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{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 1

(1) And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD {Jehovah} his God *was* 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 *was* 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 *the place which* 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, 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 *was* 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, [Ask whatever you would like for Me to give you.](#)

(8) And Solomon said to God, You have shown great mercy to my father David, and have caused me to reign in his place.

(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.

(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, *who are so great*?

(11) And God said to Solomon, [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:](#)

(12) [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.](#)

(13) Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

(14) And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

(15) And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar trees he made as the sycamore trees that *are* in the valley for abundance.

(16) And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

(17) And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver {about 15 lbs.; 6.8 kg.}, and a horse for one hundred fifty {about 3.75 lbs; 1.7 kg}: and so they brought out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 2

(1) And Solomon determined to build a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, and a house {palace} for His kingdom.

(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.

- (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, *even so deal with me.*
- (4) Look, I build a house {temple} to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} my God, to dedicate *it* to Him, *and* 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 *is an ordinance* forever to Israel.
- (5) And the house {temple} which I build *is* great: because great *is* our God above all gods.
- (6) But who is able to build Him a house {temple}, since the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? who *am* I then, that I should build Him a house {temple}, except only to burn sacrifices before Him?
- (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 *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.
- (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 *shall be* with your servants,
- (9) Even to prepare for me timber in abundance: because the house {temple} which I am about to build *shall be* wonderfully great.
- (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.}, and twenty thousand measures of barley {about 1,117,000 gal; 4,229 kL.}, and twenty thousand baths of wine {about 116,000 gal.; 439 kL.}, and twenty thousand baths of oil {about 116,000 gal.; 439 kL.}.
- (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.
- (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.
- (13) And now I have sent a skilled man,
endued with understanding, of Hiram my
father's,
- (14) The son of a woman of the daughters of
Dan, and his father *was* 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.
- (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:

(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.

(17) And Solomon numbered all the strangers who *were* 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.

(18) And he set seventy thousand of them *to be* carriers of burdens, and eighty thousand *to be* cutters in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers to set the people at work.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 3

(1) Then Solomon began to build the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD {Jehovah}* appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

(2) And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month {Iyar [Apr./May]}, in the fourth year of his reign {2/2/3107 A.H./C- 935 B.C.}.

(3) Now these *are the things in which* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house {temple} of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* sixty cubits {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m}, and the width twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m}.

(4) And the porch that *was* in the front of *the house {temple}*, the length of *it was* according to the width of the house {temple}, twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m}, and the height *was* one hundred twenty {about 180 ft.; 54.8 m}: and he overlaid it inside with pure gold.

(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.

(6) And he decorated the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.

(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.

(8) And he made the most holy house {Holy of Holies}, the length of which *was* 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, *amounting* to six hundred talents {about 45,360 lbs.; 20,580 kg}.

(9) And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold {about 20 oz.; 570 gm}. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

(10) And in the most holy house {Holy of Holies} he made two cherubims of sculpture work, and overlaid them with gold.

(11) And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m}: one wing of *the one cherub was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m}, reaching to the wall of the house {temple}: and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m}, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

(12) And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m}, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was* five cubits *also* {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m}, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

(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 *were* inward.

(14) And he made the curtain of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and made the cherubims on it.

(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 *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.23 m.}.

(16) And he made chains, *as* in the Holy of Holies, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made one hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.

(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}, and the name of the one on the left “Boaz” {in Him is strength}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 4

(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.}.

(2) Also he made a molten sea {great bowl; bath tub} 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.

(3) And under it *was* 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 *were* cast, when it was cast.

(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 *was set* above upon them, and all their rear parts *were* inward.

(5) And its thickness *was* 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; *and* it received and held three thousand baths {about 17,400 gal.; 66,000 L.}.

(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} *was* for the priests to wash in.

(7) And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

(8) He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made one hundred bowls of gold.

(9) Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the large court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with brass.

(10) And he set the sea {great bowl; bath tub} on the right side of the east end, opposite the south side.

(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;

(12) In this manner, the two pillars, and the bowls, and the caps *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two bowls of the caps *which were* on the top of the pillars;

(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 were* upon the pillars.

(14) He also made bases, and he made bowls upon the bases;

(15) One sea {great bowl; bath tub}, and twelve oxen under it.

(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.

(17) In the plain of Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

(18) So Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: because the weight of the brass

could not be determined.

(19) And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house {temple} of God, the golden altar also, and the tables on which the holy bread *was set*;

(20) Furthermore the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after their manner in front of the Holy of Holies, of pure gold;

(21) And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *he made of gold, and that perfect gold*;

(22) And the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the censers, *of pure gold*: and the entrance of the house {temple}, its inner doors for the most holy *place {Holy of Holies}*, and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of gold*.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 5

(1) So all the work that Solomon made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* 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.

(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*.

(3) Therefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king in the feast {Feast of Tabernacles} which *was* in the seventh month {Tishri [Sept./Oct.]} {7/15/3107 A.H./C- 935 B.C.}.

(4) And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

(5) And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these the priests *and* the Levites brought up.

(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.

(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 *place {Holy of Holies}*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims:

(8) Because the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and its carrying poles from *above*.

(9) And they drew out the carrying poles *of the ark*, 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.

(10) *There was* nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put *in it* at Horeb, when the LORD {Jehovah} made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

(11) And it came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy *place*: (because all the priests who *were* present were sanctified, *and* at that time did not wait by course:

(12) Also the Levites *who were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brothers, *being* 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:)

(13) It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD {Jehovah}; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD {Jehovah}, *saying*, Because *He is* good; because His mercy *endures* forever: *then* the house {temple} was filled with a cloud, *even* the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah};

(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.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 6

(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 is the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who has with His hands fulfilled *that* which He spoke 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 a house {temple} in, that My Name might be there; neither did I choose 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 a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.

(8) But the LORD {Jehovah} said to David my father, *Since it was in your heart to build a house {temple} for My Name, you did well since it was in your heart:*

(9) *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.*

(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.

(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.

(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:

(13) Because Solomon had made a brass scaffold, of five cubits long {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}, 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,

(14) And said,

O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, *there is* no God like You in the heaven, nor in the earth; Who keeps covenant, and *shows* mercy to Your servants, who walk before You with all their hearts:

(15) You have kept with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him; and spoke with Your mouth, and have fulfilled *it* with Your hand, as *it is* this day.

(16) Now therefore, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him, saying, *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.

- (17) Now then, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, let Your word be verified, which You have spoken to Your servant David.
- (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!
- (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:
- (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.
- (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, *even* from heaven; and when You hear, forgive.
- (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};
- (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.
- (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};
- (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.
- (26) When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against

- You; *yet* if they pray towards this place, and confess Your Name, and turn from their sin, when You afflict them;
- (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.
- (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 *there is*:
- (29) *Then* what prayer *or* 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}:
- (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:)
- (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.
- (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};
- (33) Then hear from the heavens, *even* 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 *do*, and may know that this house {temple} which I have built is called by Your Name.
- (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;
- (35) Then hear from the heavens their prayer and their requests, and maintain

their cause.

- (36) If they sin against You, (because *there* is no man who does not sin,) and You are angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and they carry them away captives to a land far off or near;
- (37) Yet *if* 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;
- (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 *towards* the city which You have chosen, and towards the house {temple} which I have built for Your Name:
- (39) Then hear from the heavens, *even* from Your home, their prayer and their requests, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.
- (40) Now, I ask You, my God, let Your eyes be open, and *let* Your ears *be* attentive to the prayer *that is made* in this place.
- (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.
- (42) O LORD {Jehovah} God, do not turn away the face of Your anointed: remember the mercies of David Your servant.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 7

- (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}.
- (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}.
- (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}, *saying*, Because *He is good*; because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (4) Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (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.
- (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 *endures* forever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.
- (7) Furthermore Solomon blessed the middle of the court which *was* 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.
- (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.
- (9) And on the eighth day {of the Feast of Tabernacles} {7/23/3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.} they made a solemn assembly: because they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.
- (10) And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month {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.
- (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.
- (12) And the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, *I have heard Your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house {temple} of sacrifice.*
- (13) *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;*
- (14) *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.*
- (15) *Now My eyes will be open, and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.*
- (16) *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.*
- (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;*
- (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 to be ruler in Israel.*
- (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;*
- (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 to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.*
- (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}?*
- (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.*

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 8

- (1) And it came to pass at the end of twenty years {3127 A.H./C- 915 B.C.}, in which Solomon had built the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and his own house {palace},

- (2) That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to live there.
- (3) And Solomon went to Hamathzobah, and prevailed against it.
- (4) And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath.
- (5) Also he built Bethhoron the upper, and Bethhoron the lower, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;
- (6) And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his kingdom.
- (7) *As for* all the people *who were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who *were* not of Israel,
- (8) *But* of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel did not destroy, them Solomon made pay taxes until this day.
- (9) But of the children of Israel Solomon did not make servants for his work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.
- (10) And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred fifty, who ruled over the people.
- (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 *the places are* holy, where the ark of the LORD {Jehovah} has come.
- (12) Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD {Jehovah} on the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, which he had built before the porch,
- (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, *even* in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles.
- (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 gatekeepers also by their courses at every gate: because David the man of God had so commanded.
- (15) And they did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.
- (16) Now all the work of Solomon was prepared to the day of the foundation of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and until it was finished. *So* the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was completed.
- (17) Then Solomon went to Eziongeber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.
- (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.}, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 9

- (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.
- (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, *It was* 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 *it*: and, indeed, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me: *because* you exceed the fame that I heard.

(7) Happy *are* your men, and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom.

(8) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who delights in you to set you on His throne, *to be* 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.

(9) And she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold {about 9,072 lbs.; 4,115 kg.}, and a great abundance of spices, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

(10) And also the servants of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir {India}, brought algum trees and precious stones.

(11) And the king made *of* the algum 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.

(12) And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides *that* which she had brought to the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

(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.};

(14) Besides *that which* traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

(15) And king Solomon made two hundred shields *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold {about 15 lbs; 6.8 kg.} went to one shield.

(16) And *he made* three hundred shields *of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* 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.

(17) Furthermore the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

(18) And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:

(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.

(20) And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold: none *were of* silver; it {silver} was *not* accounted of any value in the days of Solomon.

(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.

(22) And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

(23) And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

(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 placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.
- (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 he made as the sycamore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.
- (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, *are* 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 prophet against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?
- (30) And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
- (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.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 10

- (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 *was* in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.
- (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.
- (5) And he said to them, Come again to me after three days. And the people departed.
- (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 *me* to return answer to this people?
- (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.
- (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.
- (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?
- (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 *it* somewhat lighter for us; this is what you should say to them, My little *finger* will be thicker than my father's thighs.
- (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 *will chastise you* with scorpions.
- (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.
- (13) And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,
- (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 *will chastise you* with scorpions.
- (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.
- (16) And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the

king, saying, What portion do we have in David? and *we have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to your own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

(17) But *as for* the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

(18) Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram who *was* over the taxes; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam quickly ran to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

(19) And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 11

(1) And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin one hundred eighty thousand chosen *men*, 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) **Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,**

(4) **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.** 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 *are* in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.

(11) And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and store of food, and of oil and wine.

(12) And in every several city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceedingly strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

(13) And the priests and the Levites who *were* in all Israel came to him out of all their coasts.

(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}:

(15) And he ordained for himself priests for the high places, and for the demons, and for the calves which he had made.

(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.

(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.

(18) And Rehoboam took for himself Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to be his wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;

(19) Who bore him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

(20) And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; who bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

(21) And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (because he took eighteen wives, and sixty concubines; and fathered twenty-eight sons, and sixty daughters.)

(22) And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brothers: because *he thought* to make him king.

(23) And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, to every fenced city: and he gave them food in abundance. And he desired many wives.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 12

(1) And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all Israel with him.

(2) And it came to pass, *that* in the fifth year of king Rehoboam {3148 A.H./C- 894 B.C.} Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had sinned against the LORD {Jehovah},

(3) With twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number who came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

(4) And he took the fenced cities which *belonged* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

(5) Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and *to* the princes of Judah, who were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **You have forsaken Me, and therefore I have also left you in the hand of Shishak.**

(6) Upon which the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD {Jehovah} *is* righteous.

(7) And when the LORD {Jehovah} saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Shemaiah, saying, **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.**

(8) **Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know My service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.**

(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.

(10) In their place king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the entrance of the king's house.

(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.

(12) And when he humbled himself, the wrath {anger; judgment} of the LORD {Jehovah} turned from him, that He would not destroy *him* altogether: and also in Judah things went well.

(13) So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: because Rehoboam *was* 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 *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

(14) And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the prophet concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

(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.}.

{{14}} II Chronicles} Chapter 13

- (1) Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam {3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.} Abijah began to reign over Judah.
- (2) He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.
- (3) And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *who were* mighty men of valor.
- (4) And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which *is* in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, Jeroboam, and all Israel;
- (5) Do you not know that the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, *even* to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?
- (6) Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, has risen up, and has rebelled against his lord.
- (7) And there are gathered to him vain men, the children of Belial {wickedness}, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.
- (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 *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.
- (9) Have you not cast out the priests of the LORD {Jehovah}, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made for yourselves priests after the manner of the *other* nations? so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *those who are* no gods.
- (10) But as for us, the LORD {Jehovah} *is* our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests, who minister to the LORD {Jehovah}, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business:
- (11) And they burn to the LORD {Jehovah} every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the holy bread *they* also *set in order* 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.
- (12) And, indeed, God Himself *is* with us for *our* 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.
- (13) But Jeroboam set an ambush to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambush *was* behind them.
- (14) And when Judah looked back, indeed, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.
- (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.
- (16) And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.
- (17) And Abijah and his people killed them with a great slaughter: so there fell down dead of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.
- (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.
- (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.
- (20) Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD {Jehovah} struck him, and he died.

(21) But Abijah grew mighty, and married fourteen wives, and fathered twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters.

(22) And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his deeds, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 14

(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.}. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

(2) And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah} his God:

(3) Because he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, and broke down the images, and cut down the groves:

(4) And commanded Judah to seek the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

(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.

(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.

(7) Therefore he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and make walls around *them*, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD {Jehovah} our God, we have sought *Him*, and He has given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

(8) And Asa had an army *of men* 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 *were* mighty men of valor.

(9) And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of one million, and three hundred chariots; and came to Mareshah.

(10) Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

(11) And Asa cried to the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and said, LORD {Jehovah}, *it is* 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 *are* our God; let not man prevail against You.

(12) So the LORD {Jehovah} struck the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

(13) And Asa and the people who *were* 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.

(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.

(15) They struck also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 15

(1) And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

(2) And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, [Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD {Jehovah} is with you, while you are with Him; and if you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.](#)

(3) [Now for a long season Israel has been without the true God, and without a teaching priest,](#)

and without law.

(4) But when they in their trouble turned to the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them.

(5) And in those times *there was* no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in, but great troubles *were* upon all those who live in the countries.

(6) And nation was destroyed by nation, and city of city: because God troubled them with all adversity.

(7) Be strong therefore, and do not let your hands be weak: because your work shall be rewarded.

(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 *was* before the porch of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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 *was* with him.

(10) So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month {Sivan [May/June]}, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa {3177 A.H./C- 865 B.C.}.

(11) And they offered to the LORD {Jehovah} the same time, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

(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;

(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.

(14) And they swore to the LORD {Jehovah} with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

(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.

(16) And also *concerning* Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.

(17) But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

(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.

(19) And there was no *more* war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa {3197 A.H./C- 845 B.C.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 16

(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.

(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,

(3) *There is* an alliance between me and you, as *there was* 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.

- (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.
- (5) And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.
- (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.
- (7) And at that time Hanani the prophet came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, *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.*
- (8) *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.*
- (9) *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.*
- (10) Then Asa was angry with the prophet, and put him in a prison house; because *he was angry* with him because of this prophecy. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people at the same time.
- (11) And, indeed, the acts of Asa, first and last, indeed, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
- (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 *was* exceedingly *great*: yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD {Jehovah}, but turned to the physicians.
- (13) And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign {3203 A.H./C-839 B.C.}.
- (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 spices* prepared by the perfumers' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 17

- (1) And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place {3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.}, and strengthened himself against Israel.
- (2) And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.
- (3) And the LORD {Jehovah} was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and did not seek after Baalim;
- (4) But sought after the *LORD {Jehovah}* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the deeds of Israel.
- (5) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance.
- (6) And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD {Jehovah}: furthermore he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.
- (7) Also in the third year of his reign {3206 A.H./C-836 B.C.} he sent to his princes, *even* to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.
- (8) And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* 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.
- (9) And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD {Jehovah} with them,

and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

(10) And the fear of the LORD {Jehovah} fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* all around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

(11) Also *some* 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.

(12) And Jehoshaphat grew exceedingly great; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

(13) And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valor, *were* in Jerusalem.

(14) And these *are* 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.

(15) And next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand.

(16) And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the LORD {Jehovah}; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

(17) And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

(18) And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him one hundred eighty thousand ready prepared for the war.

(19) These waited on the king, besides *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 18

(1) Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined in peace with Ahab.

(2) And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramothgilead.

(3) And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I *am* as you *are*, and my people as your people; and *we will be* with you in the war.

(4) And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I ask you to inquire, at the word of the LORD {Jehovah} today.

(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 *it* into the king's hand.

(6) But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah} besides *these*, that we might inquire of Him?

(7) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *There is* 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 *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Do not let the king say so.

(8) And the king of Israel called for one *of his* officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

(9) And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah each sat on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in an empty place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

(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.

(11) And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: because the LORD {Jehovah} shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

(12) And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Indeed, the words of the prophets *declare* 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.

(13) And Micaiah said, *As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, even what my God says, that I will speak.*

(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.

(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}?

(16) Then he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD {Jehovah} said, *These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.*

(17) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you *that* he would not prophesy good towards me, but evil?

(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 *on* His left.

(19) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, *Who will entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead?* And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

(20) Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, *I will entice him.* And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, *How?*

(21) And he said, *I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.* And *the LORD {Jehovah}* said, *You shall entice him, and you shall also prevail: go out, and do even so.*

(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.

(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?

(24) And Micaiah said, Indeed, you shall see on that day when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.

(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;

(26) And say, This is what the king says, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

(27) And Micaiah said, If you certainly return in peace, *then* the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken by me. And he said, Listen, all you people.

(28) So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

(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.

(30) Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Do not fight with small or great, except only with the king of Israel.

(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 *to depart* from him.

(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.

(33) And a *certain* 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.

(34) And the battle increased that day: however the king of Israel propped *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the evening: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 19

(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} is 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 is with you in the judgment.

(7) Therefore now let the fear of the LORD {Jehovah} be upon you; take heed and do *it*: because *there is* no sin with the LORD {Jehovah} our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

(8) Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and *of* 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.

(9) And he charged them, saying, This you shall do in the fear of the LORD {Jehovah}, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

(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}, *so that* wrath {anger; judgment} comes upon you, and upon your brothers: do this, and you shall not sin.

(11) And, indeed, Amariah the chief priest *is* 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 *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD {Jehovah} shall be with the good.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 20

(1) It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *others* besides the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

(2) Then there came some who told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes a great multitude against you from beyond the sea on this side of Syria; and, look, they *are* in Hazazontamar, which *is* Engedi.

(3) And Jehoshaphat was afraid, and set himself to seek the LORD {Jehovah}, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

(4) And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD {Jehovah}: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house

{temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, before the new court,

(6) And said,

O LORD {Jehovah} God of our forefathers,
are You not God in heaven? and do You
not rule over all the kingdoms of the
heathen {ungodly nations}? and in Your
hand *is there not* power and might, so that
no one is able to withstand You?

(7) *Are* You not our God, *Who* drove out
those who live in this land before Your
people Israel, and gave it to the
descendants of Abraham Your friend
forever?

(8) And they lived in it, and have built You a
sanctuary in it for Your Name, saying,

(9) If, *when* 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 *is*
in this house {temple},) and cry to You in
our affliction, then You will hear and help.

(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;

(11) Look, *I say, how* they reward us, to
come to cast us out of Your possession,
which You have given us to inherit.

(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 *are* upon You.

(13) And all Judah stood before the LORD {Jehovah}, with their little ones, their wives, and
their children.

(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;

(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, **Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this
great multitude; because the battle is not yours, but God's.**

(16) **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.**

(17) **You will not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, you stand still, 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} will be with you.**

(18) And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and those

who lived in Jerusalem fell before the LORD {Jehovah}, worshiping the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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.

(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.

(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 *endures* forever.

(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.

(23) Because the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the those who lived in mount Seir, to completely kill and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of those who lived in Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

(24) And when Judah came towards the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked to the multitude, and, indeed, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and no one escaped.

(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.

(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}, to this day.

(27) Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; because the LORD {Jehovah} had caused them to rejoice over their enemies.

(28) And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries {lyres, stringed instruments} and harps and trumpets to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(29) And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the LORD {Jehovah} fought against the enemies of Israel.

(30) So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: because his God gave him rest all around.

(31) And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

(32) And he walked in the ways of Asa his father, and did not depart from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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.

(34) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed, they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

(35) And after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

(36) And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber.

(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.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 21

- (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.}.
- (2) And he had brothers the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.
- (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 *was* the firstborn.
- (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 *various others* of the princes of Israel.
- (5) Jehoram *was* thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.
- (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 *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (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.
- (8) In his days the Edomites revolted from under the rule of Judah, and made for themselves a king.
- (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.
- (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.
- (11) Furthermore he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused those who lived in Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *to do so*.
- (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, **Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,**
- (13) **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:**
- (14) **Indeed, with a great plague the LORD {Jehovah} will strike your people, and your children, and your wives, and all your goods:**
- (15) **And you shall have great sickness by disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out because of the sickness day by day.**
- (16) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians:
- (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.

(18) And after all this the LORD {Jehovah} struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

(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.

(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.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 22

(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.}.

(2) Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Athaliah the daughter {granddaughter} of Omri.

(3) He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: because his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.}.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(12) And he was with them hidden in the house {temple} of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 23

(1) And in the seventh year {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.} 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.

(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.

(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.

(4) This is what you shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath {Saturday}, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be* doorkeepers of the doors;

(5) And a third part *shall be* at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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 *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) And the Levites shall encircle the king all around, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever *else* 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.

(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 *out* on the sabbath {Saturday}: because Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the courses.

(9) Furthermore Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and armor, and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house {temple} of God.

(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.

(11) Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

(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}:

(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.

(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}.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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 *it is* written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* by David.

(19) And he set the porters {gatekeepers} at the gates of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, that no one *who was* unclean in anything should enter in.

(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.

(21) And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after they had killed Athaliah with the sword.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 24

(1) Joash *was* seven years old when he began to reign {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.}, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Zibiah of Beersheba.

(2) And Joash did *that which was* 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, *that* 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 *it*.

(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, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah}, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?

(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.

(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}.

(9) And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD {Jehovah} the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.

(10) And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

(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 *there was* 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.

(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}.

(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.

(14) And when they had finished *it*, 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}, *even* vessels to minister, and to offer *with*, 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}.

(15) But Jehoiada grew old, and was full of days when he died; he *was* one hundred thirty years old when he died.

(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.

(17) Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came, and bowed to the king. Then the king listened to them.

(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.

(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.

(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, **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.**

(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}.

(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 *it*, and require *it*.

(23) And it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* 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.

(24) Because the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD {Jehovah} delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} God of their forefathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

(25) And when they had departed from him, (because they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

(26) And these are those who conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess.

(27) Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the repairing of the house {temple} of God, indeed, they *are* written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his place {3279 A.H./C- 763 B.C.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 25

(1) Amaziah *was* twenty-five years old *when* he began to reign {3279 A.H./C- 763 B.C.}, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

(2) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, but not with a perfect heart.

(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.

(4) But he did not kill their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD {Jehovah} 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.

(5) Furthermore Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war, who could handle spear and shield.

(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.}.

(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 *with* all the children of Ephraim.

(8) But if you will go, do *it*, be strong for the battle: God shall make you fall before the enemy: because God has power to help, and to cast down.

(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.} 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.

(10) Then Amaziah separated them, so that, the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, *he sent* to return home: therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

(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.

(12) And the children of Judah carried away captive *another* ten thousand *left* 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.

(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.

(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 *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense to them.

(15) Therefore the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet, who said to him, **Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of your hand?**

(16) And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* 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.

(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.

(18) And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to be his wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trampled down the thistle.

(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 *your* hurt, that you should fall, *even* you, and Judah with you?

(20) But Amaziah would not listen; because it *came* from God, that He might deliver them into the hand of *their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

(21) So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another face to face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which *belongs* to Judah.

(22) And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

(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 broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits {about 600 ft.; 183 m.}.

(24) And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house {temple} of God with Obededom, and the treasures of the king's house {palace}, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

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

(26) Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, look, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

(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.

(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.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 26

(1) Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah {3319 A.H./C- 723 B.C.}.

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

(3) Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

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

(5) And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD {Jehovah}, God caused him to prosper.

(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.

(7) And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims.

(8) And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad *even* to the entrance of Egypt; because he strengthened *himself* exceedingly.

(9) Furthermore Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and fortified them.

(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 *also*, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: because he loved gardening.

(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, *one* of the king's captains.

(12) The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valor *were* two thousand six hundred.

(13) And under their hand *was* an army, three hundred seven thousand five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

(14) And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the army shields, and spears, and helmets, and armor, and bows, and slings *to cast* stones.

(15) And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by skilful 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.

(16) But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* 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.

(17) And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the LORD {Jehovah}, who *were* valiant men:

(18) And they stopped Uzziah the king, and said to him, *It is not your place*, 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 *shall it be* for your honor from the LORD {Jehovah} God.

(19) Then Uzziah was angry, and *had* 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.

(20) And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, indeed, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from there; yes, he hurried to go out, because the LORD {Jehovah} had stricken him.

(21) And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a dormitory house {hospital}, *being* a leper; because he was cut off from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

(22) Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote down.

(23) So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; because they said, he *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his place.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 27

(1) Jotham *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign {3371 A.H./C- 671 B.C.}, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

(2) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his father Uzziah did: however he did not enter into the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}. And the people continued to act corruptly.

(3) He built the high gate of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

(4) Furthermore he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

(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.}, 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.

(6) So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD {Jehovah} his God.

(7) Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, look, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

(8) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

(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.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 28

(1) Ahaz *was* 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 *that which was* 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 *them* 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, *who were* all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} God of their fathers.

(7) And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah *who was* next to the king.

(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.

(9) But a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah} was there, whose name *was* 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 *that* reaches up to heaven.

(10) And now you purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen for yourselves: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD {Jehovah} your God?

(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} *is* upon you.

(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,

(13) And said to them, You shall not bring the captives here: because we have offended against the LORD {Jehovah} *already*, you intend to add *more* to our sins and to our evil deeds: because our evil deeds are great, and *there is* fierce wrath {anger; judgment} against Israel.

(14) So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

(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.

- (16) At that time king Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him.
- (17) Because the Edomites had come again and stricken Judah, and carried away captives.
- (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.
- (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}.
- (20) And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came to him, and distressed him, but did not strengthen him.
- (21) Because Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and *out* of the house {palace} of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* to the king of Assyria: but he did not help him.
- (22) And in the time of his distress he sinned yet more against the LORD {Jehovah}: *this is that* same king Ahaz.
- (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, *therefore* I will sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.
- (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.
- (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.
- (26) Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, look, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
- (27) And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* 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.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 29

- (1) Hezekiah began to reign *when he was* twenty-five years old {3400 A.H./C- 642 B.C.}, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.
- (2) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that David his forefather had done.
- (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.
- (4) And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,
- (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 *place*.
- (6) Because our fathers have sinned, and done *that which was* 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 *their* backs.
- (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 *place* to the God of Israel.
- (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.

(9) Because, indeed, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this.

(10) Now *it is* in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, that His fierce anger may turn away from us.

(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.

(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:

(13) And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

(14) And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

(15) And they gathered their brothers, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD {Jehovah}, to cleanse the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) And the priests went into the inner part of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, to cleanse *it*, 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 *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.

(17) Now they began on the first *day* 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.

(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.

(19) Furthermore all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign cast away in his sin, we have prepared and sanctified, and, indeed, they *are* before the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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}.

(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 *them* on the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(22) So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled *it* 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.

(23) And they brought forth the male goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

(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 *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.

(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 *so* the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} *was* by his prophets.

(26) And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

(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 *also* with the trumpets, and with

the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.

(28) And all the congregation worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

(29) And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves, and worshiped.

(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.

(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.

(32) And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *were* for a burnt offering to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(33) And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

(34) But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: therefore their brothers the Levites helped them, until the work was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves: because the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

(35) And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering. So the service of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was set in order.

(36) And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: because the thing was *done* quickly.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 30

(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.

(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 *it* in a long *time in such a way* as it was written.

(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.

(7) And do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who did evil deeds against the LORD {Jehovah} God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as you see.

(8) Now do not be stubborn, as your fathers *were*, *but* 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.

(9) Because if you turn again to the LORD {Jehovah}, your brothers and your children *shall find* compassion before those who lead them captive, so that they shall return into this land:

because the LORD {Jehovah} your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *His* face from you, if you return to Him.

(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.

(11) Nevertheless various ones of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

(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}.

(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.

(14) And they arose and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense they took away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.

(15) Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month {Iyar [Apr./May]} {2/14/3400 A.H./C-642 B.C.}: 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}.

(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, *which they received* from the hand of the Levites.

(17) Because *there were* many in the congregation who were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for everyone who *was* not clean, to sanctify *them* to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) Because a multitude of the people, *even* 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

(19) *Who* prepared his heart to seek God, the LORD {Jehovah} God of his fathers, even though *he was* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

(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, *singing* with loud instruments to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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.

(23) And the whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days: and they kept *another* seven days with gladness.

(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.

(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.

(26) So there was great joy in Jerusalem: because since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was* nothing like it in Jerusalem.

(27) Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to His holy home place, *even* to heaven.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 31

(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.

(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}.

(3) *He appointed* 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 *it is written* in the law of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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}.

(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%} of all *things* they brought in abundantly.

(6) And *concerning* 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 *them* by heaps.

(7) In the third month {Sivan [May/June]} they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh month {[Tishri [Sept./Oct.]}.

(8) And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they praised the LORD {Jehovah}, and His people Israel.

(9) Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

(10) And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since *the people* 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.

(11) Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; and they prepared *them*,

(12) And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated *things* faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next.

(13) And Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* 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.

(14) And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper towards the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the most holy things.

(15) And next to him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brothers by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

(16) Besides their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* 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;

(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;

(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:

(19) Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *who were* 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.

(20) And so Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and did *that which was* good and right and truth before the LORD {Jehovah} his God.

(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 *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 32

(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.

(2) And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he was determined to fight against Jerusalem,

(3) He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* outside the city: and they helped him.

(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?

(5) Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall outside, and repaired Millo *in* the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.

(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,

(7) Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid nor dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor because of all the multitude who *is* with him: because *there are* more with us than with him:

(8) With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* 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.

(9) After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege* against Lachish, and all his power with him,) to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

(10) This is what Sennacherib king of Assyria says, Upon what do you trust, that you remain in the siege in Jerusalem?

(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?

(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?

(13) Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the people of *other* lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand?

(14) Who *was there* 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?

(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?

(16) And his servants spoke yet *more* against the LORD {Jehovah} God, and against His servant Hezekiah.

(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 *other* lands have not delivered their people out of my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people out of my hand.

(18) Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem who *were* on the wall, to make them afraid, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

(19) And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

(20) And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

(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.

(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 *others*, and guided them on every side.

(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.

(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.

(25) But Hezekiah did not repay according to the benefit *done* to him; because his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath {anger; judgment} upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

(26) Nevertheless Hezekiah humbled himself because of the pride of his heart, *both* 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.

(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;

(28) Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and pens for flocks.

(29) Furthermore he provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: because God had given him very much substance.

(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.

(31) However in *the business of* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to test him, that He might know all *that was* in his heart.

(32) Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, look, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

(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.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 33

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

(2) But he did *that which was* 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.

(4) Also he built altars in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, of which the LORD {Jehovah} had said,

In Jerusalem shall My Name be forever.

(5) And he built altars for all the host {multitude} 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, 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.

(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, **In this house {temple}, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, I will put My Name forever:**

(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 laws and the commandments given by the hand of Moses.**

(9) So Manasseh caused Judah and the people who lived in Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the heathen {ungodly nations}, whom the LORD {Jehovah} had destroyed before the children of Israel.

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not listen.

(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.

(12) And when he was in affliction, he sought the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

(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 *was* God.

(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.

(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 *them* out of the city.

(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.

(17) Nevertheless the people still sacrificed in the high places, *but only* to the LORD {Jehovah} their God.

(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 *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel.

(19) His prayer also, and *how* God 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 *are* written among the sayings of the prophets.

(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.}.

(21) Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

(22) But he did *that which was* 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;

(23) And did not humble himself before the LORD {Jehovah}, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon sinned more and more.

(24) And his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house.

(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.}.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 34

(1) Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign {3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.}, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.

(2) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left.

(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.

(4) And they broke down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that *were* 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 *of them*, and scattered *it* upon the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

(5) And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

(6) And *so he did* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, with their tools all around.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(10) And they put *it* 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:

(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.

(12) And the men did the work faithfully: and their overseers *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all who had skill of instruments of music.

(13) Also *they were* over those who carried the burdens, and *were* overseers of all who performed the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *who were* scribes, and officers, and doorkeepers.

(14) And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, Hilkiyah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD {Jehovah} *given* by Moses.

(15) And Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan.

(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 *it*.

(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.

(18) Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

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

(20) And the king commanded Hilkiyah, 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,

(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.

(22) And Hilkiyah, and *those whom* the king *had appointed*, 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 *effect*.

(23) And she answered them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, [Tell the man who sent you to Me](#),

(24) [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:](#)

(25) [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.](#)

(26) [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;](#)

(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 *you* also, says the LORD {Jehovah}.](#)

(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.](#)

(29) Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

(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}.

(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.

(32) And he caused all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the people who lived in Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

(33) And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *belonged* to the children of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD {Jehovah} their God. *And* all his days they did not depart from following the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of their fathers.

{{14} II Chronicles} Chapter 35

(1) Furthermore Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD {Jehovah} in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month {Nisan [Mar./Apr.]}

(2) And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(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; *it shall not be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: now serve the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and His people Israel,

(4) And prepare *yourselves* 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.

(5) And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brothers the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.

(6) So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brothers, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} by the hand of Moses.

(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 *were* of the king's substance.

(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 *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen.

(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 *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.

(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.

(11) And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed *them*.

(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 *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so *they did* with the oxen.

(13) And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy offerings they boiled in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily among all the people.

(14) And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

(15) And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in their place, according to the commandment of

David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's prophet; and the gatekeepers *waited* at every gate; they did not depart from their service; because their brothers the Levites prepared for them.

(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.

(17) And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days.

(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.

(19) In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept {1/14/3504 A.H./C-538 B.C.}.

(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.

(21) But he {king Necho} sent ambassadors to him {king Josiah}, saying, What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? *I am not coming* against you this day, but against the house with which I have war: because God commanded me to hurry: keep yourself from *meddling with* God, Who is with me, that He not destroy you.

(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.

(23) And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Take me away; because I am greatly wounded.

(24) His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in *one of* the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

(25) And Jeremiah cried greatly for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spoke of Josiah in their cries to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, look, they *are* written in the lamentations.

(26) Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of the LORD {Jehovah},

(27) And his deeds, first and last, look, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

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(1) Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place {3517 A.H./C- 525 B.C.} in Jerusalem.

(2) Jehoahaz *was* twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

(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.} and a talent of gold {about 75.6 lbs.; 34.3 kg.}.

(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.

(5) Jehoiakim *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} his God.

(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.}.

(7) Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of the house {temple} and put them in his temple at Babylon.

(8) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, look, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

(9) Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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.

(11) Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign {3528 A.H./C-513 B.C.}, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

(12) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, *and* did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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.

(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.

(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}:

(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 *there was* no remedy.

(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 *them* all into his hand.

(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 *these* he brought to Babylon.

(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.}.

(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:

(21) To fulfill the word of the LORD {Jehovah} by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *because* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.

(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} *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD {Jehovah} stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

(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 is

in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all
His people? The LORD {Jehovah} his
God *be* with him, and let him go up.