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Chapter 1

(1) Now king David was old *and* feeble in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he could not stay warm.

(2) Therefore his servants said to him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may be warm.

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

(4) And the young girl *was* very fair {beautiful}, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king did not know her {sexually}.

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

(6) And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why have you done so? and he also *was a* very handsome *man*; and *his mother* bore him after Absalom.

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

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

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

(10) But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he did not call.

(11) Therefore Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and David our lord does not know *it*?

(12) Now therefore I ask you to come, let me give you counsel, that you may save your own life, and the life of your son Solomon.

(13) Go in to king David, and say to him, Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then does Adonijah reign?

(14) Indeed, while you are still talking there with the king, I also will come in after you, and confirm your words.

1:5a – Adonijah – is the fourth son of David [II Sam. 3:3] - Absalom who was David's third son II Sam. 3:3 was now dead [II Sam. 18:14] ; Amnon who was David's first born [II Sam. 3:2] was killed by Absalom's servants [II Sam. 13:28-29] – David's second son - Chileab [II Sam. 3:3] is never mentioned after II Sam. 3:3 and probably died at an early age [see note on II Sam. 15:1] – so Adonijah assumed that he was next in line to be king.

1:5b – fifty men to run before him – this is exactly what Absalom had done earlier [II Sam. 15:1]

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(15) And Bathsheba went in to the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered to the king.

(16) And Bathsheba bowed, and knelt before the king. And the king said, What do you want?

(17) And she said to him, My lord, you swore by the LORD {Jehovah} your God to your handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

(18) And now, look, Adonijah reigns; and now, my lord the king, you do not know *it*:

(19) And he has killed oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army: but Solomon your servant he has not called.

(20) And you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon you, that you should tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

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

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

(23) And they told the king, saying, Look Nathan the prophet. And when he had come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

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

(25) Because he has gone down this day, and has killed oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest; and, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

(26) But me, *even* me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, he has not called.

(27) Is this thing done by my lord the king, and you have not shown *it* to your servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

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

(29) And the king swore, and said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who has redeemed my soul out of all distress,

(30) Even as I swore to you by the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my place; even so I will certainly do this day.

(31) Then Bathsheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live forever.

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

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

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

(35) Then you shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; because he shall be king in my place: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

(36) And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen {let it be}: the LORD {Jehovah} God of my lord the king says so *also*.

(37) As the LORD {Jehovah} has been with my lord the king, even so He shall be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

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

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

(40) And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth shook with their sound.

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

(42) And while he yet spoke, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said to him, Come in; because you *are* a valiant man, and bring good news.

(43) And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord king David has made Solomon king.

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

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

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(46) And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

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

(48) And also this is what the king said, Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who has given *one* to sit on my throne this day, my own eyes have seen *it*.

(49) And all the guests who *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and every man went his way.

(50) And Adonijah was afraid because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

(51) And it was told Solomon, saying, See, Adonijah is afraid of king Solomon: because, look, he has caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me today that he will not kill his servant with the sword.

(52) And Solomon said, If he will show himself a worthy man, not a hair of him shall fall to the earth: but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.

(53) So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

Chapter 2

(1) Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

(2) I go the way of all the earth: therefore, you be strong and show yourself a man;

(3) And keep the charge of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His laws, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself:

(4) That the LORD {Jehovah} may continue His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, *If your children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, He said, there shall not fail of you a man to sit on the throne of Israel.*

(5) Furthermore you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his belt that *was* about his waist, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

(6) Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

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(7) But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite,^a and let them be of those who eat at your table: because they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.

(8) And, indeed, *you have* with you Shimei^b the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at the Jordan River, and I swore to him by the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.^c

(9) Now therefore do not hold him guiltless: because you *are* a wise man, and know what you ought to do to him; but his gray head you bring down to the grave with blood.

(10) So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David {3103 A.H./C-939 B.C.}.^d

(11) And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.^e

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

(13) And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

(14) He said furthermore, I have somewhat to say to you. And she said, Say on.

(15) And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: however the kingdom has turned about, and has become my brother's: because it was his from the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) And now I ask one petition of you, do not deny me. And she said to him, Say on.

(17) And he said, I ask you to speak, to Solomon the king, (because he will not say No to you,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite^f for my wife.

(18) And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for you to the king.

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

(20) Then she said, I desire one small petition of you; *I ask you*, do not say, No, to me. And the king said to her, Ask on, my mother: because I will not say No to you.

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

2:7a – II Sam. 17:27, 31-38

2:8b – II Sam. 16:5-13

2:8c – II Sam. 19:16-23

2:10d – David dies at age 70 [I Chr. 29:27] after 40 years of reign [II Sam. 5:4-5]

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2:11e – II Sam. 5:4-5

2:17f - Abishag the Shunammite – I Ki. 1:3

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(22) And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; because he is my elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

(23) Then king Solomon swore by the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.

(24) Now therefore, *as* the LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and Who has made me a house, as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

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

(26) And to Abiathar the priest the king said, Get yourself to Anathoth, to your own fields; because you *are* worthy of death: but I will not at this time put you to death, because you carry the ark of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} before David my father, and because you have been afflicted in all in which my father was afflicted.

(27) So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD {Jehovah}; that he might fulfill the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.^g

(28) Then news came to Joab: because Joab had followed Adonijah, though he did not follow after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of the LORD {Jehovah}, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

(29) And it was told king Solomon that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of the LORD {Jehovah}; and, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, kill him.

(30) And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD {Jehovah}, and said to him, This is what the king says, Come out. And he said, No; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, This is what Joab said, and this is how he answered me.

(31) And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and kill him, and bury him; that you may take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

(32) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, without my father David knowing *it, namely*, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host {army} of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host {army} of Judah.^h

2:27g – I Sam. 2:31-35; 3:13-14

2:32h – killed Abner [II Sam. 3:27]; and killed Amasa [II Sam. 20:10]

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(33) Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his descendants forever: but upon David, and upon his descendants, and upon his house, and upon his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and killed him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

(35) And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the host {army}: and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

(36) And the king sent and called for Shimei,ⁱ and said to him, Build yourself a house in Jerusalem, and live there, and do not go forth from there anywhere.

(37) Because it shall be, *that* on the day you go out, and pass over the brook Kidron, you shall know for certain that you shall surely die: your blood shall be upon your own head.

(38) And Shimei said to the king, The saying *is good*: as my lord the king has said, so your servant will do. And Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

(39) And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Your servants *are* in Gath.

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

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

(42) And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not make you swear by the LORD {Jehovah}, and protested to you, saying, Know for a certain, on the day you go out, and walk abroad anywhere, that you shall surely die? and you said to me, The word *that* I have heard *is good*.

(43) Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the commandment that I have charged you with?

(44) Furthermore the king said to Shimei, You know all the wickedness which your heart knows, that you did to David my father: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} shall return your wickedness upon your own head;

(45) And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD {Jehovah} forever.

(46) So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; who went out, and killed him {Shimei}, so that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

2:36i – Shimei – II Sam. 16:5-13; 19:16-23; I Ki. 2:8

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Chapter 3

(1) And Solomon made peace with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

(2) However, the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house {temple} built to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, until those days.

(3) And Solomon loved the LORD {Jehovah}, keeping the laws of David his father: however, he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

(4) And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; because that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings upon that altar.

(5) In Gibeon the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, *Ask what I shall give you.*

(6) And Solomon said, You have shown to Your servant David my father great mercy, as he walked before You in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; and You have kept for him this great kindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

(7) And now, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, You have made Your servant king instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I do not know *how* to go out or come in.

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

(9) Therefore, give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and bad: because who is able to judge this Your so great a people?

(10) And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

(11) And God said to him, *Because You have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life; neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies; but have asked for yourself understanding to discern judgment;*

(12) *Indeed, I have done according to your words: look, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was no one like you before you, neither after shall any arise like you after you.*

(13) *And I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like you all your days.*

(14) *And if you will walk in My ways, to keep My laws and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.*

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

(16) Then there came two women, who *were* prostitutes, to the king, and stood before him.

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

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

(19) And this woman's child died in the night; because she laid on it.

(20) And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

(21) And when I rose in the morning to nurse my child, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, indeed, it was not my son, which I held.

(22) And the other woman said, No; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* your son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* your son, and the living *is* my son. This is what they spoke before the king.

(23) Then the king said, The one says, This *is* my son that lives, and your son *is* the dead: and the other says, No; but your son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.

(24) And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

(25) And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

(26) Then the woman to whom the living child *belonged* because her heart yearned for her son said to the king, O my lord, give her the living child, and do not kill it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours, *but divide it*.

(27) Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and do not kill it: she *is* its mother.

(28) And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: because they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him, to do judgment.

Chapter 4

(1) So king Solomon was king over all Israel {3103 A.H./C-939 B.C.}.

(2) And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

(3) Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

(4) And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the army: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:

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(5) And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend:

(6) And Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the tribute {taxes}.

(7) And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

(8) And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

(9) The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan:

(10) The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *belonged* Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher:

(11) The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; who had Taphath the daughter of Solomon for a wife:

(12) Baana the son of Ahilud; *to him belonged* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, *even to the place that is* beyond Jokneam:

(13) The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him *belonged* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also belonged* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and brass bars:

(14) Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* Mahanaim:

(15) Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon for a wife:

(16) Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth:

(17) Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

(18) Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

(19) Geber the son of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the only officer who *was* in the land.

(20) Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

(21) And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river {Euphrates}^a to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

(22) And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures {homers; cors} of fine flour {about 1800 gal.; 6,660 L.},^b and sixty measures {homers} of meal {about 3,600 gal.; 13,320 L.},

(23) Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, and bucks, and wild deer, and fattened birds.

4:21a – river {Euphrates} - Targum

4:22b – measure – cor – homer – 6.25 bushels = 60 gallons = 222 liters

– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(24) Because he ruled over all *the region* on this side {west} of the river {Euphrates}, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side {west} of the river {Euphrates}: and he had peace on all sides all around him.

(25) And Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

(26) And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

(27) And those officers provided food for king Solomon, and for all who came to king Solomon's table, every man in his month: and they lacked nothing.

(28) They also brought barley and straw for the horses and camels to the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

(29) And God gave Solomon exceeding wisdom and great understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

(30) And Solomon's wisdom exceeded the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

(31) Because he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations all around.

(32) And he spoke three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

(33) And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall: he spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of crawling things, and of fish.

(34) And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

Chapter 5

(1) And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; because he had heard that they had anointed him king in the place of his father: because Hiram was ever a lover of David.

(2) And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

(3) You know how David my father could not build a house {temple} to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} his God because of the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD {Jehovah} put them under the soles of his feet.

(4) But now the LORD {Jehovah} my God has given me rest on every side, so *that there is* neither adversary nor evil occupant.

(5) And, I have determined to build a house {temple} to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} my God, as the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to David my father, saying, *Your son, whom I will set upon your throne in your place, he shall build a house {temple} to My Name.*

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(6) Now therefore command that they cut for me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with your servants: and to you I will give wages for your servants according to all that you shall appoint: because you know that *there* is not among us anyone who has the skill to cut timber like to the Sidonians.

(7) And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} this day, Who has given to David a wise son over this great people.

(8) And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which you sent to me for: *and* I will do all that you desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

(9) My servants will bring *them* down from Lebanon to the {Mediterranean} Sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats to the place that you shall designate to me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and you shall receive *them*: and you shall accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

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

(11) And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat {about 1,200,000 gallons; 125,000 bushels; 4,440,000 liters}^a *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil {about 1200 gallons; 4,440 liters}: this is what Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

(12) And the LORD {Jehovah} gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them made a contract together.

(13) And king Solomon raised a draft out of all Israel; and the draft was thirty thousand men.

(14) And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, *and* two months at home: and Adoniram *was* over the draft.

(15) And Solomon had seventy thousand who labored, and eighty thousand cutters in the mountains;

(16) Besides the chief of Solomon's officers who *were* over the work, three thousand three hundred, who ruled over the people who performed the work.

(17) And the king commanded, and they brought large and costly stones, *and* cut stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

(18) And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders cut *them*, and the stone-finishers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house {temple}.

5:11a – measure – homer {cor} [also spelled kor] = 10 ephahs = 222 liters = 6.25 bushels = 240 quarts = about 60 gallons – 20,000x60 = 1,200,000 gallons; 125,000 bushels; 4,440,000 liters - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#) – enough to feed 3,000 or more

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Chapter 6

(1) And it came to pass in the four hundred eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel {3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.},^a in the month Zif {modern Iyar [April-May]},^b which is the second month, that he began to build the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD {Jehovah}, its length *was* sixty cubits {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m.},^c and its width twenty *cubits* {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and its height thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.}.

(3) And the porch on the front of the temple of the house, was twenty cubits long {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, according to the width of the house {temple}; *and* its width was ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 3.05 m.} in front of the house {temple}.

(4) And for the house {temple} he made windows of narrow lights.

(5) And against the wall of the house {temple} he built rooms all around, *against* the walls of the house {temple}, *both* of the temple and of the innermost sanctuary he made rooms all around:

(6) The lowest room *was* five cubits wide {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}, and the middle room {above it} *was* six cubits wide {about 9 ft.; 2.7 m.}, and the third room {on top} *was* seven cubits wide {about 10.5 ft.; 3.2 m.}: because outside *in the wall* of the house {temple} he made narrow supports all around, so that *the beams* would not be fastened in the walls of the house {temple}.

(7) And when the house {temple}, was being built, its stones were made ready before they were brought to the site: so that there was neither hammer nor ax *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house {temple}, while it was being built.

(8) The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right side of the house {temple}: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle *room* {on the second level}, and out of the middle *room* into the third {level}.

(9) So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

(10) And *then* he built rooms against all the house, five cubits high {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}: and they rested on the house *with* timbers of cedar.

6:1a - 480 years {plus 114 year of oppression} [3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.]

6:1b - month of Zif - the second month of the year - modern Iyar [April-May]

- See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

6:2c - cubit - about 1 1/2 [1.5] feet; 0.46 meters – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(11) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Solomon, saying,

(12) *Concerning this house {temple} which you are building, if you will walk in My laws, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to David your father:*

(13) *And I will live among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.*

(14) So Solomon built the house {temple}, and finished it.

(15) And he built the walls of the house {temple} inside with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: *and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.*

(16) And he built twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.} on the sides of the house {temple}, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it inside, *even* for the sanctuary, *even* for the most holy *place* {*Holy of Holies*}.

(17) And the house {temple}, that *is*, the temple in front of it, was forty cubits *long* {about 60 ft.; 18.3 m.}.

(18) And the cedar of the house {temple} inside *was* carved with gourds and open flowers: all *was* cedar; no stone was seen there.

(19) And the Holy of Holies he prepared inside the house, to set the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(20) And the Holy of Holies in the forefront *was* twenty cubits in length {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and twenty cubits in width {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and twenty cubits in its height {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar *which was of cedar*.

(21) So Solomon overlaid the house {temple} inside with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the Holy of Holies; and he overlaid it with gold.

(22) And the whole house {temple} he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house {temple}: also the whole altar that *was* by the Holy of Holies he overlaid with gold.

(23) And inside the Holy of Holies he made two cherubims *of olive tree*, *each* ten cubits high {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}.

(24) And five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} the other wing of the cherub: from the outermost part of the one wing to the outermost part of the other *were* ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}.

(25) And the other cherub *was* ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size.

(26) The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}, and so *was* {*the height*} of the other cherub.

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

(28) And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

(29) And he carved all the walls of the house {temple} all around with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, inside and outside.

(30) And the floor of the house {temple} he overlaid with gold, inside and outside.

(31) And for the entrance of the Holy of Holies he made doors *of* olive tree: the door header *and* side posts *were* a fifth part *of the wall*.

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

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

(34) And the two doors *were of* fir tree: the two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.

(35) And he carved *on them* cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work.

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

(37) In the fourth year {of Solomon's reign} {3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.} the foundation of the house of the LORD {Jehovah} was laid, in the month Zif {modern Iyar [April-May]}:^d

(38) And in the eleventh year {3114 A.H./C- 928 B.C.},^e in the month of Bul {modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov.]}^f which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts, and according to all its fashion. So he was seven years in building it.

Chapter 7

(1) But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

(2) He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length *was* one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.},^a and its width fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and its height thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.}, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

6:37d - month of Zif - the second month of the year - modern Iyar [April-May]

6:38e - eleventh year of Solomon's reign [3114 A.H./C- 928 B.C.] - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

6:38f - month of Bul - the eighth month of the year - modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov.]

7:2a - cubit -1.5 feet; 0.457 meters - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(3) And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the beams, that *lay* on forty-five pillars, fifteen *in* a row.

(4) And *there were* windows *in* three rows, and windows opposite each other in three rows.

(5) And all the doors and posts *were* square, with the windows: and windows opposite each other in three rows.

(6) And he made a porch of pillars; its length *was* fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and its width thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.}: and the porch *was* in front of them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *was* before them.

(7) Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgment: and *it was* covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

(8) And his house where he lived *had* another court inside the porch, *which* was of similar work. Solomon made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *to be his wife*, like this porch.

(9) All these *were of* costly stones, according to the measures of cut stones, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the top of the wall, and so on the outside towards the great court.

(10) And the foundation *was of* costly stones, even large stones, stones of ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}, and stones of eight cubits {about 12 ft.; 3.7 m.}.

(11) And above *were* costly stones, after the measures of cut stones, and cedars.

(12) And the great court all around *was* with three rows of cut stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for the porch of the house.

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

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

(15) Because he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece {about 27 ft.; 8.2 m.}: and a line of twelve cubits {about 18 ft.; 5.5 m.} encircled each of them.

(16) And he made two caps *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one cap *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}, and the height of the other cap *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}:

(17) *And* nets of grating work, and wreaths of chain work, for the caps which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one cap, and seven for the other cap.

(18) And he made the pillars, and two rows all around upon the one network, to cover the caps that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and so he did for the other cap also.

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(19) And the caps that *were* upon the tops of the pillars *were* of lily work in the porch, four cubits {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}.
 (20) And the caps upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* also above, opposite the belly which *was* by the network: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows all around upon the other cap.
 (21) And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called its name Jachin {He will establish}:^b and he set up the left pillar, and called its name Boaz {in Him is strength}.^c
 (22) And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.
 (23) And he made a molten sea {bowl; bath tub},^d ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.} from the one brim to the other: *it was* all around, and its height *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}: and a line of thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.} encircled it all around.

(24) And under its brim all around *there were* gourds encircling it, ten in a cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}, encircling the sea {bowl; bath tub} all around: the gourds *were* cast in two rows, when it was cast.
 (25) It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea {bowl; bath tub} *was set* above upon them, and all their back ends *were* pointing to the inside.
 (26) And it *was* one hand breadth thick {about 4 in.; 10.2 cm.}, and its brim was formed like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths {about 11,600 gal.; 44,000 L.}.^e
 (27) And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length of one base {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}, and four cubits its width {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}, and three cubits its height {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.}.

7:21b - Jachin {יָכִין} - He will establish

7:21c - Boaz {בְּעֹז} - in Him is strength

7:23d – molten sea – a huge bowl {bath tub} to be filled with water and used by the priests for bathing [II Chr. 4:6] - 15 feet; 4.6 meters in diameter; 7 1/2 feet; 2.3 meters deep, 45 feet; 13.7 m in circumference. Some argue that this passage gives an incorrect value for π since the diameter is 10 cubits but the circumference is 30 cubits. $C/D=\pi$. {30/10=3} There are actually three possibilities here. (1) the tub isn't perfectly circular, (2) the measurements are approximations (3) the diameter is measured to the outside of the rim {which may be indicated in verse 26 and the brim is a hand-breath [4 inches] thick} and the circumference is measured on the inside. I'm inclined to believe the latter is the correct explanation. In actuality 3.14 is itself an approximation!

7:26e – bath – about 5.8 gallons or 22 liters – see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures Note: the tub was one piece of molded brass [I Ki. 7:40-46] about 4 inches; 10.2 centimeters thick

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(28) And this is the *manner* of work of the bases: they had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:

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

(30) And every base had four brass wheels, and plates of brass: and its four corners had supports: under the bowl *were* molten supports, at the side of every addition.

(31) And the mouth of it inside the cap and above *was* a cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}: but its mouth *was* round *after* the work of the base, a cubit and a half {about 2.3 ft.; 0.69 m.}: and also upon its mouth *were* engravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

(32) And under the borders *were* four wheels; and the spokes of the wheels *were joined* to the base: and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit {about 2.3 ft.; 0.69 m.}.

(33) And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot wheel: their axles, and their hubs, and their rims, and their spokes, *were* all molten.

(34) And *there were* four supports to the four corners of one base: *and* the supports *were* of the very base itself.

(35) And in the top of the base *there was* a round circle of half a cubit high {about 9 in.; 0.23 m.}: and on the top of the base its ledges and its borders *were* of the same.

(36) Because on the plates of its ledges, and on its borders, he engraved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions all around.

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

(38) Then he made ten bowls of brass: one bowl contained forty baths {about 232 gal.; 80 L.}:^f *and* every bowl was four cubits {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.} : *and* upon every one of the ten bases one bowl.

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

(40) And Hiram made the large bowls, and the shovels, and the smaller bowls. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(41) The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the caps that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the caps which *were* upon the top of the pillars;

7:38f - 1 bath = 5.8 gallons; 22 liters - 40 baths = about 232 gallons; 880 liters
- see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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

(43) And the ten bases, and ten bowls on the bases;

(44) And one sea {bowl; bath tub}, and twelve oxen under the sea {bowl; bath tub};

(45) And the pots, and the shovels, and the bowls: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, *were of* bright brass.

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

(47) And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceedingly many: neither was the weight of the brass measured.

(48) And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, upon which the holy bread *was*,

(49) And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the Holy of Holies, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,

(50) And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the Holy of Holies, *and* for the doors of the house; of the temple.

(51) So all the work that king Solomon made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was completed. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, he put among the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 8

(1) 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 king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} out of the city of David, which is Zion {Jerusalem}.

(2) And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month^a {modern Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]}

(3) And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

(4) And they brought up the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, *even* those the priests and the Levites brought up.

8:2a - month of Ethanim - seventh month - modern Tishri {September-October}
– II Chr. 5:3 - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#).
See also [The Jewish Calendar](http://www.TheWordNotes.com) at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(5) And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

(6) And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} to its place, into the Holy of Holies of the house {temple}, to the most holy *place* {Holy of Holies}, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.

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

(8) And they drew out the poles, that the ends of the poles were seen out in the holy *place* before the Holy of Holies, and they were not seen outside: and there they are to this day.

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

(10) And it came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy *place*,^c that the cloud filled the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(11) 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 the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) Then Solomon spoke, The LORD {Jehovah} said that He would live in the thick darkness.

(13) I have surely built You a house {temple} to live in, a settled place for You to live in forever.

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

(15) And he said, Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who spoke with His mouth to David my father, and has with His hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

(16) *Since the day that I brought forth My people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house {temple}, that My Name might be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.*^d

(17) And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.

8:9b – only the stone tablets remained – earlier Aaron's staff had been placed there [Num. 17] and possibly the golden "tumors" and golden mice the Philistines sent back with the ark after they had captured it [I Sam. 6]

8:10c – holy place – mid section of the temple {in front of the Holy of Holies} - where the priests normally ministered

8:16d – II Chr. 6:5

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(18) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to David my father, **Whereas it was in your heart to build a house {temple} to My Name, you did well what was in your heart.**

(19) **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} to My Name.**

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} has performed His word that He spoke, and I have been raised up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD {Jehovah} promised, and have built a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.

(21) And I have set there a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He made with our forefathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

(22) And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands towards heaven:

(23) And he said, LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, *there is* no God like You, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, Who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart:

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

(25) Therefore now, LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You promised him, saying, **There shall not fail of you a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that your children take heed to their ways, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.**^e

(26) And now, O God of Israel, I ask You to let Your word, be verified, which You spoke to Your servant David my father.

(27) But will God indeed live on the earth? Indeed, the heaven and heaven of heavens^f cannot contain You; how much less this house {temple} which I have built?

(28) Yet You have respect to the prayer of Your servant, and to his request, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer, which Your servant prays before You today:

(29) That Your eyes may be open towards this house {temple} night and day, *even* towards the place of which You have said, **My Name shall be there:** that You may listen to the prayer which Your servant shall make towards this place.

8:25e – II Chr. 6:16

8:27f – heaven of heavens – see note on Gen. 1:8

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(30) And listen to the request of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, when they shall pray towards this place: and hear in heaven Your home: and when You hear, forgive.

(31) If any man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath comes before Your altar in this house {temple}:

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

(33) When Your people Israel are struck down before the enemy, because they have sinned against You, and shall turn again to You, and confess Your Name, and pray, and make request to You in this house {temple}:

(34) Then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which You gave to their forefathers.

(35) When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You; if they pray towards this place, and confess Your Name, and turn from their sin, when You afflict them:^s

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

(37) If there is in the land famine, if there is pestilence, blasting {hot wind; judgment}, mildew, locust, *or* if there is caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness *there may be*;

(38) What prayer and request ever be *Made* by any man, *or* by all Your people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spreads forth his hands towards this house {temple}:

(39) Then hear in heaven Your home, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart You know; (because You, *even* You only, know the hearts of all the children of men;)

(40) That they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our forefathers.

(41) Furthermore concerning a stranger, that is not of Your people Israel, but comes out of a far country for Your Name's sake;^h

8:35g – II Chr. 6:26

8:41h – II Chr. 6:32

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(42) (Because they shall hear of Your great Name, and of Your strong hand, and of Your stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray towards this house {temple};

(43) Hear in heaven Your home, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for: that all people of the earth may know Your Name, to fear You, as Your people Israel *do*; and that they may know that this house {temple}, which I have built, is called by Your Name.

(44) If Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You shall send them, and shall pray to the LORD {Jehovah} towards the city which You have chosen, and *towards* the house {temple} that I have built for Your Name:

(45) Then hear their prayer in heaven and their request, and maintain their cause.

(46) If they sin against You, (because *there is* no man who does not sin,) and You become angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives to the land of the enemy, far or near;

(47) *Yet* if they shall remember in the land where they were carried captives, and repent, and make request to You in the land of those who carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

(48) And so return to You with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray to You towards their land, which You gave to their forefathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house {temple} which I have built for Your Name:

(49) Then hear their prayer and their request in heaven Your home, and maintain their cause,

(50) And forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their sins in which they have sinned against You, and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

(51) Because they *are* Your people, and Your inheritance, which You brought forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

(52) That Your eyes may be open to the request of Your servant, and to the request of Your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call to You for.

(53) Because You separated them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* Your inheritance, as You spoke by the hand of Moses Your servant, when You brought our forefathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

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

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

(56) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah}, Who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised: there has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant.

(57) The LORD {Jehovah} our God be with us, as He was with our forefathers: let Him not leave us, nor forsake us:

(58) That He may incline our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His laws, and His judgments, which He commanded our forefathers.

(59) And let these my words, with which I have made request before the LORD {Jehovah}, be near to the LORD {Jehovah} our God day and night, that He maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

(60) That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD {Jehovah} is God, *and that there is no other.*

(61) Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} our God, to walk in His laws, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

(62) And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(63) And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD {Jehovah}, twenty-two thousand oxen, and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.ⁱ

(64) The same day the king hallowed {cleansed; made holy} the middle of the court that *was* before the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: because there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brass altar that *was* before the LORD {Jehovah} *was* too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

(65) And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entrance of Hamath to the river of Egypt, before the LORD {Jehovah} our God, seven days and another seven days, *even* fourteen days in all.^j

(66) On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart because of all the goodness that the LORD {Jehovah} had done for David His servant, and for Israel His people.

8:63i – II Chr. 7:5

8:65j – II Chr. 7:8

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Chapter 9

(1) And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house {palace}, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

(2) That the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.^a

(3) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, I have heard your prayer and your request, that you have made before Me: I have hallowed {cleansed; made holy} this house {temple}, which you have built, to put My Name there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there forever.^b

(4) And if you will walk before Me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, *and* will keep My laws and My judgments:

(5) Then I will establish the throne of your kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail of you a man upon the throne of Israel.

(6) *But* if you shall at all turn from following Me, you or your children, and will not keep My commandments *and* My laws which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:^c

(7) Then I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, {temple} which I have hallowed {cleansed; made holy} for My Name, I will cast out of My sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

(8) And at this house {temple}, *which* is high, everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has the LORD {Jehovah} done this to this land, and to this house {temple}?

(9) And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD {Jehovah} their God, who brought forth their forefathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshiped them, and served them: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has brought upon them all this evil.

(10) And it came to pass at the end of twenty years {3127 A.H./C-915 B.C.},^d when Solomon had built the two houses, the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house {palace},

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

9:2a – I Ki. 3:11-14

9:3b – II Chr. 7:12; 21:3; 33:3

9:6c – II Chr. 7:18

9:10d – II Chr. 8:19:10d – II Chr. 8:1 - 24th year of Solomon's reign; the 20 years of building the temple and palace were completed [3127AH./C-915 B.C.]

– see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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

(13) And he said, What cities *are* these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul {displeasing}^e to this day.

(14) And Hiram sent to the king six score {120} talents of gold {about 9,072 lbs.; 4,116 kg.}.^f

(15) And this *is* the reason for the tax which king Solomon raised; to build the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and his own house {palace}, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

(16) *Because* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and given it *for* a present to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

(17) And Solomon built Gezer, and the lower Bethhoron {house of hollowness},^g

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

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

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

(21) Their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able to completely destroy, upon those Solomon levied a tax of bond-service to this day.

(22) But of the children of Israel Solomon did not make bondmen: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.^h

(23) These *were* the chief of the officers who *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred fifty, who ruled over the people who performed the work.

(24) But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David to her house which *Solomon* had built for her: then he built Millo.ⁱ

(25) And three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built to the LORD {Jehovah}, and he burnt incense upon the altar that *was* before the LORD {Jehovah}. So he finished the house.

9:13e - Cabul {כבול} - displeasing - according to II Chr. 8:2 Hiram returned the cities to Solomon who then gave him another gift more to his liking - it is said that the land had a lot of clay and required hard work to farm.

9:14f - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms - 120 talents would be about 9,072 pounds; 4,116 kilograms – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

9:17g - Bethhoron {בית חרון} - house of hollowness - the lower - according to II Chr. 8:5 this city had an upper and lower part

9:22h – II Chr. 8:9

9:24i – II Chr. 8:11

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(26) And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

(27) And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, sailors who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

(28) And they came to Ophir {India}, and brought gold from there, four hundred twenty talents {about 31,752 lbs.; 14,406 kg.},^j and brought *it* to king Solomon.

Chapter 10

(1) And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, she came to test him with hard questions.^a

(2) And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she had come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

(3) And Solomon answered all her questions: there was not *anything* hid from the king, which he did not tell her.

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

(5) And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cup bearers, and his stairway by which he went up to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; there was no more spirit in her.

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

(7) Nevertheless I did not believe the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen *it*: and, truly, the half was not told me: your wisdom and prosperity exceeds the fame which I heard.

(8) Your men are blessed, your servants are blessed, who stand continually before you, *and* who hear your wisdom.

(9) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because the LORD {Jehovah} loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do judgment and justice.

(10) And she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold {about 9,072 lbs.; 4,116 kg.},^b and of a very great store of spices, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

9:28j - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms
– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

10:1a – II Chr. 9:1; Mat. 12:42; Lk. 11:31

10:10b - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms
– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

{11} I Kings

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

(12) And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for the king's house, harps also and lyres {stringed instruments} for singers: no such almug trees have come, nor have been seen to this day.

(13) And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides *that* which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she returned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

(14) Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred three score and six {666}^c talents of gold {about 50,350 lbs.; 22,844 kg.},

(15) Besides *that he had* of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

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

(17) And *he made* three hundred smaller shields *of* beaten gold; three pounds of gold {about 2 kg.} went to one smaller shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

(18) Furthermore the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.^e

(19) The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *had a* round back: and *there were* supports on each side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the supports.

(20) 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.

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

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

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

(24) And all the earth looked to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

(25) And every man brought his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothes, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

10:14c – II Chr. 9:13; Ezra 2:13; Rev. 13:18

10:16d – II Chr. 9:15

10:18e – II Chr. 9:17

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

(27) And the king caused silver *to be* {as plentiful} in Jerusalem as stones, and he caused cedars *to be* as abundant as the sycamore trees that *are* in the valley.

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

(29) And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver {about 15 lbs.; 6.8 kg.}, and a horse for a hundred-fifty [of silver] {about 3.8 lbs.; 1.7 kg.}: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, they brought *them* out by their means.

Chapter 11

(1) But king Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

(2) Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD {Jehovah} said to the children of Israel, You shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in to you: *because* surely they will turn your heart away after their gods: Solomon clung to these in love.

(3) And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

(4) Because it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned his heart away after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.

(5) Because Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

(6) And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and did not fully follow the LORD {Jehovah}, as David his father *did*.

(7) Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

(8) And he did the same for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods.

(9) And the LORD {Jehovah} was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who had appeared to him twice,

(10) And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he did not keep that which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded.

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(11) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} said to Solomon, *Since you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My laws, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.*

(12) Nevertheless, I will not do it for David your father's sake in your days: *but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.*

(13) However, I will not tear away all the kingdom; *but will give one tribe to your son for David My servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.*

(14) And the LORD {Jehovah} stirred up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's offspring in Edom.

(15) Because it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host {army} had gone up to bury the dead, after he had struck every male in Edom;

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

(17) That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *was* still a little child.

(18) And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt; who gave him a house, and appointed him food, and gave him land.

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

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

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

(22) Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me, that, you seek to go to your own country? And he answered, Nothing: however let me go anyway.

(23) And God stirred up for Himself *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

(24) And he gathered men to himself, and became captain over a band, when David killed those *of Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and lived there, and reigned in Damascus.

(25) And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he hated Israel, and reigned over Syria.

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

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

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

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

(30) And Ahijah caught the new robe that *was* on him, and tore it *in* twelve pieces:

(31) And he said to Jeroboam, Take for yourself ten pieces: because this is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says, Listen, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you:

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

(33) Because that they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do *that which is* right in My eyes, and *to keep* My laws and My judgments, as David his father *did*.

(34) However, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David My servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept My commandments and My laws:

(35) But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, *even* ten tribes.

(36) And to his son will I give one tribe, that David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself to put My Name there.

(37) And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and {you} shall be king over Israel.

(38) And it shall be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in My ways, and do *that which is* right in My sight, to keep My laws and My commandments, as David My servant did; that I will be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

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(39) **And I will because of this afflict the descendants of David, but not forever.**

(40) Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

(41) And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?^a

(42) And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.

(43) And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: {3143 A.H./C-899 B.C.} and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.^a

Chapter 12

(1) And Rehoboam went to Shechem: because all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.^a

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

(3) That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

(4) Your father made our yoke heavy: now therefore make the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve you.^b

(5) And he said to them, Depart *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

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

(7) And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be a servant to this people this day, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.

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

(9) And he said to them, What counsel do you give that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which your father put upon us lighter?

11:41a – the book of the acts of Solomon – a book unknown to us today – see Josh. 10:13; II Sam. 1:18

11:43a – II Chr. 9:31 - Solomon's death after 40 year reign; Rehoboam, his son, begins reign [3143 A.H./C-899 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

12:1a – II Chr. 10:2

12:4b – II Chr. 10:4

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(10) And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, This is what you should say to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter for us; this is what you shall say to them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's thighs.

(11) And now whereas my father loaded you down with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father has chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

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

(13) And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

(14) And spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

(15) Therefore the king did not listen to the people; because the matter was from the LORD {Jehovah}, that He might perform His saying, which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.^c

(16) So when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion do we have in David? neither do *we have* an inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So Israel departed 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 Adoram, who *was* over the tribute {taxes}; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam quickly got into his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.^d

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

(20) And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come again, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was no one who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

(21) And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand {180,000} chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

12:15c - I Ki. 11:31-37

12:18d - II Chr. 10:18

{11} I Kings

(22) But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

(23) [Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,^e](#)

(24) [This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers the children of Israel: return every man to his house; because this thing is from Me.](#) Therefore they listened to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and lived there; and went out from there, and built Penuel.

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

(27) If this people goes up to do sacrifice in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people shall turn again to their lord, *even* to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

(28) Upon this the king took counsel, and made two calves *of* gold, and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: see your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

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

(30) And this thing became a sin: because the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* to Dan.

(31) And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

(32) And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month {modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov]}, on the fifteenth day of the month,^f like the feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

(33) So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month {modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov]}, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast to the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

Chapter 13

(1) And, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD {Jehovah} to Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

12:23e – II Chr. 11:4

12:32f - the fifteenth of the eighth month {8/15} -- Judah celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles on the fifteenth of the seventh month [Lev. 23:34] - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(2) And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O altar, altar, this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Listen, a child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon you shall he offer the priests of the high places who burn incense upon you, and men's bones shall be burnt upon you.^a

(3) And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken; See, the altar shall be torn, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

(4) And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his {Jeroboam's} hand, which he put forth against him {the man of God}, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to himself.

(5) The altar also was torn, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) And the king answered and said to the man of God, Call now the face of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me again. And the man of God called upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's hand was restored to him again, and became as *it was* before.

(7) And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.

(8) And the man of God said to the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

(9) Because it was so charged to me by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, and do not return by the same way that you came.

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

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

(12) And their father said to them, Which way did he go? Because his sons had seen the way the man of God went, who came from Judah.

(13) And he said to his sons, Saddle the donkey for me. So they saddled the donkey for him: and he rode on it,

(14) And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said to him, *Are* you the man of God who came from Judah? And he said, I *am*.

(15) Then he said to him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

13:2a - fulfilled II Ki. 23:16

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

(17) Because it was said to me by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, **You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, and do not return to go by the way that you came.**

(18) He said to him, I *am* a prophet also as you *are*; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied to him.

(19) So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

(20) And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to the prophet who brought him back:

(21) And he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Since you have disobeyed the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD {Jehovah} your God commanded you,**

(22) But came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD {Jehovah} said to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; your dead body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.

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

(24) And when he had gone, a lion met him by the road, and killed him: and his dead body was cast in the road, and the donkey stood by it, the lion also stood by the dead body.

(25) And, men passed by, and saw the dead body cast into the road, and the lion standing by the dead body: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet lived.

26) And when the prophet who brought him back from the road heard *of it*, he said, *It is* the man of God, who was disobedient to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him, and killed him, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke to him.

(27) And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the donkey for me. And they saddled *him*.

(28) And he went and found his dead body cast into the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the dead body: the lion had not eaten the dead body, nor torn the donkey.

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(29) And the prophet took up the dead body of the man of God, and laid it upon the donkey, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

(30) And he laid his dead body in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!

(31) And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

(32) Because the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD {Jehovah} against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

(33) After this thing Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whoever would, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places.

(34) And this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

Chapter 14

(1) At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

(2) And Jeroboam said to his wife, I ask you to arise, and disguise yourself, that you not be known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get yourself to Shiloh: Indeed, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, who told me that *I should be* king over this people.

(3) And take with you ten loaves, and biscuits, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell you what shall become of the child.

(4) And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; because his eyes were set because of his age.

(5) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Ahijah, *Look, the wife of Jeroboam comes to ask a thing of you for her son; because he is sick: this and this you shall say to her: because it shall be, when she comes in, that she shall pretend to be another woman.*

(6) And it was *that* when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, you wife of Jeroboam; why do you pretend to be another? because I *am* sent to you *with* bad news.

(7) Go, tell Jeroboam, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *Inasmuch as I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over My people Israel,*

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(8) And tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you: and *yet* you have not been as my servant David, who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that *which was* right in My eyes;

(9) But have done evil above all who were before you: because you have gone and made for yourself other gods, and molten images, to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back:

(10) Therefore, listen, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam all males, *and* he who is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man takes away manure, until it is all gone.

(11) He who dies of Jeroboam in the city the dogs shall eat; and he who dies in the field the birds of the air shall eat: because the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken *it*.

(12) Arise therefore, get yourself to your own house: *and* when your feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

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

(14) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} shall raise up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

(15) Because the LORD {Jehovah} shall strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land, which He gave to their forefathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD {Jehovah} to anger.

(16) And He shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned, and who caused Israel to sin.

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

(18) And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by the hand of His servant Ahijah the prophet.

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

(20) And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* twenty-two years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place {3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.}.^a

14:20a - Jeroboam reigned 22 years and died 4 years after the death of Rehoboam (Solomon's son) - Jeroboam reigned over the northern 10 tribes of Israel which came to be called Israel. Rehoboam reigned over the tribes of Judah and Benjamin which came to be called Judah. [3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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(21) And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD {Jehovah} chose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His Name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

(22) And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their forefathers had done.

(23) Because they also built for themselves high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

(24) And there were also sodomites {homosexuals}^b in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD {Jehovah} cast out before the children of Israel.

(25) And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam {3148 A.H./C-894 B.C.}, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:^c

(26) And he took away the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house {palace}; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.^d

(27) And king Rehoboam made brass shields in their place, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house.

(28) And it was *that* when the king went into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, that the guard carried them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

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

(30) And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

(31) And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, {3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.}^e and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

14:24b - sodomites - men who practiced sodomy – homosexuals

14:25c – II Chr. 12:2

14:26d – II Chr. 12:9

14:31e - Rehoboam died in the 18th year of Jeroboam's reign – II Chr. 12:16

[3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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Chapter 15

(1) Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat {3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.} Abijam reigned over Judah.^a

(2) Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

(3) And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} his God, as the heart of David his father.

(4) Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD {Jehovah} his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

(5) Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, and did not turn aside from *anything* that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

(6) And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

(7) Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

(8) And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place.

(9) And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel {3162 A.H./C- 880 B.C.} Asa reigned over Judah.

(10) And forty-one years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.^b

(11) And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, as *did* David his father.

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

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

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

(15) And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which he himself had dedicated, into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, silver, and gold, and vessels.

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

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

15:1a – II Chr. 13:1; 14:1 - Abijam dies after 3 years; Asa his son begins reign [3162 A.H./C- 880 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

15:10b – I Ki. 22:41; II Chr. 17:1

15:17c – II Chr. 16:1

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(18) Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria,^d who lived at Damascus, saying,

(19) *There is* a league {alliance} between me and you, *and* between my father and your father: See, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; come and break your league {alliance} with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

(20) So Benhadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of the army which he had against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

(21) And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *of it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and lived in Tirzah.

(22) Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; no one *was* exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

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

(24) And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place {3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.}.

(25) And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah {3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.},^e and reigned over Israel two years.

(26) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin.

(27) And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; because Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

(28) Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah {3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.} Baasha killed him {Nadab}, and reigned in his place.^f

15:18d – II Chr. 16:2

15:25e - Nadab, Jeroboam's son begins reign over Israel in 2nd year of Asa, king of Judah [3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

15:28f - Baasha kills Nadab and begins reign over Israel in 3rd year of Asa king of Judah's reign [3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(29) And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he struck all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:^s

(30) Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he caused Israel to sin, by his provocation with which he provoked the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger.

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

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

(33) In the third year of Asa king of Judah {3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.} Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty-four years.

(34) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin.

Chapter 16

(1) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

(2) Since I exalted you out of the dust, and made you prince over My people Israel; and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have caused My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins;

(3) Indeed, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

(4) He who dies of Baasha in the city the dogs shall eat; and he who dies of his in the fields the birds of the air shall eat.

(5) Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(6) So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his place {3188 A.H./C- 854 B.C.}.

(7) And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

(8) In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah {3188 A.H./C- 854 B.C.}^a Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

15:29g – I Ki. 14:14

16:8a - Baasha's reign ends after 24 years; Elah his son begins reign over Israel

[3188 A.H./C- 854 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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(9) And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of *his* house in Tirzah.

(10) And Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah {3189 A.H./C- 853 B.C.}, and reigned in his place.

(11) And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he killed all the house of Baasha: he did not leave to him a male, neither of his kinfolks, nor of his friends.

(12) So Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,^b

(13) For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they caused Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

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

(15) In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah {3189 A.H./C- 853 B.C.} Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

(16) And the people who *were* encamped heard that Zimri had conspired, and had also killed the king: therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host {army}, king over Israel that day in the camp.^c

(17) And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

(18) And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

(19) For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to cause Israel to sin.

(20) Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(21) Then the people of Israel divided were into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

(22) But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

16:12b – I Ki. 16:3

16:16c - Elah killed by Zimri after 2 years; Zimri kills himself 7 days later to prevent being captured; Omri begins reign over part of Israel; Tibni reigns over other part [3189 S.H./C- 853 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(23) In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah {3193 A.H./C- 850 B.C.} Omri began to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years he reigned in Tirzah.

(24) And he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver {about 151.2 lbs; 65.6 kg.},^d and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria {watch station}.^e

(25) But Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, and did worse than all who *were* before him.

(26) Because he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

(27) Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(28) So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his place.

(29) And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah {3200 A.H./C- 842 B.C.} Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

(30) And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} above all who *were* before him.

(31) And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

(32) And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

(33) And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

(34) In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho: he laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn's life, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest *son* Segub's life, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.^f

Chapter 17

(1) And Elijah {My God is Jehovah}^a the Tishbite, *who was* of those who live in Gilead, said to Ahab, As the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel lives, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

(2) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to him, saying,

(3) **Get yourself away from here, and go eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith,^b that is before {east of} the Jordan River.**

16:24d – talent – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

16:24e – Samaria {שמרון} – watch station

16:34f – Josh. 6:26

17:1a – Elijah {אליהו} – My God is Jah {short for Jehovah}

17:3b – Cherith {כרית} – cut off; separated

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(4) And it shall be, *that you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.*

(5) So he went and did according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: because he went and lived by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan River.

(6) And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

(7) And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

(8) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to him, saying,

(9) *Arise, get yourself to Zarephath, which belongs to Zidon, and live there: Indeed, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you.*^c

(10) So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, I ask you to fetch for me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

(11) And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, I ask you to bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.

(12) And she said, As the LORD {Jehovah} your God lives, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse {jar; bottle}: and, indeed, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

(13) And Elijah said to her, Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said: but make me a little cake of it first, and bring *it* to me, and afterward make for you and for your son.

(14) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *The barrel of meal shall not go empty, neither shall the cruse {jar; bottle} of oil fail, until the day that the LORD {Jehovah} sends rain upon the earth.*

(15) And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, ate *many* days.

(16) *And* the barrel of meal did not go empty, neither did the cruse {jar; bottle} of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by Elijah.^d

(17) And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so great, that there was no breath left in him.

(18) And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of God? have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?

(19) And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he stayed, and laid him upon his own bed.

17:9c – Lk. 4:26

17:16d – See [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(20) And he cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, have You also brought evil upon the widow with whom I live, by killing her son?

(21) And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, I ask You, let this child's soul come into him again.

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

(23) And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him to his mother: and Elijah said, See, your son lives.^e

(24) And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} in your mouth is truth.

Chapter 18

(1) And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Elijah in the third year, saying, **Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.**

(2) And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And *there was* a terrible famine in Samaria.

(3) And Ahab called Obadiah, who *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD {Jehovah} greatly:

(4) Because it was, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD {Jehovah}, that Obadiah took one hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

(5) And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go into the land, to all fountains of water, and to all brooks: perhaps we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we not lose all the beasts.

(6) So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

(7) And as Obadiah was in the way, indeed, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Are* you my lord Elijah?

(8) And he answered him, *I am*: go, tell your lord, Look, Elijah *is here*.

(9) And he said, What have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?

(10) As the LORD {Jehovah} your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my lord has not sent to seek you: and when they said, *He is not there*; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they did not find you.

17:23e – See [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(11) And now you say, Go, tell your lord, See, Elijah *is here*.

(12) And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} shall carry you where I do not know; and *so* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall kill me: but I your servant have feared {revered} the LORD {Jehovah} from my youth.

(13) Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD {Jehovah}, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's {Jehovah's} prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

(14) And now you say, Go, tell your lord, See, Elijah *is here*: and he shall kill me.

(15) And Elijah said, As the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies} lives, before Whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.

(16) So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

(17) And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, *Are you he who troubles Israel?*

(18) And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah}, and you have followed Baalim.

(19) Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel to mount Carmel, and the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of the groves, who eat at Jezebel's table.

(20) So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to mount Carmel.

(21) And Elijah came to all the people, and said, How long will you waver between two opinions? if the LORD {Jehovah} is God, follow Him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.

(22) Then Elijah said to the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah}; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred fifty men.

(23) Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bull, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*:

(24) And you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: and the God Who answers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

(25) And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose for yourselves one bull, and dress *it* first; because you *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under it*.

(26) And they took the bull which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

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(27) And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: because he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or perhaps he sleeps, and must be awakened.

(28) And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

(29) And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice {3 p.m.}, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

(30) And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} *that was* broken down.

(31) And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came, saying, **Israel shall be your name:**

(32) And with the stones he built an altar in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: and he made a trench all around the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed {about 12.5 bushels; 120 gal.; 444 L.}.^a

(33) And he put the wood in order, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

(34) And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

(35) And the water ran all around the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

(36) And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice {3 p.m.}, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD {Jehovah} God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* God in Israel, and *that I am Your* servant, and *that* I have done all these things at Your word.

(37) Hear me, O LORD {Jehovah}, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* the LORD {Jehovah} God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back again.

(38) Then the fire of the LORD {Jehovah} fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

(39) And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD {Jehovah}, He *is* the God; the LORD {Jehovah}, He *is* the God.

(40) And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there.

(41) And Elijah said to Ahab, Get yourself up, eat and drink; because *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.

18:32a – measure - homer {cor} [also spelled kor] = 10 ephahs = 222 liters = 6.25 bushels = 240 quarts = about 60 gallons – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(42) So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

(43) And said to his servant, Go up now, look towards the {Mediterranean} Sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is nothing.* And he said, Go again seven times.

(44) And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Look, there arises a little cloud out of the {Mediterranean} Sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare your *chariot*, and get yourself down, that the rain not stop you.

(45) And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

(46) And the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was on Elijah; and he tied his belt around his waist, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Chapter 19

(1) And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

(2) Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

(3) And when he heard *that*, he arose, and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

(4) But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD {Jehovah}, take away my life; because I *am* not better than my forefathers.

(5) And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, indeed, then an angel touched him, and said to him, *Arise and eat.*

(6) And he looked, and, saw, *there was* a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse {jar; bottle} of water at his head. And he ate and drank, and laid himself down again.

(7) And the angel of the LORD {Jehovah} came again the second time, and touched him, and said, *Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for you.*

(8) And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

(9) And he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and, indeed, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} *came* to him, and He said to him, *What are you doing here, Elijah?*

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(10) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies}: because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

(11) And He said, **Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD {Jehovah}**. And, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD {Jehovah}; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the earthquake:

(12) And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

(13) And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And *there came* a voice to him, and said, **What are you doing here, Elijah?**

(14) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}: because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, **Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you come, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria:**^a

(16) And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint *to be* king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah you shall anoint *to be* prophet in your place.

(17) And it shall come to pass, *that* he who escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill: and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu Elisha shall kill.

(18) Yet I have left for Myself seven thousand in Israel, all the knees who have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

(19) So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

(20) And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, I ask you to let me kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again: because what have I done to you?

(21) And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

19:15a – anoint Hazael to be king over Syria – note: God chooses even the leaders of pagan nations!

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Chapter 20

(1) And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host {army} together: and *there were* thirty-two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

(2) And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said to him, This is what Benhadad says,

(3) Your silver and your gold *is* mine; your wives also and your children, *even* the best, *are* mine.

(4) And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to your saying, I *am* yours, and all that I have.

(5) And the messengers came again, and said, This is what Benhadad, speaks saying, Although I have sent to you, saying, You shall deliver to me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children;

(6) Yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, *that* whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

(7) Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, I ask you to mark and see how this *man* seeks mischief: because he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I did not deny him.

(8) And all the elders and all the people said to him, Do not listen *to him*, nor consent.

(9) Therefore he said to the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

(10) And Benhadad sent to him, and said, The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who follow me.

(11) And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Do not let him who ties on *his harness* brag as he who takes it off.^a

(12) And it came to pass, when *Benhadad* heard this message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said to his servants, Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

(13) And, indeed, there came a prophet to Ahab king of Israel, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Have you seen all this great multitude? indeed, I will deliver it into your hand today; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.**

(14) And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, ***Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces.*** Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, **You.**

20:11a – As you prepare for battle, don't brag as one who has already won the victory

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(15) Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand.

(16) And they went out at noon. But Benhadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him.

(17) And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men coming out of Samaria.

(18) And he said, Whether they are coming out for peace, take them alive; or whether they are coming out for war, take them alive.

(19) So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

(20) And everyone killed his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the horsemen.

(21) And the king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

(22) And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said to him, *Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see what you do: because at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.*

(23) And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

(24) And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their places:

(25) And number an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he listened to their voice, and did as they said.

(26) And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

(27) And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel camped before them like two little flocks of kids {young goats}; but the Syrians filled the country.

(28) And there came a man of God, and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Because the Syrians have said, The LORD {Jehovah} is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.*

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(29) And they camped opposite each other for seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel killed of the Syrians one hundred thousand footmen in one day.

(30) But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and *there* a wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

(31) And his servants said to him, Indeed now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: I ask you, let us put sackcloth on our waists, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: perhaps he will save your life.

(32) So they put on sackcloth on their waists, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Your servant Benhadad says, I ask you, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? *he is* my brother.

(33) Now the men diligently observed whether *anything would come* from him, that they could quickly notice: and they said, Your brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

(34) And *Benhadad* said to him, The cities, which my father took from your father, I will restore; and you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *Ahab said*, I will send you away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

(35) And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor in the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, **I ask you to strike me**. And the man refused to strike him.

(36) Then said he to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} {Jehovah}, indeed, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion shall kill you. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and killed him.

(37) Then he found another man, and said, **I ask you to strike me**. And the man struck him, so that in striking he wounded *him*.

(38) So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

(39) And as the king passed by, he cried to the king: and he said, Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, see, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he is missing, then your life shall be for his life, or else thou shall pay a talent of silver {about 75.6 lbs.; 34.3 kg.}.^b

20:39b - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms
– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(40) And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, So *shall* your judgment *be*; you yourself have decided *it*.

(41) And he quickly took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

(42) And he said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Because you have let go out of *your* hand a man whom I appointed to complete destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.**

(43) And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

Chapter 21

(1) And it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

(2) And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near to my house {palace}: and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it; *or*, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money.

(3) And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD {Jehovah} forbid me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.

(4) And Ahab came into his house sad and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: because he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid himself down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

(5) But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread?

(6) And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard.

(7) And Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let your heart be merry: I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

(8) So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who *were* in his city, living with Naboth.

(9) And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

(10) And set two men, sons of Belial {wickedness}, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, You blasphemed God and the king.^a And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

21:10a – blasphemed God – see Lev. 24:11, 16

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(11) And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent to them.

(12) They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

(13) And there came in two men, children of Belial {wickedness}, and sat before him: and the men of Belial {wickedness} witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth blasphemed God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

(14) Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

(15) And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give to you for money: because Naboth is not alive, but dead.

(16) And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

(17) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

(18) *Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: indeed, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to possess it.*

(19) *And you shall speak to him, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Have you killed, and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.*

(20) *And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found you: because you have sold yourself to work evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(21) *Indeed, I will bring evil upon you, and will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab all males, and he who is shut up and left in Israel,*

(22) *And will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,^b and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah,^c because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and caused Israel to sin.*

(23) *And of Jezebel the LORD {Jehovah} also spoke, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.*

21:22b – I Ki. 15:29

21:22c – I Ki. 16:12

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(24) He who dies of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and he who dies in the field shall the birds of the air eat.

(25) But there was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

(26) And he very wickedly followed idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD {Jehovah} cast out before the children of Israel.

(27) And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

(28) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

(29) See how Ahab humbles himself before Me? because he humbles himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days I will bring the evil upon his house.

Chapter 22

(1) And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

(2) And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

(3) And the king of Israel said to his servants, Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *are* still, *and* do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?

(4) And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as you *are*, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.

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

(6) Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; because the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

(7) And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah}, that we might inquire of him?

(8) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}: but I hate him; because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Do not let the king say so.

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(9) Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, *Quickly bring* Micaiah the son of Imlah here.

(10) And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

(11) And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, With these you shall push the Syrians, until you have consumed them.

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

(13) And the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Indeed now, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one mouth: I ask you to let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good.

(14) And Micaiah said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, what the LORD {Jehovah} says to me, that I will speak.

(15) So he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: because the LORD {Jehovah} shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

(16) And the king said to him, How many times shall I command you that you tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}?

(17) And he said, *I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that do not have a shepherd: and the LORD {Jehovah} said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.*^a

(18) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

(19) And he said, Hear therefore the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: I saw the LORD {Jehovah} sitting on His throne, and all the host {army} of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left.

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, *Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead?* And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

(21) And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, *I will persuade him.*

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, *How?* And he said, *I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.* And he said, *You shall persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.*^b

22:17a – II Chr. 18:16
22:22b – II Chr. 18:21

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(23) Now therefore, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken evil concerning you.

(24) But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} go from me to speak to you?

(25) And Micaiah said, [Indeed, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.](#)

(26) And 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;

(27) 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 come in peace.

(28) And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken by me.^c And he said, Listen, O people, every one of you.

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

(30) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

(31) But the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains who had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, but only with the king of Israel.

(32) And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

(33) And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

(34) And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; because I am wounded.

(35) And the battle increased that day: and the king was held up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at evening: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.^d

(36) And there went a proclamation throughout the army about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

(37) So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

22:28c – II Chr. 18:27

22:35d – II Chr. 18:34

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(38) And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armor; according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which He spoke.^e

(39) Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(40) So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

(41) And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel {3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.}.^f

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

(43) And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *because* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

(44) And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

(45) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(46) And the remnant of the sodomites {homosexuals}, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

(47) *There was* then no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.

(48) Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir {India} for gold: but they did not go; because the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

(49) Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not allow it.

(50) And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his place.^g

(51) Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah {3220 A.H./C- 822 B.C.},^h and reigned two years over Israel.

22:38e – I Ki. 21:19

22:41f - Ahab's 4th year; Asa's reign over Judah ends; Jehoshaphat his son begins reign [3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

22:50g – II Chr. 21:1

22:51h - Ahaziah son of Ahab begins co-reign with his father in 17th year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah [3220 A.H./C- 822 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(52) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin:

(53) Because he served Baal, and worshiped him, and provoked the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.