 9:24  8:13d - Feast of Unleavened Bread - the seven days following the Passover {Nisan [Mar./Apr.]}; Feast of Weeks {Pentecost} - fifty days {Sivan [May/June]} after the sabbath {Saturday} following the Passover; Feast of Tabernacles - the fifteenth day of the seventh month {Tishri [Sept./Oct.]} -- see Lev. 23 - See <a href="#">Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</a>. See also <a href="#">The Jewish Calendar</a> at <a href="http://www.TheWordNotes.com">www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p>	

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<p>(14) And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.</p> <p>(15) And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.</p> <p>(16) Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.</p> <p>(17) Then went Solomon to Eziongeber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.</p> <p>(18) And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought <i>them</i> to king Solomon.</p>	<p>(14) And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service,<sup>e</sup> and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the gatekeepers also by their courses at every gate: because David the man of God had so commanded.</p> <p>(15) And they did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.</p> <p>(16) Now all the work of Solomon was prepared to the day of the foundation of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and until it was finished. So the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was completed.</p> <p>(17) Then Solomon went to Eziongeber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.</p> <p>(18) And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants who had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir {India}, and took from there four hundred fifty talents of gold {about 34,020 lbs.; 15,431 kg.},<sup>f</sup> and brought <i>them</i> to king Solomon.</p>
<p>8:14e – I Chr. 23:6  8:18f - a talent of gold - about 75.6 lbs; 34.3 kilograms  - see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p>	

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<b>Chapter 9</b> (1) And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. (2) And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not. (3) And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, (4) And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. (5) And she said to the king, <i>It was</i> a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: (6) Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen <i>it</i> : and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: <i>for</i> thou exceedest the fame that I heard. (7) Happy <i>are</i> thy men, and happy <i>are</i> these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.	<b>Chapter 9</b> (1) And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to test Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that carried spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she had come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. <sup>a</sup> (2) And Solomon answered all her questions: and there was nothing hidden from Solomon which he did not tell her. (3) And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house {palace} that he had built, (4) And the meat of his table, and the seating of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing; his cup-bearers also, and their clothing; and his steps by which he went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; there was no more spirit in her. (5) And she said to the king, <i>It was</i> a true report which I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom: (6) However I did not believe their words, until I came, and my own eyes have seen <i>it</i> : and, indeed, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me: <i>because</i> you exceed the fame that I heard. (7) Happy <i>are</i> your men, and happy <i>are</i> these your servants, who stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom.
9:1a – I Ki. 10:1f; Mat. 12:42; Lk. 11:31	

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<p>(8) Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, <i>to be</i> king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.</p> <p>(9) And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.</p> <p>(10) And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought alnum trees and precious stones.</p> <p>(11) And the king made <i>of</i> the alnum trees terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.</p> <p>(12) And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside <i>that</i> which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.</p> <p>(13) Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;</p> <p>(14) Beside <i>that which</i> chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.</p>	<p>(8) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who delights in you to set you on His throne, <i>to be</i> king for the LORD {Jehovah} your God: because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do judgment and justice.</p> <p>(9) And she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold {about 9,072 lbs.; 4,115 kg.},<sup>b</sup> and a great abundance of spices, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.</p> <p>(10) And also the servants of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir {India}, brought alnum trees and precious stones.</p> <p>(11) And the king made <i>of</i> the alnum trees terraces to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and to the king's palace, and harps and lyres for singers: and there was not seen such before in the land of Judah.</p> <p>(12) And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides <i>that</i> which she had brought to the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.</p> <p>(13) Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold {about 50,350 lbs.; 22,838 kg.};<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(14) Besides <i>that which</i> traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.</p>
<p>9:9b – talent- about 75.6 lbs; 34.3 kilograms – see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p> <p>9:13c – 666 – I Ki. 10:14; Ezra 2:13; Rev. 13:18 – see: “<a href="#">Use of Numbers in Scripture</a>” at <a href="http://www.TheWordNotes.com">www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p>	

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<p>(15) And king Solomon made two hundred targets <i>of</i> beaten gold: six hundred <i>shekels</i> of beaten gold went to one target.</p> <p>(16) And three hundred shields <i>made he of</i> beaten gold: three hundred <i>shekels</i> of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.</p> <p>(17) Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.</p> <p>(18) And <i>there were</i> six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, <i>which were</i> fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:</p> <p>(19) And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.</p> <p>(20) And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon <i>were of</i> gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon <i>were of</i> pure gold: none <i>were of</i> silver; it was <i>not</i> any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.</p> <p>(21) For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.</p> <p>(22) And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.</p> <p>(23) And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.</p>	<p>(15) And king Solomon made two hundred shields <i>of</i> beaten gold: six hundred <i>shekels</i> of beaten gold {about 15 lbs; 6.8 kg.}<sup>d</sup> went to one shield.</p> <p>(16) And <i>he made</i> three hundred shields <i>of</i> beaten gold:<sup>e</sup> three hundred <i>shekels</i> of gold {about 7.5 lbs.; 3.4 kg.} went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.</p> <p>(17) Furthermore the king made a great throne of ivory,<sup>f</sup> and overlaid it with pure gold.</p> <p>(18) And <i>there were</i> six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, <i>which were</i> fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:</p> <p>(19) And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was nothing like it made in any kingdom.</p> <p>(20) And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon <i>were of</i> gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon <i>were of</i> pure gold: none <i>were of</i> silver; it {silver} was <i>not</i> accounted of any value in the days of Solomon.</p> <p>(21) Because the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: once every three years the ships came from Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.</p> <p>(22) And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.</p> <p>(23) And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.</p>
<p>9:15d - shekel - about 0.4 ounces; 11.4 grams - see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p> <p>9:16e – shields of gold – I Ki. 10:16f</p> <p>9:17f – ivory throne – I Ki. 10:18</p>	

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(24) And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.	(24) And every man brought his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothing, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.
(25) And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.	(25) And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.
(26) And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.	(26) And he reigned over all the kings from the river {Euphrates} even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.
(27) And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that <i>are</i> in the low plains in abundance.	(27) And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees he made as the sycamore trees that <i>are</i> in the low plains in abundance.
(28) And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.	(28) And they brought to Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.
(29) Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?	(29) Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, <sup>s</sup> and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the prophet against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?
(30) And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.	(30) And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
9:29g – the book of Nathan the prophet – a book unknown to us today - See Josh. 10:13; II Sam, 1:18; I Chr. 29:29	

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<p>(31) And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p><b>Chapter 10</b>  (1) And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.  (2) And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who <i>was</i> in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard <i>it</i>, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.  (3) And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,  (4) Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.  (5) And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.</p>	<p>(31) And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place {3143 A.H./C-899 B.C.}.<sup>h*</sup></p> <p><b>Chapter 10</b>  (1) And Rehoboam went to Shechem: because all Israel came to Shechem to make him king.  (2) And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who <i>was</i> in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard <i>it</i>, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.<sup>a</sup>  (3) And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,  (4) Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease somewhat the grievous servitude of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve you.<sup>b</sup>  (5) And he said to them, Come again to me after three days. And the people departed.</p>
<p>9:31h – Solomon's death after 40 years – I Ki. 11:43  Kingdom of Israel split into two parts:  Northern Kingdom consists of 10 tribes and is called Israel  Jeroboam begins reign over the northern kingdom of Israel  Southern Kingdom consists of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and is called Judah. Rehoboam, Solomon's son, begins reign over southern kingdom of Judah  10:2a – I Ki. 11:28-40; I Ki. 12:1  10:4b – I Ki. 12:4f</p> <p>40th year of Solomon, Solomon's death, Rehoboam begins reign over Judah, Jeroboam begins reign over Israel  [*3143 A.H./C- 899 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	



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<p>(6) And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye <i>me</i> to return answer to this people?</p> <p>(7) And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.</p> <p>(8) But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.</p> <p>(9) And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?</p> <p>(10) And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou <i>it</i> somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little <i>finger</i> shall be thicker than my father's loins.</p> <p>(11) For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I <i>will chastise you</i> with scorpions.</p> <p>(12) So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.</p>	<p>(6) And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel do you give to <i>me</i> to return answer to this people?</p> <p>(7) And they spoke to him, saying, If you are kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever.</p> <p>(8) But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men who were brought up with him, who stood before him.</p> <p>(9) And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that your father put upon us?</p> <p>(10) And the young men who were brought up with him spoke to him, saying, This is what you should answer the people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make <i>it</i> somewhat lighter for us; this is what you should say to them, My little <i>finger</i> will be thicker than my father's thighs.</p> <p>(11) Because my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more on your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I <i>will chastise you</i> with scorpions.</p> <p>(12) So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king commanded, saying, Come again to me on the third day.</p>

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<p>(13) And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,</p> <p>(14) And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I <i>will chastise you</i> with scorpions.</p> <p>(15) So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.</p> <p>(16) And when all Israel <i>saw</i> that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and <i>we have</i> none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: <i>and</i> now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.</p> <p>(17) But <i>as for</i> the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.</p> <p>(18) Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that <i>was</i> over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to <i>his</i> chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(19) And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.</p>	<p>(13) And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,</p> <p>(14) And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it: my father chastised you with whips, but I <i>will chastise you</i> with scorpions.</p> <p>(15) So the king did not listen to the people: because the cause was of God, that the LORD {Jehovah} might perform His word, which He spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(16) And when all Israel <i>saw</i> that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion do we have in David? and <i>we have</i> no inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: <i>and</i> now, David, see to your own house. So all Israel went to their tents.</p> <p>(17) But <i>as for</i> the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.</p> <p>(18) Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram who <i>was</i> over the taxes; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam quickly ran to <i>his</i> chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.<sup>d</sup></p> <p>(19) And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.</p>
<p>10:15c – I Ki. 11:31  10:18d – I Ki. 12:18</p>	

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<b>Chapter 11</b> (1) And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen <i>men</i> , which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. (2) But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, (3) Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, (4) Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam. (5) And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah. (6) He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, (7) And Bethzur, and Shoco, and Adullam, (8) And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, (9) And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, (10) And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which <i>are</i> in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.	<b>Chapter 11</b> (1) And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin one hundred eighty thousand chosen <i>men</i> , who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. (2) But the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, (3) <a href="#">Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,</a> (4) <a href="#">This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers: return every man to his house: because this thing is done of Me.<sup>a</sup></a> And they obeyed the words of the LORD {Jehovah}, and returned from going against Jeroboam. (5) And Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. (6) He even built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, (7) And Bethzur, and Shoco, and Adullam, (8) And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, (9) And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, (10) And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which <i>are</i> in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.
11:4a – I Ki. 12:23	

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<p>(11) And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.</p> <p>(12) And in every several city <i>he put</i> shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.</p> <p>(13) And the priests and the Levites that <i>were</i> in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts.</p> <p>(14) For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD:</p> <p>(15) And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.</p> <p>(16) And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.</p> <p>(17) So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.</p> <p>(18) And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, <i>and</i> Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;</p> <p>(19) Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.</p>	<p>(11) And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and store of food, and of oil and wine.</p> <p>(12) And in every several city <i>he put</i> shields and spears, and made them exceedingly strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.</p> <p>(13) And the priests and the Levites who <i>were</i> in all Israel came to him out of all their coasts.</p> <p>(14) Because the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: because Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office to the LORD {Jehovah}:</p> <p>(15) And he ordained for himself priests for the high places, and for the demons, and for the calves which he had made.</p> <p>(16) And after them out of all the tribes of Israel who set their hearts to seek the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice to the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers.</p> <p>(17) So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.</p> <p>(18) And Rehoboam took for himself Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to be his wife, <i>and</i> Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;</p> <p>(19) Who bore him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.</p>



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<p>(3) With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people <i>were</i> without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.</p> <p>(4) And he took the fenced cities which <i>pertained</i> to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(5) Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and <i>to</i> the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.</p> <p>(6) Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled <sup>themselves</sup>; and they said, The LORD <i>is</i> righteous.</p> <p>(7) And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; <i>therefore</i> I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.</p> <p>(8) Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.</p>	<p>(3) With twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen: and the people <i>were</i> without number who came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.</p> <p>(4) And he took the fenced cities which <i>belonged</i> to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(5) Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and <i>to</i> the princes of Judah, who were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, <b>You have forsaken Me, and therefore I have also left you in the hand of Shishak.</b></p> <p>(6) Upon which the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD {Jehovah} <i>is</i> righteous.</p> <p>(7) And when the LORD {Jehovah} saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Shemaiah, saying, <b>They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and My wrath {anger; judgment} shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.</b></p> <p>(8) Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know My service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.</p>

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<p>(9) So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.</p> <p>(10) Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed <i>them</i> to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.</p> <p>(11) And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.</p> <p>(12) And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy <i>him</i> altogether: and also in Judah things went well.</p> <p>(13) So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam <i>was</i> one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Naamah an Ammonitess.</p> <p>(14) And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.</p>	<p>(9) So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house {palace}; he took all: he also carried away the shields of gold which Solomon had made.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(10) In their place king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed <i>them</i> to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the entrance of the king's house.</p> <p>(11) And when the king entered into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.</p> <p>(12) And when he humbled himself, the wrath {anger; judgment} of the LORD {Jehovah} turned from him, that He would not destroy <i>him</i> altogether: and also in Judah things went well.</p> <p>(13) So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: because Rehoboam <i>was</i> forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD {Jehovah} had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His Name there. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Naamah an Ammonitess.</p> <p>(14) And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD {Jehovah}.</p>
12:9b – I Ki. 14:26	

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<p>(15) Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And <i>there were</i> wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.</p> <p>(16) And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p><b>Chapter 13</b></p> <p>(1) Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.</p> <p>(2) He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.</p> <p>(3) And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, <i>even</i> four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, <i>being</i> mighty men of valour.</p> <p>(4) And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which <i>is</i> in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;</p>	<p>(15) Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet,<sup>c</sup> and of Iddo the prophet concerning genealogies? And <i>there were</i> wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.</p> <p>(16) And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his place {3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.}.<sup>d*</sup></p> <p><b>Chapter 13</b></p> <p>(1) Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam {3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.}<sup>a**</sup> Abijah began to reign over Judah.</p> <p>(2) He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.</p> <p>(3) And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, <i>even</i> four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, <i>who were</i> mighty men of valor.</p> <p>(4) And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which <i>is</i> in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, Jeroboam, and all Israel;</p>
<p>12:15c – the book of Shemaiah the prophet – a book unknown to us today          - See Josh. 10:13; II Sam. 1:18; I Chr. 29:29; II Chr. 9:29          12:16c I Ki. 14:31          13:1a - I Ki. 14:21,31; I Ki. 15:1,2</p> <p>Rehoboam's reign ends in his 18th year, Abijah's reign begins          [*3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.]          18th year of Jeroboam, king of northern kingdom of Israel, 1st year of Abijah king of Judah          [**3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	



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<p>(5) Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, <i>even</i> to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?</p> <p>(6) Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.</p> <p>(7) And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.</p> <p>(8) And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye <i>be</i> a great multitude, and <i>there are</i> with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.</p> <p>(9) Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of <i>other</i> lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, <i>the same</i> may be a priest of <i>them that are</i> no gods.</p> <p>(10) But as for us, the LORD <i>is</i> our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, <i>are</i> the sons of Aaron, and the Levites <i>wait</i> upon <i>their</i> business:</p>	<p>(5) Do you not know that the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, <i>even</i> to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?</p> <p>(6) Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, has risen up, and has rebelled against his lord.</p> <p>(7) And there are gathered to him vain men, the children of Belial {wickedness}<sup>b</sup>, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.</p> <p>(8) And now do you think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD {Jehovah} in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and <i>there are</i> with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.</p> <p>(9) Have you not cast out the priests of the LORD {Jehovah}, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites,<sup>c</sup> and have made for yourselves priests after the manner of the <i>other</i> nations? so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, <i>the same</i> may be a priest of <i>those who are</i> no gods.</p> <p>(10) But as for us, the LORD {Jehovah} <i>is</i> our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests, who minister to the LORD {Jehovah}, <i>are</i> the sons of Aaron, and the Levites <i>wait</i> upon <i>their</i> business:</p>
<p>13:7b - Belial - worthlessness; wickedness  13:9c – II Chr. 11:14</p>	

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<p>(11) And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also <i>set they in order</i> upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.</p> <p>(12) And, behold, God himself <i>is</i> with us for <i>our</i> captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.</p> <p>(13) But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment <i>was</i> behind them.</p> <p>(14) And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle <i>was</i> before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.</p> <p>(15) Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.</p> <p>(16) And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.</p> <p>(17) And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.</p>	<p>(11) And they burn to the LORD {Jehovah} every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the holy bread <i>they</i> also <i>set in order</i> upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with its lamps, to burn every evening: because we keep the charge of the LORD {Jehovah} our God; but you have forsaken Him.</p> <p>(12) And, indeed, God Himself <i>is</i> with us for <i>our</i> captain, and His priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against the LORD {Jehovah} God of your forefathers; because you shall not prosper.</p> <p>(13) But Jeroboam set an ambush to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambush <i>was</i> behind them.</p> <p>(14) And when Judah looked back, indeed, the battle <i>was</i> before and behind: and they cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.</p> <p>(15) Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.</p> <p>(16) And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.</p> <p>(17) And Abijah and his people killed them with a great slaughter: so there fell down dead of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.</p>

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<p>(18) Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.</p> <p>(19) And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof.</p> <p>(20) Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died.</p> <p>(21) But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.</p> <p>(22) And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, <i>are</i> written in the story of the prophet Iddo.</p> <p><b>Chapter 14</b></p> <p>(1) So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.</p> <p>(2) And Asa did <i>that which was</i> good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:</p> <p>(3) For he took away the altars of the strange <i>gods</i>, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:</p>	<p>(18) So the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD {Jehovah} God of their fathers.</p> <p>(19) And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with its towns, and Jeshanah with its towns, and Ephraim with its towns.</p> <p>(20) Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD {Jehovah} struck him, and he died.</p> <p>(21) But Abijah grew mighty, and married fourteen wives, and fathered twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters.</p> <p>(22) And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his deeds, and his sayings, <i>are</i> written in the story of the prophet Iddo.<sup>d</sup></p> <p><b>Chapter 14</b></p> <p>(1) So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place {3162 A.H./C- 880 B.C.}.<sup>a*</sup> In his days the land was quiet ten years.</p> <p>(2) And Asa did <i>that which was</i> good and right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah} his God:</p> <p>(3) Because he took away the altars of the strange <i>gods</i>, and the high places, and broke down the images, and cut down the groves:</p>
<p>13:22d – the story of the prophet Iddo – a book unknown to us today          - See II Chr. 12:15          14:1a – I Ki. 15:1-2, 8-10</p> <p>Abijah's reign over Judah ends in 3rd year; Asa, his son, begins reign over Judah          [*3162 A.H./C- 880 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(4) And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.</p> <p>(5) Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.</p> <p>(6) And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.</p> <p>(7) Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about <i>them</i> walls, and towers, gates, and bars, <i>while</i> the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought <i>him</i>, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.</p> <p>(8) And Asa had an army <i>of men</i> that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these <i>were</i> mighty men of valour.</p> <p>(9) And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah.</p> <p>(10) Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.</p>	<p>(4) And commanded Judah to seek the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers, and to do the law and the commandment.</p> <p>(5) Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.</p> <p>(6) And he built fenced cities in Judah: because the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD {Jehovah} had given him rest.</p> <p>(7) Therefore he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and make walls around <i>them</i>, and towers, gates, and bars, <i>while</i> the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD {Jehovah} our God, we have sought <i>Him</i>, and He has given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.</p> <p>(8) And Asa had an army <i>of men</i> who carried shields and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, who carried shields and drew bows, two hundred eighty thousand: all these <i>were</i> mighty men of valor.</p> <p>(9) And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of one million, and three hundred chariots; and came to Mareshah.</p> <p>(10) Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.</p>

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<p>(11) And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, <i>it is</i> nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou <i>art</i> our God; let not man prevail against thee.</p> <p>(12) So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.</p> <p>(13) And Asa and the people that <i>were</i> with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil. (14) And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.</p> <p>(15) They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.</p> <p><b>Chapter 15</b>  (1) And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:</p>	<p>(11) And Asa cried to the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and said, LORD {Jehovah}, <i>it is</i> nothing with You to help, whether with many, or with those who have no power: help us, O LORD {Jehovah} our God; because we rest on You, and in Your Name we go against this multitude. O LORD {Jehovah}, You <i>are</i> our God; let not man prevail against You.</p> <p>(12) So the LORD {Jehovah} struck the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.</p> <p>(13) And Asa and the people who <i>were</i> with him pursued them to Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; because they were destroyed before the LORD {Jehovah}, and before His army; and they carried away very much spoil.</p> <p>(14) And they struck all the cities all around Gerar; because the fear of the LORD {Jehovah} came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; because there was exceedingly much spoil in them.</p> <p>(15) They struck also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.</p> <p><b>Chapter 15</b>  (1) And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:</p>

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<p>(2) And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD <i>is</i> with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.</p> <p>(3) Now for a long season Israel <i>hath been</i> without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.</p> <p>(4) But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.</p> <p>(5) And in those times <i>there was</i> no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations <i>were</i> upon all the inhabitants of the countries.</p> <p>(6) And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.</p> <p>(7) Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.</p> <p>(8) And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that <i>was</i> before the porch of the LORD.</p>	<p>(2) And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, <b>Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD {Jehovah} <i>is</i> with you, while you are with Him; and if you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.</b></p> <p>(3) Now for a long season Israel <i>has been</i> without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.</p> <p>(4) But when they in their trouble turned to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them.</p> <p>(5) And in those times <i>there was</i> no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in, but great troubles <i>were</i> upon all those who live in the countries.</p> <p>(6) And nation was destroyed by nation, and city of city: because God troubled them with all adversity.</p> <p>(7) Be strong therefore, and do not let your hands be weak: because your work shall be rewarded.</p> <p>(8) And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, that <i>was</i> before the porch of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p>

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<p>(9) And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God <i>was</i> with him.</p> <p>(10) So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.</p> <p>(11) And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil <i>which</i> they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.</p> <p>(12) And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;</p> <p>(13) That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.</p> <p>(14) And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.</p> <p>(15) And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.</p>	<p>(9) And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: because they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD {Jehovah} his God <i>was</i> with him.</p> <p>(10) So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month {Sivan [May/June]},<sup>a</sup> in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa {3177 A.H./C- 865 B.C.}.*</p> <p>(11) And they offered to the LORD {Jehovah} the same time, of the spoil <i>which</i> they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.</p> <p>(12) And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers with all their heart and with all their soul;</p> <p>(13) That whoever would not seek the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.</p> <p>(14) And they swore to the LORD {Jehovah} with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.</p> <p>(15) And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: because they had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him with their whole desire; and He was found by them: and the LORD {Jehovah} gave them rest all around.</p>
<p>15:10a - third month - Sivan [May/June] - the month for the feast of weeks - Pentecost - see Lev. 23 - See <a href="#">Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</a>. See also <a href="#">The Jewish Calendar</a> at <a href="http://www.TheWordNotes.com">www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p> <p>15th year of Asa king of Judah  [*3177 A.H./C- 865 B.C.] - see <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	

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<p>(16) And also <i>concerning</i> Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from <i>being</i> queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped <i>it</i>, and burnt <i>it</i> at the brook Kidron.</p> <p>(17) But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.</p> <p>(18) And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.</p> <p>(19) And there was no <i>more</i> war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.</p> <p><b>Chapter 16</b></p> <p>(1) In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.</p> <p>(2) Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,</p>	<p>(16) And also <i>concerning</i> Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from <i>being</i> queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped <i>it</i>, and burnt <i>it</i> at the brook Kidron.</p> <p>(17) But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.</p> <p>(18) And he brought into the house {temple} of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.</p> <p>(19) And there was no <i>more</i> war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa {3197 A.H./C-845 B.C.}.</p> <p><b>Chapter 16</b></p> <p>(1) In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa {3198 A.H./C-844 B.C.} Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, intending that he might let no one go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(2) Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} and of the king's house {palace}, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying,<sup>b</sup></p>
<p>16:1a – I Ki. 15:17f 16:2b – I Ki. 15:18</p>	



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<p>(3) <i>There is</i> a league between me and thee, as <i>there was</i> between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.</p> <p>(4) And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.</p> <p>(5) And it came to pass, when Baasha heard <i>it</i>, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.</p> <p>(6) Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.</p> <p>(7) And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.</p> <p>(8) Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.</p>	<p>(3) <i>There is</i> an alliance between me and you, as <i>there was</i> between my father and your father: look, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your league {alliance} with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.</p> <p>(4) And Benhadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.</p> <p>(5) And it came to pass, when Baasha heard <i>it</i>, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.</p> <p>(6) Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha was building; and he built Geba and Mizpah with it.</p> <p>(7) And at that time Hanani the prophet came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, <b>Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD {Jehovah} your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand.</b></p> <p>(8) <b>Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge army, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because you relied on the LORD {Jehovah}, He delivered them into your hand.<sup>c</sup></b></p>
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<p>(9) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of <i>them</i> whose heart <i>is</i> perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.</p> <p>(10) Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for <i>he was</i> in a rage with him because of this <i>thing</i>. And Asa oppressed <i>some</i> of the people the same time.</p> <p>(11) And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.</p> <p>(12) And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign {3201 A.H./C-841 B.C.} was diseased in his feet, until his disease <i>was</i> exceeding <i>great</i>: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.</p> <p>(13) And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.</p> <p>(14) And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of <i>spices</i> prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.</p>	<p>(9) <i>Because the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah} run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him. In this you have done foolishly: therefore from this time forth you shall have wars.</i></p> <p>(10) Then Asa was angry with the prophet, and put him in a prison house; because <i>he was angry</i> with him because of this prophecy. And Asa oppressed <i>some</i> of the people at the same time.</p> <p>(11) And, indeed, the acts of Asa, first and last, indeed, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.</p> <p>(12) And Asa in the thirty-ninth year of his reign {3201 A.H./C-841 B.C.} was diseased in his feet, until his disease <i>was</i> exceedingly <i>great</i>: yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD {Jehovah}, but turned to the physicians.</p> <p>(13) And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign {3203 A.H./C-839 B.C.}.</p> <p>(14) And they buried him in his own tombs, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet aromas and various kinds of <i>spices</i> prepared by the perfumers' art: and they made a very great burning for him.</p>



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<p>(8) And with them <i>he sent</i> Levites, <i>even</i> Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.</p> <p>(9) And they taught in Judah, and <i>had</i> the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.</p> <p>(10) And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that <i>were</i> round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.</p> <p>(11) Also <i>some</i> of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.</p> <p>(12) And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.</p> <p>(13) And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, <i>were</i> in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(14) And these <i>are</i> the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.</p> <p>(15) And next to him <i>was</i> Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.</p>	<p>(8) And with them <i>he sent</i> Levites, <i>even</i> Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.</p> <p>(9) And they taught in Judah, and <i>had</i> the book of the law of the LORD {Jehovah} with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.</p> <p>(10) And the fear of the LORD {Jehovah} fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that <i>were</i> all around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.</p> <p>(11) Also <i>some</i> of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams, and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.</p> <p>(12) And Jehoshaphat grew exceedingly great; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.</p> <p>(13) And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valor, <i>were</i> in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(14) And these <i>are</i> their numbers according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand.</p> <p>(15) And next to him <i>was</i> Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand.</p>

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<p>(16) And next him <i>was</i> Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.</p> <p>(17) And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.</p> <p>(18) And next him <i>was</i> Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.</p> <p>(19) These waited on the king, beside <i>those</i> whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.</p> <p><b>Chapter 18</b></p> <p>(1) Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.</p> <p>(2) And after <i>certain</i> years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that <i>he had</i> with him, and persuaded him to go up <i>with him</i> to Ramothgilead.</p> <p>(3) And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I <i>am</i> as thou <i>art</i>, and my people as thy people; and <i>we will be</i> with thee in the war.</p> <p>(4) And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.</p>	<p>(16) And next him <i>was</i> Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the LORD {Jehovah}; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.</p> <p>(17) And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.</p> <p>(18) And next him <i>was</i> Jehozabad, and with him one hundred eighty thousand ready prepared for the war.</p> <p>(19) These waited on the king, besides <i>those</i> whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.</p> <p><b>Chapter 18</b></p> <p>(1) Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined in peace with Ahab.<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(2) And after <i>certain</i> years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that <i>he had</i> with him, and persuaded him to go up <i>with him</i> to Ramothgilead.</p> <p>(3) And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I <i>am</i> as you <i>are</i>, and my people as your people; and <i>we will be</i> with you in the war.</p> <p>(4) And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I ask you to inquire, at the word of the LORD {Jehovah} today.</p>
<p>18:1a – Ahab's reign over Israel began in 3200 A.H./C-842 B.C. in Asa's 38th year [3 years before Asa died and Jehoshaphat became king over Judah.] - See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	

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<p>(5) Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver <i>it</i> into the king's hand.</p> <p>(6) But Jehoshaphat said, <i>Is there</i> not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?</p> <p>(7) And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, <i>There is</i> yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same <i>is</i> Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.</p> <p>(8) And the king of Israel called for one <i>of his</i> officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.</p> <p>(9) And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in <i>their</i> robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.</p> <p>(10) And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.</p> <p>(11) And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver <i>it</i> into the hand of the king.</p>	<p>(5) Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said to them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; because God will deliver <i>it</i> into the king's hand.</p> <p>(6) But Jehoshaphat said, <i>Is there</i> not here a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah} besides <i>these</i>, that we might inquire of Him?</p> <p>(7) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, <i>There is</i> yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}: but I hate him; because he never prophesied good to me, but always evil: the same <i>is</i> Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Do not let the king say so.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(8) And the king of Israel called for one <i>of his</i> officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.</p> <p>(9) And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah each sat on his throne, clothed in <i>their</i> robes, and they sat in an empty place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.</p> <p>(10) And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, With these you shall push Syria until they are consumed.</p> <p>(11) And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: because the LORD {Jehovah} shall deliver <i>it</i> into the hand of the king.</p>
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<p>(12) And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets <i>declare</i> good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.</p> <p>(13) And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.</p> <p>(14) And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.</p> <p>(15) And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?</p> <p>(16) Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return <i>therefore</i> every man to his house in peace.</p> <p>(17) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee <i>that</i> he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?</p> <p>(18) Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and <i>on</i> his left.</p>	<p>(12) And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Indeed, the words of the prophets <i>declare</i> good to the king with one assent; I urge you to let your word therefore, be like one of theirs, and you also speak good.</p> <p>(13) And Micaiah said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, even what my God says, that I will speak.</p> <p>(14) And when he had come to the king, the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.</p> <p>(15) And the king said to him, How many times shall I command you that you say nothing but the truth to me in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}?</p> <p>(16) Then he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD {Jehovah} said, <i>These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.</i><sup>c</sup></p> <p>(17) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you <i>that</i> he would not prophesy good towards me, but evil?</p> <p>(18) Again he {Micaiah} said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}; I saw the LORD {Jehovah} sitting upon His throne, and all the host {army multitude} of heaven standing on His right hand and <i>on</i> His left.</p>
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<p>(19) And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.</p> <p>(20) Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?</p> <p>(21) And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And <i>the LORD</i> said, Thou shalt entice <i>him</i>, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do <i>even</i> so.</p> <p>(22) Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.</p> <p>(23) Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?</p> <p>(24) And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.</p> <p>(25) Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;</p> <p>(26) And say, Thus saith the king, Put this <i>fellow</i> in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.</p>	<p>(19) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, <b>Who will entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead?</b> And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.</p> <p>(20) Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, <b>I will entice him.</b> And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, <b>How?</b></p> <p>(21) And he said, <b>I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.<sup>d</sup></b> And <i>the LORD</i> {Jehovah} said, <b>You shall entice <i>him</i>, and you shall also prevail: go out, and do <i>even</i> so.</b></p> <p>(22) Now therefore, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} has put a lying spirit in the mouths of these your prophets, and the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken evil against you.</p> <p>(23) Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} go from me to speak to you?</p> <p>(24) And Micaiah said, Indeed, you shall see on that day when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.</p> <p>(25) Then the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;</p> <p>(26) And say, This is what the king says, Put this <i>fellow</i> in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.</p>
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<p>(27) And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, <i>then</i> hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.</p> <p>(28) So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.</p> <p>(29) And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.</p> <p>(30) Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that <i>were</i> with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.</p> <p>(31) And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them <i>to depart</i> from him.</p> <p>(32) For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.</p> <p>(33) And a <i>certain</i> man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.</p>	<p>(27) And Micaiah said, If you certainly return in peace, <i>then</i> the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken by me.<sup>e</sup> And he said, Listen, all you people.</p> <p>(28) So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.</p> <p>(29) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but you put on your robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.</p> <p>(30) Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that <i>were</i> with him, saying, Do not fight with small or great, except only with the king of Israel.</p> <p>(31) And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they encircled him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD {Jehovah} helped him; and God moved them <i>to depart</i> from him.</p> <p>(32) Because it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.</p> <p>(33) And a <i>certain</i> man drew a bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn your hand, that you may carry me out of the army; because I am wounded.</p>
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<p>(34) And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed <i>himself</i> up in <i>his</i> chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.</p> <p><b>Chapter 19</b>  (1) And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.  (2) And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore <i>is</i> wrath upon thee from before the LORD.  (3) Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.  (4) And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.  (5) And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,  (6) And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who <i>is</i> with you in the judgment.</p>	<p>(34) And the battle increased that day: however the king of Israel propped <i>himself</i> up in <i>his</i> chariot against the Syrians until the evening: and about the time of the sun going down he died.<sup>f</sup></p> <p><b>Chapter 19</b>  (1) And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.  (2) And Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the ungodly, and love those who hate the LORD {Jehovah}? therefore wrath {anger; judgment} <i>is</i> upon you from before the LORD {Jehovah}.  (3) Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have taken away the groves out of the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God.  (4) And Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers.  (5) And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,  (6) And said to the judges, Take heed what you do: because you judge not for man, but for the LORD {Jehovah}, Who <i>is</i> with you in the judgment.</p>
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<p>(7) Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do <i>it</i>: for <i>there is</i> no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.</p> <p>(8) Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and <i>of</i> the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(9) And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.</p> <p>(10) And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.</p> <p>(11) And, behold, Amariah the chief priest <i>is</i> over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites <i>shall be</i> officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.</p>	<p>(7) Therefore now let the fear of the LORD {Jehovah} be upon you; take heed and do <i>it</i>: because <i>there is</i> no sin with the LORD {Jehovah} our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.</p> <p>(8) Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and <i>of</i> the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(9) And he charged them, saying, This you shall do in the fear of the LORD {Jehovah}, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.</p> <p>(10) And whatever cause shall come to you of your brothers who live in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, laws and judgments, you shall even warn them that they not sin against the LORD {Jehovah}, <i>so that</i> wrath {anger; judgment} comes upon you, and upon your brothers: do this, and you shall not sin.</p> <p>(11) And, indeed, Amariah the chief priest <i>is</i> over you in all matters of the LORD {Jehovah}; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites <i>shall be</i> officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD {Jehovah} shall be with the good.</p>

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<p><b>Chapter 20</b></p> <p>(1) It came to pass after this also, <i>that</i> the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them <i>other</i> beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.</p> <p>(2) Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they <i>be</i> in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.</p> <p>(3) And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.</p> <p>(4) And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask <i>help</i> of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.</p> <p>(5) And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,</p> <p>(6) And said, O LORD God of our fathers, <i>art</i> not thou God in heaven? and rulest <i>not</i> thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand <i>is there not</i> power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?</p> <p>(7) <i>Art</i> not thou our God, <i>who</i> didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?</p>	<p><b>Chapter 20</b></p> <p>(1) It came to pass after this also, <i>that</i> the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them <i>others</i> besides the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.</p> <p>(2) Then there came some who told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes a great multitude against you from beyond the sea on this side of Syria; and, look, they <i>are</i> in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.</p> <p>(3) And Jehoshaphat was afraid, and set himself to seek the LORD {Jehovah}, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.</p> <p>(4) And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask <i>help</i> of the LORD {Jehovah}: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(5) And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, before the new court,</p> <p>(6) And said,  O LORD {Jehovah} God of our forefathers, <i>are</i> You not God in heaven? and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the heathen {ungodly nations}? and in Your hand <i>is there not</i> power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?</p> <p>(7) <i>Are</i> You not our God, <i>Who</i> drove out those who live in this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?</p>

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<p>(8) And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,</p> <p>(9) If, <i>when</i> evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name <i>is</i> in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.</p> <p>(10) And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;</p> <p>(11) Behold, <i>I say, how</i> they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.</p> <p>(12) O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes <i>are</i> upon thee.</p> <p>(13) And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.</p> <p>(14) Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;</p>	<p>(8) And they lived in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your Name, saying,</p> <p>(9) If, <i>when</i> evil comes upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house {temple}, and in Your presence, (because Your Name <i>is</i> in this house {temple},) and cry to You in our affliction, then You will hear and help.</p> <p>(10) And now, indeed, 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 from them, and did not destroy them;</p> <p>(11) Look, <i>I say, how</i> they reward us, to come to cast us out of Your possession, which You have given us to inherit.</p> <p>(12) O our God, will You not judge them? Because we have no might against this great company that comes against us neither do we know what to do: but our eyes <i>are</i> upon You.</p> <p>(13) And all Judah stood before the LORD {Jehovah}, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.</p> <p>(14) Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} came in the midst of the congregation;</p>

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<p>(15) And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.</p> <p>(16) To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.</p> <p>(17) Ye shall not <i>need</i> to fight in this <i>battle</i>: set yourselves, stand ye <i>still</i>, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD <i>will be</i> with you.</p> <p>(18) And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with <i>his</i> face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.</p> <p>(19) And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.</p> <p>(20) And 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, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.</p>	<p>(15) And he said, Listen, all Judah, and you who live in Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says to you, <b>Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude; because the battle is not yours, but God's.</b></p> <p>(16) <b>Tomorrow go down against them: indeed, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and you will find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.</b></p> <p>(17) <b>You will not <i>need</i> to fight in this <i>battle</i>: set yourselves, you stand <i>still</i>, and see the salvation of the LORD {Jehovah} with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: because the LORD {Jehovah} <i>will be</i> with you.</b></p> <p>(18) And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with <i>his</i> face to the ground: and all Judah and those who lived in Jerusalem fell before the LORD {Jehovah}, worshipping the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(19) And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel with a loud voice on high.</p> <p>(20) And they rose up early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you who live in Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD {Jehovah} your God, so you shall be established; believe His prophets, so you shall prosper.</p>

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<p>(21) And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever.</p> <p>(22) And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.</p> <p>(23) For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy <i>them</i>: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.</p> <p>(24) And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they <i>were</i> dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.</p> <p>(25) And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.</p>	<p>(21) And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to the LORD {Jehovah}, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD {Jehovah}; because His mercy <i>endures</i> forever.</p> <p>(22) And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD {Jehovah} set ambushes against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, who were come against Judah; and they were defeated.</p> <p>(23) Because the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the those who lived in mount Seir, to completely kill and destroy <i>them</i>: and when they had made an end of those who lived in Seir, every one helped to destroy another.</p> <p>(24) And when Judah came towards the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked to the multitude, and, indeed, they <i>were</i> dead bodies fallen to the earth, and no one escaped.</p> <p>(25) And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.</p>

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<p>(26) And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.</p> <p>(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 the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.</p> <p>(28) And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(29) And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of <i>those</i> countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.</p> <p>(30) So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.</p> <p>(31) And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: <i>he was</i> thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.</p> <p>(32) And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD.</p>	<p>(26) And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; because there they praised the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah {Blessing},<sup>a</sup> to this day.</p> <p>(27) Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; because the LORD {Jehovah} had caused them to rejoice over their enemies.</p> <p>(28) And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries {lyres, stringed instruments} and harps and trumpets to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(29) And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of <i>those</i> countries, when they had heard that the LORD {Jehovah} fought against the enemies of Israel.</p> <p>(30) So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: because his God gave him rest all around.</p> <p>(31) And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: <i>he was</i> thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.</p> <p>(32) And he walked in the ways of Asa his father, and did not depart from it, doing <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p>
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<p>(33) Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.</p> <p>(34) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they <i>are</i> written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who <i>is</i> mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.</p> <p>(35) And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:</p> <p>(36) And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber.</p> <p>(37) Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.</p> <p><b>Chapter 21</b></p> <p>(1) Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p>(2) And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these <i>were</i> the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.</p>	<p>(33) However the high places were not taken away: because as yet the people had not prepared their hearts towards the God of their forefathers.</p> <p>(34) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed, they <i>are</i> written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who <i>is</i> mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.</p> <p>(35) And after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:</p> <p>(36) And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber.</p> <p>(37) Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD {Jehovah} has broken your works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.</p> <p><b>Chapter 21</b></p> <p>(1) Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his place {3229 A.H./C- 813 B.C.}.<sup>a*</sup></p> <p>(2) And he had brothers the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these <i>were</i> the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.</p>
<p>21:1a – I Ki. 22:50</p> <p>25th year of Jehoshaphat; Jehoshaphat dies; Jehoram, his son, begins reign over Judah</p> <p>[*3229 A.H./C- 813 B.C.] See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	

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<p>(3) And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he <i>was</i> the firstborn.</p> <p>(4) Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and <i>divers</i> also of the princes of Israel.</p> <p>(5) Jehoram <i>was</i> thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(6) And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought <i>that which was</i> evil in the eyes of the LORD.</p> <p>(7) Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.</p> <p>(8) In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.</p> <p>(9) Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.</p> <p>(10) So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time <i>also</i> did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.</p>	<p>(3) And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom he gave to Jehoram; because he <i>was</i> the firstborn.</p> <p>(4) Now when Jehoram had risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also <i>various others</i> of the princes of Israel.</p> <p>(5) Jehoram <i>was</i> thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(6) And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab did: because he had the daughter of Ahab for his wife: and he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(7) However the LORD {Jehovah} would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and as He promised to give a Light to him and to his sons forever.</p> <p>(8) In his days the Edomites revolted from under the rule of Judah, and made for themselves a king.</p> <p>(9) Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and struck the Edomites who encircled him, and the captains of the chariots.</p> <p>(10) So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. At this same time Libnah also revolted from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} God of his fathers.<sup>c</sup></p>
<p>21:5b – II Ki. 8:17  21:10c – II Ki. 8:20</p>	

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<p>(11) Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah <i>thereto</i>.</p> <p>(12) And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,</p> <p>(13) But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, <i>which were</i> better than thyself:</p> <p>(14) Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:</p> <p>(15) And thou <i>shalt have</i> great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.</p> <p>(16) Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that <i>were</i> near the Ethiopians:</p> <p>(17) And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.</p>	<p>(11) Furthermore he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused those who lived in Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah <i>to do so</i>.</p> <p>(12) And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of David your father says, <i>Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,</i></p> <p>(13) <i>But have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have caused Judah and those who live in Jerusalem to go prostituting, as the prostitutions of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers of your father's house, who were better than yourself:</i></p> <p>(14) <i>Indeed, with a great plague the LORD {Jehovah} will strike your people, and your children, and your wives, and all your goods:</i></p> <p>(15) <i>And you shall have great sickness by disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out because of the sickness day by day.</i></p> <p>(16) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that <i>were</i> near the Ethiopians:</p> <p>(17) And they came up into Judah, and broke into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was not a son left to him, except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.</p>

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<p>(18) And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.</p> <p>(19) And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.</p> <p>(20) Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.</p> <p><b>Chapter 22</b></p> <p>(1) And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.</p>	<p>(18) And after all this the LORD {Jehovah} struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease.</p> <p>(19) And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out because of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his forefathers.</p> <p>(20) He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. However they buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.</p> <p><b>Chapter 22</b></p> <p>(1) And those who lived in Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place: because the band of men who came with the Arabians to the camp had killed all the eldest {sons of Jehoram}. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned {3232 A.H./C- 810 B.C.}.<sup>a*</sup></p>
<p>22:1a - Jehoram dies in the 8th year of his reign; Ahaziah's {also called Jehoahaz [II Chr. 21:17]} reign begins over Judah in 12th year of Joram king of Israel - See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a> [3232 A.H./C- 810 B.C.] - II Ki. 8:25-29</p> <p>Jehoram dies in the 8th year of his reign; Ahaziah's reign begins over Judah in 12th year of Joram king of Israel - See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a> [*3232 A.H./C- 810 B.C.]</p>	

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<p>(2) Forty and two years old <i>was</i> Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Athaliah the daughter of Omri.</p> <p>(3) He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.</p> <p>(4) Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.</p> <p>(5) He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramothgilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.</p>	<p>(2) Ahaziah was forty-two years old<sup>b</sup> when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Athaliah the daughter {granddaughter} of Omri.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(3) He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: because his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.</p> <p>(4) Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} like the house of Ahab: because they were his counselors after the death of his father to his destruction.</p> <p>(5) He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramothgilead: and the Syrians struck Joram.</p>
<p>22:2b – II Ki. 8:26 says that Ahaziah was twenty-two and II Chr. 22:2 says that he was forty-two. So which is it? The correct answer of course is that both scriptures are true! Ahaziah co-reigned with his father Jehoram at age twenty-two during the last year of Jehoram's reign because Jehoram was very sick. [II Chr. 21:19]. This means that Jehoram was 17 when he fathered Ahaziah [ 39-22=17]. II Chr. 21:16-17 tells us that the Philistines and Arabians came and took everything from the king's house including his sons and wives and everything in it, so for a period of about twenty years there was no reigning king over Judah since the Philistines and Arabians were in control. II Chr. 22:1-4 tells us that when Ahaziah was forty-two [20 years after his co-reign with his father] the people of Jerusalem made him king once again. Again, because of his wickedness [II Chr. 22:4] he only reigned one year.</p> <p>- See <u>Supposed Errors In The Bible</u> at <a href="http://www.TheWordNotes.com">www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p> <p>22:2c – daughter of Omri – II Chr. 21:6 tells us she was the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel so she was actually the granddaughter of Omri. Grandchildren are often referred to as sons or daughters [descendants]</p>	

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<p>(6) And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.</p> <p>(7) And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.</p> <p>(8) And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.</p> <p>(9) And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.</p> <p>(10) But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.</p>	<p>(6) And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.<sup>d</sup></p> <p>(7) And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: because when he had come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD {Jehovah} had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.</p> <p>(8) And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, who ministered to Ahaziah, he killed them {3233 A.H./C- 809 B.C.}.*</p> <p>(9) And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (because he hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had killed him, they buried him: Because, they said he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD {Jehovah} with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep the kingdom in peace.</p> <p>(10) But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal children of the house of Judah.<sup>e</sup></p>
<p>22:6d – II Ki. 8:29  22:10e – When Ahaziah was killed, Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother, began reign as queen [3233 A.H./C- 809 B.C.] - See <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u> - II Ki. 9:27</p> <p>Ahaziah is killed Athaliah [Ahaziah's mother], begins reign as queen [*3233 A.H./C- 809 B.C.] - See <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(11) But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.</p> <p>(12) And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.</p> <p><b>Chapter 23</b></p> <p>(1) And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.</p> <p>(2) And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>(11) But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were killed, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (because she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she did not kill him.<sup>f</sup></p> <p>(12) And he was with them hidden in the house {temple} of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.</p> <p><b>Chapter 23</b></p> <p>(1) And in the seventh year {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.}<sup>a*</sup> Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.</p> <p>(2) And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>22:11f – II Ki. 11:2</p> <p>23:1a - the seventh year of queen Athaliah – Joash son of Ahaziah begins reign as king over Judah at age 7 – II Ki. 11:2,21; 12:1</p> <p>Athaliah's reign as queen over Judah ends; Joash, son of Ahaziah, begins reign in 7th year of Jehu, king of Israel - <u>See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p> <p>[*3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.]</p>	

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<p>(3) And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.</p> <p>(4) This <i>is</i> the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, <i>shall be</i> porters of the doors;</p> <p>(5) And a third part <i>shall be</i> at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people <i>shall be</i> in the courts of the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(6) But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they <i>are</i> holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.</p> <p>(7) And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever <i>else</i> cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.</p> <p>(8) So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go <i>out</i> on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.</p>	<p>(3) And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house {temple} of God. And he said to them, Indeed, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD {Jehovah} has said of the sons of David.</p> <p>(4) This <i>is</i> what you shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath {Saturday}, of the priests and of the Levites, <i>shall be</i> doorkeepers of the doors;</p> <p>(5) And a third part <i>shall be</i> at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people <i>shall be</i> in the courts of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(6) But let no one come into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, except the priests, and those who minister of the Levites; they shall go in, because they <i>are</i> holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(7) And the Levites shall encircle the king all around, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever <i>else</i> comes into the house {temple}, he shall be put to death: but be with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out.</p> <p>(8) So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and every man took his men who were to come in on the sabbath {Saturday}, with them those who were to go <i>out</i> on the sabbath {Saturday}: because Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the courses.</p>



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<p>(9) Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that <i>had been</i> king David's, which <i>were</i> in the house of God.</p> <p>(10) And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.</p> <p>(11) Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and <i>gave him</i> the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.</p> <p>(12) Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:</p> <p>(13) And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.</p> <p>(14) Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.</p>	<p>(9) Furthermore Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and armor, and shields, that <i>had been</i> king David's, which <i>were</i> in the house {temple} of God.</p> <p>(10) And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king all around.</p> <p>(11) Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and <i>gave him</i> the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.</p> <p>(12) Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}:</p> <p>(13) And she looked, and, saw the king stood at his pillar at the entrance, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and those who taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.</p> <p>(14) Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host {army}, and said to them, Take her forth from out of the ranks {of her guards}: and whoever follows her, let him be killed with the sword. Because the priest said, Do not kill her in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p>

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<p>(15) So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.</p> <p>(16) And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD'S people.</p> <p>(17) Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.</p> <p>(18) Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as <i>it is</i> written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, <i>as it was ordained</i> by David.</p> <p>(19) And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none <i>which was</i> unclean in any thing should enter in.</p> <p>(20) And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.</p>	<p>(15) So they laid hands on her; and when she had come to the entrance of the horse gate by the king's house, they killed her there.</p> <p>(16) And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's {Jehovah's} people.</p> <p>(17) Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.</p> <p>(18) Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD {Jehovah}, as <i>it is</i> written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, <i>as it was ordained</i> by David.</p> <p>(19) And he set the porters {gatekeepers} at the gates of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, that no one <i>who was</i> unclean in anything should enter in.</p> <p>(20) And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and they came through the high gate into the king's house {palace}, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.</p>

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<p>(21) And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.</p> <p><b>Chapter 24</b>  (1) Joash <i>was</i> seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Zibiah of Beersheba.  (2) And Joash did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.  (3) And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.  (4) And it came to pass after this, <i>that</i> Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.  (5) And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened <i>it</i> not.</p>	<p>(21) And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after they had killed Athaliah with the sword.</p> <p><b>Chapter 24</b>  (1) Joash <i>was</i> seven years old when he began to reign {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.},<sup>a*</sup> and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Zibiah of Beersheba.  (2) And Joash did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} all the days of Jehoiada the priest.  (3) And Jehoiada took for himself two wives; and he fathered sons and daughters.  (4) And it came to pass after this, <i>that</i> Joash was minded to repair the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.  (5) And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house {temple} of your God from year to year, and see that you quickly take care of this matter. However the Levites did not hurry to do <i>it</i>.</p>
<p>24:1a – Joash begins reign over Judah in the 7th year of king Jehu's reign over Israel.</p> <p>Athaliah's reign as queen ends after 6 years; Joash begins reign over Judah [*3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.] - see <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	

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<p>(6) And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, <i>according to the commandment</i> of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?</p> <p>(7) For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.</p> <p>(8) And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(9) And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection <i>that</i> Moses the servant of God <i>laid</i> upon Israel in the wilderness.</p> <p>(10) And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.</p> <p>(11) Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that <i>there was</i> much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.</p>	<p>(6) And the king called for Jehoiada the chief {priest}, and said to him, Why have you not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, <i>according to the commandment</i> of Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah}, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?</p> <p>(7) Because the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house {temple} of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} they gave to Baalim.</p> <p>(8) And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(9) And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD {Jehovah} the collection <i>that</i> Moses the servant of God <i>laid</i> upon Israel in the wilderness.</p> <p>(10) And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.</p> <p>(11) Now it came to pass, that at the time the chest was brought to the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that <i>there was</i> much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. So they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.</p>

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<p>(12) And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(13) So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.</p> <p>(14) And when they had finished <i>it</i>, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, <i>even</i> vessels to minister, and to offer <i>withal</i>, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.</p> <p>(15) But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old <i>was he</i> when he died.</p> <p>(16) And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.</p> <p>(17) Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.</p>	<p>(12) And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and also those who worked in iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(13) So the workmen worked, and the work was completed by them, and they set the house {temple} of God in its place, and strengthened it.</p> <p>(14) And when they had finished <i>it</i>, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, of which were made vessels for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, <i>even</i> vessels to minister, and to offer <i>with</i>, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} continually all the days of Jehoiada {the high priest}.</p> <p>(15) But Jehoiada grew old, and was full of days when he died; he <i>was</i> one hundred thirty years old when he died.</p> <p>(16) And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both towards God, and towards his house.</p> <p>(17) Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came, and bowed to the king. Then the king listened to them.</p>

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<p>(18) And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.</p> <p>(19) Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.</p> <p>(20) And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.</p> <p>(21) And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(22) Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon <i>it</i>, and require <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(23) And it came to pass at the end of the year, <i>that</i> the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.</p>	<p>(18) And they left the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath {anger; judgment} came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of this their sin.</p> <p>(19) Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them again to the LORD {Jehovah}; and they testified against them: but they would not listen.</p> <p>(20) And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, This is what God says, <b>Why do you sin against the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah}, that you cannot prosper? because you have forsaken the LORD {Jehovah}, He has also forsaken you.</b></p> <p>(21) And they conspired against him {Zechariah}, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(22) So Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his {Jehoiada's} son. And when he died, he said, The LORD {Jehovah} look upon <i>it</i>, and require <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(23) And it came to pass at the end of the year, <i>that</i> the host {army} of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.</p>
24:21b – Mat. 23:35; Lk. 11:51	



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<p><b>Chapter 25</b></p> <p>(1) Amaziah <i>was</i> twenty and five years old <i>when</i> he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(2) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.</p> <p>(3) Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.</p> <p>(4) But he slew not their children, but <i>did</i> as <i>it is</i> written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.</p> <p>(5) Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of <i>their</i> fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice <i>men, able</i> to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.</p>	<p><b>Chapter 25</b></p> <p>(1) Amaziah <i>was</i> twenty-five years old <i>when</i> he began to reign {3279 A.H./C- 763 B.C.},<sup>a*</sup> and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(2) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, but not with a perfect heart.</p> <p>(3) Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he killed his servants who had killed his father the king.</p> <p>(4) But he did not kill their children, but <i>did</i> as <i>it is</i> written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD {Jehovah} commanded, saying,  <b>The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.</b><sup>b</sup></p> <p>(5) Furthermore Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of <i>their</i> fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice <i>men, able</i> to go forth to war, who could handle spear and shield.</p>
<p>25:1a - II Ki. 12:1; 14:1-2  25:4b - Deut. 24:16; II Ki. 14:6</p> <p>Amaziah's reign over Judah begins in 2nd year of Jehoash King of Israel [*3279 A.H./C- 763 B.C.] - see <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	



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<p>(6) He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.</p> <p>(7) But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD is not with Israel, <i>to wit, with</i> all the children of Ephraim.</p> <p>(8) But if thou wilt go, do <i>it</i>, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.</p> <p>(9) And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.</p> <p>(10) Then Amaziah separated them, <i>to wit</i>, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.</p> <p>(11) And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.</p> <p>(12) And <i>other</i> ten thousand <i>left</i> alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.</p>	<p>(6) He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver {about 7,560 lbs.; 3,429 kg.}.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(7) But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you; because the LORD {Jehovah} is not with Israel, that is <i>with</i> all the children of Ephraim.</p> <p>(8) But if you will go, do <i>it</i>, be strong for the battle: God shall make you fall before the enemy: because God has power to help, and to cast down.</p> <p>(9) And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents {about 7,560 lbs.; 3,429 kg.}<sup>d</sup> which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD {Jehovah} is able to give you much more than this.</p> <p>(10) Then Amaziah separated them, so that, the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, <i>he sent</i> to return home: therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.</p> <p>(11) And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and struck of the children of Seir ten thousand.</p> <p>(12) And the children of Judah carried away captive <i>another</i> ten thousand <i>left</i> alive, and brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.</p>
<p>25:6c - a talent = 75.6 lbs = 34.3 kilograms – see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p> <p>25:9d – talent - about 75.6 lbs; 34.3 kilograms - see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p>	

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<p>(13) But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.</p> <p>(14) Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up <i>to be</i> his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.</p> <p>(15) Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?</p> <p>(16) And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that <i>the king</i> said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.</p> <p>(17) Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.</p>	<p>(13) But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even to Bethhoron, and struck three thousand of them, and took much spoil.</p> <p>(14) Now it came to pass, after Amaziah had come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up <i>to be</i> his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense to them.</p> <p>(15) Therefore the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet, who said to him, <b>Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of your hand?</b></p> <p>(16) And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that <i>the king</i> said to him, Have you been made a counsel of the king? Counsel me no more; why should you be stricken? Then the prophet counseled him no more but said, I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel.</p> <p>(17) Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another face to face.<sup>e</sup></p>
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<p>(18) And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that <i>was</i> in Lebanon sent to the cedar that <i>was</i> in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that <i>was</i> in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.</p> <p>(19) Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to <i>thine</i> hurt, that thou shouldest fall, <i>even</i> thou, and Judah with thee?</p> <p>(20) But Amaziah would not hear; for it <i>came</i> of God, that he might deliver them into the hand <i>of their enemies</i>, because they sought after the gods of Edom.</p> <p>(21) So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, <i>both</i> he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which <i>belongeth</i> to Judah.</p> <p>(22) And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.</p> <p>(23) And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.</p>	<p>(18) And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that <i>was</i> in Lebanon sent to the cedar that <i>was</i> in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to be his wife: and there passed by a wild beast that <i>was</i> in Lebanon, and trampled down the thistle.</p> <p>(19) You say, Look, you have stricken the Edomites; and your heart lifted you up to boast: stay now at home; why should you meddle to <i>your</i> hurt, that you should fall, <i>even</i> you, and Judah with you?</p> <p>(20) But Amaziah would not listen; because it <i>came</i> from God, that He might deliver them into the hand <i>of their enemies</i>, because they sought after the gods of Edom.</p> <p>(21) So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another face to face, <i>both</i> he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which <i>belongs</i> to Judah.</p> <p>(22) And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and every man fled to his tent.</p> <p>(23) And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem,<sup>f</sup> and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits {about 600 ft.; 183 m.}.</p>
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<p>(24) And <i>he took</i> all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obbededom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.</p> <p>(25) And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.</p> <p>(26) Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?</p> <p>(27) Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.</p> <p>(28) And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.</p> <p><b>Chapter 26</b></p> <p>(1) Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who <i>was</i> sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.</p> <p>(2) He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.</p>	<p>(24) And <i>he took</i> all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house {temple} of God with Obbededom, and the treasures of the king's house {palace}, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.</p> <p>(25) And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.</p> <p>(26) Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, look, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?</p> <p>(27) Now after the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD {Jehovah} they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and killed him there.<sup>g</sup></p> <p>(28) And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah {3319 A.H./C- 723 B.C.}.</p> <p><b>Chapter 26</b></p> <p>(1) Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who <i>was</i> sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah {3319 A.H./C- 723 B.C.}.<sup>a*</sup></p> <p>(2) He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.</p>
<p>25:27g – II Ki. 14:19 – Amaziah's reign ends – for 11 years there is no king over Judah</p> <p>26:1a - II Ki. 15:1 – Uzziah [also called Azariah] age 16 begins reign over Judah in the 27th year of Jeroboam#2 king of Israel</p> <p>Uzziah's reign begins over Judah</p> <p>[*3319 A.H./C- 723 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(3) Sixteen years old <i>was</i> Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Jecoliah of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(4) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.</p> <p>(5) And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.</p> <p>(6) And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.</p> <p>(7) And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims.</p> <p>(8) And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad <i>even</i> to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened <i>himself</i> exceedingly.</p> <p>(9) Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning <i>of the wall</i>, and fortified them.</p> <p>(10) Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen <i>also</i>, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.</p>	<p>(3) Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Jecoliah of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(4) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his father Amaziah did.</p> <p>(5) And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD {Jehovah}, God caused him to prosper.</p> <p>(6) And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities around Ashdod, and among the Philistines.</p> <p>(7) And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims.</p> <p>(8) And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad <i>even</i> to the entrance of Egypt; because he strengthened <i>himself</i> exceedingly.</p> <p>(9) Furthermore Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning <i>of the wall</i>, and fortified them.</p> <p>(10) Also he built towers in the desert, and dug many wells: because he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: gardeners <i>also</i>, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: because he loved gardening.</p>

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<p>(11) Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, <i>one</i> of the king's captains.</p> <p>(12) The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour <i>were</i> two thousand and six hundred.</p> <p>(13) And under their hand <i>was</i> an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.</p> <p>(14) And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings <i>to cast</i> stones.</p> <p>(15) And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.</p> <p>(16) But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to <i>his</i> destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.</p> <p>(17) And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, <i>that were</i> valiant men:</p>	<p>(11) Furthermore Uzziah had a host {army} of fighting men, who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, <i>one</i> of the king's captains.</p> <p>(12) The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valor <i>were</i> two thousand six hundred.</p> <p>(13) And under their hand <i>was</i> an army, three hundred seven thousand five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.</p> <p>(14) And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the army shields, and spears, and helmets, and armor, and bows, and slings <i>to cast</i> stones.</p> <p>(15) And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones with. And his name spread far abroad; because he was marvelously helped, until he was strong.</p> <p>(16) But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to <i>his</i> destruction: because he sinned against the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and went into the temple of the LORD {Jehovah} to burn incense upon the altar of incense.</p> <p>(17) And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the LORD {Jehovah}, who <i>were</i> valiant men:</p>

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<p>(18) And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, <i>It appertaineth</i> not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither <i>shall it be</i> for thine honour from the LORD God.</p> <p>(19) Then Uzziah was wroth, and <i>had</i> a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.</p> <p>(20) And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he <i>was</i> leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.</p> <p>(21) And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, <i>being</i> a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son <i>was</i> over the king's house, judging the people of the land.</p> <p>(22) Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.</p>	<p>(18) And they stopped Uzziah the king, and said to him, <i>It is not your place</i>, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD {Jehovah}, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; because you have sinned; neither <i>shall it be</i> for your honor from the LORD {Jehovah} God.</p> <p>(19) Then Uzziah was angry, and <i>had</i> a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, from beside the incense altar.</p> <p>(20) And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, indeed, he <i>was</i> leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from there; yes, he hurried to go out, because the LORD {Jehovah} had stricken him.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(21) And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a dormitory house {hospital}, <i>being</i> a leper; because he was cut off from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and Jotham his son <i>was</i> over the king's house, judging the people of the land.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(22) Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote down.</p>
<p>26:20b – II Ki. 15:5 26:21c – II Ki. 15:5</p>	





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<p>(5) He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. (6) So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.</p> <p>(7) Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.</p> <p>(8) He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(9) And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.</p>	<p>(5) He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him that same year a hundred talents of silver {about 7,560 lbs.; 3,429 kg.}, and ten thousand measures of wheat {about 600,000 gal.; 62,500 bu.; 2,220,000 L.},<sup>b</sup> and ten thousand of barley {about 600,000 gal.; 62,500 bu.; 2,220,000 L.}. So much did the children of Ammon pay to him, both the second year, and the third.</p> <p>(6) So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD {Jehovah} his God.</p> <p>(7) Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, look, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.</p> <p>(8) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(9) And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place {3386 A.H./C- 656 B.C.}.*</p>
<p>27:5b - measure - homer {cor} [also spelled kor] = 10 ephahs = 222 liters = 6.25 bushels = 240 quarts = about 60 gallons - see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p> <p>27:8c – II Ki. 15:33</p>	

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<b>Chapter 28</b> (1) Ahaz <i>was</i> twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father: (2) For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. (3) Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. (4) He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. (5) Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought <i>them</i> to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. (6) For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, <i>which were</i> all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.	<b>Chapter 28</b> (1) Ahaz <i>was</i> twenty years old when he began to reign {3386 A.H./C- 656 B.C.}, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not do <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, like David his father: (2) Because he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and also made molten images for Baalim. (3) Furthermore he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen {ungodly nations} whom the LORD {Jehovah} had cast out before the children of Israel. (4) He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. (5) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they struck him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought <i>them</i> to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter. (6) Because Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah one hundred twenty thousand in one day, <i>who were</i> all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} God of their fathers.
<p>Jotham's reign ends during 16th year of reign, Ahaz his son begins reign over Judah in 17th year of Pekah king of Israel  [*3386 A.H./C- 656 B.C.] - See <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(7) And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah <i>that was</i> next to the king.</p> <p>(8) And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.</p> <p>(9) But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name <i>was</i> Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage <i>that</i> reacheth up unto heaven.</p> <p>(10) And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: <i>but are there</i> not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?</p> <p>(11) Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.</p>	<p>(7) And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah <i>who was</i> next to the king.</p> <p>(8) And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brothers two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and also took away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.</p> <p>(9) But a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah} was there, whose name <i>was</i> Oded: and he went out before the army which came to Samaria, and said to them, Indeed, because the LORD {Jehovah} God of your fathers was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hand, and you have killed them in a rage <i>that</i> reaches up to heaven.</p> <p>(10) And now you purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen for yourselves: <i>but are there</i> not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD {Jehovah} your God?</p> <p>(11) Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which you have taken captive of your brothers: because the fierce wrath {anger; judgment} of the LORD {Jehovah} <i>is</i> upon you.</p>

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<p>(12) Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war,</p> <p>(13) And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD <i>already</i>, ye intend to add <i>more</i> to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and <i>there is</i> fierce wrath against Israel.</p> <p>(14) So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.</p> <p>(15) And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.</p> <p>(16) At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.</p> <p>(17) For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives.</p>	<p>(12) Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war,</p> <p>(13) And said to them, You shall not bring the captives here: because we have offended against the LORD {Jehovah} <i>already</i>, you intend to add <i>more</i> to our sins and to our evil deeds: because our evil deeds are great, and <i>there is</i> fierce wrath {anger; judgment} against Israel.</p> <p>(14) So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.</p> <p>(15) And the men who were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all who were naked among them, and clothed them, and gave them shoes, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all their feeble upon donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers: then they returned to Samaria.</p> <p>(16) At that time king Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him.</p> <p>(17) Because the Edomites had come again and stricken Judah, and carried away captives.</p>

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<p>(18) The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.</p> <p>(19) For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.</p> <p>(20) And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.</p> <p>(21) For Ahaz took away a portion <i>out</i> of the house of the LORD, and <i>out</i> of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave <i>it</i> unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.</p> <p>(22) And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this <i>is that</i> king Ahaz.</p> <p>(23) For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, <i>therefore</i> will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.</p>	<p>(18) The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with its villages, and Timnah with its villages, Gimzo also and its villages: and they lived there.</p> <p>(19) Because the LORD {Jehovah} brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; because he made Judah naked, and sinned greatly against the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(20) And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came to him, and distressed him, but did not strengthen him.</p> <p>(21) Because Ahaz took away a portion <i>out</i> of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and <i>out</i> of the house {palace} of the king, and of the princes, and gave <i>it</i> to the king of Assyria: but he did not help him.</p> <p>(22) And in the time of his distress he sinned yet more against the LORD {Jehovah}: this <i>is that</i> same king Ahaz.</p> <p>(23) Because he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, who struck him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, <i>therefore</i> I will sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.</p>

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<p>(24) And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(25) And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.</p> <p>(26) Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.</p> <p>(27) And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, <i>even</i> in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p><b>Chapter 29</b></p> <p>(1) Hezekiah began to reign <i>when he</i> was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.</p> <p>(2) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.</p> <p>(3) He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.</p>	<p>(24) And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house {temple} of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house {temple} of God, and shut up the doors of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and he made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(25) And in every suburb city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked the LORD {Jehovah} God of his fathers to anger.</p> <p>(26) Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, look, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.</p> <p>(27) And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, <i>even</i> in Jerusalem: but they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place {3400 A.H./C- 642 B.C.}.</p> <p><b>Chapter 29</b></p> <p>(1) Hezekiah began to reign <i>when he</i> was twenty-five years old {3400 A.H./C- 642 B.C.},<sup>a*</sup> and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.</p> <p>(2) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that David his forefather had done.</p> <p>(3) He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and repaired them.</p>
<p>29:1a - II Ki. 16:2,20; II Ki. 18:1-2</p> <p>Ahaz dies after 16 year reign, Hezekiah his son begins reign over Judah [*3400 A.H./C- 642 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(4) And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,</p> <p>(5) And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy <i>place</i>.</p> <p>(6) For our fathers have trespassed, and done <i>that which was</i> evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned <i>their</i> backs.</p> <p>(7) Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy <i>place</i> unto the God of Israel.</p> <p>(8) Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.</p> <p>(9) For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives <i>are</i> in captivity for this.</p> <p>(10) Now <i>it is</i> in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.</p> <p>(11) My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.</p>	<p>(4) And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,</p> <p>(5) And said to them, Hear me, you Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy <i>place</i>.</p> <p>(6) Because our fathers have sinned, and done <i>that which was</i> evil in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah} our God, and have forsaken Him, and have turned away their faces from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and turned <i>their</i> backs.</p> <p>(7) Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy <i>place</i> to the God of Israel.</p> <p>(8) Therefore the wrath {anger; judgment} of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as you see with your eyes.</p> <p>(9) Because, indeed, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives <i>are</i> in captivity for this.</p> <p>(10) Now <i>it is</i> in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, that His fierce anger may turn away from us.</p> <p>(11) My sons, do not now be negligent: because the LORD {Jehovah} has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him, and burn incense.</p>

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<p>(12) Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:</p> <p>(13) And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:</p> <p>(14) And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.</p> <p>(15) And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(16) And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse <i>it</i>, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took <i>it</i>, to carry <i>it</i> out abroad into the brook Kidron.</p> <p>(17) Now they began on the first <i>day</i> of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.</p>	<p>(12) Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:</p> <p>(13) And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:</p> <p>(14) And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.</p> <p>(15) And they gathered their brothers, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD {Jehovah}, to cleanse the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(16) And the priests went into the inner part of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, to cleanse <i>it</i>, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah} into the court of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. And the Levites took <i>it</i>, to carry <i>it</i> out abroad into the brook Kidron.</p> <p>(17) Now they began on the first <i>day</i> of the first month {Nisan [Mar./Apr.]} {1/1/3400 A.H./C-642 B.C.} to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of the LORD {Jehovah}: so they sanctified the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} in eight days; and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.</p>



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<p>(18) Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.</p> <p>(19) Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they <i>are</i> before the altar of the LORD.</p> <p>(20) Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(21) And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer <i>them</i> on the altar of the LORD.</p> <p>(22) So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled <i>it</i> on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.</p> <p>(23) And they brought forth the he goats <i>for</i> the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:</p>	<p>(18) Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the altar of burnt offering, with all its vessels, and the holy bread table, with all its vessels.</p> <p>(19) Furthermore all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign cast away in his sin, we have prepared and sanctified, and, indeed, they <i>are</i> before the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(20) Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(21) And 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. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer <i>them</i> on the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(22) So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled <i>it</i> on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.</p> <p>(23) And they brought forth the male goats <i>for</i> the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:</p>

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<p>(24) And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded <i>that</i> the burnt offering and the sin offering <i>should be made</i> for all Israel.</p> <p>(25) And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD 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 <i>so was</i> the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.</p> <p>(26) And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.</p> <p>(27) And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began <i>also</i> with the trumpets, and with the instruments <i>ordained</i> by David king of Israel.</p> <p>(28) And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: <i>and all this continued</i> until the burnt offering was finished.</p> <p>(29) And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.</p>	<p>(24) And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: because the king commanded <i>that</i> the burnt offering and the sin offering <i>should be made</i> for all Israel.</p> <p>(25) And he set the Levites in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} with cymbals, with psalteries {lyres; stringed instruments}, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's prophet, and Nathan the prophet: because <i>so</i> the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} <i>was</i> by his prophets.</p> <p>(26) And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.</p> <p>(27) And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD {Jehovah} began <i>also</i> with the trumpets, and with the instruments <i>ordained</i> by David king of Israel.</p> <p>(28) And all the congregation worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: <i>and all this continued</i> until the burnt offering was finished.</p> <p>(29) And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves, and worshiped.</p>

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<p>(30) Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.</p> <p>(31) Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.</p> <p>(32) And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, <i>and</i> two hundred lambs: all these <i>were</i> for a burnt offering to the LORD.</p> <p>(33) And the consecrated things <i>were</i> six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.</p> <p>(34) But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the <i>other</i> priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites <i>were</i> more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.</p> <p>(35) And also the burnt offerings <i>were</i> in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for <i>every</i> burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.</p>	<p>(30) Furthermore Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise to the LORD {Jehovah} with the words of David, and of Asaph the prophet. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.</p> <p>(31) Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD {Jehovah}, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.</p> <p>(32) And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, <i>and</i> two hundred lambs: all these <i>were</i> for a burnt offering to the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(33) And the consecrated things <i>were</i> six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.</p> <p>(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 <i>other</i> priests had sanctified themselves: because the Levites <i>were</i> more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.</p> <p>(35) And also the burnt offerings <i>were</i> in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for <i>every</i> burnt offering. So the service of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was set in order.</p>

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<p>(36) And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was <i>done</i> suddenly.</p> <p><b>Chapter 30</b>  (1) And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.  (2) For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.  (3) For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.  (4) And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.  (5) So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done <i>it</i> of a long <i>time in such sort</i> as it was written.</p>	<p>(36) And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: because the thing was <i>done</i> quickly.</p> <p><b>Chapter 30</b>  (1) And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.  (2) Because the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month.<sup>a</sup>  (3) Because they could not keep it at the {right} time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.  (4) And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.  (5) So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel at Jerusalem: because they had not done <i>it</i> in a long <i>time in such a way</i> as it was written.</p>
<p>30:2a - the Passover was required by the Law of Moses {Lev. 23} to be in the first month {Nisan [Mar./Apr.]} on the evening of the 14th day  -- however since everything wasn't ready in time the decision was made to celebrate the Passover in the second month {Iyar [Apr./May]}  - See <u>Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</u>.  See also <u>The Jewish Calendar</u> at <u>www.TheWordNotes.com</u>  - see Num. 9:11</p>	

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<p>(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, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.</p> <p>(7) And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, <i>who</i> therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.</p> <p>(8) Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers <i>were, but</i> yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.</p> <p>(9) For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children <i>shall find</i> compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God <i>is</i> gracious and merciful, and will not turn away <i>his</i> face from you, if ye return unto him.</p> <p>(10) So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.</p>	<p>(6) So the messengers 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 the LORD {Jehovah} God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and He will return to the remnant of you, who have escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.</p> <p>(7) And do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who did evil deeds against the LORD {Jehovah} God of their fathers, <i>who</i> therefore gave them up to desolation, as you see.</p> <p>(8) Now do not be stubborn, as your fathers <i>were, but</i> yield yourselves to the LORD {Jehovah}, and enter into His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever: and serve the LORD {Jehovah} your God, that the fierceness of His anger may turn away from you.</p> <p>(9) Because if you turn again to the LORD {Jehovah}, your brothers and your children <i>shall find</i> compassion before those who lead them captive, so that they shall return into this land: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God <i>is</i> gracious and merciful, and will not turn away <i>His</i> face from you, if you return to Him.</p> <p>(10) So the messengers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even to Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.</p>

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<p>(11) Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(12) Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.</p> <p>(13) And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.</p> <p>(14) And they arose and took away the altars that <i>were</i> in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast <i>them</i> into the brook Kidron.</p> <p>(15) Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth <i>day</i> of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(16) And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, <i>which they received</i> of the hand of the Levites.</p> <p>(17) For <i>there were</i> many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one <i>that was</i> not clean, to sanctify <i>them</i> unto the LORD.</p>	<p>(11) Nevertheless various ones of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(12) Also in Judah the hand of God was to give those one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(13) And there assembled at Jerusalem many people to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month {Iyar [Apr./May]}, a very great congregation.</p> <p>(14) And they arose and took away the altars that <i>were</i> in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense they took away, and cast <i>them</i> into the brook Kidron.</p> <p>(15) Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth <i>day</i> of the second month {Iyar [Apr./May]} {2/14/3400 A.H./C-642 B.C.}:<sup>b</sup> and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(16) And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, <i>which they received</i> from the hand of the Levites.</p> <p>(17) Because <i>there were</i> many in the congregation who were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for everyone who <i>was</i> not clean, to sanctify <i>them</i> to the LORD {Jehovah}.</p>
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<p>(18) For a multitude of the people, <i>even</i> many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one</p> <p>(19) <i>That</i> prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though <i>he be</i> not <i>cleansed</i> according to the purification of the sanctuary.</p> <p>(20) And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.</p> <p>(21) And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, <i>singing</i> with loud instruments unto the LORD.</p> <p>(22) And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.</p> <p>(23) And the whole assembly took counsel to keep <i>other</i> seven days: and they kept <i>other</i> seven days with gladness.</p>	<p>(18) Because a multitude of the people, <i>even</i> many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the passover contrary to the law as it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD {Jehovah} pardon everyone</p> <p>(19) <i>Who</i> prepared his heart to seek God, the LORD {Jehovah} God of his fathers, even though <i>he was</i> not <i>cleansed</i> according to the purification of the sanctuary.</p> <p>(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.</p> <p>(21) And the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD {Jehovah} day by day, <i>singing</i> with loud instruments to the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(22) And Hezekiah spoke words of encouragement to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the LORD {Jehovah}: and they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD {Jehovah} God of their fathers.</p> <p>(23) And the whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days: and they kept <i>another</i> seven days with gladness.</p>

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<p>(24) For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.</p> <p>(25) And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.</p> <p>(26) So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel <i>there was</i> not the like in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(27) Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came <i>up</i> to his holy dwelling place, <i>even</i> unto heaven.</p> <p><b>Chapter 31</b></p> <p>(1) Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.</p>	<p>(24) Because Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.</p> <p>(25) And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation who came out of Israel, and the strangers who came out of the land of Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced.</p> <p>(26) So there was great joy in Jerusalem: because since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel <i>there was</i> nothing like it in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(27) Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came <i>up</i> to His holy home place, <i>even</i> to heaven.</p> <p><b>Chapter 31</b></p> <p>(1) Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had completely destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.</p>



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<p>(2) And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.</p> <p>(3) <i>He appointed</i> also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, <i>to wit</i>, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as <i>it</i> is written in the law of the LORD.</p> <p>(4) Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.</p> <p>(5) And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all <i>things</i> brought they in abundantly.</p> <p>(6) And <i>concerning</i> the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid <i>them</i> by heaps.</p>	<p>(2) And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(3) <i>He appointed</i> also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to provide, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths {Saturdays}, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as <i>it is</i> written in the law of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(4) Furthermore he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(5) And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe {10%}<sup>a</sup> of all <i>things</i> they brought in abundantly.</p> <p>(6) And <i>concerning</i> the children of Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe {10%} of oxen and sheep, and the tithe {10%} of holy things which were consecrated to the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and laid <i>them</i> by heaps.</p>
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<p>(7) In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished <i>them</i> in the seventh month.</p> <p>(8) And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel.</p> <p>(9) Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.</p> <p>(10) And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since <i>the people</i> began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.</p> <p>(11) Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared <i>them</i>,</p> <p>(12) And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated <i>things</i> faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite <i>was</i> ruler, and Shimei his brother <i>was</i> the next.</p> <p>(13) And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, <i>were</i> overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.</p>	<p>(7) In the third month {Sivan [May/June]}<sup>b</sup> they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished <i>them</i> in the seventh month {[Tishri [Sept./Oct.]]}.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(8) And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they praised the LORD {Jehovah}, and His people Israel.</p> <p>(9) Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.</p> <p>(10) And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since <i>the people</i> began to bring the offerings into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, we have had enough to eat, and have plenty left: because the LORD {Jehovah} has blessed His people; and that which is left is this great store.</p> <p>(11) Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; and they prepared <i>them</i>,</p> <p>(12) And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated <i>things</i> faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite <i>was</i> ruler, and Shimei his brother <i>was</i> the next.</p> <p>(13) And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, <i>were</i> overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house {temple} of God.</p>
<p>31:7b - third month {Sivan [May/June]} - the month of Pentecost - see Lev. 23  31:7c - seventh month {Tisri [Sept./Oct.]} - See <u>Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</u>. See also <u>The Jewish Calendar</u> at <u>www.TheWordNotes.com</u></p>	

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<p>(14) And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, <i>was</i> over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.</p> <p>(15) And next him <i>were</i> Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in <i>their</i> set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:</p> <p>(16) Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, <i>even</i> unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;</p> <p>(17) Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;</p> <p>(18) And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:</p> <p>(19) Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, <i>which were</i> in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.</p>	<p>(14) And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper towards the east, <i>was</i> over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the most holy things.</p> <p>(15) And next to him <i>were</i> Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in <i>their</i> set office, to give to their brothers by courses, as well to the great as to the small:</p> <p>(16) Besides their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, <i>even</i> to everyone who entered into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;</p> <p>(17) Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;</p> <p>(18) And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: because in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:</p> <p>(19) Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, <i>who were</i> in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men who were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.</p>

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<p>(20) And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought <i>that which was</i> good and right and truth before the LORD his God.</p> <p>(21) And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did <i>it</i> with all his heart, and prospered.</p> <p><b>Chapter 32</b></p> <p>(1) After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.</p> <p>(2) And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,</p> <p>(3) He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which <i>were</i> without the city: and they did help him.</p> <p>(4) So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?</p> <p>(5) Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised <i>it</i> up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo <i>in</i> the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.</p>	<p>(20) And so Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and did <i>that which was</i> good and right and truth before the LORD {Jehovah} his God.</p> <p>(21) And in every work that he began in the service of the house {temple} of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did <i>it</i> with all his heart, and prospered.</p> <p><b>Chapter 32</b></p> <p>(1) After these things, and its establishment, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.</p> <p>(2) And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he was determined to fight against Jerusalem,</p> <p>(3) He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which <i>were</i> outside the city: and they helped him.</p> <p>(4) So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?</p> <p>(5) Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised <i>it</i> up to the towers, and another wall outside, and repaired Millo <i>in</i> the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.</p>

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<p>(6) And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,</p> <p>(7) Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for <i>there be</i> more with us than with him:</p> <p>(8) With him <i>is</i> an arm of flesh; but with us <i>is</i> the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.</p> <p>(9) After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he <i>himself laid siege</i> against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that <i>were</i> at Jerusalem, saying,</p> <p>(10) Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?</p> <p>(11) Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?</p> <p>(12) Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?</p>	<p>(6) And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to himself in the street of the gate of the city, and spoke words of encouragement to them, saying,</p> <p>(7) Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid nor dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor because of all the multitude who <i>is</i> with him: because <i>there are</i> more with us than with him:</p> <p>(8) With him <i>is</i> an arm of flesh; but with us <i>is</i> the LORD {Jehovah} our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.</p> <p>(9) After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (but he <i>himself laid siege</i> against Lachish, and all his power with him,) to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who <i>were</i> at Jerusalem, saying,</p> <p>(10) This is what Sennacherib king of Assyria says, Upon what do you trust, that you remain in the siege in Jerusalem?</p> <p>(11) Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?</p> <p>(12) Has not this same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, You shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?</p>

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<p>(13) Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of <i>other</i> lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?</p> <p>(14) Who <i>was there</i> among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?</p> <p>(15) Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?</p> <p>(16) And his servants spake yet <i>more</i> against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.</p> <p>(17) He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of <i>other</i> lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.</p> <p>(18) Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that <i>were</i> on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.</p> <p>(19) And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, <i>which were</i> the work of the hands of man.</p>	<p>(13) Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the people of <i>other</i> lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand?</p> <p>(14) Who <i>was there</i> among all the gods of those nations that my fathers completely destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand?</p> <p>(15) Now therefore do not let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in this manner, neither yet believe him: because no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of my hand?<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(16) And his servants spoke yet <i>more</i> against the LORD {Jehovah} God, and against His servant Hezekiah.</p> <p>(17) He wrote also letters to rail against the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, As the gods of the nations of <i>other</i> lands have not delivered their people out of my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people out of my hand.</p> <p>(18) Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem who <i>were</i> on the wall, to make them afraid, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.</p> <p>(19) And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, <i>which were</i> the work of the hands of man.</p>
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<p>(20) And for this <i>cause</i> Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.</p> <p>(21) And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.</p> <p>(22) Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all <i>other</i>, and guided them on every side.</p> <p>(23) And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.</p> <p>(24) In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.</p> <p>(25) But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit <i>done</i> unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(26) Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, <i>both</i> he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.</p>	<p>(20) And for this <i>cause</i> Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.</p> <p>(21) And the LORD {Jehovah} sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he had come into the house of his god, those who came forth of his own body killed him there with the sword.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(22) So the LORD {Jehovah} saved Hezekiah and the people who lived in Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all <i>others</i>, and guided them on every side.</p> <p>(23) And many brought gifts to the LORD {Jehovah} to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from that time forth.</p> <p>(24) In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}: and He spoke to him, and He gave him a sign.<sup>c</sup></p> <p>(25) But Hezekiah did not repay according to the benefit <i>done</i> to him; because his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath {anger; judgment} upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(26) Nevertheless Hezekiah humbled himself because of the pride of his heart, <i>both</i> he and those who lived in Jerusalem, so that the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.</p>
<p>32:21b – II Ki. 19:36-37  32:24c II Ki. 20:1</p>	

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<p>(27) And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;</p> <p>(28) Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.</p> <p>(29) Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.</p> <p>(30) This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.</p> <p>(31) Howbeit in <i>the business of</i> the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was <i>done</i> in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all <i>that was</i> in his heart.</p> <p>(32) Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they <i>are</i> written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, <i>and</i> in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.</p> <p>(33) And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.</p>	<p>(27) And Hezekiah had exceedingly much riches and honor: and he made for himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;</p> <p>(28) Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and pens for flocks.</p> <p>(29) Furthermore he provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: because God had given him very much substance.</p> <p>(30) This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.</p> <p>(31) However in <i>the business of</i> the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was <i>done</i> in the land, God left him, to test him, that He might know all <i>that was</i> in his heart.</p> <p>(32) Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, look, they <i>are</i> written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, <i>and</i> in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.</p> <p>(33) And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the best of the tombs of the sons of David: and all Judah and the people who lived in Jerusalem honored him at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his place {3430 A.H./C- 612 B.C.}.</p>



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<b>Chapter 33</b> (1) Manasseh <i>was</i> twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: (2) But did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. (3) For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. (4) Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. (5) And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. (6) And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.	<b>Chapter 33</b> (1) Manasseh <i>was</i> twelve years old when he began to reign {3430 A.H./C-612 B.C.}, <sup>a*</sup> and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem: (2) But he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, like the abominations of the heathen {ungodly nations}, whom the LORD {Jehovah} had cast out before the children of Israel. (3) Because he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he raised up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. <sup>b</sup> (4) Also he built altars in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, of which the LORD {Jehovah} had said, <b>In Jerusalem shall My Name be forever.</b> <sup>c</sup> (5) And he built altars for all the host {multitudes} of heaven in the two courts of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} (6) And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, <sup>d</sup> and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he did much evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, to provoke Him to anger.
33:1a - II Ki. 18:2; II Ki. 20:21-21:1 33:3b – II Ki. 21:3 33:4c - I Ki. 9:3 33:6d – observed times – practiced astrology and horoscopes – Lev. 19:26; II Ki. 21:6; Gal. 4:10  Hezekiah dies after 29 year reign; Manasseh his son begins reign over Judah [*3430 A.H./C- 612 B.C.] - See <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u>	

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<p>(7) And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:</p> <p>(8) Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.</p> <p>(9) So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, <i>and</i> to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.</p> <p>(10) And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.</p> <p>(11) Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.</p> <p>(12) And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,</p> <p>(13) And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he <i>was</i> God.</p>	<p>(7) And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house {temple} of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, <b>In this house {temple}, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, I will put My Name forever:</b></p> <p>(8) <b>Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the laws and the commandments given by the hand of Moses.</b></p> <p>(9) So Manasseh caused Judah and the people who lived in Jerusalem to err, <i>and</i> to do worse than the heathen {ungodly nations}, whom the LORD {Jehovah} had destroyed before the children of Israel.</p> <p>(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not listen.</p> <p>(11) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} brought upon them the captains of the host {army} of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.</p> <p>(12) And when he was in affliction, he sought the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,</p> <p>(13) And prayed to Him: and He listened to him, and heard his request, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD {Jehovah} He <i>was</i> God.</p>

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<p>(14) Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.</p> <p>(15) And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast <i>them</i> out of the city.</p> <p>(16) And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.</p> <p>(17) Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, <i>yet</i> unto the LORD their God only.</p> <p>(18) Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they <i>are written</i> in the book of the kings of Israel.</p> <p>(19) His prayer also, and <i>how God</i> was intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they <i>are written</i> among the sayings of the seers.</p>	<p>(14) Now after this he built a wall outside the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate, and encircled Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.</p> <p>(15) And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in Jerusalem, and cast <i>them</i> out of the city.</p> <p>(16) And he repaired the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, and sacrificed on it peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.</p> <p>(17) Nevertheless the people still sacrificed in the high places, <i>but only</i> to the LORD {Jehovah} their God.</p> <p>(18) Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the prophets who spoke to him in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, indeed, they <i>are written</i> in the book of the kings of Israel.</p> <p>(19) His prayer also, and <i>how God</i> listened to him, and all his sin, and his evil deeds, and the places in which he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: indeed, they <i>are written</i> among the sayings of the prophets.</p>

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<p>(20) So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p>(21) Amon <i>was</i> two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(22) But he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;</p> <p>(23) And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.</p> <p>(24) And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.</p> <p>(25) But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.</p> <p><b>Chapter 34</b></p> <p>(1) Josiah <i>was</i> eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.</p>	<p>(20) So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his place {3485 A.H./C- 557 B.C.}.<sup>e*</sup></p> <p>(21) Amon <i>was</i> twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(22) But he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, as did Manasseh his father: because Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;</p> <p>(23) And did not humble himself before the LORD {Jehovah}, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon sinned more and more.</p> <p>(24) And his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house.</p> <p>(25) But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place {3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.}.</p> <p><b>Chapter 34</b></p> <p>(1) Josiah <i>was</i> eight years old when he began to reign {3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.},<sup>a**</sup> and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.</p>
<p>33:20e - II Ki. 21:1,18-19  34:1a - II Ki. 21:19-22:1</p> <p>Manasseh's reign ends after 55 years; Amon his son begins reign  [*3485 A.H./C- 557 B.C.] - See <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p> <p>After 2 years, Amon is killed; Josiah his son begins reign  [**3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(2) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined <i>neither</i> to the right hand, nor to the left.</p> <p>(3) For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.</p> <p>(4) And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that <i>were</i> on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust <i>of them</i>, and strowed <i>it</i> upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.</p> <p>(5) And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(6) And <i>so did he</i> in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.</p> <p>(7) And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>(2) And he did <i>that which was</i> right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined <i>neither</i> to the right hand, nor to the left.</p> <p>(3) Because in the eighth year of his reign {3495 A.H./C-547 B.C.}, while he was yet young {16 years old}, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year {3499 A.H./C-543 B.C.} he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.</p> <p>(4) And they broke down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that <i>were</i> on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust <i>of them</i>, and scattered <i>it</i> upon the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.</p> <p>(5) And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(6) And <i>so he did</i> in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, with their tools all around.</p> <p>(7) And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.</p>

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<p>(8) Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.</p> <p>(9) And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(10) And they put <i>it</i> in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:</p> <p>(11) Even to the artificers and builders gave they <i>it</i>, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.</p> <p>(12) And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them <i>were</i> Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set <i>it</i> forward; and <i>other of</i> the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.</p>	<p>(8) Now in the eighteenth year of his reign {3504 A.H. C- 538 B.C.},* when he had purged the land, and the house {temple}, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} his God.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(9) And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house {temple} of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.</p> <p>(10) And they put <i>it</i> in the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen who did the work in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, to repair and mend the house:</p> <p>(11) They gave it to the carpenters and builders, to buy cut stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.</p> <p>(12) And the men did the work faithfully: and their overseers <i>were</i> Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set <i>it</i> forward; and <i>other of</i> the Levites, all who had skill of instruments of music.</p>
<p>34:8b – II Ki. 22:3</p> <p>18th year of Josiah; Great Revival  [*3504 A.H. C- 538 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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<p>(13) Also <i>they were</i> over the bearers of burdens, and <i>were</i> overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites <i>there were</i> scribes, and officers, and porters.</p> <p>(14) And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD <i>given</i> by Moses.</p> <p>(15) And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.</p> <p>(16) And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(17) And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.</p> <p>(18) Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.</p> <p>(19) And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.</p> <p>(20) And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,</p>	<p>(13) Also <i>they were</i> over those who carried the burdens, and <i>were</i> overseers of all who performed the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites <i>who were</i> scribes, and officers, and doorkeepers.</p> <p>(14) And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD {Jehovah} <i>given</i> by Moses.</p> <p>(15) And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.</p> <p>(16) And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to your servants, they are doing <i>it</i>. <sup>c</sup></p> <p>(17) And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.</p> <p>(18) Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.</p> <p>(19) And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he tore his clothes.</p> <p>(20) And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,</p>
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<p>(21) Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.</p> <p>(22) And Hilkiah, and <i>they</i> that the king <i>had appointed</i>, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that <i>effect</i>.</p> <p>(23) And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,</p> <p>(24) Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, <i>even</i> all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:</p> <p>(25) Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.</p> <p>(26) And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel <i>concerning</i> the words which thou hast heard;</p>	<p>(21) Go, inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: because great is the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} that is poured out upon us, because our forefathers have not kept the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, to do according to all that is written in this book.</p> <p>(22) And Hilkiah, and <i>those whom</i> the king <i>had appointed</i>, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spoke to her to that <i>effect</i>.</p> <p>(23) And she answered them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, <i>Tell the man who sent you to Me,</i><sup>d</sup></p> <p>(24) <i>This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the people who live here, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:</i></p> <p>(25) <i>Because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My anger will be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.</i></p> <p>(26) <i>And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, so shall you say to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says concerning the words which you have heard;</i></p>
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<p>(27) Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard <i>thee</i> also, saith the LORD.</p> <p>(28) Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.</p> <p>(29) Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(30) And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.</p> <p>(31) And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.</p>	<p>(27) Because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard His words against this place, and against the people who live here, and humbled yourself before Me, and tore your clothes, and wept before Me; I have even heard <i>you</i> also, says the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(28) Indeed, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace, neither will your eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the people who live here. So they brought the king word again.</p> <p>(29) Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(30) And the king went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all the men of Judah, and the people who lived in Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.<sup>e</sup></p> <p>(31) And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD {Jehovah}, to walk after the LORD {Jehovah}, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His laws, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.</p>
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<p>(32) And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand <i>to it</i>. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.</p> <p>(33) And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that <i>pertained</i> to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, <i>even</i> to serve the LORD their God. <i>And</i> all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.</p> <p><b>Chapter 35</b></p> <p>(1) Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth <i>day</i> of the first month.</p> <p>(2) And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD,</p> <p>(3) And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; <i>it shall</i> not <i>be</i> a burden upon <i>your</i> shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,</p> <p>(4) And prepare <i>yourselves</i> by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.</p>	<p>(32) And he caused all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand <i>to it</i>. And the people who lived in Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.</p> <p>(33) And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that <i>belonged</i> to the children of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve, <i>even</i> to serve the LORD {Jehovah} their God. <i>And</i> all his days they did not depart from following the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of their fathers.</p> <p><b>Chapter 35</b></p> <p>(1) Furthermore Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD {Jehovah} in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth <i>day</i> of the first month {Nisan [Mar./Apr.]}.<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(2) And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},</p> <p>(3) And said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the LORD {Jehovah}, Put the holy ark in the house {temple} which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; <i>it shall</i> not <i>be</i> a burden upon <i>your</i> shoulders: now serve the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and His people Israel,</p> <p>(4) And prepare <i>yourselves</i> by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.</p>
<p>35:1a – II Ki. 23:21 - See <a href="#">Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</a>. See also <a href="http://www.TheWordNotes.com">The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com</a></p>	

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<p>(5) And stand in the holy <i>place</i> according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and <i>after</i> the division of the families of the Levites.</p> <p>(6) So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that <i>they</i> may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.</p> <p>(7) And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these <i>were</i> of the king's substance.</p> <p>(8) And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred <i>small cattle</i>, and three hundred oxen.</p> <p>(9) Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand <i>small cattle</i>, and five hundred oxen.</p> <p>(10) So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.</p>	<p>(5) And stand in the holy <i>place</i> according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brothers the people, and <i>after</i> the division of the families of the Levites.</p> <p>(6) So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brothers, that <i>they</i> may do according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} by the hand of Moses.</p> <p>(7) And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the Passover offerings, for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls: these <i>were</i> of the king's substance.</p> <p>(8) And his princes gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred <i>small cattle</i>, and three hundred oxen.</p> <p>(9) Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand <i>small cattle</i>, and five hundred oxen.</p> <p>(10) So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.</p>

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<p>(11) And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled <i>the blood</i> from their hands, and the Levites flayed <i>them</i>.</p> <p>(12) And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as <i>it is</i> written in the book of Moses. And so <i>did they</i> with the oxen.</p> <p>(13) And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the <i>other holy offerings</i> sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided <i>them</i> speedily among all the people.</p> <p>(14) And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron <i>were busied</i> in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.</p> <p>(15) And the singers the sons of Asaph <i>were</i> in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters <i>waited</i> at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.</p> <p>(16) So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.</p>	<p>(11) And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled <i>the blood</i> from their hands, and the Levites flayed <i>them</i>.</p> <p>(12) And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer to the LORD {Jehovah}, as <i>it is</i> written in the book of Moses. And so <i>they did</i> with the oxen.</p> <p>(13) And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the <i>other holy offerings</i> they boiled in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided <i>them</i> speedily among all the people.</p> <p>(14) And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron <i>were busied</i> in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.</p> <p>(15) And the singers the sons of Asaph <i>were</i> in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's prophet; and the gatekeepers <i>waited</i> at every gate; they did not depart from their service; because their brothers the Levites prepared for them.</p> <p>(16) So all the service of the LORD {Jehovah} was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to the commandment of king Josiah.</p>

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<p>(17) And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.</p> <p>(18) And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(19) In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.</p> <p>(20) After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.</p> <p>(21) But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? <i>I come</i> not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from <i>meddling with</i> God, who <i>is</i> with me, that he destroy thee not.</p> <p>(22) Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.</p>	<p>(17) And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days.</p> <p>(18) And there was no Passover like it kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the people who lived in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(19) In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept {1/14/3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.}*.</p> <p>(20) After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.</p> <p>(21) But he {king Necho} sent ambassadors to him {king Josiah}, saying, What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? <i>I am not coming</i> against you this day, but against the house with which I have war: because God commanded me to hurry: keep yourself from <i>meddling with</i> God, Who <i>is</i> with me, that He not destroy you.</p> <p>(22) Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and did not listen to the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.<sup>b</sup></p>
<p>35:22b – II Ki. 23:28</p> <p>18th year of Josiah's reign; Great Revival  [*3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.] - see <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	



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<p>(3) And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.</p> <p>(4) And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.</p> <p>(5) Jehoiakim <i>was</i> twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD his God.</p> <p>(6) Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.</p> <p>(7) Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.</p> <p>(8) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.</p>	<p>(3) And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and taxed the land one hundred talents of silver {about 7,560 lbs.; 3,429 kg.}<sup>b</sup> and a talent of gold {about 75.6 lbs.; 34.3 kg.}.</p> <p>(4) And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.</p> <p>(5) Jehoiakim <i>was</i> twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} his God.</p> <p>(6) Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon {3520 A.H./C- 522 B.C.}.<sup>c*</sup></p> <p>(7) Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of the house {temple} and put them in his temple at Babylon.</p> <p>(8) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, look, they <i>are</i> written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.</p>
<p>36:3b - a talent = 75.6 lbs = 34.3 kilograms – see <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p> <p>36:6c - in Jehoiakim's third year of reign Nebuchadnezzar came - II Ki. 24:1,14; Dan. 2:1</p> <p>70 year Babylonian captivity begins, first group of captives [including Daniel and other royalty] taken to Babylon  [*3520 A.H./C- 522 B.C.] - See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	

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<p>(9) Jehoiachin <i>was</i> eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD.</p> <p>(10) And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(11) Zedekiah <i>was</i> one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(12) And he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD his God, <i>and</i> humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet <i>speaking</i> from the mouth of the LORD.</p> <p>(13) And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.</p> <p>(14) Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.</p>	<p>(9) Jehoiachin <i>was</i> eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(10) And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the best vessels of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>(11) Zedekiah <i>was</i> twenty-one years old when he began to reign {3528 A.H./C-513 B.C.},* and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>(12) And he did <i>that which was</i> evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, <i>and</i> did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet <i>speaking</i> from the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(13) And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he became stubborn, and hardened his heart from turning to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.</p> <p>(14) Furthermore all the chief of the priests, and the people, sinned very much after all the abominations of the heathen {ungodly nations}; and polluted the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} which He had hallowed in Jerusalem.</p>
<p>2nd group of captives taken to Babylon [including Ezekiel and other priests]; Zedekiah appointed as king over Judah by Nebuchadnezzar in the eighth year of the 70 year exile.  [*3528 A.H./C-513 B.C.] - See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	



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<p>(15) And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:</p> <p>(16) But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till <i>there was</i> no remedy.</p> <p>(17) Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave <i>them</i> all into his hand.</p> <p>(18) And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all <i>these</i> he brought to Babylon.</p> <p>(19) And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.</p> <p>(20) And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:</p>	<p>(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} God of their fathers sent to them by His messengers, rising up from time to time, and sending; because He had compassion on His people, and on His house {temple}:</p> <p>(16) But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets, until the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} arose against His people, until <i>there was</i> no remedy.</p> <p>(17) Therefore He brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who killed their young men with the sword in the house {temple} of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him who stooped for age: He gave <i>them</i> all into his hand.</p> <p>(18) And all the vessels of the house {temple} of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all <i>these</i> he brought to Babylon.<sup>d</sup></p> <p>(19) And they burnt the house {temple} of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its best vessels {3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.}.*</p> <p>(20) And those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:</p>
<p>36:18d – II Ki. 24:2 – in the 11th year of Zedekiah [19th year of the 70 year exile] Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar resulting in the destruction of the temple, and Jerusalem including its walls and houses – II Ki. 24:1-4; Jer. 39:2; Jer. 52:6; Ezek. 4:5</p> <p>11th year of Zedekiah, 19th year of 70 year exile, temple destroyed [*3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.]</p>	

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<p>(21) To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: <i>for</i> as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.</p> <p>(22) Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD <i>spoken</i> by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and <i>put it</i> also in writing, saying,</p> <p>(23) Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which <i>is</i> in Judah. Who <i>is there</i> among you of all his people? The LORD his God <i>be</i> with him, and let him go up.</p>	<p>(21) To fulfill the word of the LORD {Jehovah} by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: <i>because</i> as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.<sup>e</sup></p> <p>(22) Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia {3589 A.H./C- 453 B.C.},* that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} <i>spoken</i> by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD {Jehovah} stirred up the spirit of Cyrus<sup>f</sup> king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and <i>put it</i> also in writing, saying,</p> <p>(23) This is what Cyrus king of Persia says, All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD {Jehovah} God of heaven has given me; and He has charged me to build Him a house {temple} in Jerusalem, which <i>is</i> in Judah. Who <i>is there</i> among you of all His people? The LORD {Jehovah} his God <i>be</i> with him, and let him go up.</p>
<p>36:21e - seventy years - Jer. 25:11; 29:10  36:22f - Is. 44:28; Ezra 1:1-3</p> <p>Cyrus becomes sole king over Babylon and issues decree to restore Jerusalem;  70 year exile ends  [**3589 A.H./C- 453 B.C.] - See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	